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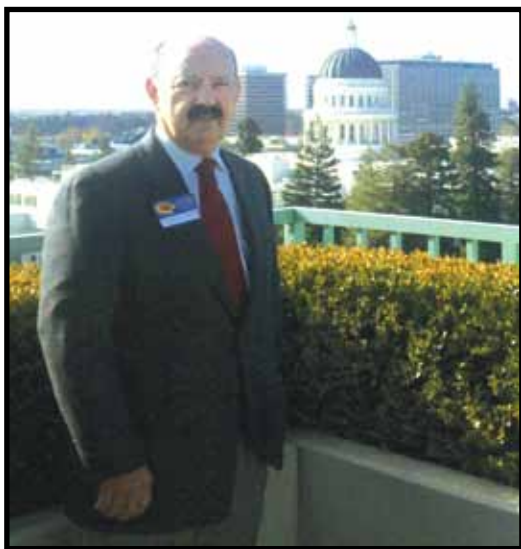
A Union of Motorcyclists
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Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by James Lombardo, Lobbyist & Assistant Legislative Director

The Legislature has adjourned for their summer recess and finally (for the first time in 8 years) passed out a State Budget, on time, that Governor Brown promptly vetoed. The first attempt was a State Budget that wasn't balanced, causing Legislators not to be paid or receive their \$140.00 each day tax free per diem payment for living expenses.



The restoration of their pay and fringe benefits is the main reason the legislators finally passed and sent to Governor Brown a more realistic, cuts only, Budget that he signed. **OH YES — AND THEN, THE LEGISLATORS STARTED TO GET PAID!** The budget they passed, however, has

triggers that will go into effect and cause further reductions to money for schools and other state funded programs, should state revenues drop in the near future. So expect them back in October or November dealing with the state budget, once again.

A huge battle is brewing in early January to get ABATE's AB 1047 passed. This is the bill, by Assembly Transportation Committee Vice Chairman Kevin Jeffries (R-Murrieta), that will prohibit all California law enforcement agencies from using Grant money from the feds or the state Office of Traffic Safety to fund the setting up of "motorcycle only" traffic "safety" checkpoints. This is pure discrimination and profiling against law-abiding motorcyclists and has to stop **NOW!**

To demonstrate how out of control the use of this grant money has become, the City of Citrus Heights just announced that their "motorcycle safety" checkpoints will check for **loud mufflers**, courtesy of overtime money and sound meters provided by money from the Office of Traffic Safety. It's a real stretch to claim that loud mufflers are safety hazards; actually many bikers feel it's the other way around — **Loud Pipes Save Lives!**

ABATE's helmet law repeal bill, AB 695 will also be up for a vote at that same hearing. **THE ONLY WAY EITHER OF THESE BILLS WILL BE PASSED IS IF YOU'RE WILLING TO COME AND SHOW UP AND FIGHT FOR THEM! THE HEARING ROOM AND CAPITOL HALLS NEED TO BE PACKED WITH BIKERS!**

We are planning a rally at Noon on January 9th on the South steps of the Capitol where we



have had our rallies before! This will allow us to reserve the street for parking! If you can't attend, please send some money to pay for parking for those who can come!

Thanks again to all those individuals and the Locals who sent money to the Lobbyist fund to pay me. I appreciate it even more in these especially tough economic times!

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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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ABATE Board Elections for 2012-2013

It is getting to be that time again! It's the Even Year Elections, so there are 6 seats to vote in for this term.

The purpose of the Board of Directors is to keep ABATE unified and strong as an effective membership organization that promotes safety and encourages and defends the rights of all motorcyclists.

The State Board has represented Local membership in fairly equal proportions. Similar to a business corporation, the Board relies on volunteers from the membership to provide the most qualified State Officers.

Any current Member may nominate another Member to be placed on the Election Ballot. The nomination must be seconded by another ABATE Member in good standing (current membership). These nominations should be made at any Local meeting during the two months preceding the cutoff date for the October Bailing Wire (September 15, 2011). All candidates are encouraged to submit a biography and picture of themselves to be published in the October issue.

This is YOUR organization and your time to have a say in who runs the ship. The deadline for candidates' names to be submitted to the Bailing.wire@abate.org is September 15, 2011, along with the candidate's statement and a picture of themselves.

