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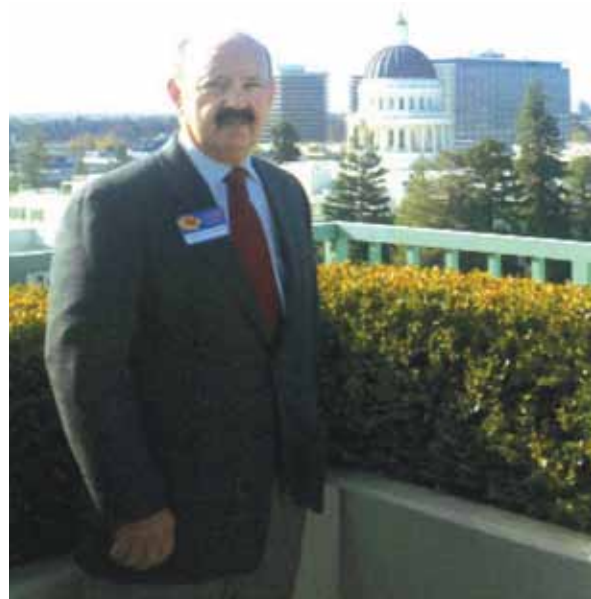
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Lobbyist's Legislative Report

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The 2019 Bill introduction deadline was February 22nd. ABATE's deadline for articles to be submitted was a week prior so expect a full review in the next Bailing Wire! However, several bills that IMPACT motorcyclists have been introduced!

AB 390 Frazier (D-Vacaville)/Grayson (D-Concord) was introduced to Repeal 2018's AB 1824 Budget Trailer bill which allows law enforcement to make an alleged noise violation by an automobile or motorcycle a "Notice to Appear", which would make the noise violation a \$1000.00 fine. This bill will be heard in late March or early April.

Another bill introduced is **AB-47 Daly (D-Anaheim) Driver Records:** Points: distracted

driving would make the ticket for texting while driving a moving violation. How many times has a driver almost ran us off the road or caused us an accident with injury due to their texting while driving?

We've heard serious consideration again for a bill that will stop the expansion of riding at the Hollister off-road - SORVP. ABATE opposed this bill along with our other off-road coalition friends that we had assembled to enact the permanent extension of the Off-Highway Recreation Vehicle Program two years ago. Last year we were able to have the Hollister bill, **SB-1316 Glazer (D-Orinda) OHRV: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area: Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area**, held in the Senate Appropriations Committee. I'm not sure if that will happen again this year or not. Stay tuned for this fight as well!

In our next newsletter expect the full update of other bills that impact us riders! We diligently continue to monitor, meet and work with politicians and staff on behalf of ABATE and the 800,000+ licensed motorcyclists in our state!

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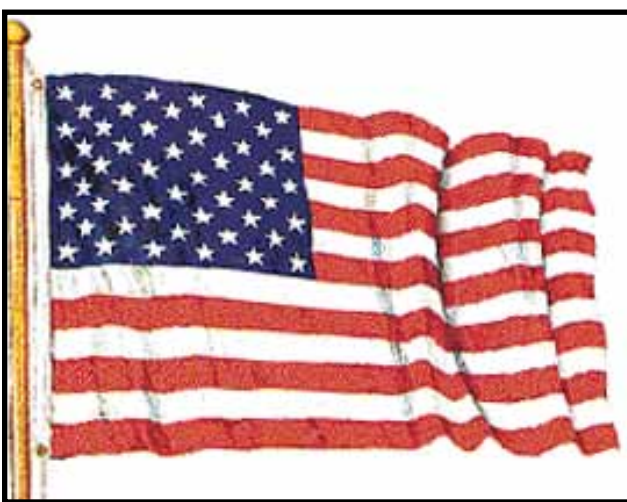


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What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road on or off with emphasis on education and safety. Although not a club, our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety and in supporting many types of charity events. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclist's rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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Executive Director Report

by Mark Loudermilk,
Executive Director

Hello all and welcome to The Bailing Wire, the newsletter of ABATE of California.

I'm learning about publishing lag these days. I'm writing this on Valentine's Day and trying to be current, but am aware that significant things could happen before you read this. For example, February 22nd is the cutoff date for those with bills to have a legislative sponsor. The bill language must be in place and ready to move forward.

The Lombardo Group staff will review all the bills presented and identify which ones may be deserving of our support or our opposition. Their findings are found in the Lobbyist's Legislative Report in the Bailing Wire. To give you an idea how big of a job this can be each of the 40 Senators can author 40 bills per session and each Assembly member (there are 80) can author 50.

It's no secret that politicians work on a quid pro quo system, a favor for a favor. As voters, we want our representative to support our position on issues. The politician wants our vote, and theoretically will do what the constituents want; but, unfortunately is often swayed by the wishes of large contributors. According to 2017 California DMV statistics there are over 880,000 licensed motorcycle riders in the state. We, as a group, have the numbers to affect the outcome of elections. Sure, the politician wants the big political donation, but we have the ability to take their job from them and all that money as well. That requires us to work together and speak out when necessary to make our voices heard. What does all of this mean to you as a member of ABATE?

I want to thank every ABATE member for what they do for ABATE. There are many ABATE members who work continuously collecting and analyzing data, contacting legislators, working with other MRO organizations, and preparing information to be presented to the membership for consideration. We each have different situations and abilities and all contributions that are made, be it time, money or effort, are greatly appreciated.

Now I am going to ask you to go a little farther. When a call to action is issued, it is important for members to respond to the call. This could be a request to send an email, or make a phone call, or attend an event. Some are easy and only take a few minutes and others require your time and money when you can.



First support your Senator and/or Assembly person year round. Offer to stuff envelopes, put up signs, man the phone banks, whatever you can do to help. Legislators typically have their Sacramento office, their district office, and a mobile office that goes to cities within the district on a monthly basis. Get to know them and their staff and let them get to know you. THEN, when we ask them to author, support, or oppose a bill they already know who we are and that we have helped them in the past, quid pro quo.

The membership is what allows ABATE to fulfill its purpose. We can be effective or not. The 880,000+ motorcyclists in California have a great amount of power at their disposal. If it is not applied and used wisely, it is meaningless. When the membership responds to the calls to action, volunteers to help in any way they can with their legislator and puts in time with their Local they are being effective. We can make a difference and influence our legislators, but only if we are involved.




