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Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by James Lombardo, Sr
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I am pleased to report on two fresh victories for ABATE PAC: Mike Gatto, Special Election candidate for the vacant seat in the 43rd Assembly District, beat two other Democratic candidates on April 13. Many thanks to ABATE members who volunteered to work in his campaign to make it a success: Peter Daniels, Sandy Lubbers, Glen Cheslock and to all of the others whose names I don't know.

The race, however, is still not over. Since no candidate received 50% + one vote, Mike still has to win against the Republican, Sunder Ramani, on Primary Election day, June 8. On the same day, he also has to run in the Democratic Primary to win the nomination for November's General Election.

The same goes for Bill Emmerson who defeated former Assemblyman Russ Bogh in another Special Election on April 13 to replace Senator John Benoit who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. This is the second loss

for Bogh, who also lost to Benoit in November of 2008. We dual endorsed in this race since they both had a 100% voting record with ABATE! At least if Bill wins in June, he won't have to run in the Primary, because that seat isn't up, this year.



We had a busy Legislative meeting at the April Board meeting in Vacaville where we reviewed and took positions on several bills and plotted our strategy to **KILL** Senator Fran Pavley's SB 435, the motorcycle anti-smog/noise bill that currently, as amended, restates current law that no motorcycle's emission system may be tampered with. The

difference is, the previous version of SB 435 only applied to motorcycle model years 2000-current, but this bill applies to **all** motorcycles, regardless of when they were made. **Be ready for a real fight!** The bill will probably be heard in the first week of June!

I will be asking riders to come to **SACRAMENTO FOR THE HEARING! WE NEED TO PACK THE ROOM!** Sign up for notices on the current ABATE website home page. You will get updates on SB 435 and any other anti-motorcyclist bills as events warrant. We will also send alerts to you regarding which races need volunteers to work for electing more motorcyclist-friendly legislators. Continue to sign petitions and send them to Carol at the state office in Hesperia. Also, send another letter to the **NEW** Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, Bonnie Lowenthal, opposing Pavley's 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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Thanks to all those who braved the rainy weather to come to Sacramento for the Freedom and Motorcycle Awareness Month Rally on April 12, and the ABATE Board meeting the day before. Many Capitol legislators and staff members were shocked, but impressed, that so many riders would show up in such bad weather. I told them, think how many more will show up on June 8 to vote and who are working for candidates who support motorcycle issues!

At the Board Meeting, **MANY PEOPLE THANKED ME FOR THE JOB I DO IN SACRAMENTO** - I told them to just work **ONE DAY** in a campaign to elect our friends, and that's all the thanks I need. I also want to thank you, the Locals, and individuals, for your contributions to the Lobbyist fund.

A sad, but also high note of the Rally was recognizing the most loyal Freedom Fighter that bikers have on the steps of the state Capitol. She's a 16-year member of ABATE - Senator Denise Ducheny, who is termed out this year! No one, in my 20 plus years of representing motorcyclists in Sacramento, has fought harder, and given more of her time and efforts, in our long struggle to repeal the helmet law.

Those that wish to say "thank you" for a job well done, can send a card to: Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

'See you in Sacramento at the Assembly Transportation Committee hearing for SB 435 in June!

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Executive Director's Report

by Tony Jaime, Executive Director

Greetings ABATE Brothers and Sisters: As Americans, we are guaranteed the right to freely assemble and to petition for a redress of grievances. Unfortunately, there are many in various levels of local, state, and federal government who seem to feel that it is no longer the right of the people to question the actions of the government. There is a pernicious, growing attitude of "if you're not with us, you're against us" that is beginning to permeate the halls of power in this nation. We have only to look at the manner in which legislation is targeted at specific groups to understand that there are severe problems just over the horizon for individuals who do not fit into the mold that corporate influenced government wishes to force us.



And let's not discount the fact that government today views with grave suspicion and distrust any group or organization seeking to curb or reform such governmental abuses or advocating a return to the constitutionally based form of government this nation once enjoyed. The profiling and stereotyping of various citizen's groups and organizations comprised of civil libertarians and activist groups seeking a return to a constitutionally based government have led to increased surveillance by law enforcement,

and we must never forget that as bikers we are a prime target for unconstitutional searches and seizures simply as a result of our manner of dress and chosen lifestyle. We are discriminated against in many ways that affect us differently than folks not associated with the biker lifestyle and that is wrong. Nationwide, we are increasingly subjected to motorcycle only checkpoints, prevented from wearing any article of clothing that is deemed unacceptable attire, forced to wear helmets whose substantive protective value is questionable, and we are constantly under the prying eyes and overzealous monitoring of law enforcement.

The great turnout in Camarillo at the Board meeting in January also provided a couple of officers from a local law enforcement agency. We must have been doing something right and having too much fun doing it because the cops showed up to see why so many bikers were gathered in one spot. As they were trying to grasp the situation, they were gently reminded that we were gathered at an American Legion and the great majority of us present were all veterans. Nevertheless, they were taking photographs of individuals, bikes, and license plates but in what must have a bit of a surprising twist for them, some of our people returned the favor and photographed them as they were photographing us.

My principle concern with this unjustifiable visit is that for many of us who ride motorcycles and wear leather and Levis, this type of behavior by law enforcement is becoming far too commonplace across America. The simple fact is there was no valid reason for law enforcement to be there other than to just satisfy their unwarranted curiosity. Ask yourselves if law enforcement would have become involved in such a manner if the parking lot

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Mission Statement

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

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had been full of soccer mom vans and bias this situation could have taken another direction leading to a call for increased back-up officers solely to harass and intimidate a group of people whose lifestyle they view as threat to law, order, and public decency. Or, they simply could have staked out the local area waiting for people to leave and clearly state "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of Speech, or of the Press, or the right of the people to freely assemble and petition the Government for a redress of their grievances." As ABATE members attending a duly constituted business meeting of a politically active group for the express purpose of protecting our rights we were engaged in the exercise of our First Amendment rights to freely assemble and petition the government for a redress of our grievances.

While this incident was resolved amicably, the potential for increased harassment and abuse exists. Like all other organizations, law enforcement groups are comprised of individuals whose likes, dislikes, and levels of tolerance come in varying degrees. Had one of these officers been an individual with an extreme degree of anti-biker

stereotyping of the biker culture several generations ago. The recent spate of local ordinances enacted by Myrtle Beach attest to this growing wave of anti-biker sentiment fueled by law enforcement and civic leaders in many communities throughout America.

The Washington state legislature recently passed a bill out of committee to outlaw the profiling of motorcyclists by the Washington State Patrol who allegedly have been operating under a non-published set of guidelines known as Biker 101 which begins by stating that "Bikers are dangerous" and goes on to describe how to surreptitiously gather information on them during a traffic stop. It is also a concern in California, where checkpoints targeting motorcycles have begun to crop up, and it is another reason to keep the pressure up against SB-435. As amended, it offers law enforcement increased powers of inspection to check for exhaust and emissions system that may have been tampered with under the flimsiest of pretexts and look them over under the guise of protecting society from smog.

In conclusion, I will simply reiterate the words of Milton Friedman who said, "Eternal vigilance is required and there have to be people who step up to the plate, who believe in liberty, and who are willing to fight for it."

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LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles County



Sporty here with the brief Local 1 report. Local 1's meeting starts out with the Pledge of Allegiance. I will give the president's report followed by the PAC report given by Peter Daniels. The publicity report is given by Jim N followed by the membership report given by Glen C. Then a report on the current status of Steve B's helmet ticket.

Also invites to our members to attend the Southern Regional Rally - the first of the three big ABATE fundraisers. We then have monkey business which consists of the passing out of the cookie plates that Peter's wife makes for the Local. Sweet deal if you ask me. Good luck.

