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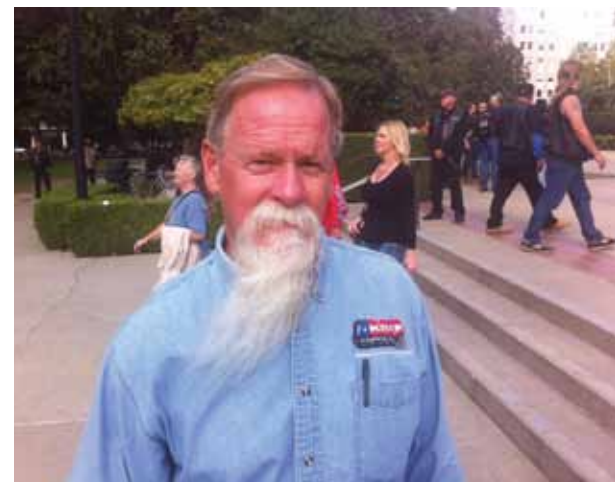
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Executive Director's Report



by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

Hopefully you have already made plans to attend our ABATE State Run in Kernville in September. We have a brand new venue and scheduling and we are looking forward to an exciting event with more things to do during the day and first class entertainment every evening. As an added bonus, your entry fee will be even less than it has been in the past. Come on out and join us for another great ABATE fund raiser and close out the summer season by helping support your organization.

This fiscal year has seen a gradual slowdown in donations to our General and Lobbyist Fund and we are not having any type of statewide fundraiser (like the bike raffle) to help make up for the loss of revenue. So, please examine your Local's finances and then see if there is something you can do to help us with our obligated State Office expenses. Remember, every Local in California operates under our ABATE incorporation regulations and by California law your Local will cease to exist if ABATE of California ever shuts down. Pass the "State donation hat" at every meeting, hold a fundraising activity, or check your existing account balance and help us offset our financial obligations. A strong State Office requires a strong statewide effort from every member and Local in our organization. Your funding, no matter whether it be small or large, will help keep all of our doors open and ensure we are here to keep a watchful eye on our lawmakers state wide. Make sure you and your Local are contributing to our ABATE efforts to protect motorcycle rights in California. Don't expect someone else or even another Local to do it for you. ABATE is a volunteer organization and we will always need your help and your financial sup-

port if we are to be successful.

The last thing I would like to bring attention to is member recruitment, encouragement, and training. All of us should be proactive in educating and encouraging other riders to join us in our quest for motorcycle freedom. You should always be on the lookout for a new member for your Local or be ready to guide that person to a Local closer to their home if they are just traveling through. ABATE is a membership driven organization and we always need more members! Once that person becomes a member then it is our responsibility to encourage them to become more actively involved with our Locals and the various State positions. Here is where the training and encouragement comes in. Every member should offer to help and train their successor. This ensures a steady flow of new volunteers and office holders in your Local and also at the State level.

If we are to survive and continue to be viable we need to have a steady stream of members to fill our positions as they are vacated. Remember, this is a volunteer organization and most people do not make a career out of a non-paid job. What do you get for the time you donate? Hopefully the satisfaction of protecting your, and tomorrow's riders, personal freedoms and rights will be a good enough reason to stay involved but there are as many reasons to stay involved as there are riders. You can and will find a reason if you feel you need one.

ABATE has accomplished some great things and quietly prevented many bad things from affecting the riders of California since we opened our doors. Sometimes we get credit for our accomplishments and often times we are blamed for our perceived lack of success on other issues. I always respond to someone who brings up a negative by asking them if they were initially part of the problem and are they now willing to help us succeed?

We succeed because of our membership. If you are not a member, you are a part of the problem and really can't blame us for our lack of success on your particular issue. It's always easy to call the right plays after the game is over but to be truly successful you need to be on the field while the game clock is counting off the seconds and every one counts. Help prepare your members for that game. Get them involved, encourage them to participate, and provide them with the necessary skills and training to succeed in the arena. Only then will we have the freedom fighters it will take to win.

Recruit, encourage, and train. You and your Local will benefit and you can rest assured when it's your time to step back that ABATE will prosper and protect motorcycle rights and freedoms forever. Dave H.



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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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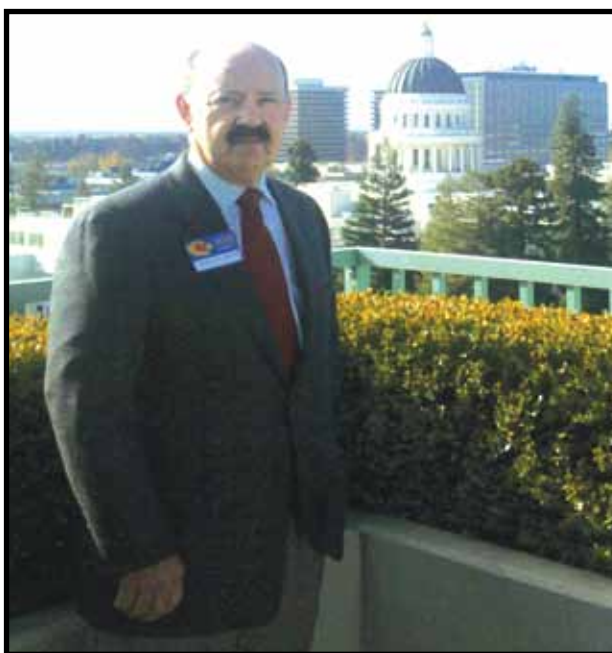
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Lobbyist's Report



by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

The Legislature returned from its summer recess on August 17 to deal with a slew of issues! Three important bills will be considered, the first dealing with more restrictions on vehicles using gasoline, and also on non-mobile emission sources (Global Warming), the next, increasing the state minimum wage, and SB 16 by the Assembly Transportation Chair, Jim Beall may include a gasoline tax, or a fee based on our mileage usage for highway construction money.

Then, there will more bills appearing that were never heard in a Policy Committee — the gutting and amending of bills not related to their original introduction! I will be watching these bills, and many others, to make sure they don't end up proposing to outlaw motorcycles, as once was offered by former Senator Jack Scott (D-Pasadena).

AB 8 by Mike Gatto (D-Glendale) will allow for amber alerts on freeway signs to apprehend hit and run perpetrators. This bill is something close to our hearts since this happens so often to us motorcyclists. It passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee hearing, where I testified in support and now awaits action on the Senate floor.

The other two bills of real importance to motorcycle riders, AB 51 by Assemblyman Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) to codify lane splitting and AB 334 to restrict motorcyclist profiling, authored by Assembly Member Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova) both became two-year bills and won't be heard until the beginning of 2016.

More to come - stay tuned and watch for my Alerts on the progress of all these bills!

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ABATE of California now has their off road division up and running!

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**by Dave Hastings, Treasurer**

ABATE PAC is in the process of updating our active membership list and we will be streamlining our PAC information and voting process soon. If you wish to stay active in our PAC please make sure you sign in and attend the PAC meetings.