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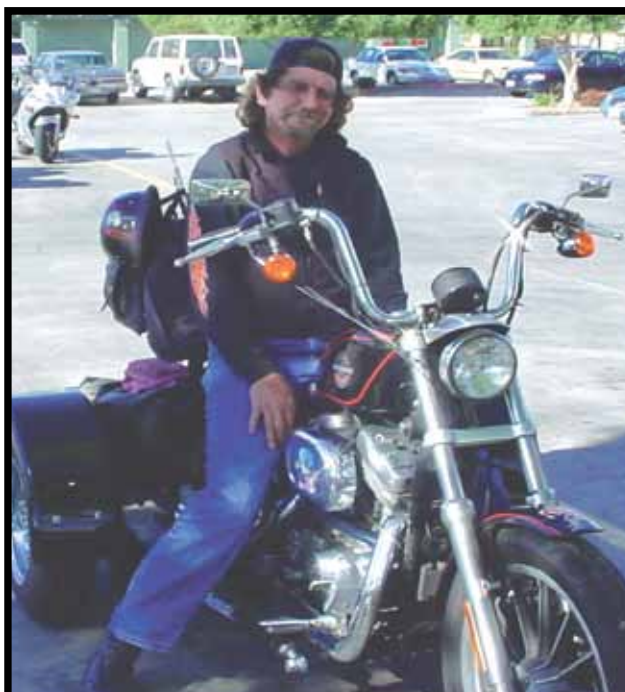
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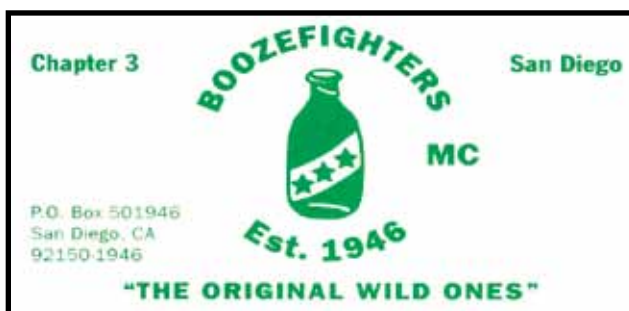
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Membership Report



by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi All! Just a quick reminder, you can use the special funding raffle membership drive tickets as membership trinkets. Give a couple of tickets to your members that renew their memberships via the mail. This will show you



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care about the members in your Local.

I know that it is raining outside as I write this, but you can plan your attack on signing-up new members and keeping your Local's renewals up at your meetings in March.

ABATE Local 1 is having their 32nd annual Polar Bear run on February 24th.

As I promised, I am planning to get together via email with the membership chairs of the Locals to try and figure out how we can make the membership program better. The key word is RETENTION and we should do a better job of this.

So with that said again, put on your thinking caps and try to help me develop some ideas to better the membership program. Send your ideas suggestions or opinions to me, Sporty, at my email williammilligan285@yahoo.com.

Till next time, sign-up new members and try to hold on to your renewals.

Regards, Sporty Milligan, ABATE Membership Chairman

“LA Harley from Local 20 shows off their Business Plaque”





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Thank YOU for your contributions in helping to preserve “Freedom of the Road” by supporting ABATE’s paid Lobbyist and the General Fund!!! Thank you to our Members that renew their Memberships and those that join us – that too helps in preserving and fighting for Motorcyclist’s Rights!! And of Course, the Locals that contribute to the funds regularly and when they do events. THANK YOU!! It’s a team effort, so thank you for being a part of the ABATE Team!

New DMV Board Announces 2019 Officers

Sacramento – During its January General Meeting, the New Motor Vehicle Board elected Kathryn Ellen Doi, a Public Member, to serve as President, and Bismarck Obando, a Public Member, to serve as Vice President. The pair will preside over the Board as it resolves disputes between franchised dealers and manufacturers/distributors of new motor vehicles (including motorcycles, and recreational vehicles). Ms. Doi and Mr. Obando will also serve as the Board's Executive Committee.

The Board operates within the [Department of Motor Vehicles](#) with oversight provided by the

[California State Transportation Agency](#), and offers a Consumer Mediation Services Program which attempts to resolve disputes between consumers and new motor vehicle dealers and/or manufacturers or distributors.

About the Officers

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. first appointed **Kathryn Ellen Doi** to the New Motor Vehicle Board in September 2013 and reappointed her in March 2017. Ms. Doi is also the designated attorney appointment and serves on the Board's Fiscal Committee. Previously, Ms. Doi served as the Board's Vice President and was a member of the Board's Policy and Procedure Committee.

Ms. Doi is a partner in the Sacramento office of the business law firm Hanson Bridgett LLP, where she represents healthcare providers in reimbursement and other regulatory matters involving the California Department of Health Care Services or private commercial payors, including administrative appeals, arbitrations, and litigation in the state and federal courts. Ms. Doi is an AV® Peer Review Rated lawyer, the highest rating given by Martindale–Hubbell for legal ability and ethical standards. She was named a Northern California Super Lawyer in 2004 and 2011–2018.

Ms. Doi previously served the State of California as a Senior Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary in the Office of Governor Gray Davis. She also served as Counsel to the Secretary of the Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency under the Davis Administration, ensuring agency compliance with state and federal laws and overseeing agency rulemaking. Prior to joining the Davis Administration, Ms. Doi served as Staff Counsel to the Commission on Judicial Performance where she investigated and evaluated alleged ethics violations by California state court judges. Prior to her government service, Ms. Doi worked in private practice and clerked for a federal judge.

Ms. Doi received a B.A. in Economics from Stanford University and her J.D. from the University of California, Davis.

Bismarck Obando was appointed to the New Motor Vehicle Board by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in January 2011 and was reappointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in April 2014 and again in July 2018. Mr. Obando also serves on the Board's Administration Committee.

Mr. Obando is currently the Director of Public Affairs for the League of California Cities where he oversees the League's political and membership outreach programs. Prior to working for the League, Mr. Obando served as a Senior Staff member and Director of External Affairs for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger from 2007-2011. He also served as Deputy Appointments Secretary in the Office of Governor Schwarzenegger in 2007. Prior to that appointment, Mr. Obando was a Deputy Coalitions Director for Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006, where he was responsible for managing the Latino, environmental, agriculture and infrastructure coalitions. From 2004 to 2006, he served as a legislative analyst for the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. In that position, Mr. Obando analyzed and made recommendations on legislation that impacted cities and counties in the primary issue areas of housing and transportation.

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CA DMV News

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

The DMV said 150,000 Californians who paid to renew their licenses or state IDs as far back as September 2018 have not received them. The hiccup in processing is because of the agency's efforts to give people more time to prepare to apply for a Real ID.

The DMV issued a statement regarding the matter: "DMV staff worked through the weekend to resolve the issue...the department expects to have updated all the impacted records by the end of Tuesday," it said. People could see their new licenses in about two to three weeks.

The DMV also alerted law enforcement to let them know not to issue a ticket to some drivers who may be driving on expired licenses.



ABATE
Local 38

"May the 4th Be With You"
Annual Ice Chest Run.
Date May 4th 2019

Start Location is Coyne Powersports
2351 South 4th St. El Centro, CA.
Reg. 8:30 am to 10:00 am.