Local #02 Simi Valley



Howdy All! It's a great day to be riding and thanks to ALL ABATE volunteers who have given their time and efforts that allow us ALL to enjoy what limited freedoms we do have! We here at Local 2 still serve a great, complete \$5.00 meal and not just a sandwich! We start this at 6:45 pm and then our meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Our meetings are held at VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Ave in Simi Valley. The weather at this time of the year is great riding weather!

President Ray got us going and talked about our upcoming Sweaty Buns Run on July 25; among other things he stated that the city of Simi Valley is giving us another plaque for Motorcycle Awareness Month on April 26. It's a great tribute for us and

the hard work we do in our own city, thanks PREZ! Our VP Scott talked about other runs on the calendar and we thanked him for all the time and effort he puts in for us. THANKS! I want to personally thank the Prez and VP for all their efforts, it does not go unnoticed!

Linda, our PAC rep, talked about the Freedom and Motorcycle Awareness Month Rally at the Capitol. One of our members, Jerry, made the trek despite the weather and talked about the Rally. Linda reminded us about the bills pending; thanks for your hard work. Norm filled in for our secretary and read the minutes, and then our treasurer, Stephanie, told us that we have some bucks! Norm did a safety report on "Tire Pressure", check it constantly! Guy, the merchandise man, showed us our line of clothing for ABATE Local 2. Thanks; we all appreciate what you do for us.

Our membership person, Pat, announced that we have two new members and they are JP Dumer and Michael Liakes. Thanks guys for making us stronger! And we have 4 renewals, Mike Lum, Mike Oller, Pattibock, and Ed Borquez. Thanks for re-upping!

We had our raffles and MUCHO prizes! To all that don't come to our meetings, you're missing out on good stuff! Pattibock won the 50/50 and our membership drawing will roll over to the next meeting, and it's BIG bucks! Local 2 sent \$50 dollars to the Southern Regional Rally for 2 trophies and \$60 dollars for parking meters for the rally on the capitol steps. We are very thankful to be able to do this.

Just because there are signs out there that say watch out for bikers, that doesn't mean for you to let up your guard. Ride Smart and Ride Safe! PTL! Norm.

Local #06 San Diego County



It was another beautiful day for a meeting overlooking Mission Bay in sunny San Diego. It was a pretty good turnout for an Easter Sunday. Fran planned on wearing bunny ears instead of a helmet. After the meeting San Diego was graced with the shake, rattle and roll of a 7.2 earthquake that happened about 125 miles away in Mexico. Wow! A group of riders did a "lid free" ride to the meeting, and I gave a membership application to the San Diego policeman who followed them into the park. Red said that you can have a Helmet Law Protest every weekend if you want - just don't put the helmet on!

Larry Hanson, a Local 6 Life Member, passed away in New Mexico. On April 10 we had a Memorial Ride and Celebration of Life for member, Beaver Bard, who passed away recently.

Several members from Local 6 and Local 11 attended Senator Denise Ducheny's Birthday party (she and her husband Al are Local 6 members). They made some valuable political contacts.

The Local 6 treasury sent donations to the "Run for the Wall" start up fund, operated by Local 19, and to the Southern Regional Rally. Thanks to the new members, and thanks to those members that renew! Local 6 started 2010 with more members than we started 2009 with. Way to Go!

Let's give a welcome to the members who stood up and volunteered to step into vacant Local 6 Officer positions: Patty Wilber - Recording Secretary; Doc Robinson (and Family) - Membership Coordinator; and Michael Decker - Treasurer.

There was a run near San Diego to raise funds for families of GI's. The local Sheriff's Dept and the CHP heard that it was a "gang" event and pulled over anyone who was wearing any kind of a patch. HOG patches, baseball teams, and such. They even had a Bear in the Air! Local 6 has made plenty of phone calls and e-mails, and is continuing to follow up on these actions.

Check out our website at www.abatelo-cal6.org. Our meetings are on the first Sunday of each month at noon, at Kate Sessions Park in Pacific Beach, San Diego. C'mon down! John Del Santo

Local #09 South Orange County



May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and we hope you appreciate it to its fullest. Did you get a chance to see the 'Amber Alert Signs' asking drivers to be aware of motorcyclists? Hope so and hope it happens again.

For our May program we actively tried to schedule Bill Hunt as our guest speaker. He is running for Orange County Sheriff. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts he graciously declined. He did however express a strong interest to address our group sometime in the near future. I hope this posting will be in time for you to participate in his upcoming motorcycle rally scheduled Saturday, May 8. The ride begins at Starbucks at PCH & Anderson in Sunset Beach and ends at Adele's Cafe at the San Clemente Inn right here in our own backyard! For more information go to www.billhuntforsheriff.com. This is an extremely important election and any support our group can give him would be greatly appreciated.

The good news is we did get someone else to speak at our May meeting. Deputy Cope from the San Juan Capistrano Sheriffs Department is scheduled to come and speak to us at our May 4 meeting. Not only is he a motorcycle officer, but a motorcycle enthusiast as well. I'm sure you will find his talk interesting and informative.

Be safe, Run safe, Bad Bones.

LOCAL NEWS

Local #11 North San Diego County



The weather was a little chilly but we still had 25+ members show up. Connie had breakfast waiting for us to take off the chill. Connie will be reopening the lodge this summer if all goes well, lets give her all our support.

Tim started off with our introduction of officers and got the meeting going. The main concern now is the smog bill which will affect all riders with older or newer motorcycles. We all need to contact our assembly now and get this bill terminated. Also our right to lane share is in jeopardy. Our freedoms that we fought for are going to be taken away if we do not act now.

Our new PAC rep, Dan, has got Local 11 a Face Book page on the web. We have a challenge to Local 6 to see who gets the most members to show at the Southern Regional Rally, let's see all of you Local 11 members out there!

Up-coming events are the Southern Regional Rally on May 7, 8 & 9, the Pioneers MC Banner Run on May 14, 15 & 16, the Boozefighters MC 11th Annual Overnighter is on Father's Day weekend, June 18, 19 & 20, and the Helmet Protest Rally meet is at Fiesta Island on July 4 at 10 am sharp.

Our 50/50 raffle was won by our PAC rep, Dan, and he donated all \$42.50 back to the treasury - way to go Dan! Our Next meeting will be at the Southern Regional Rally. We want to see all Local 11 members there. Till next time, your faithful Scribe, Jim

Local #13 Ventura County



Lot's going on in Local 13. Coming up, May 1st, we'll be supporting the Brotherhood MC in their run. This is a chance for us all to get together and just have some fun, while supporting those who support us.

We've got a whole crew heading south for the Southern Regional Rally. We've got 2 RV spaces reserved, so we've got plenty of camping space. We'll have a couple BBQ's, a portable bar (thanks Sandy), all of the fun that the SRR is known for, and all of the raucousness that Local 13 is known for. It runs Mother's Day weekend, and I know there's a flier somewhere in this Bailing Wire.

Before you know it, our very own Callous Cheeks Poker Run will be here. It's on June 13th, to be specific. Our Run Committee Chair, Vic Alvarez, and the rest of the run committee are working hard to top last years run. We're lining up the sponsors, vendors, planning the route, everything we can to make this a fun and successful run. We're tossing around the idea of having a pre-run for us the weekend before the actual poker run. It would be something fun for everybody who's been working on this.

I had a lot of fun up at the ABATE state meetings and the Freedom Rally. I really came back inspired by the interaction I had with members of other locals and MC's. The sight of all of us bikers standing in the rain was awesome. I think some legislators got the word that we're serious about this freedom stuff. The rain on the ride home sucked, but not as much as the hail.

It seems we need to find another meeting place. For reasons I'd rather not have printed here, but would be glad to talk to anyone about, we're not welcome any longer where we've been meeting for the past year or so. If anybody has any ideas as to where we can meet, please let us know.

