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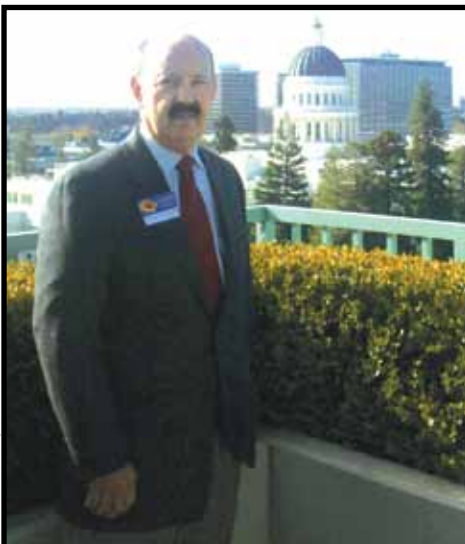
Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by James Lombardo,
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Governor Jerry Brown has vetoed the Senate and Assembly Democrat-crafted 2012 state Budget, slamming the Republicans for failing to agree to an extension of the temporary sales tax and vehicle license fees until an election can be held in the fall, so the voters can decide once and for all how much they want to be taxed! The Republicans in both houses demanded Pension Reform for all public employees whether they work for the state, counties or cities. They also demanded relief from some of the many burdensome government regulations to help businesses out of the Great Recession, and a real cap on the state Budget and new state employee hires.

Reportedly, some Republican members were willing to agree to allow

the tax extension to be voted on by Californians later this year, figuring that the voters would never agree to new or extended taxes! Stay tuned — more to come later on, in this session.



The Assembly passed our
Motorcycle Awareness Month

Resolution in late May, authored by Assemblyman Martin Garrick, a serious motorcycle rider, himself.

I also worked very hard the past few months, to have our Motorcycle Awareness amber alert signs up on the freeways, again this year. I am already working on this for *next* May. It takes *ALL YEAR* to get the *MONEY* and Caltrans to agree to display them on the electronic freeway billboards.

Our continued effort to *BLOCK/STOP* Motorcycle *ONLY* Checkpoints is having some success. From my meeting with the Office of Traffic Safety, they are trying to ensure that any safety grant money that they give to local law enforcement agencies is to be used to crack down on *both* automobiles and motorcycles for failing to yield the right of way, speeding and DUI enforcement, not just motorcycle riders.

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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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Donations...

DONATIONS – THANK YOU

"Thank You" to everyone who has dug into their pockets and responded to our "Annual Appeal" for funding. We are going to do our best to list all of our donors and if we leave you off of our list please contact Carol at our State Office or Dave Hastings and we will get your name on next month's list.

Because all of the donations are sent directly to the ABATE State Office first, and then segregated to the designated fund, Dave Hastings & I decided to combine the names of all the Members that have sent in donations regardless of which fund they ultimately went to. So, if you donated to the PAC, the Lobbyist or the General fund, the donation went to that account.

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 Capt. Terrell & Laurie Porter L#27;
 Ron Sundquist L#21;
 Art Subia L#19;
 And our faithful, continuing and supportive Locals: 1, 2, 11, 14, 17 (Bingo Run – Yeah!), 19, 21, 24 (WOW, Nice Surprise!), 27, & 40. THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!!!

Every year we mail the "appeal" letter asking for money from our Members, and every year the response we receive has been very heart warming. The words "thank you" just seems so trivial, but until some other words can convey our gratefulness for your donations, it will have to do.

So "Thank You" to one and all! And please, if you haven't donated yet, save that letter and please try to!

Jim from page 1

We are accumulating a file that we are building for our bill, AB 1047, authored by Transportation Committee Vice Chair, Kevin Jeffries, to help us get it passed in January of 2012. Our bill will provide that ***NO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT MAY DO ANY MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS, NO MATTER WHERE THE MONEY COMES***

FROM. It will be heard in January 2012, so keep forwarding any newspaper articles on motorcycle-only enforcement checkpoints in your area to Carol Cromwell at the State Office!

The weather has finally turned nice, so let's enjoy our riding season! I will be at the ABATE Board/PAC/Legislative meeting in Yucaipa, on July 30. Please attend! See you there in person!

2011 ABATE Events

ABATE 2011 Events

ABATE Of California, Inc web site www.abate.org/Events

July 9 – ABATE Local 44 – Poker Run High Desert; Sign-in 9am – 11am Victorville Harley Davidson; (See flyer this issue with ALL the details & on our web site)

July 24 - ABATE Of California – Local 2 – Annual Sweaty Buns Poker Run – Simi Valley; Sign-in at 2 locations – Canoga Park OR Camarillo (See flyer this issue for ALL the details & on our web site.)

July 30 – ABATE Quarterly Meetings – A J Barile's Chicago Pizza; 32693 Yucaipa Blvd; Yucaipa, CA 92399. (See particulars printed in this issue, and also available to download on our web site on the Events Calendar.)

September 10 – ABATE Local 19- 2nd Annual "Thunder In the

House" to benefit Casa Colina "trauma center" (See Flyer this issue for ALL the details & on our web site.)

September 16, 17 & 18 – **ABATE State Run – Frandy Campground; Kernville; (Flyer and Pre-registration form in this issue & on our web site.)**
Run pins guaranteed to Pre-Registered.

October 9 – ABATE Local 27 Poker Run; Details TBA.

December 4 – ABATE Local 19 & Pomona Valley H-D Annual Toy Drive; Details TBA.

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.

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SUSTAINING ABATE MEMBERS aka VIP Members

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For their "Sustaining Membership" – and anyone else who signs up as a Sustaining VIP Member will receive an individual copy of the Bailing Wire snail mailed to them (the month it is physically printed); a Certificate of Appreciation (suitable for framing); their individual Membership card with their name and V.I.P. printed on it; And their names printed in the Bailing Wire under Sustaining ABATE Members. There could be some additional perks to the list; but as of this issue this is what we have available to offer. A Special thanks to the Sustaining Members!!!



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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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State Run September 16,17,18, 2011

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<i>Bike Games</i>	<i>Hot Showers</i>
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Entry Fees Pre-Reg. Day of Event RV'S Must Pre-Register by 8/31/11

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\$40.00 Couple \$45.00 13-17 - \$10.00

Children 17 & Under Must be Accompanied by Adult 12 & Under \$5.00 No Run Pin



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Local #01 Los Angeles



Hello, Hello, Hello All! Greetings from Local 1. As usual our meeting will not take place until after the Bailing Wire deadline. So you get what might have happened at the meeting.

Since it is on the 3rd Sunday of the month, June's meeting will be on Father's Day. Yaks. Hopefully the meeting will not be poorly attended.

We will discuss our bills AB 695 and AB 1047. I will inform the members, once again, about the new membership rates. We will discuss the possibilities about the Love Ride and the possibilities of having a booth in the vendor area. Also the possibility of group rides to other Local's runs and an open discussion on the concerns of the members.

That will hopefully take the better part of an hour. Then those that choose to can have breakfast for a small cost.

Local #02 Simi Valley



June rocks! Talk about great weather, looking forward to putting on the miles, but first here's a report for the masses. We here at Local 2 meet on the second Tuesday of the month at: VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Ave in Simi Valley. We start our evening out with our infamous \$5 meal, with all the fixins. You can't get a better deal, period! We start serving at 6:45 pm and our meeting starts at 7:30. With the VFW's refreshments, we quench our thirst with our magnificent meal. Thanks to our volunteer cooks, (me) Norm and Steve, we rocked!