\$15 Donation  **LAW TIGERS**

The End Location is the American
Legion Post 60, 509 G Street
Brawley Ca. Will have a prize for
rider with best Star Wars
Costume.

LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi All! ABATE land Local 1 is having its meeting after the deadline for the submissions to the Bailing Wire. So this is a projection of what will happen at the meeting.

We begin the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Then the president's report and lobbyist's report (bills and issues we will be supporting).

We'll go through the final preparations for the 32nd annual Polar Bear run. There will be the treasurer's report, the VP's report and the membership report.

Members in attendance will have an opportunity to give their input. Lastly our in house raffle. After the meeting there will be breakfast for those who care to partake of the good cooking done by the ladies of the Elks Lodge.

Submitted by Sporty Milligan, ABATE Local 1 president

Local #02 Simi Valley



Winter is here and the rain is greening our surrounding mountains.

The smell of the BBQ lured me in as I greeted fellow members. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 1009 at 4242 East Los Angeles Avenue in Simi Valley. We start selling our delicious burgers and fat footlongs with all the trimmings at 6:45. We also have a great bar on the other side of the wall. We get to enjoy food and drinks before our meetings and it's a good time to be had and the comradery is food for our soul. The VFW has a great bar and patio that we get to use and a big meeting room as well. Our meeting starts promptly at 7:30. A gracious thanks to our VFW POST 10049!

We always open our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Pres Jim opened the meeting for us and talked about our membership raffle and the new laws of California for 2019 - all of them! Not really, but we've concluded that there was too many

in the first place.

VP Scott talked about his adventure at the quarterly meeting and talked about their future plans and then some. Secretary Jane read our meeting minutes from last month, our treasurer was not present, but I think we're okay, PR Norm talked about them electric bikes again, our membership officer, Frank, gave us his report, group rides officer Pigface talked about the last month's ride and this month's upcoming ride - we are supporting Local 1's Polar Bear run. Just call Pigface if you wanna ride!

We had plenty of good raffle prizes and our biggest raffle was almost won by Steve B, but he left 30 minutes early and therefore was ineligible as you have to be present to collect the big bucks!

At the meeting we all kind of knew that during this time of the year people are still recovering from the end of the year madness, which usually lasts until a week past the Super Bowl. We miss all who couldn't make this meeting. We have good ideas to talk about and discuss and you can make a difference at our meetings, really! Plus, you can hang out with Ex Pres Guy. Next month may be his last meeting. He's going to the retired land of opportunity, somewhere there's snow! Come by and say goodbye, he's been a great president with a very positive attitude, and he is a general all around good and swell guy!

Ride Dry and Safe, PTL norm e.

Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks & Ventura County



On March 31st Local 03/13 will hold our annual Leather Weather run. Our newest officer, Run Coordinator, John "J.P." Martin, and his committee have planned a great event! A poker style run with a ride through beautiful Ventura County hills and valleys, with stops along the way, and a fun after party with prizes, food and live music. This is always a very good event for us, with proceeds benefitting ABATE of CA. Look for the flyer in this issue of the Bailing Wire.

Planning continues for the year's activities, with more great rides and runs, as well as sustaining our important mission of

working on legislation including an Anti-Profiling bill to be presented to the 2019 state legislative calendar, further protecting our motorcycle riding rights.

Our Local 3/13 continues to grow and evolve. We've been riding with and making new friends in other clubs and groups spreading the word that ABATE's legislative activities help all riders. The comradery and the interest in our mission is contagious! It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations!

Supporting ABATE makes a statement and sends money to work towards fair treatment of motorcyclists. Whether you ride with ABATE or ride with another group being a member of ABATE and/or just participating in these events, contributes to the work we do protecting your motorcycle riding rights.

Our President, and ABATE's California State Legislative Director, Chuck "Chief" Pedersen, continues to network with various other riding groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. Issues we are currently working on include the "Anti-Profiling" bill. We are a group that is making things happen, being instrumental in getting a Lane Splitting bill passed last year, and now working on the Anti-Profiling bill this year! Join us to be an effective voice in matters of motorcycling rights!

We always welcome new members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month, 7 pm, at Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park. General Membership meetings are on the 3rd Thursday, 7 pm, at the Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks. And Sunday-Funday rides every 2nd Sunday all year, weather permitting.

Come join us for any or all of our events and bring your friends. Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ABATE313 to follow our events and issues. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups & organizations!

Ride Free! Kathleen "MamaBear" Scribe & P.R., Local 3/13

Local #08 Orange County



Greetings from Local 8! We hope all are making an effort to stay dry and warm

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Our gathering for February was small, but mighty.

We found a warm spot at the American Legion hall to discuss upcoming events and current topics. We discussed the AB 47 bill and its ramifications and how it might affect each one of us. It is a subject that needs to be addressed; take time to read the bill and make a choice based on facts.

Our conclusion is to not drive distracted, however in this day it becomes increasingly common to come in contact on a daily basis with people who are very distracted behind the wheel. We all know this is a recipe for failure. It takes only a second to cause a lifetime filled with regret and grief. Stay on your toes all.

We as a Local have upcoming plans filled with ABATE runs and events. In July Local 8 will once again be at the Long Beach Motorcycle Swap Meet. If you have any items that are collecting dust, please consider donating for the swap meet. All the profits are

returned to ABATE.

Stay warm and alert and always be aware of your surroundings.

Local 8's very own Hawgette.

Local #20 Orange County

Local 20 conducted their meeting on Tuesday, February 12th, at the LA Harley in Fullerton. 23 individuals were in attendance. Various topics were discussed such as work being done to repeal the loud exhaust pipe law (up to \$1000.00 fine), trying to locate a politician to carry the national anti-profiling bill, updates on the Mon-

gol's case, and need for all motorcyclists to complete the 2019 National Motorcycle Profiling Survey on the Motorcycle Profiling Project website.

Raffles to win various prizes took place. **The next Local 20 meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12th, location to be announced.**

Any questions regarding the content of these minutes or Local 20 meetings can be directed to Non-Politically Correct Gill 949/632-9787.

Local #23 San Bernardino

Greetings from Local 23! Our "P", Ron Morris, opened the February 3rd meeting, which was productive.

May 11th is set for the "Box of Love" event to raise funds and provide basic essentials to the San Bernardino City Mission. Thanks to Douglas Cycle in San Bernardino who will host the event again.

V.P. report was given by Bosco, aka our new Executive Director! Thanks for stepping up Mark! We are now up to date as to the Board of Directors meeting. We are looking forward to the Online Forum for the next Board of Directors meeting.

Hippy (killer) Hoedown is coming again to Perris. ABATE will have a Pop-up provided by Russ Brown, so try to come out to help staff the event.

Ron gave the President's report. We need donations for the raffle prizes at upcoming events. Please bring them to the next meeting – Thanks!