Sometimes it feels like nothing is easy, but we will persevere, and we will be successful. I feel really fortunate to be associated with ABATE Local 13. We've got a great bunch of folks in our local, and I appreciate all that you do.

Ride safe, ride often, its great therapy. Dave Walsh

Local #14 Alameda County



Thanks everyone who attended the April meeting. Thank you Scott and Stacy Thayer, Charlie Lincoln, Barbara Kennedy and Carl Smith for renewing your membership.

Thank you Animal, Charlie Lincoln, Dave Grimes and Carl Smith for your generous donation to our general account. And thank you everyone who participated in the Raffle and Dave Grimes for running it. It seems that our raffle is our best way to collect revenue for our Local's bank account, so please keep bringing prizes and participate.

We all voted to donate \$25.00 to sponsor a trophy and \$75.00 to be a t-shirt sponsor for the up coming Southern Regional Rally.

All this donating and stuff is really affecting our Local's bank account. So please keep attending meetings, keep your membership current, bring a friend to the meetings, find new members, bring raffle prizes and keep in mind any effective ways to collect revenue.

Thanks President Joe Schwirian and our Political Activist Dennis Stalter for keeping us up to date on current affairs and informing us on the up coming State Rally.

Well until we meet again. RIDE SAFE. Franklin

Local #15 Contra Costa County



Hello from ABATE Local 15!! This is the time of year to renew your ABATE membership!! For the good of motorcycle rights, not only renew your own membership, but get others interested by spreading the word that ABATE is one of the few organizations preserving and restoring the rights of motorcyclists.

You can renew at the Local 15 meeting: 7:00 pm, 3rd Tuesday of each month at Fuddruckers Hamburgers in the Willow Pass shopping center.

The Local 15 board is organizing some rides and other fun events over the course of 2010. These include in late April receiving from the County Board of Supervisors the Proclamation declaring May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Contra Costa County. Also the Local is hosting the 6th Annual Motorcycle Awareness Run on May 9; leaving from Devil Mountain HD in Pittsburg.

On May 22 Local 15 will be participating in Mt. Diablo HOG's H2O run, where Local 15 will have an information and membership table set up at Lumpy's Diner in Antioch on Lone Tree Road. Also, the Local is doing a ride to participate in San Mateo HOG's Flag Day Run, around June 14, and our Christmas party will be on December 11. Also, upcoming is the Southern Regional Rally May 7, 8 & 9, the Northern Regional Rally campout July 16, 17 & 18 and the State Rally in Kernville September 17, 18 & 19. The Local will also be hosting frequent runs with the goal of becoming a tighter knit riding group.

If you have any events that you would be interested in having the Local support as a group, please contact Bob Blatz (925) 586-7376, or just come to the meeting to keep up with the happenings. The May meeting is on Tuesday, the 18th.

As we move from winter to spring, weather becomes more unpredictable. Consider an inexpensive (\$3.00 at Bass Pro Shops) weather station (NOAA) radio to take on your rides. It is a good way of reducing the unknown factor. See you at the Local 15 meeting. Keep the rubber side down. Longrider Mike

LOCAL NEWS

Local #17 Solano & Napa Counties



ABATE Local 17 was proud to host the quarterly State Board of Directors meeting this past weekend, April 10 & 11, and to act as the starting point from Solano County for the Freedom and Motorcycle Awareness Month Rally on April 12 to Sacramento.

We met at the Fairfield Inn on Orange Drive in Vacaville on Saturday where we discussed issues of legislation and Locals compliance with State, and believe it or not there was some active discussion!

On Sunday we had our meetings at Iron Steed on a very dreary and rainy day. We started with our Presidents' meeting, then the PAC meeting and after lunch the Board of Directors meeting. It was a great opportunity to get together with other officers and our state reps and have a meaningful dialog and exchange of ideas.

Local 17 entertained our visitors Saturday evening with a night out to Str8shooters, and on Sunday Billy Teeter and crew provided a BBQ burgers lunch with all the trimmings. Hats off to our dear brother Billy for BBQing in the downpour!! Love ya, Billy!!

Later on Sunday evening, Ron Vonsild escorted the entourage to the Hide-a-Way for dinner at our Local 17 discount. This was also the starting point for the ride to the capitol on Monday. Not that we partied all night, it was just the meeting place!!!!

Many thanks to Ron for his efforts at putting the weekend together, Fairfield Inn for their support, Iron Steed Harley-Davidson for everything, Billy Teeter and Str8shooters and to the Hide-a-Way and to our state officers and Local 17 for putting together a very good meeting session in spite of Mother Nature. HATS OFF TO ALL!!!!

Our next event is our Spring Fun Run May 2 starting off at Miss Darla's in Vacaville. 9 - 9:30 sign-ins, \$5 a card, with payouts at each stop. We hope to see you all there. Scooter

Local #20 Orange County



There was a small turn-out at the Board meeting in Vacaville. It was rainy, windy and cold. Moonie, Gin, Mike and Spike braved the weather and rode up. Gill and I caged it. Despite the lousy weather, a huge crowd of bikers were at the Freedom and Motorcycle Awareness Month Rally on Monday at the State Capitol.

At our Local meeting Spike spoke about SB 435 and Gill talked about some new issues coming up. Rip's B.A.D. Ride is coming up. A check for \$1500 was sent to Totally Kids for the installation of the flooring to begin the project. We are glad we could help HR with this project.

Ride Safe, Ride Free. Squirt

Local #21 Antelope Valley



There were people at the meeting I would venture to say, although I wasn't one because I spaced the meeting and feel like sheet.

Hope it was good. I sent minimum \$ to all funds. So all those fat pitch ins can rain check to next month. Thanks to Mark for leaving the lobby obligation in the same secret spot.

Love, Daryl, Local 21 Antelope Valley

Local #23 San Bernardino



Hello to all of our fellow ABATE members and readers of this month's Bailing Wire. With our first fund raiser of the year under our belts, I think we have stumbled on to a good thing and I'm sure we'll be doing it again.

On March 3 we held our First Annual Backyard Chili Cook Off. The turnout was decent, the chili was great and the camaraderie was exceptional. A special thanks goes out to Kevin & Bea for opening up their home to all that showed up and spilled chili and salsa all over the place. Also, congratulations to Doug for cooking up the winning pot of chili and Bea's lovely mom for making the winning salsa!

Local 23 brought in a few bucks to pay the bills with, and I heard some whispers of probably doing a chili cook-off again some time in the future. So get your crock pots out and start perfecting your recipe before the next chili cook-off rolls around. We'll advertise better for the next chili cook-off, and really bring in a crowd.

There was plenty of room to seat more members at the April monthly meeting. That's not a good thing folks, we need to be more active in our Local, as well as, continue to sign up new membership. If the same handful of people continues to carry the brunt of the burden, it won't be long before they burn out and go in search of greener pastures. I know, I know, I'm starting to sound like a broken record each month, but facts are facts and if we don't all stand up and get involved we've got nobody to blame but ourselves as we continue to loose our freedoms of the road! Ron led a small group, on the post meeting ride, over to the Riverside Automotive Museum. We found it and discovered it was closed. But I've never been on a bad ride and this was no exception.

After our next meeting (May 2), Local 23 plans to ride over, as a group, to support Local 27's annual Bare Necessities Run; \$10 a person plus 1 unopened package of socks or underwear from toddlers to adults, male or female, to benefit the Salvation Army.

Let's support our Local 27 brothers and sisters with a strong Local 23 showing.

Not much else to put out, so I guess it's time to wrap this up. Hope to see you out on the road and at any one of the many ABATE events that help us support the fight of protecting our Freedoms of the Road. Russ

Local #27 Riverside



Greetings from the Aqua-Marine (wet'n green) I.E. By the time you're reading this our Bare Necessities Run will have occurred and I hope you all made it there to support it and had a good time. I am also hopeful we have \$\$\$ to show for the efforts of the run committee of Greg, Jack and Kenny and Ida. These folks have gone through a fair amount of sweat to put this together.