If you have read any of my articles this year you have probably noticed a common thread and that has been ABATE funding. Our PAC Fund has been used very sparingly in 2015 because we are not in an "active election year" cycle. Yes, we have helped a few of our friends in the legislature, but it has been relatively quiet. Next year will start up a new cycle and the physical help and monetary contribution requests will begin again in full force. So for now, get some much needed rest, and then be prepared to be very busy in 2016.

Jim Lombardo has been very busy keeping track of the bills that were introduced earlier in the year and as usual, trying to keep an eye out for any "gut and amend" bills that a legislator may try to slip through when things get hectic in Sacramento. This type of legislation is usually used when it is extremely busy and no one can take the time to read it thoroughly.



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Pac/Treasurer's Report

The bill's title usually has nothing in common with the actual language it contains so it "slips through the cracks" to the Governor's office for a signature and if signed we all pay the price or lose another freedom. Sneaky but very effective and it happens all too often!

So, be prepared to get involved quickly when we issue a "Call to Action" to either support or oppose a piece of legislation that Jim has discovered making its way toward our Governor's office.

It seems lately that ABATE has had most of its success quietly killing these "underground" or "camouflaged" bills before they make it the Governor's desk. We usually don't get a lot of credit for it, but Jim and our members have done a superb job of finding and squashing these bills before they ever have a chance of becoming law.

Remember this when someone asks "What has ABATE done for me lately?" When they ask me that question I always ask them "What have **you** done to help ABATE help you?" Join us and help yourself! Help me pay for our ABATE Lobbyist that protects you and your friends around the clock.

Help ABATE and ABATE PAC protect your right to ride in California. Don't continue to be part of the problem, get involved now and become a part of the solution. ABATE and our Lobbyist and ABATE PAC are the answer to the "cry for freedom" in California. Join and support us in our fight for that freedom! Dave H.

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



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Dave "Grumpy" Turner, Local 44;

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LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! ABATE Local 1 is alive and well. We had our meeting today, July 16th, and had a small but spirited gathering. The business of ABATE was discussed for those who attended the meeting. Our lone female was Blazen aka Jeri Alexander. She is a very good member of Local 1, so much so that I have decided to reward her with one of my weekend passes to the State Run. I bought a camp site that includes two weekend passes. If you need a place to put your tent, I will be letting you camp on my space with me.

We have money in our treasury, not a whole lot, but we have enough to do our monthly Lobbyist's commitment of \$60. Hope your Local can do the same.

Discussion on the last PAC meeting was reviewed, which included a review of the bills we're following - AB-334, AB-51 and AB-8. As of this moment the only active bill is AB-8 and it is residing in the Public Safety committee. Our Lobbyist will inform us when action will be deemed necessary on that bill.

Talked about possibly getting members to attend the State Run in Kernville on September 11th-13th. We got the first possible list for members to run the ABATE booth at the Love Ride on October 18th, which will be the last Love Ride.

Next we were told by Membership chairman Glen Cheslock that we had two major renewals - Glendale Harley-Davidson (26 years a business Member) and members Lisa Garber and Bruce Hersch renewed their sustaining/VIP membership. Also we were visited by one of our newer members Kevin Ballentine from Tujunga.

Next VP Jim Nickla related that he will have 10 Local 1 tee-shirts ready for the Love Ride booth to give to folks that sign up as members.

Because the Love Ride is the same day as our October meeting, we will probably change the meeting to Big Jim's family restaurant on October 25 at 9 am.

I asked for members input and on October 11th we might do a group ride to the Griffith Park for the Side Car Rally. Details to be discussed at the September meeting.

Adjourned the meeting and breakfast was had by those who wanted it. Regards, Sporty Milligan, ABATE Local 1 president.

Local #02 Simi Valley

Tonight's meeting had a pretty cool vibe! When I got there the BBQ was rocking out and the people were chowing down some pretty good looking burg-



ers and hot dogs with all the fixin's you could imagine. A special great thank you to our volunteer cooks Pres Guy and Frank! We serve a great \$5.00 dinner that beats everyone in town and we are blessed with the open bar by the VFW. We start serving our meal at 6:45 until 7:30 and our meeting starts promptly at

7:30. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Street. We are blessed by the VFW letting us use their facilities and I want to thank Scott Burton for donating his time and skills for repairing the awesome BBQ - he made and installed new grills and did a great job!

VP Jim got us going with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pres Guy opened our meeting and talked about how well our Sweaty Buns Run turned out! We got good reviews and we were successful, it was a positive event. We had a large turnout and the financial revenue was positive. A special thanks to the Chop Shop for letting us use them as our last stop.

Pat, our treasurer, gave us an expense report breakdown for our run and Pres Guy thanked all the Local 2 volunteers who helped make this a great event for ABATE!

Our secretary, Jane, read the minutes and our treasurer, Pat, gave us the report for Local 2 overall. PR Norm talked about reading the Bailing Wire and membership man, Frank, gave us his report.

Our run coordinator, Pigface, talked about a new ride this month to Wrightwood and possibly hook up with another Local and cruise around the high desert. Scott, our merchandize guy, talked about how well our merchandise sold and that he was looking into getting new merchandise.

Our secretary, Jane, brought up that this is the time of year that we nominate officers for Local 2 starting next month. So if you feel the need to volunteer for a year, come and join us at the next meeting or let Pres Guy or Jane know that you would like to become an officer if you can't make the next meeting.

I just want to thank all the Officers for this year's work! To all who haven't been an officer yet and were thinking of becoming one, do it! It's a good thing! Local 2 has been around for a lot of years and it's all because of all of us, volunteering without prejudice!

Just Ride, PTL norm e.

Local #03/13 Ventura County



It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations! Joining ABATE makes a statement and sends money to work towards fair and just treatment of motorcyclists whether you ride with ABATE or ride with your own group.

More and more, we engage in communication with and sharing our ABATE message to those in other Locals, as well as within other riding groups. It's not just about hanging out with your own ABATE Local, but with other Locals and ESPECIALLY with members of other clubs and groups. We're feeling the comradery and we're feeling the interest in our mission! It's contagious!

To that end, our Local 3/13 of Thousand Oaks and Ventura County continues to reach out to the motorcycle community and to other ABATE Locals to work together for an even BIGGER voice. Our Local bike nights (held the first Thursday of each month at Azar's Sports Bar) enjoys the attendance of not only our members, but those of other nearby groups. It's been great to share our enthusiasm and to reach out inviting ALL motorcyclists to join our mission!

Many Local 3/13 members attended Local 2's recent "Sweaty Buns Run." We had a blast with them

and were happy to support their fundraising efforts. A fun time was had by all and we hear the event was very successful for them.

Tomorrow (8/16) our Sunday run will include getting together and riding with members of a local independent rider group who have shown support and interest in the ABATE mission.

Issues we are working on include AB-334, the anti-profiling measure, AB-51, involving defining lane sharing parameters, and AB-346, involving full identity checks. Join us in support of these efforts! Get involved, write your legislators! Everything we do DOES make a difference.