Pres Ray got us going again; he talked about our Sweaty Buns Run on July 25. It's getting real close, so attend the meetings and learn more! VP Scott talked about helping one of our own (Shirley) with a garage sale, get the goods and help her out. Secretary Jane read the minutes, our Treasurer, Stephanie, said we have the funds, PR Norm talked about the BOB at the Live Ride Church this month on June 25, and we have a booth there! Run guy, Guy talked about our next fun ride and Andi our Merchandiser talked about our clothes for our run and other stuff for sale. After our monthly raffles, Dennis won the membership drawing and gave half of it back to ABATE, thanks bro!

There was talk about ABATE in general, and like pretty much any business, ABATE is affected by our economical woes. Pres Ray expressed confidence in what ABATE does and ABATE needs everyone's help. There wasn't any negativity about the membership fees increase, concern, although it be a natural human response, it's hard to give this type of info without an emotional concern, but we all need to understand that as a not-for-profit organization, we need to protect our rights as we see fit for ALL!!!

I see the dedication in all the elected officers and would hope that ALL would be obliged into helping at least half of what the officers do without pay! I just don't want a non-riding citizen telling me what I can ride, where I can ride, how quiet my ride has to be or just anything that deals with my Freedoms. So what I think is that we all must do our part, be it get a new member or helping out with your Local. Anyway, stay positive, life's good and own the road you ride on! PTL norm e. new

LOCAL #06 San Diego County



On the first Sunday of the month we had the ABATE Local 6 meeting in Kate Sessions Park in San Diego overlooking beautiful Mission Bay. We had a good showing of members, and quite a few visitors. Wow! Can you imagine if ALL of our members showed up for the next meeting! C'mon Down!

President Steve Martin ran a good timely meeting; Legislative Officer John Del Santo shared current news on

the Month of May showing of the "Share the Road With Motorcycles" messages that were posted on the Changeable Message Signs over the freeways and highways. The CHP also appeared on local TV news stations explaining what the intent of the signs were. Good Publicity. We reported on NHTSA'S change to the FMVSS 218 helmet sticker rule - they found another way to waste money.

The nationwide rate on motorcycle fatalities went down again this year - good news! All of our CMSP training and 'Share the Road' publicity seems to be accomplishing our goal. California is doing even better than the nationwide numbers. When the US saw a 16 percent decrease from 2008 to 2009, California saw a 29 percent decrease. For the 9 months of 2010, California is showing a 15 percent decrease in motorcyclist fatalities compared to the same period in 2009.

Douglas Findlay, our PAC REP reported on our campaign worker efforts, and the fact that Toni Atkins, the Assembly Whip, shows that she is solidly on our side because of our previous efforts for her friend Denise Ducheny and the campaign work that we did for Toni.

Our Membership Coordinator Doc Robinson made a good report, Patty Wilber who is our Recording Secretary updated us on upcoming rides and events, and Safety Officer John Del Santo gave a good safety report. Our regular Sign Language Interpreter, Amy, was away this week, so Fran stood in for her. Our Treasurer Michael Decker updated us on our Bucks in the Bank.

We received Liaison reports from Local 11, the HOG locals, 2 of our American Legion Rider Chapters, the Confederation of Clubs, the 'Repeal Machine', the CMSP, and the Brothers of the Third Wheel.

Check out our Website at www.abatelocal6.org, our 'Webbie' Joe Tatro has done a dynamite job there. We will meet again on the first Sunday of July at Noon. Hope to see you there! John.

Local #11 North San Diego County



Well we did not get the largest percentage Local at the Regional Rally this year, but we did get the trophy for the best campsite. All our members had a great time.

We had another good turnout for our Sunday meeting with about 20+ members and Connie had a great breakfast ready for us. Our Prez Tim started out the meeting with

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the happenings around the country and the motorcycling community in general. Treasurer Cheryl gave us info on our money standings and we are still looking to have some kind of fund raiser, any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Our Confederation of Clubs rep, Preacher Dick, gave us the lowdown on patch holder club's concerns. As our V.P. Dave was absent, I gave the info on up-coming runs.

Our PAC rep, Dan Buse, invited a special guest and we were honored to have Escondido's Deputy Mayor Marie Waldron. She addressed our concerns about the motorcycle check points, helmets, discrimination and answered questions. She is on our side on keeping government out of our private lives and our freedoms. She was awesome!

Our 50/50 was won by Gary Elliot and he donated the winnings back. Gary and his wife, Sue, also donated \$100.00 to our Local 11 can drive. You guys are the best! A great big Thank You from all our members!

The summer will be here soon; hope to see you on the road enjoying what freedoms we have left. Till next month, your loyal Scribe, Jim.

Local #19 Pomona Valley

We are finally getting some riding weather back. It may be a bit cold in the morning and some of the mornings still are a little wet from drizzle overnight. The afternoons have been nice though. Make sure you prepare properly for your ride and everything will go smoother for you. It doesn't matter if you ride the streets or off road. The main thing is to get out there and ride when you have the opportunity. You will want to keep safety in mind when you are riding. This will help to get you home without some kind of incident spoiling your day.

It is summertime now and it can be difficult to make it to the meetings each month. There is so much going on every week and the weekends offer multiple events to choose from. Many times, you will need to decide which ride to take. Try to save a couple of hours to attend your Local's ABATE meeting each month. It is always good to get together with friends, have a bite to eat and find out about other events that are taking place.

The Toy Run committee continues their efforts toward the event that takes place Sunday, December 4 at the Elks Lodge in Ontario. They have been accepting donations to provide 50 bicycles for the kids again this year. At this point it looks like the goal will be met and we will be able to provide a helmet (hopefully) with each bike. This event is open to everyone and we are hoping for good weather and good attendance this year. It is all done for the kids that are not as fortunate as others, but we receive our rewards as well. It always feels good to know you made a difference in a child's world.

Thunder In The House will take place on Saturday, September 10, to raise funds for Casa Colina Hospital in Pomona. The guys working on this event are planning a fun day for all. Volunteers are still needed to help with this event and your help will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds from this event go to the hospital. The work they do there is incredible. I can say this from personal experience because I was a patient there at one time. Feel free to ask me

about them any time. If you can't volunteer, at least come out for the day on September 10

That's all for this month. I look forward to seeing you out there on the road. In the mean time, keep the shiny side UP! Ed.

Local #20 Orange County



We had another swell turn out for June with 30 people in attendance. Our 5 guests were Cookie (Susan), Mike Norris, Jack, Billy Porter and Cuffs. Welcome to our new business member, Sy Nazif, Esq. of RiderzLaw.com.

Topics covered were decibel readings, knife laws, tickets, discrimination against bikers, etc. If you get a ticket, copy it and give it to Gill or Spike for our document purposes. The copies are turned in to Richard Lester.

Sy wrote the info on knife laws that were handed out. He gave a great talk about the knife laws. He always has time to chat with us and will answer any questions that we may have.

Spike spoke on the Defender's Program. Gimmie Jimmy talked about the program at the Capitol last month. The Defender's Program is all over the US. All bikers need to stand as one so we can be heard. There is a website and literature. Spike and Gill are very well versed with this program.