We have a table space at the upcoming West Coast Thunder Memorial Day event. Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Stone will be presenting us with a County Proclamation for May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Yes, it is actually the very last day of May, but it was decided that this venue will garner the largest crowd. I want to THANK Local 27 business member, Skip Fordyce HD/Jay & Jen Dabney, for this opportunity at their event. The funds raised go to the Riverside National Cemetery Support Committee who, among other things, built the POW/MIA Monument there. We will need volunteers for the table. If you wish to help, contact me.

Last year while tending our table at Quaid's HD, Doug V from I.E. country music station KFROG told me to get in touch with his work and he'd get us a space at their 4th of July bash at the California Raceway; it was too short notice for their coordinator, but I am trying to get one for us this year. We will need volunteers to man the table and dispense our information. Step up; your rights need the help!

At the Elsinore Storm diamond Local 27 member Fred Wallenburg and myself along with Local 19's Robert Cuthbertson attended ABATE friendly Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries' campaign fundraiser. It was the first time I had met the Assemblyman and I am glad some new faces are stepping

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forward. We were cordially received by Assemblyman Jeffries, who supports us and appreciates our support, too. He is on the Assembly Transportation committee.

This month's meeting had something like 17 folks show up. That's good, now let's do better! Local 19's Steve Kawecky brought a guest, James Hosking, who is running for San Bernardino Superior Court District II Judge. He spoke on his reasons and qualifications and answered our questions.

Run to the Wall leaves on May 19 and Local 19 is putting out coffee'n sinkers for their comfort. If you want to help, contact me. There is so much we could accomplish if we only had the resources! So resources show up and volunteer! Rose Leach would have won the membership drawing, if she had been at the meeting. I think her share was \$1,700.00! Too bad! C'ya, HR

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hi everyone in Local 38. Please try and come to the meetings as much as you can. There's always good news and information about runs that different organizations are putting on. We are meeting at SOBE's restaurant the last Thursday of the month. It's in the Garcia Center on 4th Street in El Centro (1151 S 4th St.).

Well, we're getting ready for the Southern Regional Rally in Anaheim this year for the weekend of May 7, 8 and 9. Hope to see a lot of folks there. Eddie, our star planner, along with Kenny are making sure we pack everything we need. It's always a great time.

With spring here and summer just around the corner, always be careful and watch out for the other guy. As motorcycle riders, we must always be aware of our surroundings and those wacky car drivers. Take care and see ya all at the next meeting. We'll discuss some ride events and runs for this summer.

Take Care, Steve Mitosinka, ABATE Local #38 President

Local #40 Bakersfield



ABATE Local 40 has two new officers. Godfather, Robert and I have volunteered to help with the Local 40 check book! As of April 5 Robert 'Zorro' Z is our new Vice president and Steve 'Studabiker' M is our new Secretary. Thank you all who continue to support our fight for our God given American Freedoms!

Local 40 is now meeting at Magoo's Pizza at 5700 Stine Road in Bakersfield. This was a majority vote and again thank you all who voted.

We are having our annual Picnic ride on Saturday, May 1! This year's Picnic ride is in honor of Jim and Debbie Harmon. I will have two Proclamations Proclaiming May Motorcycle Awareness Month. The City Proclamation will be presented to me on behalf of ABATE Local 40 on Wednesday, April 21, and the County Proclamation will be presented to me on behalf of ABATE Local 40 on Tuesday, April 27.

As you all know Motorcycle Awareness is a must for all who ride. Year after year we hear of fellow riders who took their last ride. Regardless of who was at fault it's usually the rider who does not ride home.

Thank you to all. Be Safe. Ride Free!
Omar

Local #47 Barstow



Howdy all! Thanks to all who attended Local 47's annual R.V. camp-out. Hope everyone is helping promote Motorcycle Awareness Month in May. Local 47 will be passing out safety pamphlets and stickers.

ABATE has many events planned, make sure you try and attend as many State and Local events as you can. Now you can support ABATE by selling Bike Raffle tickets and Membership Raffle tickets.

I just returned from the Freedom and Motorcycle Awareness Month Rally in Sacramento. There was a strong showing from California motorcyclists despite the rain.

OK, it's summer time, make plans to get out and visit other Locals and support ABATE. We need you. yermoeddy



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Our annual appeal letter has been mailed, and your responses to the request are amazing as always. It would be so nice to get help from other riders in California that are not ABATE members, but do get the same benefits that you folks support and fund – and THANK YOU for that!!!

Individually thanks to the following:

Daryl Adams L 21; Wayne Aguirre L13; David & Crystal Anderson L52; Anonymous; Tom Backes L19; Chris Barnes L6; Tom Baum L24; Fred & Susie Bechtold L44; Edwin Begin L5; Geoff Betzing L35; Michael Bontempo L5; James Brown L5; Jim Brown L6; Randy Brunzlick L14; Jim Burkey L19; Dan Campos L16; Brian Cornelius L22; Dale DeCarlo L27; Pete Haffey/Floorworks L1; James Hilton L27; James Hopp L48; Greg & Terri Jacobs L19; Dwaine "Paperboy" Johnson L00; Mike Kachic L5; Jeff Longcrier L28; Steve Martin L47; Charles Matzen L27; Douglas McIntosh L52; Sporty Milligan L1; Stephen Mitosinka L38; James Mitterer L17; Wil-

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And Our Locals that contributed are: 1, 17, 19, 21, & 27. A Big Thanks to 17 too for their successful Freeze Your Ass Off Run and shared their profits – THANK YOU!!

Then we also had requests out to help pay for the Parking Meters that are "Free"? In order to do that, we needed to pay the City of Sacramento for those, the Motorcycle Only Parking Signs with the sponsors

name – THANK YOU to these Locals and individuals that helped on that cost: Local 15; Iron Workers M/C #433; Hank & Kris Hallmark L44; Local 9; Local 2; Local 14; Local 21; Ron & Lisa Gamble MMA; Sally Broce L33; Local 33; Boozefighters M/C Chapter 6; Local 6; Local 47; Local 44; Stitches L00; Local 13; Midnite Riders M/C Nomads; Local 1; Local 5; Local 51; Local 52; Local 27 & Local 28.

And we also received money towards the printing of our Rally postcards just by adding a small advertisement that the printing was: "Courtesy of Law Offices of Richard M. Lester, AIM/NCOM". Something to think about for your event to help pay for flyer costs. OR ask another business for a similar advertisement deal. Thank you ALL for helping the cause, AGAIN!!!

We had a decent attendance from all over California at the Capitol and many different groups were represented in spite of the rain! IF YOU were there – THANK YOU so

Very Much!!! Thank you to Creative Sound Entertainment for providing some great music and amplifier for our Speakers too!

And for those riders who arrived on your Motorcycles, a BIG, BIG THANK YOU for not rapping your pipes arriving OR leaving!!! YOU did a Great thing!

Hope you all went to see Gary in the Capitol Coffee shop (in the basement) to get coffee and warm up, and also took advantage of the 2 for 1 Sandwich special at the new business Member, The Sandwich Stop, a "few" blocks away. Next time you are at the Capitol, you have two "biker" friendly places to go.

Check ABATE's web site to keep in the loop of just when in June we may be needed in Sacramento to kill SB 435 – Pavley's Bill. Sign up for the Legislative Alerts, you do not have to be a Member of ABATE, (it would be nice if you were), just be interested in protecting your right to ride and participate!