Our past Pres, Big Art, ended the meeting with a great story of a road trip through Oregon that gave me a longing to ride up there and explore Oregon.

That's all for now, God bless you and yours. Greg, Secretary/Treasurer ABATE Local 23

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members and Friends!

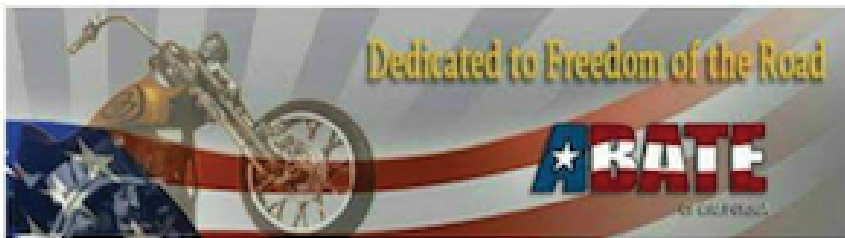
We will be having our annual Ice Chest run on May 4th starting at Coyne Powersports and ending at the American Legion Post 60 in Brawley. We need people to sell tickets, pass out flyers etc. Come to the meetings to help us plan the route.

We have a few rides planned. Went to Local 11's meeting - congratulations to Phillip their new president.

We are getting a lot of support from The Law Tigers - Thanks Chuck!

Well that's all for now.

Bye, Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38



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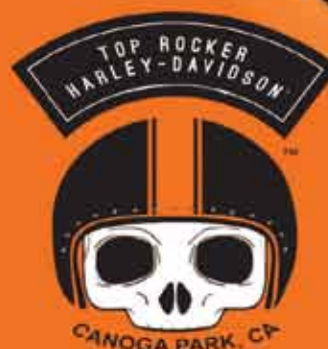
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- February 24** – ABATE 1 – 32nd Annual Polar Bear Run (see flyer this issue)
- March 2** – ABATE 17 – 31st Annual Freeze Your Ass Off (see flyer this issue)
- March 23rd** – Aztec Riders – 4th Year Anniversary Celebration, Hesperia
- March 31st** – ABATE 3/13 – Leather Weather Run (see flyer this issue)
- April 13th** – ABATE 2nd Quarterly Board Meeting (Tentatively On-Line)
- April 13th-14th** – ABATE 24 – 20th Annual Ammo Run (see flyer this issue)
- April 14th** – ABATE 27 – 17th Annual Bare Necessities Run (see flyer this issue)
- April 20th** – ABATE 17 – Spring Bingo Fun Run
- May 4th** – ABATE 17 – 8th Annual Texas Hold-Em (see flyer this issue)
- May 4th** – ABATE 38 – Cinco De Mayo and Annual Ice Chest Run (see flyer this issue)
- May 11th** – ABATE 23 – Box of Love (see flyer this issue)
- May 20th** – May 21st – MRF Bikers Inside the Beltway, Falls Church VA & Washington DC
- June 2nd** – ABATE 17 – 25th Annual Ride-In Bike and Car Show
- July 13th** – ABATE 3rd Quarterly Board Meeting Elks Lodge Thousand Oaks
- July 20th** – ABATE 17 – Summer Bingo
- July 28th** – ABATE 8 – Long Beach Motorcycle Swap Meet
- August 24th – ABATE 17 – 20th Annual Sarah’s Memorial Run

- October 6th** – ABATE 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo
- October 19** - ABATE 4th Quarterly Board Meeting (Location to be announced)
- October** – ABATE 3/13 – 11th Annual Biker Trivia Run
- November 10th** – 29th Annual One More From The Heart, Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital
- November** – ABATE 11 – Ice Chest Raffle
- November** – ABATE 24 – 29th Annual Turkey Run
- November** – ABATE 38 – 22nd Annual Turkey Run
- December** – ABATE 1 – 32nd Annual LA Toy Run with Glendale Harley-Davidson
- December** – ABATE 19 – 31st Annual Toy Run
- December** – ABATE 38 – Imperial Valley Los Ninos Toy Run
- December 14th** – ABATE 17 – Toy Run

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If you have a date for your event, and no details or flyer yet, you may still submit your dates, so others can pencil it in on their social calendar. Then submit your flyer in time for the Bailing Wire and to be posted on ABATE’s website.

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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
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THE IMPACT OF BREXIT ON BIKERS: It's been two and a half years since the referendum that started Britain on its journey out of the European Union, and now time is running out and "Brexit" is due to take place on March 29, 2019 - deal or no deal. With Parliament squabbling, the prospect of a no-deal Brexit is now looking increasingly likely, and that outcome would affect many things including motorcycles.

You may have heard about the United Kingdom reverting to 'WTO' rules when it comes to trade, and British biker website www.vi-sordown explains what that will mean: "The World Trade Organization (WTO) maintains an immense database that records types of products and the import duties that countries or trading blocs impose on them. At the moment we're part of the EU, which means we can trade with other European countries without incurring any tariffs, but once we leave we'll be outsiders, subject to the taxes they impose."

On motorcycles under 250cc, the EU charges an 8% tariff, and on bikes over that size there's a 6% duty. Meanwhile, motorcycle parts and accessories are taxed at 3.7% and bike tires are subject to a 4.5% import duty.

For consumers, if you're buying a bike made in the EU - such as a BMW - there will be an extra 6% tax to be incorporated into its cost. Even a UK-based manufacturer, like Triumph, would be subject to an import duty on motorcycle parts from EU suppliers, like their Brembo brakes, so even British-made bikes are likely to become more expensive in a no-deal scenario.

Exports might be less of an immediate concern to the everyday bike buyer, but they have

an impact on the motorcycle industry in Britain, and without a deal in place exported bikes would be taxed by the EU at WTO rates.

Of course, once out of the EU the UK government will need to negotiate their own trade deals not only with Europe, but with other trading partners such as Japan, the U.S. and China, but the bottom line is that there's little prospect that a no-deal Brexit will make bikes or bike-related parts any cheaper.

In the meantime, the uncertainty of Britain's economic future has negatively impacted motorbike sales in the UK, plummeting 17.9% in December following an overall 2.9% gain in 2018.

FEDERAL JURY DECIDES MONGOLS MUST FORFEIT LOGO: In a first-of-its-kind verdict with far-reaching legal implications, a federal jury ruled that the Mongols motorcycle club must forfeit the logo worn by its members, finding in favor of prosecutors' novel claim that there is a direct link between the club's crimes and its trademarked insignia.

Last month, the jury in U.S. District Court in Santa Ana, Calif., found the Mongol Nation guilty of racketeering and conspiracy, classifying the group as a criminal organization, and their verdict on Friday, January 11, 2109 was the second phase of a trial that focused on forfeiture of assets in a decade-long quest by the government to dismantle the club.