The turnout at the Capitol wasn't as great as it could have been. Next year we need everyone to go, walk the halls and speak with the politicians. If you surf the computer and have the time to blast emails, letters, faxes, phone calls regarding legislative issues, please contact Spike or Gill.

If you come across any discrimination against bikers whether it's a patch holder, ABATE organization or individual riders, get the name of the establishment, date, time and other information so it can be documented and turned in to Richard Lester. The documentation helps us, but without it we are screwed.

The Bike Night Crew still doesn't have a home, but is working on it. Bill W's Sober Pack is having their 9th Annual BWSP Celebration benefiting Heritage House Recovery Center on June 18.

Jack Moore of American Metals would have been the winner of \$202 if he had been present, but the money

went back into the treasure chest. The 42 inch TV from the Moore Foundation was won by Paul. Squirt.

Local #23 San Bernardino



ABATE Local 23 was smoking HOT! Chili, Chili, and more Chili! Some were mild and some were down right wickedly HOT!! Our Second Annual Chili Cook-Off was a huge success. We had one member renew, a previous member renew, and one new member join. Next year we will have to find a new venue in order to accommodate a larger crowd. Our thanks go out to our President, Kevin, and his wife, Bea, for hosting this event. ABATE Local 23 can now officially say we have the best chili in town!

Our next fund raising event is the Burger Burn on June 25, 11 am – 3 pm at the Screaming Chicken, 18169 Cajon Blvd in Devore. We will have food, vendors, raffles, bike wash, and much more.

On another note, as we attend all the graduations ceremonies for family, friends, and even fellow ABATE members, I wonder how many of them are aware of our cause? How many of them are heading into the political field? How many of them are registered voters? And how can we educate them about ABATE? I think the answer is to attend as many events as possible. Tell everyone you know about ABATE. I have recently become more involved with ABATE by attending different events and representing our Local. I am surprised by how many fellow bike enthusiasts are not aware of ABATE or what it stands for.

Let's all do our part and continue to spread the word and to educate as many people about biker awareness and safety, and to vote! After all, isn't that what ABATE stands for?

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, our July meeting will be held on July 10. It will be held at our new meeting location: Vickie's Restaurant at 502 S. Waterman Ave, San Bernardino. Tammy.

Local #25 Sacramento

Rain, rain, rain, we have had enough! Local 25 had a booth at the annual Motorcycle Awareness Expo on May 14, it rained, we got wet.

LOCAL NEWS



It was great seeing everyone on May 22 at the President, PAC and Board of Directors meetings. Freedom Rally had better showing than last year, approximately 400, at least on the outside. I would like to thank the few that came down to our shop.

The day after I talked with staff and members and not too many visited their members' offices. Two Assembly Transportation committee members said they didn't get any visitors at all! These are the people we want to vote our way in January. One Assemblywoman had appointments and no one showed. That's worse than doing nothing. Lombardo can't do it all by himself. We all need to help a little. The excuse of not coming in because of too much metal is bull. The metal won't keep you out, only the weapons. Let's get ready for January.

On May 6 & 7th Local 25 was given booth at the Sacramento River Road Rally. Again rain! This time a new date was set for July 16 & 17th. Come on SUMMER!! Gary Haller, President Local 25.

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It is amazing all the work that has been done on Highway 99. It made my trip to Sacramento for the May Board of Directors meeting quick and easy, about 7 hours with stops. The meeting was enlightening and on my return to our June membership meeting I was able to make a report regarding the Defenders Program, MMA involvement, AB 1581, AB 695, and progress on AB 1047.

The Chaffey College Car and Bike Show, Arlington Chili cook-off Car and Bike show as well as West Coast Thunder were very well attended and our booths drew a great deal of attention. Membership continues to grow and so does our reputation as a visible force for motorcyclist rights.

Local 27 is organizing an advanced riding class for July 2. The class needs to have 12 attendees and it is almost full. We have been working on our flyer for our Poker Run on October 9. Save the date and come have a great day with us.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be July 30. It is a Southern meeting so, hopefully, all southern Locals will send representatives to meet the California State Board members and observe the process. Local 27 has volunteered to host this meeting and details should be available by the time you read this.

With all the wonderful weather soon to be here, and the multitude of runs available, be sure to attend and support ABATE functions with a passion. It is always a joy to see many Locals represented at any ABATE event, run, or bike night. We need to make sure that as we support other charities, we not forget to support ourselves as well.

Want to know what's happening here locally? Check our website www.abatelocal27.org. Keep your Eyes Wide Open, Greg Covell, President Local 27, gmcvl@yahoo.com.

Local #33 Yuba City

We have had a fun filled and exciting month! The rain and wind did not diminish the spirits at the Soldiers For Jesus MC Bike Blessing on May 15. They had great food, fun games, awesome vendors and good support from the

Yuba/Sutter M/Cs. The Sisters of Scotia WMC won the M/C participation award. The blustery weather put a damper on the bike games, but the raffle prizes were grabbed up by the lucky few who stuck around just before the tornado touched down a few miles north!

May 22 was the ABATE quarterly Board meeting in Sacramento. The networking and wealth of information delivered was stunning! MMA Board Member Gus extended an olive branch to the ABATE Board Members in the hope of working together as a united front to defeat the anti-biker laws being shoved down our throats. I am very excited at the great possibilities this partnership will create! I truly hope ABATE members will embrace the COIR and US Defender programs!

The Freedom Rally on Monday, May 23, was incredible! Our Founder Deacon traveled all the way from Arkansas to be here on the 30th anniversary of ABATE of California! Gimmie Jimmy and Paul Landers from Texas and National Officers of the US Defenders program delivered inspiring speeches. Not less than 10 Legislators took the time to speak to the crowd of over 500 bikers! I want to thank Jim Lombardo for allowing little ol' me to address the Biker Nation as well. I saw several of us inside the Capitol building talking to Legislative Aides and voicing our concerns. Let's keep the momentum going!

June 4 & 5 was the Grand Fathers annual campout. Again, the rains came, but didn't wash away the love these Brothers have for their Biker Family! Many Clubs showed up to return the support and love the GFMC have given so freely for so many years. I hope you will join them July 9 at their Bikini Bike Wash. CrayZman and his Crew have always been strong supporters of ABATE Local 52 and 60.

I pulled a double shift June 11 running up to Shasta Co for the HAMC Nomads Fun in the Sun run then blasting down to Olivehurst for the OG Riderz MC annual BBQ. Being a Gemini has its advantages! Just wish I could have split the "twins" up so I could have stayed at both parties! The pack ride with the HAs was exhilarating, fast and furious with a couple of u-turns thrown in just for fun! The bounce house at the OG's was a big hit with the kids. And the food was fantastic as always! Till next month take care, Grumbles

Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer



I want to start off this article with a huge "Thank You" to the members of Local 24 for their \$600.00 contribution to our Lobbyist Fund this month! As usual, another big "Thank You" goes out to all of our members statewide who continuously support not only our Lob-

byst Fund, but also our ABATE General and PAC Funds. ABATE of California is still getting by during these tough times, even though I'm sure a lot of you are sacrificing daily just to stay in survival mode. We promised to be frugal and make every cent you contribute count and I assure you we are living up to that promise. We appreciate every penny that comes in and we are very cognizant of the personal sacrifices made by our members that allow ABATE to fund and fight our motorcycle rights issues here in California.