The Qualifications to serve on the Board are:

1. A current member of ABATE Of California for a minimum of 1 year.
2. The dedication to promote motorcycle rights and help to build the organization.

The Board Members that ran for the last Even Year Election and are up for re-election, if they so choose are: Greg Covell, Tom Lubbers, Sarge Matthews, Sporty Milligan, Johnny O'Kane and Dave Walsh.

SUSTAINING ABATE MEMBERS aka VIP

Members:

Thank YOU! for the extra support!!!

Lori Adams Massage Therapist (Business Member - Local 28);
Faviola Andaya & George Cortez (Local 8);
Fred & Patty Cammack (Local 27);
Lisa Garber & Bruce Hersch (Local 1);
Dave & Carol Hastings (Local 44);
Ken & Glenice Hatfield (Local 44);
Hank Hallmark (Local 44);
Larry James (Local 31);
Lady Kay (Local 25);
John Loudermilk (Editor, Local 13);
Gill Mellen (Local 20);
"Lil' David" Morena (Local 25);
Sy Nazif (RiderZlaw, Business Member Local 20);
Bart & Wendy Perry, (Local 6);
David "Deacon" Phillips, Founder of ABATE of CA.)

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!!!

ABATE of California Inc. neither endorses nor promotes the services of any particular Law Firm. We are committed to working with all MROs including NCOM, MRF, AMA, MMA and any other motorcycle rights organization that strengthens our lobby on legislative issues and on motorcycle safety.

Mission Statement

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

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Members may advertise in the Classified Section at no charge.

PHOTOS

If you have any photos of ABATE motorcycle events please send them to us. They will be returned if you ask. Please include name of event, date, sponsor, etc. Must be received by the 10th of the month. You can email pictures in .jpg file to: bailing.wire@abate.org

ABATE 2011 Events

ABATE Of California, Inc web site www.abate.org/Events Flyer this issue for details.

August 27 – ABATE Local 23 – Summer Burger Burn at the Screaming Chicken in Devore. See flyer this issue for details.

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.

September 17 – ABATE Local 31 – Chico; 70-32 Run; Sign-in 9:00am to 10:30am.

October 9 – ABATE Local 27 3rd Annual Poker Run; Riverside; Sign-in 9am – 10:30 am. See

October 22 – ABATE Local 29 – 14th Annual Laughlin River Run. For Info/Pre-Reg contact Marty Rapp 760/367-1694 or Thomas Bruce 760/365-9009

October 29 – ABATE Locals 8 & 20 - 5th Annual Halloween Trick or Treat Run

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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State Run September 16,17,18, 2011

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Local #01 Los Angeles



Local 1 is alive and well and we're having a meeting at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga on Sunday, July 17, at 9 am. So when you read this, it will have been a done deal.

Now we're going to discuss the Love Ride booth, the State run help on September 16, 17th and 18th in Kernville and I will encourage those at our meeting to attend the Board meeting in Yucaipa on July 30.

We will also do the political stuff and for, good measure, some safety stuff borrowed from Safety Officer Del Santo as well.

To prepare for the meeting I send out post cards and email reminders. I also include all my members and have been rewarded for doing this by their renewals. I try to make the members in my Local feel welcome. I know there are members of my Local that can't make meetings, but just the same I keep them in the information loop.

Well that's it folks have a good day. Regards, Sporty.

Local #02 Simi Valley



The one thing I've noticed out here in Simi is the great weather we are having for now! Then towards the end of the month, July 24 to be precise, it will be cooking! That's why we named our event "SWEATY BUNS RUN"!!! This is our time! This is the one event that we all do for ABATE! This was the major topic of our meeting, as Pres Ray got us

going with all of the last minute preparations and details.

Thanks to our volunteer cooks, Frank and Rick! We serve a great \$5 meal with all the fixin's that can't be beat! We start serving at 6:45 pm and our meeting starts at 7:30 pm. 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.

After Pres Ray finished, Jane, our Secretary, read the minutes; our treasurer, Stephanie, said we are in good standing; PR guy, Norm, encouraged all members present to read the Bailing Wire; Pat, our membership person, talked about doing a membership push at our SBR event; Guy, our run coordinator, talked about our monthly fun ride and a big thanks for the poker run route! PAC person, Linda, talked about PAC stuff, thanks Linda, yer work doesn't go un-noticed! Andi, our merchandise lady, showed off our new clothing line for our run, it's the goods.