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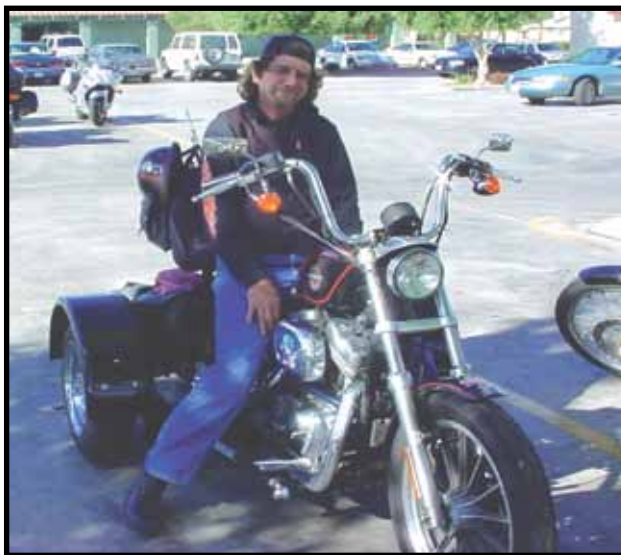
Ladies and gents it's time once again for the thrilled packed adventures of Sporty's Rides. I will begin this episode with the usual trek of the daily rides to work and back. Not too exciting except my electric vest keeps me warm on the bike through Las Virgenes and Malibu Canyon to Malibu Civic Center where I work. This is a 4 day 10 hour grind that I do and was getting ready for the up coming clearing season with my job with LA County Agricultural Commissar's Office of Weed Abatement.

I had been thinking about my Mom a lot lately and decided to go to Riverside where my Dad and Mom were stored after they were both cremated. From my house it's 83 miles. So off I go to see my Mom and Dad and ask them for their blessings. I arrived there, got directions and finally located the plaque with their names on it. I was really nervous. Finally got some attention and had to put in a work order to get my Dad's name fixed. So hopefully it will get fixed. Let me tell you guys and gal's something, being in a cemetery is not the easiest place to be in emotionally. I mean when I saw my Dad's name on the wall in his assigned spot, I stood straight and tall and saluted my Dad with the sharpest salute I could muster up. I had a nice visit with my Mom and Dad. I left there after visiting the administration and getting a work order form for them to fix the spelling of our last name MILLIGAN.

Well that was that. Went home and grabbed a meeting where I shared about the experience at the cemetery. By the way, my Mom and Dad are at the Riverside National Cemetery because my Dad is a Navy World War II veteran with 5 years service. Well that was it; I am emotionally drained at this point.

The next day I decided to go to Local 23's 1st annual Back Yard Chili Cook off. It was at the home of Local

23's president, Kevin Sorrell, in Redlands. This was another long ride, but well worth the effort to be there. Just let me say I had a good time and ate some interesting chili samples. I especially liked the white chili made with white beans. It was good to see Big Art, Jack Howell, Ida & Jerry, and the rest of the folks that showed up for the fun. I am glad I was able to make it there. Again thanks to Kevin and his wife, Bea, for a fun afternoon and early evening.



Well folks the moment you have all been waiting for, the trek to Vacaville for the Freedom weekend. Or the best laid plans of mice and men (pass the cheese please). What started out to be a simple ride to Sacramento and beyond was quite a roll. I had gotten an early start and was moving along smoothly; my electric vest was keeping the chill off me and I was not with any discomfort. I believe that on the down slope of the Grapevine I began to notice something might possibly be wrong. After I got past the Grapevine I felt cold air rushing in my ear. I finally stopped at Lava

Road East and to my horror my right hearing aid was gone. It must have fallen out. Now what to do? What to do?

Well I pulled over to the quietest spot at the Travel Lodge parking lot and called my wife. When I told her what had happened she said, "You sure have a knack for the unexpected!" The plan was to go to my hearing aid dispenser, Union Hearing, by 12 pm, if I wanted to get another hearing aid. It was 10 o'clock when I left for Van Nuys and Union Hearing and I made it there by 11:15 am. Yea! I should have gotten a ticket but, well, I didn't. They made me another mold for a new hearing aid and I got a behind the ear loaner, which I am still using at this point.

Now I am back on the road by 12:00 pm so that now puts me behind schedule several hours. Yeaks! Let's just say I rode and arrived at the Fairfield Inn in Vacaville by 8 pm. Note: The Kings lost their first playoff game in 8 years to the Vancouver Canucks. But they are not done, so there is hope. By the way, Sporty is a huge LA Kings hockey fan.

This weekend was well planned by Ron Vonsild. Saturday we had seminars for several hours. I gave a talk on membership retention and Dave Walsh gave a talk on Volunteer burnout. Lil' David gave a talk on the need to fill out the required forms and finally our Lobbyist and Lori Adams gave a talk on how a bill becomes law and how to lobby your legislators. That was fine, not well attended, but well, that is how that goes. We had our pre board meeting so we could make the meeting go smooth. Later in the evening we went to, (business member), Str8 Shooters and I drank tonic water. They had karaoke music and Tony ask me to do a number. I guess I said yes, so they set me up with of all things a Frank Zappa tune (din-mo hum). I had fun singing and dancing the evening away.

Sunday we had the Board meeting and PAC meeting at the Harley shop Iron Steed (business member). The meetings went well and the food for lunch was good (Str8 Shoot-

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Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

I just returned from our State Board of Directors meeting in Vacaville and would like to thank everyone who helped plan and execute this event. You guys and gals deserve a huge "Thank You" from all of us for a very enjoyable weekend. Everything was on time, in place, and ran like a precision watch. My only possible complaint would be directed to "Mother Nature" regarding the rain and cool weather she provided for us. I guess that's why I moved to the high desert 35 years ago - blue skies and sunshine year round!

One of my first tasks this year is going to be looking into ways to increase funding for our PAC and Lobbyist's accounts. With that said, I can already hear the collective groan from your wallets - "I already sent in a donation!" - "All you ever do is ask for more money!" etc. Well, first things first, I want to say "Thank You" to everyone who has already donated or is still trying to figure out a way to do so. As you know our PAC fund is used to support the candidates who support us and our motorcycle lifestyle. Our Lobbyist fund is used to reimburse Jim Lombardo for the long hours and hard work he puts in representing, pro-

tecting, and guiding us through the jungle we call Sacramento. His work is critical to our motorcycle lifestyle and his watch-



ful eyes and ears help prevent unneeded, unnecessary, and often times, downright unfriendly legislation that emanates from our elected "Representatives" on Capitol Hill. To use an old miner's term he is our

"canary in the cage" we use to protect ourselves while working the halls of our mine in Sacramento.

I want to be able to pay our bills on time and still have an emergency or rainy day balance for legitimate PAC and Lobbyist expenditures that arise throughout the year. What if we could send Jim to your city to represent not only your Local but all of ABATE of California members in opposing an ordinance that will affect you and ultimately all of us as we enter your city limits? Is this an unreasonable request? I don't think so, but if we are to accomplish this task we need to develop a comprehensive fund raising mechanism and seek financial support from outside our membership. Our members have always given generously of their time and hard earned dollars to support these funds and yes, we still need your help, but **ABATE of California ultimately benefits every rider in our state**, whether they know it or not, and we need to tap into their hard earned money also.

I have a couple of ideas I'm working on right now to accomplish this and if you have any suggestions please contact me and let's figure out a way to encourage all of our California riders to pitch in! Mean-

while, please continue to support your PAC, Lobbyist, and of course our General funds, and continue to offer your help to our motorcycle friendly political candidates, both locally and in Sacramento. We have always been one of the best grass roots organizations in California and with the elections just around the corner it's time to roll up our sleeves and get to work!

I will publish a list of contributors as soon as possible, but you already know who you are and how important your time and money are to our cause. So till next month - "THANKS TO ALL THAT DO, AND THOSE THAT DON'T, PLEASE TRY TO!"

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MOTORCYCLE THEFTS FALL:

Motorcycle thefts in the US fell by 13% to 56,093 last year from 64,492 in 2008, the biggest drop since 2007 according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau in an April 13 statement. Honda was the most stolen brand accounting for 24% of the thefts, followed by Yamaha, Suzuki, Kawasaki and Harley-Davidson, said the NICB citing National Crime Information Center data.