The verdict will lead to the forfeiture of the group's legal interest in the word "Mongols" and some of their patches, as well as Mongols items seized during the investigation, prosecutors said. If upheld, this will give the right to any law enforcement officer who spots a club member wearing the logo to stop him and confiscate the branded item.

The trial next moves to a third phase, in which U.S. District Judge David O. Carter will decide how the forfeiture is carried out. He declined to immediately order the logos forfeited and set a hearing next month to address possible First Amendment issues raised by the verdict, agreeing to solicit briefs from a variety of experts, including trademark attorneys, law school professors, civil rights organizations and think tanks.

The judge's decision highlights the new legal ground being broken in the unprecedented case, which has attracted national attention and is virtually guaranteed to go before the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals and perhaps the U.S. Supreme Court.

CALIFORNIA TO BEGIN ENFORCING MODIFIED EXHAUST PENALTIES: As of January 1, 2019, a modified exhaust on an automobile or motorcycle in California, excessively loud, can no longer be cited as a correctable violation. Previously, if you were cited you had time to get it fixed in order to avoid paying the fine, but Assembly Bill AB 1824 carves out an exception for exhaust noise by removing the opportunity to correct the violation and requires a citation to result in a fine

only.

AB 1824, which was sponsored by the Assembly Committee on Budget and signed into law by then-Governor Jerry Brown in June of 2018, does not change existing laws pertaining to exhaust noise or sale and installation of aftermarket exhaust systems, but rather amends how excess exhaust noise violations are handled by law enforcement. Beginning this year, a vehicle cited for violating the current exhaust noise law will no longer receive what is commonly known as a "fix-it" ticket. Instead, violations will result in an immediate mandatory monetary fine.

The fine for a California traffic ticket for "a loud exhaust system" is up to \$1,000 dollars.

HELMET-FREE SCOOTERS: Assembly Bill 2989, the e-scooter bill sponsored by California Assemblyman Heath Flora (R-Ripon), removes the requirement for riders of motorized (electric) standup scooters in the Golden State to wear a bicycle helmet, provided they are 18 or older. The new traffic law also prohibits riding a motorized e-scooter on highways with a speed limit greater than 25 mph, or roads with a speed limit greater than 35 mph, unless it is within a marked bikeway.

Meanwhile, Assembly Bill 3077, sponsored by then-Assemblywoman Anna Caballero (D-Salinas) provides law enforcement the ability to issue a "fix-it ticket" to anyone under 18 who doesn't wear a helmet while on a bicycle, skateboard or skates. The newly enacted violation is correctable if the minor completes a bicycle safety course and gets a helmet that meets safety standards within 120 days of the ticket being issued.

UTAH BECOMES FIRST IN NATION TO LOWER DUI LIMIT TO .05 PERCENT: The Beehive State made history on December 30th by becoming the first state to lower its blood alcohol concentration limit (BAC) for drunken driving to .05 percent, just in time for New Year's Eve.

Utah lowered the drunken driving BAC from .08, the national limit imposed by former President Bill Clinton in 2000, to .05, making it the nation's strictest DUI law. Utah's new law also says anyone who "operates a motor vehicle in a negligent manner causing the death of another" will have committed criminal homicide, which is a felony.

In 1983, Utah was the first state to lower its blood alcohol limit from 0.10 to 0.08 for impaired driving. It would take nearly two decades for every state to follow suit, but as they did, the nation's rate of alcohol-related traffic deaths dropped 10%. Now, Utah is pioneering the move to lower it once again.

Utah State Representative Norm Thurston (R-Provo) sponsored the bill at the request of the National Transportation Safety Board, which has been urging states to lower DUI limits to 0.05 since 2013.

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The American Beverage Institute says the new lower limit targets social drinkers and calls the law an “attack on the restaurant and hospitality industries,” claiming nearly 70% of alcohol-related fatalities in the U.S. are caused by drivers with a much higher BAC of 0.15 and above.

SCIENCE PROVES THAT RIDING A MOTORCYCLE IS GOOD FOR YOU: Motorcyclists have always said there’s no better prescription for stress than riding a bike, and now a study from the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, at the University of California, Los Angeles, seems to confirm that.

The recent study, funded by Harley-Davidson Inc., demonstrated potential mental and physical benefits of riding, including decreased levels of cortisol, a hormonal marker of stress.

Three UCLA researchers studied more than 50 motorcycle riders in tests that recorded their brain activity and hormone levels before, during and after riding a bike, driving a car and resting. The bike ride resulted in a 28% decrease in biomarkers of stress, according to the researchers.

On average, riding a motorcycle for 20 minutes increased participants’ heart rates by 11% and adrenaline levels by 27%, similar to light exercise, as well as their focus and alertness.

Harley-Davidson says the study’s findings validate what it’s known for more than a century: that riding is good for your mental health.

This means the next time you are sitting at your computer feeling sluggish or that you get home after a long stressful day, the answer to getting back on track or relieving some of the tension could be to simply go out for a ride...doctor’s orders!

DO SELF-DRIVING CARS ‘SEE’ MOTORCYCLES?: Lane-splitting is an accepted maneuver by motorcyclists all over the world, but in America it is only practiced by riders in the Golden State. California-based Tesla, whose cars are well represented on California highways, seems to be aware of motorcyclists’ unique filtering capabilities there and has been working to ensure their Autopilot systems detect the presence of a lane-sharing rider in traffic.

However, YouTuber Scott Kubo recently posted a video to test the functionality of mo-

torcycle detection while lane-splitting, and apparently detecting an approaching motorcycle seems to be hit and miss in Version 9 of Tesla’s neural net Autopilot software. It’s clear from the clip that the system confuses motorcycles with cars at times, and can even miss a motorcycle entirely if the motorcycle is moving at a good clip. It’s tough to determine how useful this detection would be in its current state in real-world application.

In the YouTube clip Kubo explains that the current 360° camera system (2.0 and 2.5) can process 200 frames per second (or 200fps) spread across the eight cameras positioned around his Tesla car. So, each camera has an equivalent frame rate of 25fps - a decent digital SLR camera can have over 100fps and an iPhone can shoot at up to 240fps. It might be that the current system just doesn’t have a high enough frame to capture fast moving motorcycles.

Self-driving cars are still a burgeoning field of technology with some bugs to work out, and Tesla warns that Autopilot should not be used without some sort of human interaction, but would you want to be rolling up behind a robotic car knowing that an inattentive driver may not be quick enough to take over the manual controls if they “didn’t see the motorcycle”?

DRIVERLESS CAR KILLS ROBOTIC PEDESTRIAN: In what some are labeling “Robot-on-Robot” crime, an autonomous self-driving Tesla car struck and “killed” a robot roaming down the middle of the roadway in a hit-and-run accident during the recent consumer electronics show in Las Vegas.

Many mainstream news agencies worldwide reported the incident as legitimately newsworthy, though it is generally believed to be an over-the-top PR stunt staged by Russian robotics company, Promobot, ahead of the CES.