While on the subject of support, summer is here and the event calendars are filling up as fast as the outside temperature is rising. Please support our ABATE events in your area and make sure that the event you're attending benefits our funds. Money is tight for everyone, so spend your motorcycle dollars wisely. Ask who the beneficiary is for the event you are attending and make sure your dollar comes full circle back to ABATE to help protect your riding rights. You have a fun day, ABATE benefits, and the event promoters help

us all! So check the fine print on those run flyers or just take the time to ask and you can ensure everyone benefits from your hard earned money.

Our new "Supporting Membership" is picking up speed and if you have the extra funds please consider becoming an ABATE of California "Supporter" when your membership comes up for renewal. Again, the extra dollars go into our state General Fund and will help ensure our roads are kept wide open and unencumbered so our children and grandchildren will have the opportunity to enjoy true "Freedom" in California.

In closing, I would like to see you at our July Board of Directors meeting. Bring your suggestions, your help, your enthusiasm, and even more important, bring your non-ABATE friends to that meeting. Members are ABATE's lifeblood and enthusiasm is our heartbeat, take care of both and take care of yourself!

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Sporty's Rides

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

Hi all! It is time again for my column. It's getting tough to write, but where would you be without it?

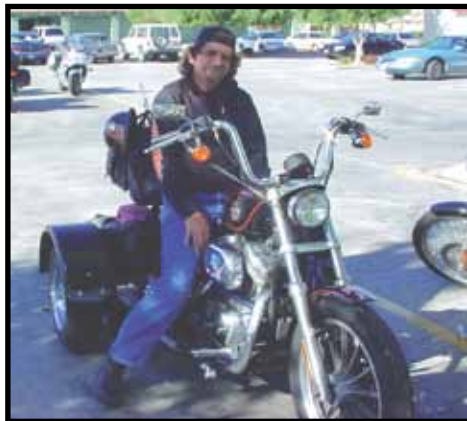
Ok, so we're going to the Freedom Rally. I was only able to get Local member Jim Nickla to ride with me to Sacramento. We met at Roxford Denny's off the 5 Fwy in Sylmar at 8 am. This would put us in Sac by 3 pm, which would give us enough time to rest before the pre-Board meeting. We have those pre-Board meetings so we can be on the ball during the public Board meetings.

I usually do these long treks to Sac solo, so this time was a little bit different, but actually fun. Cruising speed was 75 to 80 miles per hour. Bike ran well and we did not have any trouble, just gas up and go. We arrived at Sac around 3 pm, checked in and had the pre-Board meeting.

I am at this point kinda cranky but never-the-less made it through the meeting. Mission accomplished. Later that evening we had dinner at the Spaghetti Factory. There must have been a dozen of us there so it seemed like forever to get our table. When we did it was ok. They had something that I could enjoy - baked chicken and a salad with water to drink. Yummy. After dinner we rode back to the motel and got some sleep.

The meetings went well the next day, but you can see from the photos in last month's on line Bailing Wire how things went, so I will not bore you with the details. I just have to learn not to talk out of turn

because that seems rude. When the meetings finally ended, my friend Jim and I had



a quiet meal and a short put around town.

The Rally at the capital was pretty good. We left the motel at 10 am. Visiting the capital always puts a sense of urgency on things. I mean we come to visit the nanny-crats. If you have never gone to a Freedom Rally, you should do so at some point. Well we went inside for a spell and then had to leave for home as I had to be back to work the very next day. Let's just say we left at 12:30 pm and arrived home by 6:30 pm - pretty good time I must say. Thanks Jim for the company and the boogie ride home.

Nothing special was happening until I remembered the SFV Local 81 bike, car and swap meeting in Winnetka, which is a town in the SF Valley. Cost to get in reasonable. They had a bunch of nice cars and bikes to see and of course the usual HA t-shirts to buy.

You may or may not recall, but in the last elections we supported Dennis De Young for assembly against Bob Blumfield. I ran into (figuratively speaking) Scott De Young, and he again thanked me for helping his brother. I sold him some membership raffle tickets and he signed up as a member at the \$30 rate. (\$40 as of July 1- read my Membership Report for information on that score.) You just never know when or where the opportunity arises to sell stuff like raffle tickets and I sold about 16 tickets. Sweet deal. I had a good day, bought the wife a t-shirt and was thanked by the members of the club for coming. What could be better than that?

June 10 was the meeting in Fontana to wrap up Southern Regional Rally 17. Yes, we have a dedicated group of individuals and they all seem ready to do it again next year, including yours truly, raffle booth chairman Sporty Milligan. If you missed out on this year's extravaganza, you missed out on something special. And yes we made some money! This will be divided by a 60/40 split between the general fund and lobbyists fund.

I personally want to thank all the committee members for being Special and doing this fund raiser year after year. You all are very Special people in my life.

The final trek in this month's read is the Callous Cheeks run on June 12 hosted by ABATE Local 13. My intention was to have a group ride to this event, but was only able to get my friend Steve B to ride there. What a guy! Steve paid for my hash browns and decaf coffee at Henry's in Canoga Park. Ok, they had the start of their run at a Jag-

uar dealership in Ventura - nice touch. After sign in and coffee we were off. Ok, let's put it this way, I got Steve and myself so lost that we had to call Dave and get additional directions to check point two. We found the rest of the route and check points. At the end of the route at O'Leary's Bar and Grill, we were treated to tri trip or chicken served with beans and rice. Nice deal. Ok, I did not win any raffle prizes, but I got a couple of nice t-shirts and had a good day with Steve B and the Local 13 crew. Thanks Dave, I enjoyed myself real nicely.

Ok thanks for listening. Be sure to attend your local ABATE runs when they come up. By the way, in September - like September 16, 17 & 18 - is the State run at Frandy Campground in Kernville. I plan to be there. How about you? Later for now, regards, Sporty.

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COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish

NEW HAMPSHIRE PROHIBITS ITS MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS: In an unprecedented victory on the motorcyclists' rights front, New Hampshire became the first state to bar motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints. HB 148, co-sponsored by longtime biker activist State Rep. Sherm Packard, prohibits the acceptance of federal funding for the discriminatory roadblocks.



Capitol and as participants departed in small groups to return home, law enforcement units pulled over many of the riders and issued numerous citations of dubious legitimacy, primarily for helmets and exhausts.

"This ride has been held without incident for 15 years," said Robert "Prospector" Boellner, a member of the NCOM Board of Directors representing the New England states, adding; "It is believed that this action by New York State Police was retaliation for a class-action lawsuit filed by AIM Attorney Mitch Proner against state police and DMV to stop the practice of motorcycle-only roadblocks."

CONGRESSWOMAN GIFFORDS CONTINUES MIRACULOUS COMEBACK: In what many have dubbed a miracle recovery, Arizona State Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ) continues to make amazing progress after being shot in the head at a political rally during a shooting spree that left six dead and 19 others wounded.

Her doctors credit her "will to live" with keeping her alive, despite initial news reports that she had been killed, and she is now expected to leave the hospital soon to continue her outpatient therapy and treatment from home.

"No law enforcement agency of the state or a political subdivision of the state may accept federal funding the purpose of which is to establish motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints," states the new law, which takes effect 60 days after passage.