Our 50/50 drawing was won by JP and our membership drawing was won by a no show "Shawnee" so it will roll over till the next meeting, so be there, you could win big bucks! Really!

To wind up this report, I want to thank again, ALL the volunteers who will make our Sweaty Buns Run successful, this list is a long one and the work that you all do will not be forgotten! All motorcyclists that ride in California will not know any of us (okay maybe a few) or what we do, but they will enjoy what limited freedoms we fight for, so when you get a chance, talk to them, give them an ABATE card and invite them to an ABATE run or a meeting at your Local, or all of the above!

Also, in this techie world we live in; check out ABATE Local 2 in Face Book! It's a great and free way to get the word out there!!! Ride safely, make sure of your presence, I hear on the news almost everyday (my surrounding areas) about a motorcycle down on the traffic reports and that stat sucks, remember near misses could cause you to change the undergarments and that's not good!!! PTL Norm e. New

Local #06 San Diego

The July meeting of Local 6 went off well, being that it was on July 3. The fireworks had not started yet, and it was a small,



but good, meeting. Many of our regulars were out of town - wandering, Hollister, traveling, visiting, or just riding. They were here in spirit though.

We covered the latest political goings-on and discussed upcoming events including the Golden State Rendezvous. 'Wolf' from the BoozeFighters MC won the 50/50 and donated his winnings back to the Local 6 treasury. Thanks for that!

For many years now we have held a business meeting in the week before our regular monthly meeting to discuss stuff. We have decided to not do that anymore; choosing to do it by e-mail and phone.

Have you checked out our Website? Wow! What a wealth of information! <http://abatelocal6.org/>.

Our regular meeting is on the first Sunday of each month, at Noon, at Kate Sessions Park in Pacific Beach in San Diego. C'mon Down! Bring a friend or two! We'll see you next month. John Del Santo.

Local #20 Orange County



Hope everybody had a great 4th of July. Wow, we had another big turnout, 43 people and our 7 guests were Mike, Wayback, Doug, Nikki, Sammy, Jeff and Seth.

Gill talked about the bill U.S. Representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has introduced, H.R. 748, that will prohibit the EPA

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from authorizing the use of gasoline containing greater than 10% ethanol.

Topics discussed were the Defenders Program, changing the map of political districts, 91 fwy transponders; the knife law is in QT, and membership.

Local 8 and Local 20 are having the 5th annual Halloween Trick or Treat Run on October 29. This is a big fundraiser for us. We need raffle prizes and volunteers.

Dogg (BWSP) said that Toyota Irwindale Raceway has a "no colors" policy. The brothers were given back their money. This is a place to boycott. We had an ABATE booth there a few years ago and colors were let in. Gill has the pictures to prove it. Send letters, e-mail, call and faxes to the raceway management asking who are they to judge against MC clubs, Vets, and regular people. What gives them the right to set a policy? Remember to ask for a response back. If you know of any other establishments that has posted a no colors policy, let Gill or Spike know and send copies to them. The same goes for tickets.

Spike was stopped recently in the Temecula area by the Sheriff's department. The cop said he was a helmet expert and Spike said he was happy to finally meet one. Long story short, he was not an expert like they always claim. Always be polite and respectful.

Pauly won a TV at Lance's house and another TV from the BWSP run. He graciously donated this to Heritage House. A big thank you Pauly.

Jimmy Bolt wasn't present to take home the \$202. The treasure chest has grown. Spike made a motion to change the membership money like a 50/50, half going to the lucky winner and the other half to Local 20. Local 20 voted 100%. Squirt.

Local #23 San Bernardino



Burgers, Bikes, and Babes!! This was the theme of our first Burger Burn of the season. Overall it was a success!! We had a new member sign up, and we educated more people about ABATE. Our next Burger Burn will be on July 30, same place, Screaming Chicken in Devore, same time, 11 am – 3 pm.

Our new meeting location, Vicky's Restaurant in San Bernardino, was also a success. We have plenty of room now for our members and extra room for guests.