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming NEW members. Bike Nights are held the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm at Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; General Membership Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Rd in Thousand Oaks; and Sunday rides EVERY Sunday, meeting at Azar's for a fabulous breakfast and kicks stands up by 10:30. Come join us for any or all of these 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 and organizations! Kathleen B.

Local #08 Orange County

Local 8 will NOT have a meeting in September.



In the quiet of the wee hours of a Sunday morning, Local 8 gathered to load our many collected treasures in a trailer and head out to the Long Beach Motorcycle swap meet. We settled in a line and waited to set up a booth to sell these treasures and to introduce ABATE to motorists that were unaware of our awesome work. I was surprised at how many riders still have not heard of ABATE. How can this be? We at Local 8 remain ever vigilant to getting the word out. We all had a great time of fellowship with our members as well as patrons that shopped the swap meet.

After hours of lost sleep and much coffee and donuts, we were able to raise money to add to our contributions to ABATE and our lobbyist. "Thank You" to all those in Local 8 who were a part of this experience.

We were pleased to welcome new members to our Local in July and August. We seem to be growing in active members that are eager to support ABATE's endeavors.

With school starting soon, remember to watch out as drivers are somewhat distracted with their minds focused on getting school shopping done.

It's hot folks, so remember water is your friend.

Local 8's very own Hawgette.

Local #20 Orange County



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Tonight's meeting had 24 members and one guest. Gill told us that AB-51, the Lane Splitting bill, is currently on hold until 2016, which isn't a bad thing because as long as there are no laws regulating it there will be no tickets handed out. He also said that the Anti-profiling bill is on hold as well and that we need more documentation for our cause so be sure to video every encounter with law enforcement and email it to Gill and/or Spike. If you don't have a video recorder, use your cell phone. Gill also reminded us that cops can take our picture during a stop and he said to be sure there is nothing hiding under a ticket before signing. Officers may try to slip a Gang Card underneath and you could be signing one without your knowledge. Upcoming events/runs are: The State Run in Kernville on September 11th-13th, The Downed Biker Rally on October 17th at The Cornerstone Church located at 4905 E. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim. Bike Night and free concert on September 12th featuring In the Mist 777 at 15022 Mulberry Drive, Whittier. Doors open at 5:30 pm, food at 6 pm and band starts at 7 pm. Injured Warrior Appreciation Run will be Friday, November 6th, register online at www.injuredwarriorride.com. We drew Ryan Granneman's name for the dollar draw but he was not at the meeting so the \$13.00 rolls over to next month. The non-politically correct Gill.

Local #03/13 Ventura County pictures from L#2's Sweaty Buns Run



L#1 attending Local 2 Sweaty Buns



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Stampede 2015 Pictures

By Ken Nuttall

by Bob Marshall

The Outlaw Cross Country Chopper Race known as the Stampede is not for the faint of heart or lesser of man. I competed in this race a year or so prior, only to blow most of my engine and be plagued with many mechanical difficulties. This caused me to finish at a measly 16th on my purpose built Kawi KZ 1000 Police Special that we call the Moto #27.

This year's 10th installment of the Stampede started in Barstow, California. The route was given out to us racers at 6 pm the evening before the race. The following morning at 6 am, a mere 12 hours after we received our intended route, myself and 57 other competitors (Stampeders, I call friends) took off viciously headed for Rockingham, North Carolina.

With my own work on my overbuilt frame and re-built engine on the Moto #27, I headed steadily north up the I-15 with my mind focused on one thing - to finish the race. With several newbies dropping off every 100 miles or so littering the side of the highway in flame, oil, parts and gear, I kept my mind focused on the destination and task at hand.

As the race continues, we all separate and find our own pace. This is a race of self-will, no chase or support allowed. As I climbed Nevada and Utah making a right turn on I-70 the rain kicks in, soft, then hard. I can see the weather systems and throughout the rest of the race the question was always, do I take the time to stop and put on my rain suit or get through it and dry off later? I usually chose the latter.

I hit rush hour in Denver splitting lanes only to hit another storm and almost a deer on the east side of Colorado. It is cold and wet now and 4 am. I stop for a 2 hour nap in Kansas, wake up and keep running. My electrical system blows in the field and I have to stop. Replacing the main fuse and bypassing my ignition switch, which had fallen apart, I was hot wiring the skoot to move on.

Missouri to the 64 East. Worst storm and roads EVER in St. Louis and into Illinois. Indiana and another late night nap, then pushing into Kentucky and West Virginia. Now the 95 South into the Land of the Pines until I finish.

59 hours 37 minutes, 2815 miles, 9th place overall.

Jumping 7 spots from the previous race and placing in the Top 10.

The Smoke Out 16 rally that followed hosted by The Horse Backstreet Chopper Mag was the best ever, including a good side riding photo shoot with legendary Michael Lichter.

We lost our good friends in the Chopper World, Richie Pan and his co-worker, Mike Nap, both hit by a car while walking across the street in front of our hotel. Ride in Peace Gentleman, it was awesome sharing your last ride with you.

In closing, I would like to thank the many sponsors, friends and family for all they did in helping me prepare for this race. My greatest accomplishment on the race, you may ask, was my work on the Moto #27 holding together and making it back home to California.

I am grateful to have made it through this journey on the great American Highways as a Roadrunner, A Builder of Righteous Skoots, An ABATE Member, A Dad, A Stampeder.



ABATE Board Meeting Pictures By Gill Mellen



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2015 ABATE Events

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ABATE Local 3/13 – Monthly Bike Nights – 1st Thursdays of the month – 7:00pm at Azar's Sports Bar & Grill ; 2215 Michael Dr; Newbury Park 91320.

ABATE Local 23 – Monthly Bike Nights - 2nd Friday of the month 7:00pm – 9:00pm at Tam's Burgers, 180 E Baseline Rd; Rialto, CA 92376. For more info Contact: Bosco 951/599-5234 or Tammy 951/970-0176

August 29 – 16TH Annual Sarah Renee Phillips Memorial Run – All Proceeds benefit Scholarship Fund – Contact Glenn Phillips (Local 17 President) 707/624-6310 for additional details.

September – 11-13 – ABATE Annual State Run. Kernville, CA. Frandy Campground (See Flyer this issue).

Please NOTE: Reservations for campsites can ONLY be done online www.notoriousent.net Campsites may be shared with as many as will fit in the

reserved space allotted.

Weekend passes can be made online \$10.00 each or at the Gate \$15.00 each.

SEPTEMBER 15 – DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ABATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS STATEMENT OF INTENT (TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE 2016-2017 EVEN YEAR BOARD TERM) AND 2015 FREEDOM FIGHTER NOMINATIONS. MUST BE EMAILED TO BAILING.WIRE@ABATE.ORG

October 4 - - ABATE Local 17 – Memorial Ride (Details TBA.)

October 10 – ABATE Local 17 – Annual Fall Run (See flyer this issue.)

October 17 – 4th Quarterly ABATE meetings (Presidents/Officers/ Members; PAC meeting (PAC Members Only); ABATE Board

of Directors Meeting (All ABATE Members are Welcome to attend). (Meeting times TBA.) will be held at the Piccadilly Inn Airport in Fresno, CA.