Packard was one of the first biker-legislators in the country, and as an original member of the NCOM Legislative Task Force he literally wrote the book on "Getting Elected To Public Office", a pamphlet that can be ordered free of charge through the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or via the internet at www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

On the flipside, however, Virginia recently joined New York, Georgia, Utah and Maine in conducting such controversial roadblocks, with the Arlington County Police Department setting up a motorcycle-only checkpoint on May 28 during the annual Rolling Thunder POW/MIA rally in Washington D.C. over Memorial Day weekend.

Also, on May 16 ABATE of New York held their annual Freedom Rally/Ride to the

Giffords remains seated in Congress and among her many duties she serves as co-chair of the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus along with U.S. Rep Michael Burgess (R-TX). The bipartisan caucus is comprised of motorcycle-riding reps who promote motorcycling interests in Congress.

She and fellow rider Rep. Allen West (R-FL), newly-elected Congressman from Florida who also now sits on the motorcycle caucus, were selected by the NCOM Board of Directors to receive the Silver Spoke Award - Government at the National Coalition of Motorcyclists annual NCOM Convention in Albuquerque, NM this past May.

MICHIGAN POISED TO REPEAL HELMET LAW: After decades of protesting Michigan's 42-year old helmet law at rallies at the State Capitol, motorcyclists converged on the statehouse on Wednesday, June 8 for a "Call To Victory Rally" in anticipation of a repeal bill making it to the desk of newly elected Governor Rick Snyder.

Gov. Snyder has not committed either way, but he replaced Jennifer Granholm who twice vetoed repeals that were approved by the state legislature in 2006 and 2008. It appears that lawmakers are once again poised to approve legislation that will allow freedom of choice for many of Michigan's 241,000 motorcyclists.

The Senate Transportation Committee recently passed a repeal measure that will soon go before the full Senate, while a similar bill is pending in the House of Representatives. The Senate bill would allow those 21 and older to ride without a helmet if they have had a motorcycle endorsement for two or more years, or have passed a safety course. The House bill would allow those 21 and older to ride without a helmet if they have a \$20,000 medical policy in place.

Vince Consiglio, state director of ABATE of Michigan, said there are enough votes in both chambers to change the helmet law. "We're not opposed to helmets, but it should be a choice," Consiglio says, adding that the issue ought to be the education of motorcyclists and drivers of other vehicles to avoid collisions in the first place. ABATE pushes motorcycle training and education for riders, and awareness for those in other vehicles.

The battle over helmets has also been waged in courtrooms across the state, with AIM Attorney Larry "Katman" Katkowski challenging the enforcement of the law on behalf of ABATE and the Michigan Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs.

BILL WOULD ALLOW SUNDAY MOTORCYCLE SALES IN PENNSYLVANIA: In the past, Pennsylvania "blue laws" prohibited the sale of nearly all products on Sunday because of religious reasons associated with the Sabbath, but a new bill is aiming to allow motorcycle dealers to open their doors seven days a week.

Right now, you can only buy parts and accessories on Sundays. "We always joke that you can sell all the parts to build a motorcycle but that you can't sell the motorcycle itself," said a spokesperson for State Senator Tommy Tomlinson (R-Bucks) who introduced legislation that unanimously passed through the Senate and now moves to the House.

Many dealers are eager for the change, especially since neighboring New Jersey recently lifted their ban on Sunday cycle sales and have posted positive sales figures. Motorcycle businesses in Indiana and Wisconsin

have also been trying to overturn prohibitions on Sunday bike sales.

ALABAMA MAY EXPAND MOTORCYCLE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS: Alabama is the only state where a person can get a motorcycle license without ever sitting on a motorcycle. Would-be motorcyclists as young as 14 don't have to take a skills test to obtain a license, just a written one.

Rep. Allen Farley, R-Jefferson, and eight co-sponsors are behind the House version of a bill (HB-576) to require graduated licenses and mandate testing that includes riding. It would require future motorcycle licenses to include a written test and a skills test for ages 14-17. It also would introduce a graduated driver's license law that would restrict motorcycle operations for ages 14-17.

"Issuing a motorcycle license with a written test and no skills test is just setting people up for failure. The lack for a mandate of training and education can be directly linked to reports of accidents," said Richard Randolph, Alabama Motorcycle Safety program manager. "Sixty-nine percent of all motorcycle-involved accidents, the cause was the motorcycle operator. That's steady year in, year out."

Currently, there are 47 state-legislated rider training programs in the United States and all but five US states waive motorcyclist license testing for graduates of rider training courses. Only 15 states require completion of a rider ed course to obtain a motorcycle endorsement, usually for riders aged 18-21.

VERMONT TO CREATE MILITARY LICENSE PLATE FOR MOTORCYCLES: Vermont will soon have a special motorcycle license plate to honor Vermont's veteran and active duty members of the military who ride.

Governor Peter Shumlin signed the bill into law on Tuesday, May 24, and it takes affect on July 1. The new law also allows members of the military to get veteran license plates before they retire. The governor's office says in the past military personnel who have made a career of their service would have had to retire to receive the plate.

Adrian "Andy" Megrath, president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Rutland Chapter, told The Republic newspaper that the motorcycle plate is another way of showing "how proud we are of veterans, and how many of us there are."

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TRAFFIC FINES BOLSTER BUDGETS: The economic downturn has put loads of stress on state and municipal budgets across the country, and with strong public pressure against raising taxes lawmakers are raising traffic fines instead.

Communities and state governments are looking to balance their budgets on the backs of drivers, using the boost in revenue from traffic tickets to help pay their bills.

“Police are having a quick trigger finger,” says Gary Biller, executive director of the National Motorists Association. “There’s less tolerance, and tickets are being issued much quicker. We know the pressure being put on governments, but it doesn’t justify what’s going on.”

Speed limits were originally intended to conserve fuel during the energy crisis of the 70s, but have evolved into a \$4.5-\$6 billion industry according to NMA estimates.

FoxNews.com recently reported that looming budget gaps have turned the roadways into a jungle for motorists, and cite the following examples of over-exuberant penalties across the country: * Parking in a fire lane in Pensacola, Fla., will cost you \$100, up from \$10. * Georgia recently added a \$200 surcharge for anyone driving more than 85 miles per hour. * Colorado in-

creased fines for speeding from \$50 to \$135. * Portland, Ore., increased fines for parking in a handicapped spot from \$190 to \$450. * Parking fines in Boston doubled to \$40. * Speeding in Florida just 10 miles over the legal limit will cost you \$196, up from \$154.

Despite the increase in traffic citations, along with increased fines and fees, an estimated 95% of motorists simply pay up and don’t bother to fight their tickets in court.

AIM/NCOM INFORMATIONAL DVD AVAILABLE: The National Coalition of Motorcyclists and Aid to Injured Motorcyclists have a new professionally produced DVD available to bikers and biker groups free for the asking. Oregon AIM Chief of Staff Gunny Hutcheson, who was honored at the recent NCOM Convention with the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, wrote about the new DVD in his monthly Gunny’s Sack column: “It features information about the annual NCOM Conventions, the various groups and committees within NCOM, bike insurance and accident info and more. Get with your AIM Rep or AIM Attorney in your home state, or contact AIM/NCOM directly at (800) ON-A-BIKE, and they will make sure you get your free copy to view with your own groups. Watch for AIM/NCOM booths at the biker runs – they should have some available there as well. The DVD is nicely done and very informative.”