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DUTCH POLICE CALL ON PARLIAMENT TO QUICKLY BAN OUTLAW BIKER GANGS: Dutch authorities want Parliament to speed up a legislative proposal that will allow the Justice Minister to immediately ban “outlaw motorcycle gangs” emerging in

the Netherlands, said police Chief Pim Miltenburg, in charge of the motorcycle gang file at the police.

Currently, banning an outlaw motorcycle club is a lengthy job in the Netherlands. A court must decide whether the ‘gang’ is acting in conflict with public order. “The disadvantage of this type of procedure is that we cannot arrange it in a short period of time, but it takes months or years before it is completed”, Miltenburg told NLTimes.nl.

The police say they would prefer if the Minister of Justice and Security can ban a motorcycle gang immediately, with a judge testing the ban afterwards.

So far Dutch courts banned two well-known motorcycle clubs, Satudarah and Bandidos. The Public Prosecutor also stated plans to get the Hells Angels and No Surrender banned sometime this year, adding that some two thousand people in the Netherlands now belong to an outlaw motorcycle gang.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “Civilization is built on a number of ultimate principles...respect for human life, the punishment of crimes against property and persons, the equality of all good citizens before the law...or, in a word: justice.” ~ Max Nordau (1849 - 1923) Hungarian physician, author and social critic




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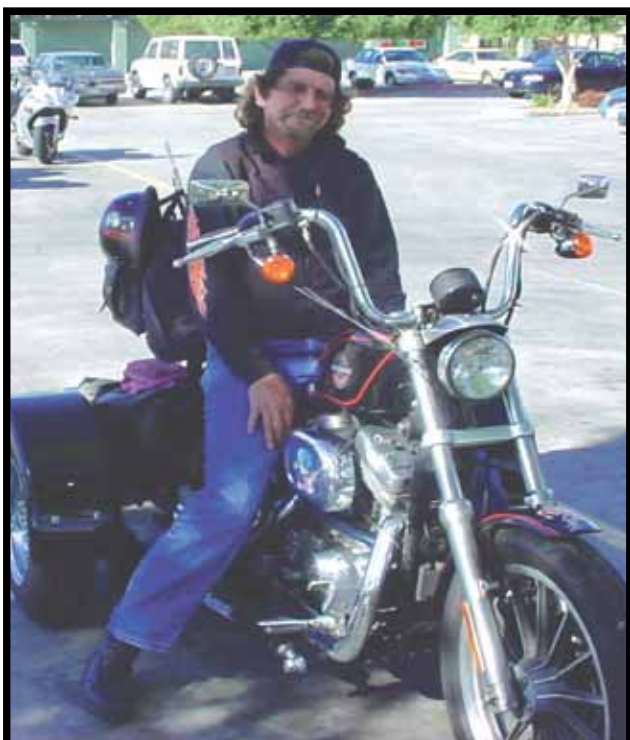
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Sporty's Rides by Sporty Milligan

Greetings All! Your scribe, Sporty Milligan, ready to type another chapter of the world famous *Sporty's Rides*. Does the bilge pump on your vehicle work? I ask because as I write this it's raining cats and dogs. Today is Valentine's Day so my best one and I are going to Sizzler for lunch. Nice idea! Right?

I have been making preparations for the 32 annual Polar Bear run. This entails the job of getting the run insurance, run pins, raffle prizes and doing the route.

Doing the route entails calibrating the miles of the route from start to finish. You have to also make sure the check points are secured and there are folks to work the sites. Finally, close to the run date,

you should do the route a final time to check for unforeseen road conditions. So before I do the final run sheets I will go and check out the route for clarity and check with the start and ending spots to see if there are any changes. Music will be provided by a DJ or small band and food is provided by the start and ending spots.

If you have prepared things properly, you can have a good run and make some money for ABATE and your Local. The only thing that can mess up your day is the weather. It's been raining off and on lately so have to hope for better weather for the run day.

Every now and then I write that I have been doing this column a mighty long time. I have much appreciation for my fans who read this monthly description of my adventures. As I get older, it sometimes gets harder to come up with stuff to write about. Especially this time of year when there aren't many runs and events to attend.

My bikes are still in reasonably good shape so I am riding the heck out of them. Good deal! At present my 2002 883/1200 (made it a 1200 with 10,700 miles on the speedo) now has 125,000 plus miles on the speedo. It has a base gasket leak so it's good to keep a quart of oil in my back rack bag - only leaks when it's stopped. My other bike, a 2007 1200L Sporty (they don't make that model any more), has over 180,000 miles on the speedo.

I am very active in ABATE, which makes me feel good. This year we're

working on an anti-profiling bill and now trying to support a cell-phone bill, AB 47, which, if passed, will cost you a point on your driving record if you're caught using your cell phone while driving. This will help motorcyclists be a little safer on the road. Also working on a bill to let bikers go through toll booths without having to pay a fee. Yes! That would be nice.

So this kind of stuff keeps me motivated to press on. It would be nice if we could get some legislation going to get rid of the helmet law (freedom of choice for adult motorcycle riders).

I am Membership chairman at the state level and we're going to try and develop a retention plan - keeping the members of your ABATE Local renewing each year. So I will work on that after the Polar Bear run.

Ok folks, this column is drawing to a close. Hopefully next month I will have some exciting stuff to write about. In the meantime, do ABATE runs, get new ABATE members and attend your Local ABATE meetings. Finally be close to your loved ones and friends - you will miss them when they are gone.

Regards, Sporty Milligan, ABATE of California Bailing Wire scribe

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Motorcycle Safety Report



by **Norm e. Newiger**

Second Month In

Rain is our 4-letter word of the New Year, so far. We have had plenty of rain and will continue for how long? No one knows. We've been disappointed for so many years that we have become numb about it. I'm surrounded by mountains and let me tell yah, they are green and blooming, whatever they bloom! They say southern California is getting a little more than usual rain and northern California is getting a lot more than usual rain than in previous years. It's definitely been dry the last year or 9 years, I don't know. We are predicted to have a wet March as well.

I guess it's been raining so frequently that they are confident to guess up to a month away! But if you're a true biker, you won't worry about predicted weather. It'll be a game day decision or, OR! if yer that guy that David Mann draws, then you're my hero! I'm referencing the last statement on a cover of Easyriders, that I remember from my youth, of a biker riding in the rain with a six pack on his tank and he wasn't wearing a helmet!

The days of throwing a handful of dirt in the air for your local weather report are over. It seems like everyone nowadays has a weather app on their cell phone so cancelling a ride is easy. If you text your cancellation at least you don't have to look eye to eye in doing so. Like everything of modern technology, we are getting more de-humanizing and softer. There will be no more getting lost or worrying about getting gas in the middle of nowhere. Our cell phone has become our biggest riding tool in the road life of riding.