October 24 – ABATE Local 17 - Poker Tournament (Details TBA.)

November 8 – “One More From the Heart” benefits Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital in Loma Linda, CA. (100% of ALL donations go to the Center! Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital supports “Motorcyclist's Rights”.) For more info Contact “Honda Ray” 951/279-4370 or hr-wolfe@att.net.

November 21 – ABATE Local 38 – Annual Turkey Run (Details TBA.)

December 6 – ABATE Local 17 – Toy Run (Details TBA.)

December 13 – ABATE Local 1 & Glendale Harley-Davidson – 28th Annual Toy Run, benefits the Fred Jordan Mission Skid Row Toy Run. For details Contact Sporty – 818/361-8800 or Richard at 818/731-6806.

December 19 – ABATE Local 38 – Annual Toy Run (Details TBA.)

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

ALL ABATE Events must have event insurance – contact the ABATE State Office for information.



Meeting with Assemblywoman Ling Ling Chang
by Spike, Local #20

ABATE State Board members Spike and Gill met once again with Assemblywoman Ling Ling Chang and staff at her district 55 offices in Brea. Ling Ling Chang, former Mayor of Diamond Bar, is a member of the Appropriations committee, an important step in the legislative process, of which AB 334 is currently tied up in. AB 334 is an act to add Section 13519.17 to the Penal Code, relating to the profiling of motorcycle riders.

This bill would require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to ensure that the profiling of motorcycle riders is addressed in the course of basic law enforcement training and offered to law enforcement officers in conjunction with existing training regarding profiling. The bill would require all local law enforcement agencies to adopt a written policy designed to condemn and prevent the profiling of motorcycle riders and to review and audit any existing policies to ensure that those policies do not enable or foster the practice of profiling motorcycle riders. Because this bill would impose additional duties on local law enforcement agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

AB 334 was the main topic of our discussion and support material was shared for justifying the bill at a much reduced cost than suggested by the opposing factions. Ling Ling assured us that she and her staff would look into its status. We thanked her for her support on this ABATE issue and other motorcycle related areas of political interest. By Spike.

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July 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Recap

by Dave Hastings

Our July Board of Directors meeting was hosted by Local 20 in Cypress on July 25, 2015. Here is a quick recap of what was discussed.

Ed Rogers and Nick Benson were absent and excused from the meeting, Ed for a family function and Nick who suffered a mechanical problem with his motorcycle and ended up spending the entire day at a repair shop. We had thirteen Locals and four of our Regional Representatives present at the meeting.

After opening the meeting and conducting the preliminary introductions, Tom Lubbers asked for a "moment of silence" to pay respects to our recently departed members from Local 2 - Brian Wassell, Local 17 - Rocky White, Local 24 - Bruce Waldron, and Local 44 - Dave "Grumpy" Turner & Alan Molineux.

This was followed by Mark "Dogman" Castilero's State Treasurer's report and the presentation of a donation check from Glenn Phillips and Local 17 from their Hot Rods and Harleys event. This served as a nice introduction to my State Director report because I had already planned on asking all of our Locals to examine their account balances and try to donate some additional funding to at least one of our designated State funds.

Once again a reminder: If your Local has not placed our State Treasurer on your banking account as an "emergency only" signer, please contact him to do so immediately. ABATE will never touch your Local account without your members approval but we do need Mark on the account to protect your Local in the event of any situation that would cause your Local treasurer to be unable to access your account. We have recently had several Local accounts being held by the bank because of the lack of an authorized signer and the monies have been lost to that bank and their monthly service fee schedules. Protect your Local funds by allowing Mark to have "emergency access only" to your accounts.

We then went into the reports and Carol Cromwell reminded everyone of the upcoming Board of Directors elections and nominations for the 2015 Freedom Fighter Award. We have six (6) Board of Directors positions up for election this

year and I would like to encourage you to consider running for one of those positions. ABATE is dependent on our volunteer officers and we have a wealth of very talented people that should be considering one of these positions. Think about your ability to make a difference in this organization and then toss your name into the electoral pool. We need and depend on your ideas, enthusiasm, and work ethic to ensure the success of ABATE. Join our Board of Directors team and help make a difference in California. Remember, we will need your bio and a "selfie" picture by September 15th to place it in the Bailing Wire for the 2016 Board of Directors election and don't forget Freedom Fighter nominations need to be in by that date also.

Sporty then announced the results of the 2015 ABATE membership drive and the winning ticket was drawn and Don Dickerson of Local 52 was the winner of this year's membership drawing.

The ABATE Regional Rally made a contribution to both the ABATE General Fund and our Lobbyist Fund. Speaking for all of my fellow Rally Committee members I would like to say "Thank You" to everyone that attended and volunteered at this year's Rally and helped us ensure the success of the event. We will start planning the 2016 Rally in early November and are looking forward to next year's Rally being even larger and more successful.

Speaking of ABATE functions, don't forget to register and attend our upcoming State Run in Kernville. ABATE will have a booth at the function and if you would like to help out, contact Mark Loudermilk for additional information. By attending this event, you can support your ABATE and still have fun while doing so, what more could you ask for?

Mark Loudermilk volunteered to help update and keep current the information posted on our ABATE website and was given Board of Directors approval.

The Board of Directors also approved a donation to the motorcycle families in WACO Texas to help them through their tribulations caused by the incident that occurred this past summer.

The last order of business was the approval and purchase of a copy machine for the State Office. We have been leasing a machine and decided to "buy out" the contract of the copier we now have. This "one time" expense should result in additional savings for our General Fund in the years to come and remove one of our obligated monthly expenses.

Our next Board meeting will be hosted by Local 24 in Fresno on October 17th, so start making plans now. I'll be looking forward to seeing you there. Dave H.



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Attention!!!! ABATE of California Members – It IS ELECTION TIME!!!!

It is time to start preparations for the 2016 Board Elections – it's an even numbered year – So 6 ABATE Members will need to be Elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 term. Whether they be Re-elected or Newly Elected is Up to YOU, the ABATE Members to nominate a Candidate & Vote in the Election!

ABATE has tiered elections – 5 run in the odd numbered years and 6 for the even numbered years. The 6 current Board Members up for re-election are: Nick Benson Sr.; Mark "Dogman" Castillero; Tom Lubbers; Fred "Sarge" Matthews; Lee "Sporty" Milligan and Ed Rogers.

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If you are a current ABATE of California Member this applies to you:

Membership Rights – The membership is the highest authority of ABATE and shall be empowered to take or direct any action consistent with the bylaws of the organization. The specific rights of a member in good standing (membership dues are current) are:

- To nominate and vote on ABATE Local representatives.
- To nominate and vote for the State Board of Directors of ABATE of California.

If You would like to be a candidate for the Board of Directors – you need to send in

your Candidate Statement no later than the 15th of September to Bailing.wire@abate.org (450 words or less) a current picture of yourself is nice too, many Members have face recognition and are not always able to match a name to a face. Send a picture in a jpg file (does not need to be big) to the same email Bailing.wire@abate.org

And also Time for Nominations for the 2015 Freedom Fighter of the Year Award.