The recession prompted lower bike sales and a decrease in production, pushing motorcycle thefts down for a third consecutive year. Sales of new bikes fell 43% in 2009 from the year-earlier period, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council. Likewise, the Japanese Automobile Manufacturers Association reported a 47.4% decrease in motorcycle production last year.

Recovery rates have declined along with thefts, with only 30% of the stolen bikes recovered in 2009, compared with 41% in 2006, NICB data show.

The top five states for motorcycle theft were warm-weather ones: California, Texas, Florida, North Carolina and Georgia, together accounting for 39% of the total.

It should be no surprise that the summer months of July (6,319); August (6,079); and June (5,672) saw the most theft activity while the fewest thefts were recorded during the winter months of December (2,927); February (3,100); and January (3,570).

The best way to prevent theft is to keep your motorcycle out of sight or covered up and secured to an immovable object with a good through-the-frame lock in addition to the steering lock.

MAINE REQUIRES MOTORCYCLES TO DISPLAY INSPECTION STICKERS:

Maine Governor John Baldacci on April 9, 2010 signed LD 1675 into law, requiring the state's 50,000 registered motorcycles to carry inspection stickers that are "completely and clearly visible from the rear" starting in 2012.

A bill that started in the state legislature as a broadly worded bill to quiet noisy motorcycles evolved into a measure requiring riders to display inspection stickers when Maine's Transportation Committee concluded that 38% of Maine motorcycles aren't in-

spected, noting faulty and noisy motorcycle mufflers would fail annual inspections.

The bill also sets up a task force to explore other methods of reducing motorcycle noise, including sound testing, and report to the Transportation Committee by January 15, 2011.

LD1675 passed the Maine House by a vote of 104-33 on March 22. The Senate passed it April 5, with no tally released.



MOTORCYCLE SAFETY BILL PASSES IN OKLAHOMA:

"Gunner's Bill" has been signed into law by Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry, providing for the state's first comprehensive motorcycle safety program.

HB 2264, authored by state Rep. Mike Christian and state Sen. Steve Russell, allows the state to add a \$3 fee, designated for motorcycle safety and education, to the existing cost of registering a motorcycle. It also establishes a revolving fund into which the money is to be deposited.

Rep. Christian said the legislative action was necessary because motorcycle registrations continue to increase in Oklahoma; therefore, without training and prevention efforts, vehicle crashes involving motorcycles are likely to increase. According to the Oklahoma Tax Commission, there were 115,381 registered motorcyclists in the state in 2008, a 14.3% increase over 2007. Motorcycle fatalities increased 17.6% during the same period, and injuries increased 21.4%.

HB 2264 is known as "Gunner's Bill" in honor of Robert "Gunner" Catcher, a motorcyclist who died after being struck by a

pickup in 2009. The driver of the truck said he did not see Gunner.

"I heartily salute each and every one of ABATE of Oklahoma's and the OK Confederation of Clubs volunteer officers and members, and look forward to our continued success working together in the spirit of unity to make Oklahoma the best state in which to ride," said Tiger Mike Revere of ABATE of OK and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM).

Also signed into law was SB 1670 - a bill that changes the makeup of the Oklahoma Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee. "So, not only will we generate about \$400,000 each year but we will also have a substantial say in how it is spent," commented John Pierce, ABATE Legislative Coordinator.

WYOMING BIKERS WORK WITH CITY TO PROMOTE MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS:

The Casper City Council voted unanimously to pay for motorcycle-safety billboards in the coming months, with Wyoming Central ABATE picking up the campaign halfway through the riding season. The council approved \$5,400 in grant money to pay for four billboards from April through July, when Wyoming Central ABATE would begin paying for the billboards with its own message to run through October.

The push for motorcycle awareness stems from two high-profile accidents involving motorcyclists last summer, including an ABATE member who was killed by a left-turning Hummer. The accidents prompted Wyoming Central ABATE to meet with city officials and hash out a plan to increase awareness of motorcycles among drivers.

The Casper Police Department applied for grant money from the Wyoming Department of Transportation to be used on a "campaign targeting the reduction of the number and severity of motorcycle crashes in the Casper area," according to a city memo.

MICHIGAN HELMET LAW REPEAL REPEAT?:

Once again, Michigan legislators are moving to repeal the state's 40 year old mandatory helmet law, but their governor threatens veto action.

In late March, the House voted 63 to 46 to approve an amendment to the current

Michigan Helmet Law which would allow motorcycle riders 21 years old and older to operate their motorcycle without a helmet as long as they carry \$20,000 or more in insurance.

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration. If the Democratic-led House and Republican-led Senate both approve as they have in the past, the bill would again go to the governor for her signature or veto. Proposals to eliminate or ease the law were passed by the House and Senate in 2005/2006 and 2007/2008, but Gov. Jennifer Granholm vetoed both measures.

ABATE of Michigan and the Michigan Confederation of Clubs continues to hold sway in the Legislature using arguments that include personal freedom and economic impact. The Democratic governor leaves office next year and is not seeking reelection.

MOTORCYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL SURVEYS ROAD CONDITIONS:

The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to the Federal Highway Administration has made recommendations to U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and his predecessors on various topics, including 1) Barrier design; (2) Road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and (3) The architecture and implementation of Intelligent Transportation System technologies.

Of special significance was the creation and approval of the yearly Motorcyclist Road Conditions Survey, which can be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/ykbqsr6>.

The purpose of the survey is to better communicate to the MAC, road construction engineers, and transportation safety officials the specific needs of motorcyclists that should be considered when developing new roadways or altering existing routes.

The MAC-FHWA coordinates and advises the Secretary of the Department of Transportation on infrastructure issues of concern to motorcycle riders, and is comprised of ten members of the motorcycling community with professional expertise in national motorcyclist safety advocacy. James "Doc" Reichenbach II, State President of ABATE of Florida and Chairman of the Board of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) serves on the MAC as one of two members representing state motorcyclists' organizations.