We have all accepted this fate and the changes are great, but what defines us? Highly polished black leather that would leave a 50-mile trail in the rain? Suffering

the elements is what riding is all about, but we must pick our battles, so to say. I usually get caught in the rain because of the chance of rain or when they say 20 percent chance, which usually means 100 percent because they just guess and hope they are correct. If they say it's a 100 percent, then I'll look outside first, then look to my cell phone.

So how are you when you get caught in the rain? First of all did you know it could rain? Did you prepare for it? There's no reason to panic, it is what it is. I've been that guy on that packed freeway on two wheels while it's raining cats and dogs. It's scary at first, but you've really got to pay attention to those few idiots that think it's sunny and clear. If I had a faring, I'd ride no matter what, but my apes are all I got.

On a slight side track; tire pressure is really important and if you have proper tire pressure you have one less worries when the pressure is really on.

Staying focused is a must as you ride. Your bike should have no traction issues if you've got good tires. You should always be extra cautious because people can't believe you're riding, let alone riding in the fast lane! If I had to tell you one thing about riding in bad weather, it is that you have to be confident with your riding abilities. There's only one way to train yourself and that is to go out and get caught in the rain as much as you can handle - not really! But the learning curve could be years down the road here in southern California due to the fact that it don't rain much, at least most years!

We all find ways of dealing with riding in the rain. I, as well as some friends, wear rain gear and full-face helmets and ride no matter what. You might have seen me on the 14 wearing a black trash bag from 7-11! You do what you gotta do!

We all know that the first few hours are the most dangerous on wet roads, so after that, it's time to ride! Yes, there are new hazards that can toss you farther than you can slide. Especially in the mountains to the high deserts road hazards can happen during and after the rain. We've all gone thru washouts, but some have boulders - big ones! And mud and plants. On the north side of the mountains it's a different story it seems. I'm always leery coming around a bend, it's no time to show off or set yourself up to mad-gas out of the turn.

It seems I always encounter wet roads and the normal dirt bleed from the shoulder, but sometimes there could be black ice - it's out there whether day or night even in sunny California. It's on the road

through underpasses and on bridges as well as shady places and where water leaches onto the road and freezes over. When you come to this situation you can't panic! You have to think about the same thing as riding in the rain or crossing water, no jerky movements or locking your brakes. Yes, you can slow down slowly and go through it without incident. It does happen that fast, it appears out of nowhere and you have to think that it could be anywhere.

Sand is another issue as well. Street service people use sand for your safety and you know what could happen, it's the same as washouts on curves due to over flooding or the poor design of roads.

It doesn't matter if you're riding in the mountains, high desert or even in town, you have to be prepared from the very beginning, get weather reports from multiple sources and find out the road conditions of your planned route. It's really easy to do nowadays and it could save your life - just ask your cell phone!

So, it's winter here and we have to deal with cold weather as well. Riding in cold weather is a good thing. I'm not talking about riding in the snow, but you can if the roads are clear and dry. It's a good thing to be prepared. Temperatures can change up to 40+ degrees in a day. In the mountains just being on the backside in the shade can be 20+ degrees colder. I don't ride them modern day bikes with hand and/or seat warmers and I don't have a fairing or wind shield, just a softail with apes, so I'm like a funnel kite, bring on the coldness! I do prepare myself though, packing extra layers as needed and different types of gloves in my saddle bags. I kind of have a grandma theory about this, and I pack for everyone just in case one of my riding buds is stupid.

You can get hypothermia riding in cold weather. You set up this action by increasing the wind chill factor as you ride. Here is an example of what I'm talking about: If you're riding at 40 mph and the temperature is 40 degrees the wind chill factor is 27 degrees. If the temperature is 30 degrees then the wind chill factor is 13 degrees. If you're on the shady side of a mountain or riding in cloudy skies and the temperature drops suddenly to 20 degrees then the wind chill factor is -1 degrees. It could happen that fast! Being exposed to these conditions can lead to frostbite in approximately 30 minutes.

When you ride when it's cold your primary goals should be to keep your body

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warm and avoid hypothermia. Hypothermia is a condition brought on by the body's temperature dropping lower than it needs to function normally. The initial symptoms include shivering, feeling sluggish and sleepy, etc. This could happen at any given time and to be prepared is a must because in cold weather the temperature fluctuates constantly and possibly drastically. Being prepared doesn't mean a full-face helmet, leather jacket with liner, thick winter gloves, riding chaps and two pairs of socks on, it's a good start though! It is about layers, and spare clothes at your access. Moisture or wet clothes are not a good thing while riding in cold weather. If you bring extra clothes for the layering effect then change and add or even take off as needed, especially socks - your feet do sweat in cold weather and your feet can get frostbite - so it is good to bring extra socks with you. Extra socks is very important, I learned this in cold winter training in the Army. For me, there is nothing worse than really cold toes while riding!

I cannot afford the high dollar winter riding clothes and accessories. I have to make do with what I have and be old school. Like most people I have the necessary clothes to ride safely in the winter - it's about being prepared properly. Be-

ing prepared is not limited to just having extra clothing or accessories, lest we not forget that we have to be mentally prepared as well. Can you deal with slurppy brain freeze while riding? As we ride in cold weather our body feels thick and our reaction time is slower even though for the most part we feel okay. To compound this we wear cumbersome clothing as well. I guess it's the price we have to pay to enjoy riding year-round.

Although unpopular to say this, alcohol will not make you warmer, it will make you feel warm at first but then you'll feel colder than before and nobody likes a half frozen drunk. Drinking plenty of water is still a good thing. When you're all dressed up you start sweating as soon as you ride and you can get dehydrated in cold weather and not realize it. Your body is sweating (its normal reaction from being warm and trying to cool you down) and the air is much dryer than summertime. Hydration is important whether it be water or any warm beverage, you need to stay hydrated.

It's not complicated to ride during the winter months, common sense and a great attitude is a must. Remember if you're not challenged, then you didn't have fun!