For the nominations of ABATE's Freedom Fighter for 2015 – it is a difficult task to just pick one out of ALL of our ABATE Members as each Local, more than likely has a person worthy of this distinction – so as in any election – write the best recommendation you can to convince other Members to vote for your nominated Candidate!

The BEST thing about ABATE's elections – it isn't going to be the Candidate that spends the most money to get Elected

– it is UP to YOU the ABATE Member to choose the Candidate with the best qualifications that YOU want in charge of taking care of ABATE Business and representing YOU! And then VOTE when you receive the Ballot!

And the question that is usually asked is: Who has Won the Freedom Fighter Awards in the Past? The "official" State-wide Awards started with the year 1995, and there are 2 years that are missing (haven't been able to track down if the year was skipped or it just didn't make it to any official recognition).

Here's the answer: John "Milky"

Loudermilk; Mike Osborn; John Paliwoda; Dave Hastings; Bill Bish; Jean Hughes; Leon Dailey; Nancy Nemecek; Rex Foreman; Lee "Sporty" Milligan III (twice); Beverly Lieswald; "Lil' David" Morena; Cynthia Witthans; John Del Santo; Nick Benson Sr.; Ruby Weber and for 2014 it was Glenn Phillips.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Lee
 “Sporty” Milligan,
 Membership Chairman

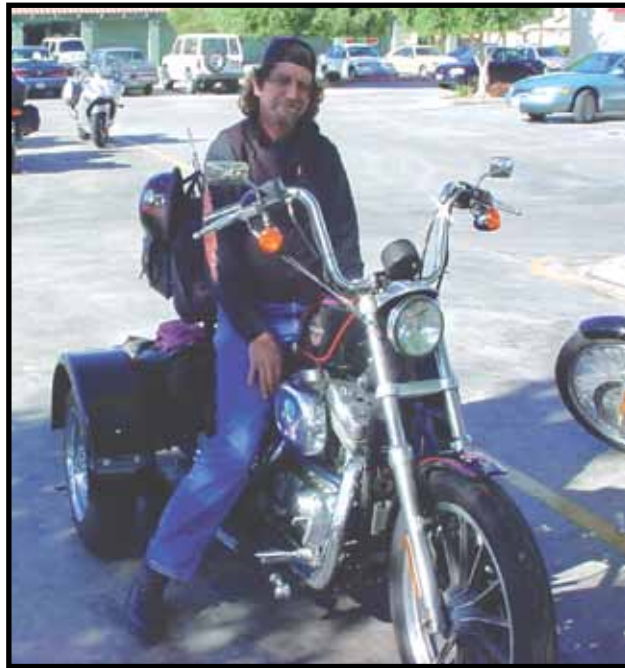
This month's report is a review of your options regarding memberships. It is my intention to remind you of what you can do to get and keep your memberships.

1. Make sure you keep your members informed of the activities going on in your Local. Remind them of your meeting times. Do this by either E-mail, or post cards by snail mail, if they do not have email, or just call them and leave a message.

2. When you get a renewal, it is important to let the renewing member know that you have received the renewal. This will make the members feel that you give a darn about them.

3. This is how Local one does it. I have a lot of members that are long time members because I make sure the members feel important.

4. How to get members: This is



something you can do as a group. Attend the various bike nights around your area. Once there you can make your pitch for them to become ABATE members. Necessary items for doing the pitch are membership cards and the latest ABATE accomplishments list, which you can get from your Local president or from Carol at the state office (Carol's email address is carol@abate.org).

Recently ABATE Local 8 did an ABATE booth at the Long Beach swap meet and they said it was different and successful. Anyway you just need to carry the membership cards and accomplishments list if you're going to be around areas where bikers hang out.

I would again like to have you share your ideas on how we can make the membership program work better. I have given you numerous suggestions on how to get and keep your members. So with this again said, please try your best to get more members for the membership drive.

If you're so inclined, and are needing information regarding memberships, email me at williammilligan285@yahoo.com.

Remember there is unity and strength in numbers of members.
 Regards, Sporty Milligan,
 Membership Chairman

L#8 at the Long Beach Motorcycle Swap Meet.



"I hope you can help me doctor. My husband and I have been married for twenty years, and every day I've given him a piece of my mind.... Now, I think my mind is gone."

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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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STURGIS MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM & HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS: As part of the annual Sturgis Rally festivities, the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame hosts an Induction Breakfast to honor the new class of Hall of Fame inductees, and for 2015 Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) are proud to Congratulate founder Richard M. Lester on his induction into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame.

Lester, a California attorney who three decades ago founded AIM as a free nationwide legal protection program for motorcyclists & NCOM as a voice for the motorcycle community, has also started numerous subsequent motorcycle outreach groups, such as the Confederation of Clubs, Christian Unity and the National Sport Bike Association.

"Each year the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame recognizes the sacrifices that individuals across the nation, and the world, have made to protect the rights of those who ride," said museum Executive Director Christine Paige Diers. "Their names are engraved into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame, a growing list of exemplary and tenacious men and women who serve diligently, humbly and quietly so that we may enjoy the liberties that many of us take for granted."

Emceed by longtime rider and billionaire businessman John Paul DeJoria, the breakfast ceremonies held at The Lodge in Deadwood, S.D. were attended by a huge crowd of supporters and prior inductees, there to recognize the newly inducted Hall of Fame members, which also included: champion racer Everett Brashear, Sturgis Police Chief Jim Bush - winner of the J.C. "Pappy" Hoel Outstanding Achievement Award, EagleRider rentals founder Chris McIntyre, celebrity bike builder John Shope, chopper pioneer Sugar Bear, racing sponsor and Harley dealer Don Tilley (posthumously), and famed custom bike builder Eddie Trotta.

WASHINGTON CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS & ABATE PREVENT MOTORCYCLE PROFILING PATROLS:

The Washington State Traffic Safety Commission and Washington State Patrol were planning targeted motorcycle safety patrols from July 31 thru August 16. These patrols would be in direct violation of RCW 43.101.419, the law prohibiting motorcycle profiling.

Through the unified efforts of the Confederation of Clubs, ABATE, and the U.S. Defenders, these planned patrols WILL NOT HAPPEN and an alert has been issued to participating agencies to help ensure profiling does not occur.

In response to a letter outlining these grievances from COC attorney Mike Myers, the WSTC claimed the original press release announcing the patrols was a mistake. They apologized, reversed their position, and even issued an alert to all participating agencies outlining the state prohibition on motorcycle profiling.

The following retraction was posted on the WSTC It's a Fine Line site: "Update: A draft press release was mistakenly distributed earlier this week which raised some questions about our motorcycle safety campaign. Motorcycle safety patrols are beginning this Friday, July 31, and running through August 16 in Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties. Motorcyclists are over-represented in crashes that result in serious injuries and death. These patrols are focused in areas where there are a high number of motorcycle rider fatalities. These patrols will be focused on all motor vehicle drivers and motorcycle riders who commit traffic safety violations. The Washington Traffic Safety Commission and participating law enforcement agencies condemn profiling. Trained and commissioned law enforcement officers will be conducting these patrols enforcing traffic violations as defined by Washington State laws. An updated press release will be distributed to the media and posted on this website on Friday, July 31, 2015."