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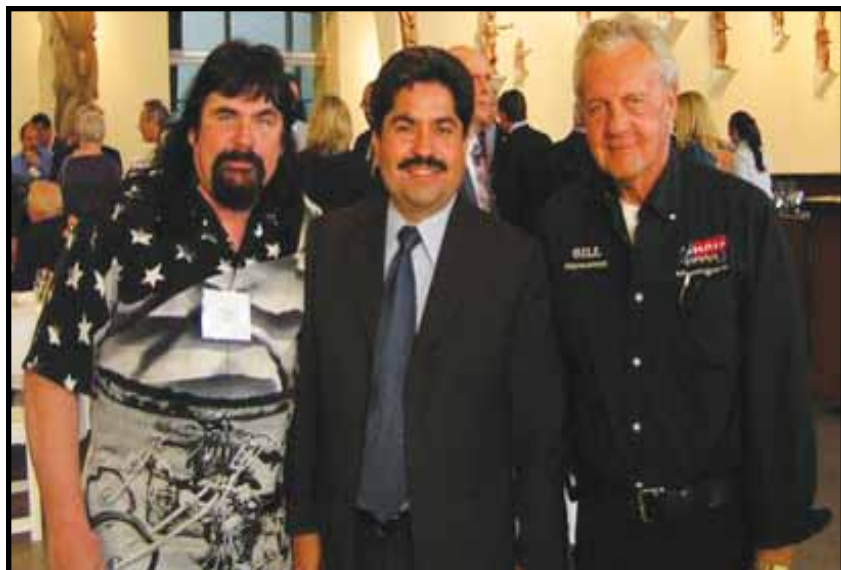
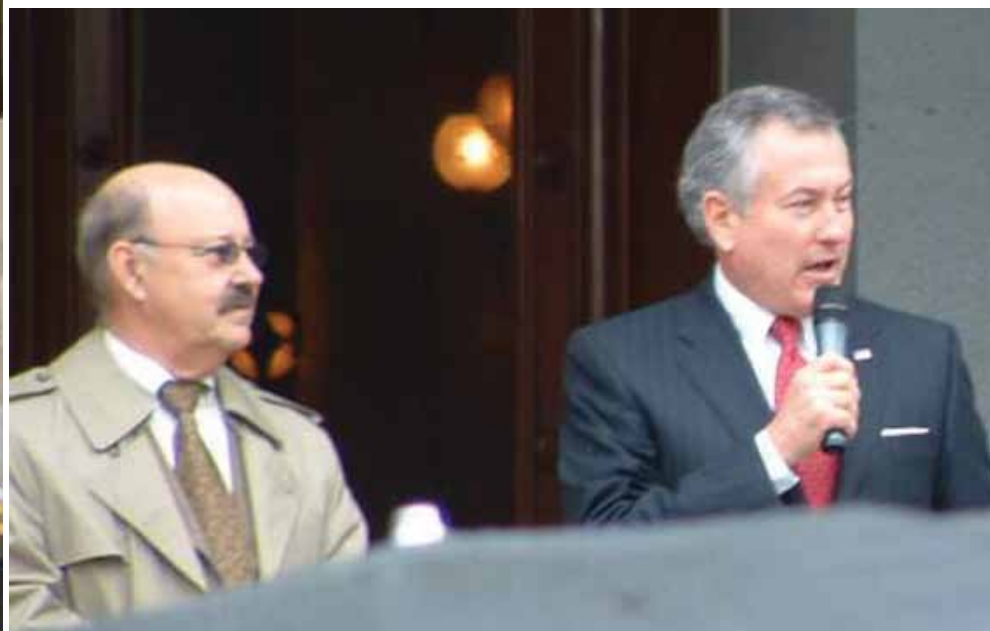
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California Freedom Rally



ABATE PAC Supports Assemblyman Jose Solorio

ABATE of California was one of many sponsors to attend and support Assemblyman Jose Solorio in celebration of his 10 years of public service. The event took place in the vicinity of ABATE Local 20, at the Bowers Museum of Cultural Art in Santa Ana.

The contributions will be used to elect Jose Solorio to Assembly District 69 in 2010. Assemblyman Solorio has proved to be very supportive to the biker community and has helped us on several issues in the past.

In attendance from ABATE Local 20 was Gill Mellen, Board member and Local President and Spike, Local 20's PAC Representative. The event was a great success.

We shall continue to support the politicians that support the many bikers in the community. We all agree with a statement from Assemblyman Solorio in a recent office visit with ABATE Reps, "Last time I looked, it wasn't illegal to be a biker." Thank you Assemblyman Solorio.





ABATE Board Meeting



2010 ABATE Events

May 1 – Local 40 – Annual Picnic and Tribute ride for Jim & Debbie Harmon; Meet 9:00 am at Renegade Classics; 4115 Buck Owens Blvd; Bakersfield, and leave at 10 am. Ends at Tumbleweed Café; 24870 HWY 33; Fellows, CA.

May 2 – ABATE Local 27 – 8th Annual Bare Necessities Run at the American Legion Post #79 Fairmont Park in Riverside, CA. (see flyer this issue for details).

May 2 - ABATE Local 17's Spring Bingo Fun Run
Join us for Biker Bingo on

Sunday, May 2, 2010. 5 stops, 5 games, \$5 donation/card, no limits, pay-outs at each stop. Sign in 9-9:30 a.m. at Miss Darla's, 110 Peabody Rd., Vacaville. Smitty: 707.448.6614, harleygal707@mac.com, www.abate17.org or ABATE's web site www.abate.org

May 2 – ABATE Local 33 & MMA – Motorcycle Awareness Annual Rendezvous – Free Poker Run – sign-in at Big Dawg Custom Cycles – 221 Garden HWY; Yuba City 95991; 9a – 11am. Rendezvous @ George Washington Square; 201 10th St

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May 7, 8 & 9 - Southern Regional Rally – Flyer this issue – Pre-Reg and be in the drawing for \$200.00 Need not be present to Win!

May 9 – ABATE Local 15 – 6th Annual Motorcycle Awareness Run (see flyer this issue for details).

May 22 – ABATE Local 52 Co-sponsoring benefit for Pike City Volunteer Fire Dept. Start & Finish at the Brass Rail Saloon; 29336 State Hwy 49 in North San Juan, CA. Call Steve for more info 530/798-0001

June 13 – ABATE Local 13 – Annual Callous Cheeks Poker Run (details TBA).

June 19 - ABATE Local 19 & Casa Colina – Thunder In the House – Flyer this issue

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June 19 – ABATE Local 21, Palms to Pines Poker Run - 10am till 3pm, Saturday, Grub 'n' Grog, BBQ, Live Music, 50/50 Raffle Prizes \$15 Signup 10am at High Desert Cycle (661)272-5998; 190 Sierra Court, Palmdale, CA 93550

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June 26 – ABATE Local 44 – Summer Fun Run (Details TBA).

July 16 – 18 - Northern Regional State Run - Kernville Rally – Kelly's Campground, Lake County

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

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

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

September 17, 18 & 19 ABATE

September 18 – ABATE Bike Raffle Drawing - Frandy Campground

October 9 - ABATE Of California, Inc. Quarterly Meetings – ABATE Local 28 Hosting – 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.

Membership Report by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan, Membership Chairman

This month's report is primarily going to focus on the membership drive and the urgency for all ABATE Locals to sell the special raffle membership tickets. OK presidents within the sound of my e-mail voice, you should have gotten your tickets by now and will be pushing to get your allotment sold and the tickets stubs with the money back to the state office by July 1.

These tickets will make nifty trinket rewards for your renewing members in the next couple of months. Just for example, send the renewing member 5 tickets with a little note expressing your thanks for sticking with ABATE of California and your Local. Presidents, with your renewal trinkets you have the option to be creative in what you use as a "thank you" trinket.

So folks the bottom line is to get a new member and do your best to keep the renewals. When we get and keep new members we help lighten the load on all things financial. If you need help with your memberships just give either Carol Cromwell at the state office a call or e-mail me at mrsportyiii@yahoo.com. Carol or I will be really ready to help you out. So don't hesitate to call or e-mail

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Freedom and Motorcycle Awareness Month Rally

by Tony Jaime

On Monday, April 12, several hundred of California's most hardy and politically involved bikers braved the rain, wind and cold by showing up on the steps of the Capitol building in Sacramento for ABATE of California's annual Freedom and Motorcycle Awareness Month Rally. In spite of the miserable weather, there was an incredible turnout of motorcycle riders who made the trip to demonstrate not only their commitment to the guiding concepts of freedom which form the basis for the American way of life, but also to spend a little time visiting their legislators.

The primary topic of discussion this year was SB-435, the motorcycle smog check bill which is adamantly opposed by ABATE of California. While the demographics of the crowd were diverse in a variety of ways with many independents in attendance and over 25 different groups represented, all present voiced their opposition to SB-435.

ABATE of California's Legislative Director, Jim Lombardo, arranged for Assemblyman Martin Garrick and Senator Denise Ducheny as featured speakers, along with Assemblywoman Jean Fuller's Legislative Assistant, Madeline Hoe, and candidate Jack Sieglock who hopes to capture the assembly seat for the Lodi area. All of these individuals are motorcycle friendly and have been extremely supportive of motorcycle rights in California.


While there are many motorcycle events held throughout the year in California, there is none more important than this one, which never fails to impress even the most jaded political pundits in the capitol. This event is all about bikers walking the halls of the capitol for the express purpose of letting the legislature know that the motorcycling community remains stalwart in our unwavering commitment to see our freedoms and civil liberties restored and to bring an end to micro-management of our lives by the government.