Gunny further noted that “Every year we are faced with more and more losses of our right to ride our machines, and the industry has to comply with ever more restrictive directives that control the manufacture of our rides. These are the reasons national organizations like the NCOM exist. My hope is that this DVD will encourage more rider groups to send representatives to every national NCOM Convention. They are held every year in a different city, so more can attend. It’s always over Mother’s Day weekend, and the 2012 NCOM Convention will be in Indianapolis, next May 10-13.”

QUOTABLE QUOTE: SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS: (The following is quoted from the Editor’s Column of the June issue of Quick Throttle Magazine, Rocky Mountain edition, and we appreciate the shout-out): “Some More Good News: Motorcycle fatalities are down 2%. Motorcycle sales are up 7.2%. Laws are being enacted all over the United States to prevent police profiling and the singling out of motorcyclists for checkpoints and traffic stops. Someday soon it may be legal to run those pesky red lights that don’t turn green because your motorcycle isn’t heavy enough to trigger them.”

For more related news, be sure to check out the AIM/NCOM website (AIMNCOM.com or ON-A-BIKE.com) and sign up to receive their free monthly e-newsletter. AIM/NCOM is a nationwide organization founded to bring motorcycle clubs together and protect the rights of motorcyclists.

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Please plan on attending;

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welcome to attend too. It would be Great to have a representative from **Each**
of our **Locals in attendance!**

Between now and September 15th (October 2011 Bailing Wire deadline) – the
ABATE board Nominees will need to be submitted for the 2012-2013 years.
It's an even year so 6 Seats will be elected.

Summer Rides and Summer Runs by John Del Santo

We're spending a lot of time on the road, and loving it! Knees in the breeze! The weather is fine, but there are still hazards around. Summer temperatures overheat tires and batteries. Are yours in good shape and not too old? How's the tire pressure? Many people who are broke down on the shoulder of the road are struck by cars. That can be a major bummer on a nice day. The heat also affects the tires of other vehicles. Even though you will see big pieces of truck tires, "Road Gators," on the road all year long there will be a lot more during the hot weather. Point down to give the "road hazard" signal to riders following you.

Group rides can be fun. We should be considerate of any riders with us who are less experienced. They may try to stay up to the speed of the pack even if it is beyond their ability. Breaking the pack into two groups, with the less experienced riders in the rear pack, works. Each pack should have several of your best riders bringing up the "back door" so they can keep an eye on the group and one of them can drop out to assist anyone with problems. Ideally, they should have cell phones and phone numbers of the Lead Rider. Bikers don't desert their comrades. Everyone should know the exact destination you have planned so they can find you if they need to drop back.

Summer riding pulls a lot of water out of our system. You can ride naked if you choose, but the more skin you have exposed, the more dehydration will occur. For extreme hot weather riding, some people soak their shirts with water, and then put a dry jacket on over the shirt. This helps keep the body temperature much lower, creating sort of a "Swamp Cooler" effect.

Taking frequent breaks is a good way to stay well watered, or our reflexes and reaction can drop off just when we need them most. If we stop to fill up our tanks, and someone doesn't need to use the restroom, that's someone who is probably dehydrated. "Just a cuppla cold ones" sounds good, but beer is a diuretic that will drain more out of our system than it puts in. Heat exhaustion is serious stuff that can make us feel like just stopping and lying down next to the road and going to sleep. Maybe forever. Drink! Drink! Water and sports drink, Get in some- place cool, dump water on your head and down your shirt and rest.

Because next in line comes the worst - Heat Stroke - which can worsen from heat exhaustion with little warning. The body's temperature-control stops working. Feeling hot dry skin, severe headache, exhaustion, hallucination. **THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE POSSIBILITY OF DEATH.** First call 911. Move the victim to a cool place, douse with water, put ice or cold-packs on the back of the neck and in armpits and groin. If we act quickly and correctly, we may be able to prevent permanent brain damage or death. Once someone has suffered a heat-related illness, the chances of it happening again in the future are higher.

Do you see someone parked on the side of the road, off their bike, jumping around doing the "Bee Dance"? If you have "non-drowsy" antihistamines in your First Aid kit, it could help take the sting out of a bee bite. Is there anyone on the run with special medical problems? They should tell at least one other rider about it. There are many riders who carry a small First Aid kit, and the Ride Leader should know who in the group is qualified for CPR. We don't go around looking for trouble (most of the time) but it's nice to be prepared.

So enjoy the weather and the road and the company of good people. Ride Free, and .Ride Safe!

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Ol' Lady Point of View Sent by Lady Kay

Don't laugh if she tells you she wants to paint it to match her favorite lipstick. Yes, she does need all that stuff in her saddlebags. Make-up is just as important as a tool kit. Yes, she really does want a rose painted on the tank. There's nothing wrong with the bitch seat. No, she doesn't pee in the ditch. No, she doesn't want to flash her boobs at your buddy riding beside you. Yes, you really did get drunk and say that. No, she doesn't think a tattoo of your name is a good idea. Yes, her chaps do need all that fringe. It's okay for her to name her motorcycle, and talk to it. There's nothing wrong with pink leather. She needs just as much bling as your Road King does. No, she doesn't need you to change her spark plugs. Yes, she is a biker too.

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Why ABATE Is Important To Me

by Norm e. New, Local #02 Simi Valley

Membership is a great thing! Being a part of a not-for-profit organization is an even greater thing. Members come and go, but to grow the organization requires more new members than the ones that leave. In my research I have concluded that the smallest amount of people do the work for ALL the members. This fact is mind blowing! I'm talking about volunteers! ABATE is all about volunteers from the Board members and Local's officers, all the way down to the first year members. I see the tireless efforts at our Local from the dedicated officers and other members as well. We all wish for the best for ABATE, but sometimes our efforts, at all levels, goes unnoticed for many reasons that can't be explained. I hope and pray that all the volunteers' energy keeps on building, and that burn out will not exist.

As you know, ABATE is a very large organization built on volunteers, this is a great thing. This is what America is all about, procuring, guaranteeing, lobbying, protecting, educating and what-ever it takes to guarantee our rights and freedoms for ALL! At the time of my research, I found out that there are over one million registered riders in California. ABATE's membership is much lower, yet its members do the work for all motorcyclists and for all that enjoy our freedoms.

One of ABATE's issues is that our economy is affecting us all, from the casual member to the Local's Presidents, economic woes has no prejudices; it devours businesses as well as individuals.

For some of us, it affects whether we renew or drop out, and with the new fees it makes it tougher on some. Then there's the positive side that most, hopefully, will oblige and do whatever it takes to keep ABATE alive.

I hope we are mostly positive. Do you want a non-riding citizen(s) telling you what you can ride, where you can ride, how quiet your ride has to be, what you must wear, checkpoints zeroing on you or just about anything that deals with your freedoms that you are supposedly guaranteed! We need to insure to all that this will not happen. ABATE has made great accomplishments for all riders, members or not, because the focus is about our rights as motorcyclists.

I wish to thank ALL ABATE volunteers for their dedication and hard work, you know who you are! To paraphrase the late great JFK, "Ask not what ABATE can do for you. Ask what you can do for ABATE!"

Please support ABATE thru these hard times and remember this, without ABATE (no way!) you're on yer own.