"The Washington State Motorcycle Rights movement continues to provide an exemplary model for the fight against profiling and the advancement of our rights base," said Double D, Chair of the Confederation of Clubs of Washington, and Lyle Coyle, State Coordinator of ABATE of Washington, in a joint statement. "Simply put, the motorcycle profiling law in Washington State



has the power to reverse discriminatory policymaking conducted by state agencies and reinforce the regime of protection legally enjoyed by motorcyclists in our state."

"STOP MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINT FUNDING ACT" ADVANCES IN CONGRESS: The U.S. Senate passed a six-year Federal Highway Bill on July 30 with a bipartisan vote of 65-34, and the measure now moves to the House for further action, but Congress also passed its sixth short-term funding extension in six years to move the bill off the front burner until late October.

The Senate-passed version of the highway bill contains the following bill text, on page 539 of S.1647, the DRIVE act; or Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy act:

PART II—STOP MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINT FUNDING ACT, SEC. 34121. SHORT TITLE. This part may be cited as the "Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act".

SEC. 34122. GRANT RESTRICTION. Notwithstanding section 153 of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary may not provide a grant or any funds to a State, county, town, township, Indian tribe, municipality, or other local government that may be used for any program -- (1) to check helmet usage; or (2) to create checkpoints that specifically target motorcycle operators or motorcycle passengers.

MOTORCYCLE "ROAD GUARDS" TO PATROL MINNESOTA ROADWAYS: Certified motorcyclists known as "road guards" are hitting Minnesota roads as of August 4th, and they'll be able to stop and control traffic for large motorcycle group rides throughout the state.

The new state law requires road guards to: 1) Successfully complete a driving record review and a training course to receive a motorcycle road guard certificate. 2) Meet safety and equipment standards outlined in the law. 3) Only act as a flagger for group rides with 20 motorcycles or more. 4) Notify each statutory or home rule charter city through which the ride is traveling. 5) Receive consent from the chief of police of city of the first class through which the ride is traveling.

Drivers stopped by a certified road guard must obey the flagger's instructions and stay stopped until they are given the "all clear" signal from a flagger or police officer. Road guards are not allowed to hold traffic for longer than 10 minutes.

LEGISLATORS DEFINE AUTOCYCLES: Part car, part motorcycle, it's an AutoCycle. Three-wheel vehicles like the Elio, or Polaris Slingshot, Campagna T-Rex, Tanom Invader, Morgan, and Toyota's new i-Road all definitely drive differently than motorcycles but currently, because these vehicles are technically motorcycles in the U.S., drivers are required to wear a helmet in many states and are also required to obtain a motorcycle license.

North Carolina most recently passed a bill signed by Governor Pat McCrory to define an autocycle as a "three-wheeled motorcycle that has a steering wheel, pedals, seat safety belts for each occupant, antilock brakes, air bag protection, completely enclosed seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride, and is otherwise manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for motorcycles," meaning drivers won't need a special license nor will they need to wear a helmet.

In May, the 84th Texas Legislature pushed through SB 449, which similarly defines an autocycle which can be operated without a motorcycle license, and requiring no motorcycle training, but requiring a helmet (helmet requirements and exceptions for autocycles are the same as those for motorcycles).

In Indiana, as of March 12 autocycles are defined as "a three-wheeled motor vehicle in which the operator and

passenger ride in a completely or partially enclosed seating area that is equipped with: (1) a rollcage or roll hoops; (2) safety belts for each occupant; and (3) antilock brakes; and is designed to be controlled with a steering wheel and pedals." Helmets and goggles are not mandatory, but a motorcycle license is needed to drive them, and at the same time autocycles are not included in the "dead red" law allowing motorcycles to run a red traffic light after waiting two minutes without a signal change.

With these three-wheelers currently classified as motorcycles by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and various conflicting laws across the country that regulate them, on March 12, 2015, U.S. Senator David Vitter (R-LA) introduced the Autocycle Safety Act (S.685 / House companion H.R.2892 by Rep. John R. Moolenaar (R-MI), which creates the new classification "autocycle" for enclosed motor vehicles with three wheels and aims to set a single standard for all three-wheeled road vehicles, hopefully making it easier for companies to bring autocycles to mass market.

To date, 26 states have enacted or are currently developing classifications for enclosed, three-wheeled vehicles as autocycles at the state level, requiring individual states to determine helmet and motorcycle endorsements for these vehicles, so enacting federal legislation will provide consistency across the country.

The legislation provides that autocycle manufacturers must immediately meet certain safety standards until such time as the NHTSA can promulgate final safety regulations covering autocycles. To be eligible for the new classification of autocycle, the vehicle must qualify as meeting Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) -- not limited to, but including most standards for passenger vehicles under 10,000 lbs. Some of the requirements will be FMVSS for seat belts and seat belt anchors, child restraints, roof crush and meet upper interior impact standards. Autocycles also must have front and side curtain airbag protection. In addition to numerous safety standards needed for qualification, autocycles must meet FMVSS for motorcycles as well. The legislation also requires the continued investigation of additional standards appropriate for autocycles, developing additional safety standards for these vehicles. Automotive fuel standards also apply to autocycles.

U.S. STATES WITH THE WORST ROADS: U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx is fed up with Congress' inaction to pass a long-term transportation funding measure, and in a July 9 blog post, Secretary Foxx once again called out Congress for their lack of action, followed by statistics of American roads and bridges by state. Altogether, 65% of roads in the United States are in "less-than-good" condition, according to the American Society of Civil Engineers 2013 Report Card for America's Infrastructure.

These are the 10 states with the worst roads: 10. Oregon, 9. New Jersey, 8. Washington, 7. California, 6. Rhode Island, 5. Colorado, 4. Oklahoma, 3. Wisconsin, 2. Connecticut, and coming in at #1 is Illinois with 73% of their roads in poor/mediocre condition.

RINGS LIMITED IN CALIFORNIA: The following was distributed via social media within ABATE of California and the Confederations of Clubs from Pastor Tom, who writes; "Family, this is the penal code being used to harass and arrest Bikers who wear rings on all of their fingers. It has been suggested that we only wear 3 rings on each hand, maximum."

4 RINGS Apply to this, 3 is max...California Penal Code section 21810 defines metal knuckles as: "...any device or instrument made wholly or partially of metal which is worn for purposes of offense or defense in or on the hand and which either protects the wearer's hand while striking a blow or increases the force of impact from the blow or injury to the individual receiving the blow. The metal contained in the device may help support the hand or fist, provide a shield to protect it, or consist of projections or studs which would contact the individual receiving a blow."