While the turnout at this year's Freedom and Motorcycle Awareness Month Rally was as large as some years when the weather was good, it is unfortunate that the turnout was not a great deal larger as there is proposed legislation in the works that will affect each and every rider in this state unless it is stopped. SB-435 is one of those pieces of "gateway" legislation that can and will lead to increased restrictions on motorcycle emissions and exhaust equipment. Passage of this bill will severely impact a rider's ability to make any modifications to increase performance and economy, as well as leading us down the path to legislation imposing stricter noise restriction, and provide law enforcement with another spurious reason to enact traffic stops when no other good reason exists.

There are more than 800,000 registered motorcycles in California who enjoy riding on the state's system of

roadways, but it is unfortunate that the vast majority of these riders leave it to a small number of riders to fight for the freedoms they enjoy. It is time for the rest of the California's riders to stand up and be counted before the state's riders are counted out and forced into riding horsepower limited, whispering sewing machines.


For those of you who get it and who cared enough about the future of motorcycling in California to show up at this year's Freedom and Motorcycle Awareness Month Rally - Thank you.



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by John Del Santo

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The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) has developed, or is developing, a series of new training programs - many of which are already in operation at different sites around the state. Dr. Ray Ochs, the Director of MSF training said that, "Each MSF CORE was created to encompass the knowledge, skill, attitudes and habits linked with high quality riding".

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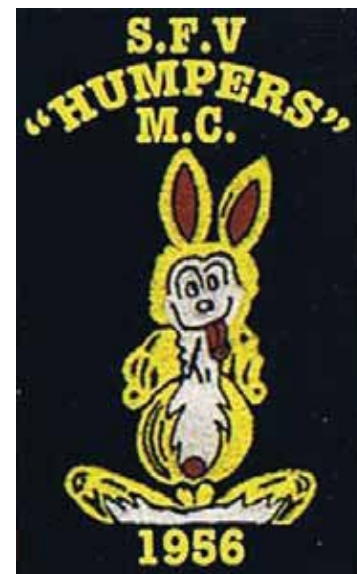
taught on military bases for the last year.

Street Rider Course 2 adds time and mileage to that in Street Rider Course 1 and focused on improving the perceptual strategies of street riding.

The KS-RiderCourse, which was developed with Grand Prix road racing champion Kevin Schwantz, uses this circuit-type, fine-skills course, uses a much larger riding range, permitting speeds closer to that on public roads.

There is a course developed for scooters and three wheeled motorcycles (not for Trikes, yet). Because there are so many motorcyclist fatalities that happen to older riders, there is a course being developed for riders who rode in the 'old days' and now want to get back in shape to get back on the road again.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) is a member of ABATE of California. Check out some of their programs at www.msf-usa.org. Sharpening your skills will keep you ready, alert and alive.



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ers cooked). Later that evening I went with Ron and Tony to Fairfield to a comedy club where we were entertained by funny guys. Nice and relaxing. Ha-ha.

Monday we got ready for the ride to the capital. It was raining but we went anyway. Ron led us to the capital in his car, when we got to the capital there were groups already starting to assemble. You gotta like the guys that show up and make the Freedom and Motorcycle Awareness Month Rally presentable. Now if we can get other riders to get off their butts and show up for these events we might move mountains.

After the speeches outside had concluded, we went inside. Jim, our lobbyists, had us go in groups and visit our legislators so we could give their staff the information to just say "NO" to SB 435 when it comes up for consideration in the Assembly. Our group consisted of Lori Adams, Johnny O'Kane, Jered from Local 8, myself plus one other guy and Tom and Sandra Lubbers. Our group saw the political guys we needed to see and then we all parted ways to go home.


I had planned to go as far as Modesto, but wound up going to Fresno for the night. The next morning I started out after a hearty breakfast from Fresno and got to the Phil's Raine rest stop outside of Tulare. Everything was fine. After leaving the rest stop and going down the road the bike started acting up; I was on my 1200 Sporty low model this trip. When I grabbed a handful of throttle it began to wind the motor out heavy, so I dropped gears to see if that might help - perhaps a little, so I continued on. Finally, after the problem recurred and having ridden on the shoulder for 8 miles I had to stop.

I was beginning to loose hope when a truck and trailer pulled off the road ahead of me. A man, Jack Ferguson of Downey, asked what the problem was and I explained to him all I knew. He was willing to tow the bike home. Well, at this point, again, I was devastated, but thankful that I would be able to get the bike home. As we approached Santa Clarita I asked Jack if he could take me to the dealership Old Road HD. He said yes. We arrived at the dealer and unloaded the bike. I gave Jack \$40, which he rather unwillingly took.

HD said they would get back to me on cost for repairs, but at first glance it would be around \$700. At this point I was not in shock, just tired. Jack agreed to drop my sorry butt at my house. We arrived there just as my wife was getting home. I thanked Jack again for his kindness and we parted ways. However I decided to reward Jack by buying him a one year single membership to ABATE.

Final note: The dealership said the transmission gears had gone, so it was now \$1021 to repair. Yeaks! Ok, folks. I am done for this month. Hope to see as many of you as I can at the ABATE fund raisers starting with the Southern Regional Rally. I plan on going to the Northern Regional Rally, followed in September with the State Run. Also other Local's events in between these runs. So be there or be square. Regards, Sporty

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COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

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and a corresponding increase in rider deaths and injuries, two new studies have found that equipping motorcycles with antilock brakes makes them much safer. The studies, one by the Insur- ance Institute for Highway Safety and the other by the Highway Loss Data Institute, found that bikes with antilock brakes are involved in 37% fewer fatal accidents per 10,000 registered vehicles and reported 22% fewer accident damage claims per insured vehicle year.

Stopping a motorcycle is trickier than stopping a car. For one thing, the front and rear wheels typically have separate brake controls. In an emergency, a rider faces a split-second choice to ei- ther brake hard, which can lock

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reducing brake pressure when they motional material for the course: “Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investi- gations: From the Inside - Combat- ing Biker Gangs, from the Interna- tional Association of Undercover Officers: A five day (36 hour) train- ing program for law enforcement officers, prosecutors, corrections personnel and criminal analysts addressing the problems and pit- falls of investigations of Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs. The instruc- tors, have managed, supervised or directly participated in investiga- tions of Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs throughout the United States. The investigative techniques they used will be presented. Also, the many pitfalls and mistakes they made

increasing the pressure again when traction is restored. Brake pres- sure is evaluated multiple times per second, so riders may brake fully without fear of locking up.

Until lately, such crash avoid- ance technology as antilock brakes has primarily been available only on larger, more expensive motor- cycles, but they are now available on 60 new models.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is consider- ing whether or not antilock brakes should be mandatory on motor- cycles.

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As one of America’s foremost authorities on biker discrimination, Minnesota Aid to Injured Motor- cyclists (AIM) attorney Steven O’Brien, who also serves as legal counsel to the Confederation of Clubs of Minnesota and ABATE of Minnesota, applied for the course last year but was denied admittance with the written admonishment that he would be better suited to attend the NCOM Convention. O’Brien was instrumental in getting the nation’s first and only biker anti- discrimination law on the books in Minnesota, and then was success- ful in getting the new law upheld

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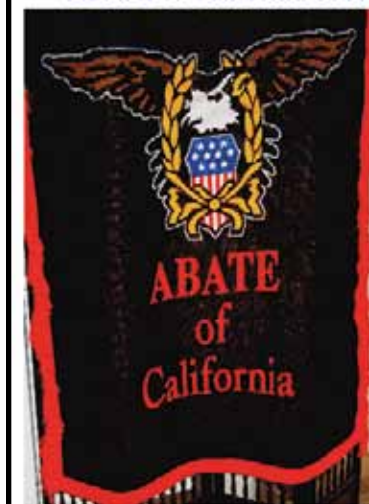


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