Thanks, PTL Norm e. New...



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Membership Report

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan,
Membership Chairman

This month's report comes to you with an announcement. If you have not heard, our membership rate has gone up effective July 1. The rate for a single membership has gone from \$30 to \$40. The couple membership rate has gone up to \$60. All the other rates remain the same.

Now when you renew you can renew at the single or couple rate. However might I suggest you become a sustaining member for the sum of \$100. Life members can have the sustaining membership perks for \$50 a year. This new sustaining member program entitles you to the following items: 1] Snail mail delivery of the Bailing Wire when it's one of the printed months. 2] An appreciation Certificate and on your membership card VIP printed on the card. There will be more perks as this idea gets pushed along. So far we have twelve

sustaining members. Sweet deal. Moving right along; the membership raffle - I sure hope you sold your allotment of tickets and got them to the state office. This helps fund the drive completely.

Remember the trinkets concept for rewarding your annual renewals. This could be as simple as a couple of stickers or a coupon to a local eatery. It's up to you to decide what types of trinkets you can reward your renewing members with.

I try to include all my members in my loop for meeting reminders. I do this with e mails and post card reminders. You have to keep in touch with the members of your Local and they will renew.

Finally if you have suggestions that will enhance the membership experience give old Sporty a holler at mrsportyiii@yahoo.com.

Till next time remember there is unity and strength in numbers of members. Regards, Sporty.

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Knife Laws in California: Is It Legal To Carry One?

by Sy Nazif, Esq

For my first Bailing Wiring column, I was asked to write about knife laws in California. After researching the law, I certainly understood why some confusion exists as to what is legal to carry and what isn't. There are over a dozen statutes on the subject, as well as numerous municipal codes, and inconsistent court decisions that further muddy the water. This article is intended to shed some light on the rules and inconsistencies in California knife laws.

Of course, I wouldn't be a very good attorney without giving a few caveats before I begin. First, remember that carrying any weapon, even one that's legal, can cause you a lot of grief with law enforcement. Cops routinely write tickets and make arrests for things they incorrectly think is illegal. Being found "not guilty" will not make up for the time and aggravation of getting arrested and missing work -- not to mention the cost of hiring an attorney. Also, this article only covers California law. State laws can vary greatly, and

taking a knife that is legal in California over state lines may get you into trouble with federal laws or laws of other states. Local ordinances may also impact the legality of your knife.

With those warnings out of the way, California laws covering switchblades, daggers, and disguised blades are discussed below. For those of you with a short attention span, here is the summary: In California, the following are illegal: (1) Any knife with a blade of 2" or longer, that can be opened with a button or the flick of your wrist; (2) concealed possession of any "dirk" or "dagger," i.e., any stabbing device with a fixed blade, regardless of blade length; (3) possession or sale of any disguised blades, i.e., cane swords, writing pen knives, lipstick knives, etc., or any knife that is undetectable to metal detectors; (4) possession of a knife with a blade longer than 2 1/2" on any school grounds; (5) possession of a fixed-blade knife with a blade longer than 2 1/2" on any college or university grounds; and (6) flashing or waiving any knife or weapon in a threatening manner. Also, certain municipi-

palities have their own laws that may affect the legality of carrying a knife. In Los Angeles, for example, it's illegal to openly carry any knife with a blade longer than 3". Each of the above issues is discussed in greater detail below.

Switchblades - Penal Code § 653k: Switchblades and other spring-loaded knives are generally illegal in California. Included in the legal definition of switchblade is "[any] knife having the appearance of a pocketknife and includes a spring-blade knife, snap-blade knife, gravity knife or any other similar type knife, the blade or blades of which are two or more inches in length and which can be released automatically by a flick of a button, pressure on the handle, flip of the wrist or other mechanical device, or is released by the weight of the blade or by any type of mechanism whatsoever." The statute expressly excludes pocket knives that can be opened with one hand by pushing the blade open with one's thumb, as long as the knife "has a detent or other mechanism that provides resistance that must be overcome in opening the blade, or that biases the blade back toward its closed position."

The statute further states that it is unlawful to: (1) to possess a switchblade in a vehicle, (2) to carry a switchblade anywhere upon one's person, or (3) to transfer or attempt to sell a switchblade to another person. In the 2009 case of *People v. S.C.*, the Court of Appeals held that possession of a switchblade in a person's pocket, boot, etc., is unlawful, even if in one's own home. In other words, it's illegal to have a switchblade with a 2" or longer blade – period.

It should also be noted that a pocketknife that was legal when manufactured, but is broken or modified so that it will open freely, is a switchblade within the meaning of the statute. For example, in the 2008 case of *People v. Angel R.*, the Court of Appeals examined a conviction over a pocketknife that, as originally manufactured, had a hole in the back of the blade that prevented it from flicking open. The trial court found, however, that the knife had been modified or damaged, and the resistance mechanism did not function so that the knife would open with a flick of the wrist. Despite the original

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design of the knife, the Court of Appeals upheld the conviction.

Concealed Knives, Dirks, and Daggers - Penal Code § 12020: In California, it is illegal for any person to carry concealed, certain knives, legally described as “dirks” and “daggers,” i.e., any fixed-blade knife or stabbing weapon. Pursuant to the statute, it is illegal to carry concealed upon one’s person any fixed-blade knife. This does not include a legal (non-switchblade) pocket-knife, as long as that knife is closed. Carrying a knife in an openly-worn sheath is not concealment within the meaning of the statute. As discussed below, however, this law may be impacted by local ordinances.

Cane Swords and other Disguised Blades - Penal Code § 20200 et seq: Any knife or blade that is disguised so as to not look like a weapon is also illegal in California. This includes, cane swords, belt-buckle knives, lipstick case knives, air gauge knives, writing pen knives, etc. Blades that are undetectable to metal detectors (e.g., ceramic blades) are also illegal.

Possession of Knives on School Grounds - Penal Code § 626.10: It is illegal for any person to bring or possess “any dirk, dagger, ice pick, knife having a blade longer than 2 1/2 inches, folding knife with a blade that locks into place, [or] razor with an unguarded blade ... upon the grounds of, or within, any public or private school providing instruction in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12 ... “The law with regard to college campuses is similar, but less restric-

utive. Subsection (b) of the statute provides that it is illegal for any person to bring or possess “any dirk, dagger, ice pick, or knife having a fixed blade longer than 2 1/2 inches upon the grounds of, or within, any [college or university].”

Brandishing Knives - Penal Code § 417: In California, it is illegal to brandish any deadly weapon, including knives. The law states that it is unlawful for any person to “draw or exhibit any deadly weapon ... in a rude, angry, or threatening manner, or ... to unlawfully use a deadly weapon.” This does not include use of such a weapon in self defense.

Local Ordinances - Here’s Where the Law Gets Messy: If the laws above seem confusing, as the saying goes, “you ain’t seen nothin’ yet.” Local ordinances vary from city to city, and county to county. Worse, California courts have been inconsistent in ruling on the enforceability of these local laws.