THAI STUDENTS PROTEST BAN ON MOTORBIKES: College students in Thailand are protesting having to walk to class. According to the Bangkok Post, about 1,000 students from Naresuan University in Phitsanulok province recently gathered in front of the president's office to protest a "green university" project that prohibits them from using motorbikes on campus.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "It is not the function of the government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the government from falling into error." ~ U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Parker, Chief Prosecutor for the U.S. at the Nurnberg Trials



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ABATE of California has been a Motorcyclist Rights Organization (MRO) for over 30 years. As such, we have developed a political machine that works with many members of our Sacramento government on motorcycle related issues. In 2012, former Assemblyman Paul Cook sneaked into law AB 1595 using a "gut and amend" trick to get his bill passed. AB 1595 severely restricted the rights of Side X Side users. As many of our members ride Off Road as well as On Road, ABATE realized that we needed to expand more into the Off Road community to prevent legislators like Paul Cook from sneaking in laws that adversely affect the Off Road community.

How We Operate

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Achievements

- Supported Assemblyman Jim Nielsens AB 1266 that removed AB 1595s mandate of all occupants of a Side X Side must have their feet flat on the floor. (Passed)

- Supported Assemblyman Brian Jones AB 988 that would add Recreational Off-Road Vehicle to the New Motor Vehicle Board which would allow Side X Sides to have the same rights to non-binding arbitration hearings as other on-road and off-road vehicle dealers now have. (Passed)

- Worked with Senator Mimi Walters to help pass SB 234 that eliminated AB 1595s no modification of Side X Sides built before 2014. (Passed)

- Supported Assembly member Kristin Olsens AB 1835 that would repeal the helmet mandate for Side X Side users). (Passed after amended to remove helmet mandate on private property)



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Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer

This is the Now Times

Modern technology is the "Now Times". I am forever changing the way I think, the way I see things and watching the never ending creditable real life situations that are in our faces every day 24/7. Thirty to forty years ago it was amazing, today, it's just life. The technology will not stop. There are the pros and cons of modern technology, but the pros will always outweigh the cons. This is the one thing in life that will never change, we are brainwashed into thinking change is good and I do agree, but I think we are forced to change faster than we want to, and thus, the older generation will be left behind or always trying to catch up. At my age I know that I don't have that super fast understanding that's required for the nowadays generation. It's about the speed of learning, learning shortcuts, user friendly mode etc. Babies are born into high technology and pretty much have a degree in computers before graduating elementary school! When I grew up, you had to be in college before you even touched a computer, let alone knew what one was. We only had access to the day's events on the TV at night (remember the nightly news at 6?) or the next day in the newspapers, and yes the crappy am radio!

So as I now venture into the modern world I see real time everything, it's not a setback, I enjoy modern technology. I'm 90% sure I know how to use my TV remote (as a kid in the '60s I was the remote), and to me, it's a big step in life! I'm kind of freaked out about what you can see on You Tube and Facebook etc. For an old geezer like me seeing what's posted is sometimes overwhelming or jaw dropping awe. There are no delays and posting real time is not unusual, and with this I was cruising around You Tube and looked up real time motorcycle crashes etc. I punched in everything I could think of and was in awe of what's out there, from a single accident caught live to a mini series of sorts of many, many motorcycle accidents, you will find what you are looking for, that's for sure. So I found some and studied them, my mission was to see what happens at that moment that could change your life in a split second, whether you walked away, or were whisked to a hospital or put in a black body bag. All three of these things were determined within a split second! The ones that I studied were from all over the world and most of them were right here in America. There was no prejudice, most of the videos were taken by second parties that were probably there at the right time and place when these accidents happened and some were taken from the actual riders. Go Pro has allowed us to film real time accidents and or filming ourselves acting stupid, doing stuff that gives us all a bad name, I'm not saying us as in all of us, just the ones that give us a bad name; they are out there, Yikes!

I was watching a serious report on TV about how Go Pro has created a culture of daredevils that has gone overboard. It was not their intention but it has



created an opportunity to let the average person become ever so stupid, and trying to be a local hero/daredevil that seeks praise from people watching their stunts. From what I've seen today is that more and more people have dash cams, it's not just the police anymore. With all the video/camera cell phones out there (many millions!) we have become the instant video humans abroad culture. Trending is now the new format and anyone could be exposed or involved. This is what technology has brought us - I should say one form of technology.

Okay back to the motorcycle accident issues I was watching. It was bad to see. At first I was hesitant but pushed thru it after seeing a few videos. I saw the ones that the rider walked away to the ones that you knew they were going into a body bag. I saw every type of accident, head on, T bone, rear end and riders doing very stupid things that got themselves into deadly situations. It wasn't just car/truck versus motorcycle only, it was motorcycle versus car/truck and also just motorcyclists making bad judgment calls as they were riding. There were many videos in which the motorcyclist had passed other vehicles on the right side and going onto the shoulder hit a parked car, a guard rail, a tree, or losing control because of the dirt on the shoulder - remember not all shoulders are asphalt. I've seen too many videos of motorcyclists speeding while splitting lanes and rear ending a vehicle in front of them, you name it, it's out there.

As I have said in a previous article, I've seen motorcycle stunts gone bad. Is technology to blame? How else do these people learn these stunts? Even if you practice them at an isolated area you are not guaranteed success on the roads, stuff happens and then you become a statistic! So as I studied these videos, I watched what the rider did as these accidents occurred - pretty much nothing - they happened so fast that most of them could not react in time or they weren't paying attention to their surroundings. One of the most important things I know as a rider is staying out of other peoples blind spots - loud pipes

will not protect you! A driver might be alerted, but if they can't figure out where the noise is coming from, then you could be at risk. Most of the videos I watched were accidents that were at intersections, and yes both parties could have prevented them or one of them could have avoided the collision had at least one of them been in a defensive mode while they were crossing the intersection. I've always stressed that intersections are the most dangerous parts of any road or highway, it's not just a 4 way controlled drive thru intersection, it could have up to 16 options for drivers, and you could also add 4 more for double left turn lanes. While I ride I think to myself all the time, people do run red lights, people do run stop signs, people make bad judgments, people are drunk or buzzed, people are just plain stupid and I wonder how the hell they got their license in the first place. I've seen accidents where the flow of traffic was going thru the intersection and still a person runs a red light, just because there is good flow thru an intersection doesn't guarantee that this couldn't happen.

As a rider, when we approach an intersection we need to be visible, because there is no guarantee that you'll be seen. We need to have good peripheral vision, probably 360 degrees, because people behind you might think you won't stop when you do. Slowing down at an intersection to get a visual is a good thing, especially during high traffic hours; this can help you make a decision with time to re-act defensively. One night many years ago this happened to me; I was at an intersection at night and I was in the right lane and an 18 wheeler was in the left lane. We were stopped at a red light, when I saw the yellow light I started revving my bike up when all of a sudden the trucker was honking his horn at me as the light turned green. So I hesitated for a second, then I saw what he was honking about, another truck ran the red light at full speed. I didn't crap my pants but was thankful that he helped prevent what could have been a horrible accident. What I did learn from this was that I was in an intersection blind spot, something that I should have recognized while stopped. If I would have creped out so as I could see the cross traffic then it would have never happened, and guess what, I've seen the ramifications of this on You Tube with serious consequences.