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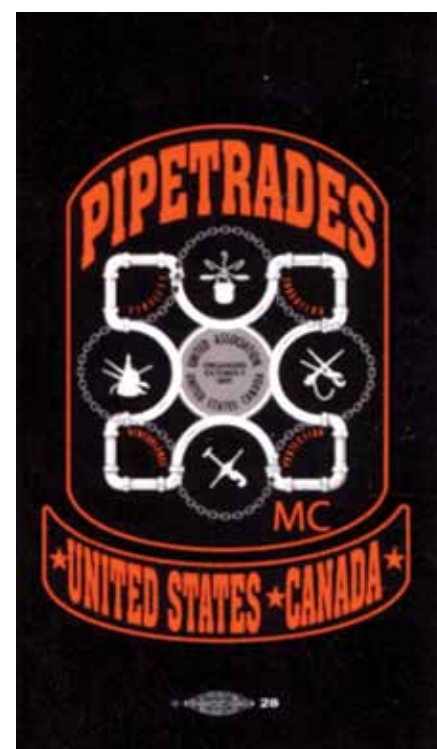


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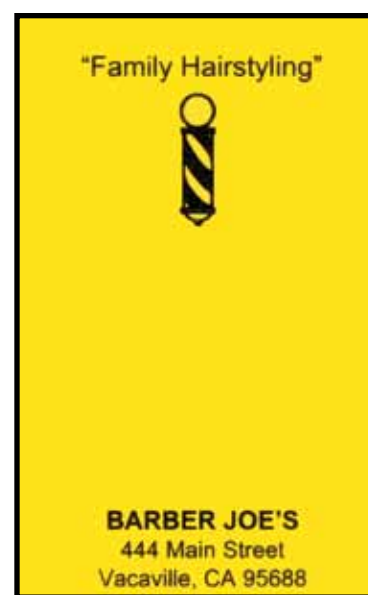
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01 Messengers of Recovery/San Fernando Los Angeles 310/710-5262	17 Iron Steed Harley-Davidson Vacaville 707/455-7000	20 Bikers for Christ & Rushing Wind Ministries Oceanside 760/940-0257	24 Tamarack Machine Works Sanger 559/908-9729
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01 Repro-Graphic Supply Sun Valley 818/395-7296	17 LD Cycle Vacaville 707/446-BIKE	20 Ironworkers MC #433 Whittier 562/968-4853	31 Sierra Steel Harley-Davidson Chico 530/893-1918
01 Shaggers M/C Lancaster 661/264-7377	17 Legal Shield Winters 707/301-6127	20 Los Angeles Harley-Davidson Fullerton 714/871-6563	44 Aztec Riders MC Hesperia 760/792-7535
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02 VFW Post 10049 Simi Valley 805/583-9722	17 McGuire Harley-Davidson Pacheco 925/945-6500	20 Pipe Trades M/C Los Angeles 213/605-2982	44 Total Control/CMSP Victorville 800/943-5638
06 ABATE Local 6 San Diego 858/566-4858	17 Miss Darla's Vacaville 707/446-4131	20 Viet Nam Vets/Legacy Vets MC Anaheim www.VNVMC-CA.com	
06 Booze fighters MC #3 San Diego 619/855-9981	17 Road Trip Bar & Grill Capay 530/796-3777	23 Vicky's Restaurant San Bernardino 909/888-1171	
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13 Custom Awards & Engraving Ventura 805/658-2139	17 The Brass Tap Vacaville 717/724-0643	24 Dave Christian Const Inc Fresno 559/255-1222	
13 Messengers of Recover/Santa Maria Santa Maria 805/235-0790	17 TJ's Tavern Vacaville 765/491-5582	24 Harley-Davidson of Fresno Fresno 559/275-8586	
17 Affordable Hauling Vacaville 707/450-8432	17 The Music Box Cottonwood 707/688-2230	24 John Rodriguez Trucking Fresno 559/269-5109	
	17 Thunder Roads Magazine Nor-Cal Orangevale www.thunderroads-norcal.com		



**Los Angeles County - Local
#01-Reg#8**

Sporty Milligan 3rd Sun - 9 AM
1616 4th St Elks Lodge
San Fernando 10137 Commerce Ave
818/ 361-8800 Tujunga, CA 91042

Simi Valley - Local #02

Jim Kibbe 2nd Tues 7:30 PM
VFW Post#10049
4242 E Los Angeles Ave.
Simi Valley 93063
jimkibbe53@gmail.com

**Thousand Oaks/Ventura
Local#03/13**

Chuck Pedersen 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
805/496-0323 Elks Lodge
Chuck Pedersen@ 158 N Conejo School
gmail.com Thousand Oaks
91362

**San Diego County - Local #06
Reg#12**

Snowman 1st Sun - 12 Noon
P O Box 501946 Kate Sessions Park
San Diego CA 92150 Pacific Beach
619/855-9981 92109

**Orange County - Local #08-
Reg#11**

Steve Howe 2nd Mon.7:30PM
PO Box 5473 American Legion #354
Buena Park, CA 90622 8071 Whitaker
562/298-6236 Buena Park
santabeard@yahoo.com 90621

**San Diego County (North) -
Local #11-Reg#12**

Phillip Sanchez 2nd Sun - 11 AM
559/907-2391 Escondido Moose Lodge
25721 Jesmond Dene Rd
Escondido 92026

**Alameda, Contra Costa,
Solano & Napa Counties L#17**

Glenn Phillips 3rd Sun.- 10:00 AM
P O Box 148 Judy's Wild
Vacaville 95696 Wrangler Saloon
707/624-6310 4826 Midway Rd.
Vacaville CA 95688

**Pomona Valley - Local #19-
Reg#8**

Jeff Bassler 4th Wed - 7:00 PM
C/O 9648 Calle Vejar Round Table Pizza
Rancho Cucamonga 1020 N Mountain
91730 Ontario, CA 91729
909/596-9685



**ABATE
MEETINGS**

**Orange County - Local #20-
Reg#11**

Gill Mellen 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
2129 Harbor Blvd American Legion #132
Costa Mesa 92627 143 S. Lemon St.
949/632-9787 Orange, 92866

San Bernardino - Local#23

Ron Morris 1st Sun 9:00 AM
909/794-6563 Vicky's Restaurant
502 S Waterman Ave
San Bernardino CA 92408

Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6

2nd Wed - 7:00 PM
Yosemite Falls Cafe
www.abatelocal24.org 4020 N Cedar Ave.
Fresno 93726

Sacramento - Local#25

Lil' David Morena 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
916/616-9605 Denny's
3520 Auburn Blvd.
Sacramento 95821

Riverside - Local#27

Bob Marshall 1st Tues - 7:00 PM
I.G@ abatelocal27 American Legion
2979 Dexter Dr.
(in Fairmont Park)
Riverside, CA 92501
drbobmarshall@yahoo.com

North Valley - Local #31

Larry James 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
Panighetti's
530/893-4827 2760 Esplanade
Chico 95973

Yuba City - Local#33

Steve Katan 1st Tues - 7:00 PM
530/749-1003 American Legion
5477 Feather River Blvd
Olivehurst 95961

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12

Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 6:30 PM
Edward_A12@yahoo.com
La Fonda Bar & Grill
1950 South 4th St.
El Centro, CA 92243

Bakersfield - Local#40

Robert Northam 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM
Kilroy16@yahoo.com Rusty's Pizza
5430 Olive Dr
Bakersfield 93308

**High Desert Local 44/47-Reg
#13**

Cindy Demel 2nd Sat. 9:30 am
C.demel@ Eagles Order #4181
verizon.net 16195 Main St
Hesperia 92345

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