For example, in the City of Los Angeles, it is illegal to publicly carry, in plain view, any knife, dirk or dagger having a blade 3” or more in length, any ice pick or similar sharp tool, any straight-edge razor or any razor blade fitted to a handle. (There are certain exceptions, such as where the knife is for use in a “lawful occupation, for lawful recreational purposes, or as a recognized religious practice.”) The County of Los Angeles has a similar rule, which makes it illegal to openly carry, in public, “any knife having a blade of three inches or more in

length; any spring-blade, switch-blade or snap-blade knife; any knife any blade of which is automatically released by a spring mechanism or other mechanical device; any ice pick or similar sharp stabbing tool; any straight-edge razor or any razor blade fitted to a handle.” In other words, it is illegal in Los Angeles County to openly carry any knife with a blade of 3” or longer.

It gets worse. Los Angeles Code section 55.01 also makes it illegal to carry any weapon concealed on one’s person. As such, in Los Angeles, you can’t openly carry a blade over 3”, but you can’t carry such a weapon concealed, either.

Interestingly, the Courts have held that the Los Angeles law forbidding carrying a concealed weapon is invalid. In the 1968 case of *People v. Bass*, a man was arrested and charged with carrying a concealed folding knife. The Court of Appeals overturned the conviction, holding that the Los Angeles law conflicted with the state law, and was therefore invalid. Nonetheless, the Los Angeles law is still on the books.

What is even more interesting is that other, more recent cases completely contradict the decision in *People v. Bass*. In the 1985 case of *People v. Gerardo*, the defendant was charged with violating a local law of the City of Commerce that is nearly identical to the Los Angeles local law prohibiting carrying blades over 3”. On appeal, the defendant cited the *Bass* case, arguing that the city code was invalid. The *Gerardo*

court rejected the holding of *Bass*, and found that the city code was valid.

Where does all this information leave us? The short answer is, in a mess. There are certainly things that are illegal: any switch-blade with a blade 2” or longer, or concealed possession of any knife with a fixed blade. Other knives may or may not be legal, depending on how and where you carry them, and where you are in California. The best thing to do is to check local ordinances before deciding to carry a knife or any other weapon in California. Better yet, think twice before carrying a knife. As you know, some cops look for any excuse to hassle bikers.

Ride safe, and stay legal. If either of these fail, call me! 1-888-5-RIDERZ or email sy@riderzlaw.com.

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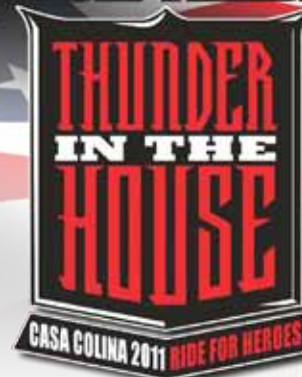
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What a day! Let's buff up the bike and take a ride! Now, some people spend more time cleaning their bike than they do riding it, and others never clean it at all. One good thing about a good cleaning is that we find the nuts and screws that are getting loose before they fall out. If you don't want to clean your ride, at least slide your hands gently all along all the parts of your bike, touching everything as you go, to find anything that needs attention. Stroke it like it's your main squeeze - as a matter of fact, maybe it is!

How has your battery lasted over the winter? You may want to change it before the weather heats up. Hot weather kills a weak battery just as quick as cold weather. Tires are what keep us stuck to the road. Check the air pressure and tread depth. Check the valve stems and sidewalls for cracks. Many people change valve stems every time that they put on new tires. Being out in the open while we ride let's us hear a lot of things. Sometimes we hear a rattle or clunk that sounds like it's coming from our bike, and it's really from the car in the next lane. But if you still hear the sound a couple of blocks later, pull over and check it out before something falls off of *your* bike!

Are you packing some stuff for a day on the road? You don't want anything that will melt or explode in the saddle bag near the muffler or tailpipe. A chocolate bar won't stay solid for long, and a hot butane lighter can really make a powerful statement!



Now that the weather is starting to get nice, there will be people dragging their bikes out of the garage who haven't ridden since September. They may be rusty, they may not be concentrating, and they may screw up big time. If you don't know the person riding near you in that group ride, don't stay near them.

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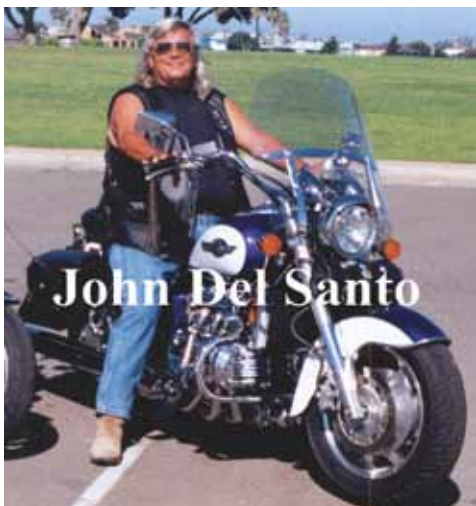
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“Falling Asleep” Has a Whole Different Meaning on a Motorcycle

by John Del Santo



Handlebars”, even for a few seconds or worse, you would be surprised at the large percentage of riders who have experienced that. There have been several newsworthy incidents about excellent long-distance highway riders, who just rode right straight into the back of big trucks, for no apparent reason.

Yawning is a sign from our body telling us that it needs more oxygen. This is usually not a problem on a bike, because we are getting plenty of air, so if you are yawning while riding, your body is telling you something important. One of the disadvantages while riding is that the excess wind, noise and vibrations can wear our body out sooner than when driving a car. If we recognize that fatigue sneaking up on us, then we are ahead of the game. If we are traveling in a group, remember that different riders have different abilities, habits and needs. If one of your group needs to stop, the whole group should stop.

Most falling-asleep accidents happen during daylight hours. People 18 – 20 years old have

the highest incidence of falling asleep behind the wheel, and commercial truck drivers have the least. Adequate rest, planning and preparing for your trip and consuming the right food and drink are considered ideal steps toward having a safe ride. Traveling during those hours of the day when you are normally asleep is asking for trouble. If you are drowsy, and figure that the wind will keep you awake on the ride home, then you will find that as bad an idea as the sleepy car drivers who think that rolling down the window will keep them awake.

Ways to recognize fatigue while riding? Inability to focus; yawning; loss of concentration; poor memory of the last few miles traveled. If your head nods ONCE or if you close your eyes and they feel sticky and don’t want to open ONCE - get off the road RIGHT NOW. That may be the only warning that we will get before falling into deep sleep, maybe forever. Thinking that we are only a few miles from a good destination, and that we should be able to make it that far, would be a big mistake. Don’t fool yourself with

stimulants. Using caffeine-based over-the-counter stimulants may get the brain awake, but when the buzz wears off, we will crash into sleep immediately with no warning.

What to do next? Pull over and take a nap. Many riders can sleep stretched-out on the tank of their bike, and there are many places like gas stations or convenience stores that will let you stretch out on one of their office chairs, if you explain the situation to them. When you wake up, have a cup of coffee, walk around some, have a high-protein snack, and see if you feel like going on. If you are really tired, grabbing a motel is always a possibility. There is nothing in the world that can’t wait another day. You might just need a really convincing story for your significant other explaining why you stayed away overnight in a motel!

A recent nationwide study showed that at least 100,000 collisions happen each year caused by people falling asleep while operating motor vehicles. I knew a man called ‘Bear’ who fell asleep three different times on motorcycle trips from Arizona to San Diego, so it can happen to us, too. After each incident he woke up out in the sand, lying near his bike. If you asked a large gathering of motorcyclists how many had “Dozed behind the

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