All I know from watching the videos is that the human bodies were tossed, flung, smashed, ejected etc. without any type of control by the rider. Most were either at speeds greater than 25 mph or they were totally oblivious to what was happening. You can't say you'd do this or that because in real time it's a 3 - 5 second ordeal. When all things are said and done it's a fantasy if you think you'd jump your bars or tuck-an-roll as you hit the ground, it just doesn't work that way. The very best thing is to be as educated and experienced as possible, and that still doesn't guarantee you will be accident free, but it reduces your chances of getting into an accident.

If you want to check some of these videos out, go to You Tube and enter what's on your mind, you'll be amazed or? Stay educated and ride free!

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In answer to our Annual Donation letter aka “Beg” Letter that has been mailed to our Members – we have had a very positive response! THANK YOU MEMBERS!!!! Your monetary answers help immensely! To those of you who wrote on the return slip “Put where needed most” in most cases the money went into the ABATE General Fund and this is “why” If the money is needed to help a different fund it can be transferred to that account, but once deposited in a specific account it cannot be transferred to the General Fund.

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A shout out to: Local 2's Annual Sweaty Buns Run, Local 17's Annual Hot Rods & Harley Event, and the Southern Regional Rally – Your hard work on your events and extra donations are appreciated. Thank YOU!!

Thank YOU for your contributions in helping to preserve “Freedom of the Road”!!! 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!!



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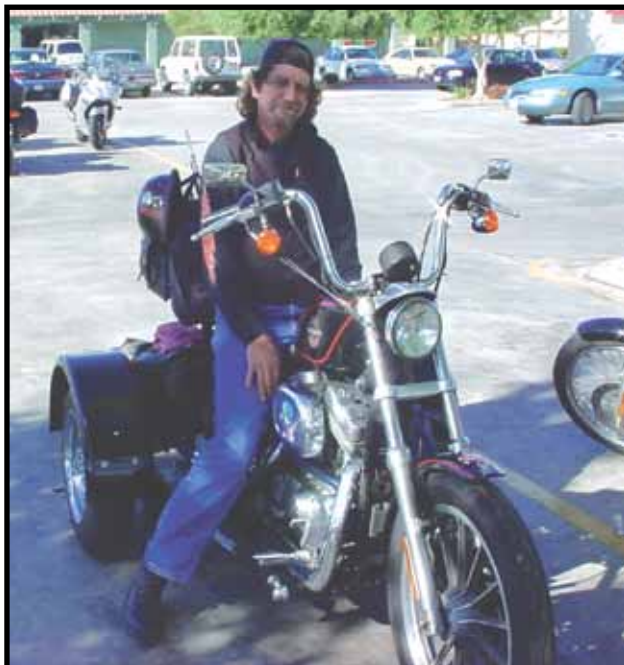
Sporty's Rides

by Lee "Sporty" Milligan

Hi all! News flash! Sporty gets his driving privileges back at his job with LA County agriculture weed abatement. That's right, after much effort on my part, I have been told by my Deputy Director that I will be able to have my driving privileges back. I guess that the first driving instructor felt I did not have the right stuff. This, as you know, did not allow me to drive County vehicles and caused me to be chauffeured around to the various job sites where I was assigned to whack weeds. I am not sure how this will play out in the long run, but for the short term it's a good thing. I feel better about myself because I can be more part of the team. This is a good thing.

At our Local 1 meeting on July 19th we talked about getting a group ride together for the ABATE Local 2 Sweaty Buns 20th annual run on July 26th. Those who were able to attend met at the park and ride at the corner of Winnetka and Victory Blvd. There were several riders from Local 1 already there when I arrived. They were Odie, Shelia, Lindsey, Glen Cheslock, Vince Alvarez and myself, Sporty.

The starting place of the Sweaty Buns run was at Simi Valley HD, located on Princeton Ave in Moorpark. Once there we hooked up with Iceman and Buz also from Local 1. So we had a good group from ABATE Local 1 that were able to attend the run. This is neat because they give out sponsored tee-shirts to the first 100 sign-ins. So off we went. I was the leader and, of course, got our group misdirected at times, but we eventually made it ok to the final end spot in Simi Valley where we were treated to a nice lunch.



Local 2 does a neat thing with their raffle prizes. They put them in a bag and you do not know what you have won until you open that sealed brown bag. In Ventura our group got a very nice group photo, which should be in the Bailing Wire.

In spite of all the crazy misdirections, we at Local 1 enjoyed ourselves immensely. **THANK YOU ABATE LOCAL 2 CREW FOR A WONDERFUL DAY SPENT IN YOUR NECK OF THE ABATE WORLD.**

July 25th was the 3rd quarterly Board of Directors meeting at the American Legion Hall in Cypress hosted by ABATE Local 20 who put on a fine deal with the help of the American Legion members. I had to leave early to make the first meeting at 8:30 am. Lucky for me I accidentally ran into Board mem-

ber Mark Loudermilk who directed me to the hall. Let me just say that the meeting went very well and issues for ABATE were discussed. If you were not there then you missed out on a good meeting. Try to attend the next one in October, if that is possible.

July 16th I attended the Bike night at Barger Harley Davidson in Canoga Park. It was their anniversary bike night as the dealership has been open for 39 years. It was the usual bike night affair food, however this time was either a hot dog or hamburger that was free. They do a bike show that was judged by Russell Martin the owner of Exile Motorcycles, which is located in North Hollywood. Jim Nickla, Local 1 member, and myself chatted with Russell and I gave him an application to possibly join ABATE. This is when doing your membership pitch can come in handy. We need you to go to bat for ABATE whenever you can.

My 2002 883 update: I checked on the bike and it is almost done. Sid, the mechanic is working to get the sheared bolt out, if he can't do it, he will have to send it out to get the bolt out. More on this development as it is deemed necessary.

Thank you all for your patience in the medical reports that were seemingly overshadowing the majority of the Sporty's Rides column the past 2 years.

I will close with this thought: All the years I have given to ABATE have been good years because I have developed a lot of friendships and have tried to make California better for all types of riding styles.

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Regards, Sporty Milligan aka Sporty the peg leg pirate

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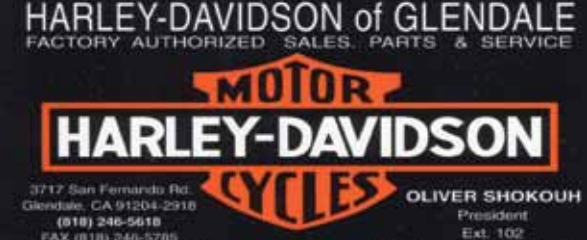


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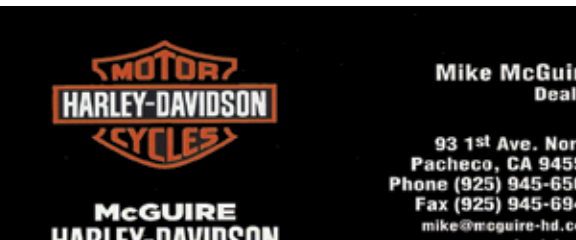


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