As we get used to the summertime heat here in the Inland Empire, please remember that our pets need plenty of water. Never leave them alone in the car, and if they are left outside during the day, make sure they have shade.

Everyone knows that the unemployment rate is at an all time high. If you are currently unemployed and looking for a job, remember that networking is a good resource. Be sure to speak with your fellow ABATE members; you never know what may happen, they could know of the job that you are perfect for! Tammy.

Local #27 Riverside



In July Local 27 made contact with IMS (Inland Motor Speedway) in San Bernardino, got together with Locals 23, 19, 44 and 36 and we now have banners up at the speedway, a booth once a month and 2fer tickets to the races.

Having ABATE advertised in a new venue of motorcyclists can't hurt and we were pleasantly received by the race fans. The roar of engines racing around the track, the smell of race fuel and the camaraderie is exhilarating and took me back many years.

The Board of Directors meeting is July 30. It is a Southern Board meeting, so, hopefully, all southern Locals are sending representatives to meet the California State Board members, share ideas, observe the process and report back to their people.

Plans are in the works for our Poker Run on October 9. It should be entertaining. Flyers are on the way and it is on our website. Come and have some fun. Pre-register and save \$\$\$.

Local 44 had a Poker Run last weekend and the ride wound through the desert and up into the foothills. I had a ball and truly enjoyed the day.

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 #28 Lake County



Hard to believe it's the middle of July when just a couple of weeks ago there was snow in the Sierra's. Hopefully everyone is taking advantage of this weather to get some riding under your butts.

We've had a lot of local events going on but not much happening out of the area. Planning a ride to the coast with our Local members and a possible dinner date to the local casino. Also plan to have a cemetery run in October since this is Lake County's 150th year. Clearlake has 10 cemeteries so this should be a great run as well as informative. We will announce more info as it becomes available.

Be safe and don't forget the sunscreen! Lori Adams.

Local #29 Morongo Basin



LOCAL NEWS

Hi All from ABATE Local 29! I am so excited! Our June Poker Run was a success! Wound up with three new members! A Great big welcome goes out to Doug and Janet Peercy of 29 Palms and Rick Stoddard also of 29 Palms! Who signed on as new members at the run! WELCOME To ABATE Local 29!

On our June 25 Poker run we had a terrific 100+ mile ride starting with sign-in at Desert Cycle Works in 29 Palms and ending up at Rattlesnake Jakes in Morongo. We had a cash prize for high hand and low hand. High hand was won by Jeff B of Desert Hot Springs and low hand was won by Bryan B of 29 Palms.

The 50/50 drawing was held and won by no other than our new member Janet who graciously donated the entire amount to TLC! Marra of TLC was on hand to accept dona-

tions from ABATE Local 29 of food, about 75 - 100 pounds, and a check of much of the proceeds is to be sent.

TLC (Tender Loving Christmas) also helps families all through the year. Many of us are out of work and have families to support, but those who have a little extra, please help those in need in your community.

Desert Cycle Works also donated four beautiful, high quality t shirts to be raffled, which was done and these were won by various riders on the Poker run.

All in all this Poker run was a great success! A great big Thank You goes out to Bill Morgan for suggesting it, Marty Rapp, president, Thomas Bruce, treasurer, and all those people who helped out with the Poker run. We could not have done it with out your help and support! Thank You!

Let us not forget a huge big Thank You goes out to Judy Pruitt who took the time from her busy day to come out to see us at Desert Cycle Works and give us a very nice donation for the Local and tell about how Local 29 was created 20 years ago. Thank you Judy!

Remember our 20th Anniversary and 14th Annual Laughlin Run October 22, 2011! You sure don't want to miss this one! Need to pre-register? Call Marty Rapp at 760 367-1694 or Thomas Bruce at 760 365-9009 for more information and for pre-registration forms to be mailed to your door.

Till next time, have a good safe summer, watch out for children in the roads and remember to check that bike out before getting on it! Miss Lou.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan, Membership Chairman


Hello all! As of this writing you should be aware of the new membership rates. Hopefully when you renew your ABATE membership you might think of becoming a sustaining member. We're still in the process of beefing this up. We will have drawn the lucky winner of \$250 as the first phase of the membership drive at our Board meeting July 30.

Keep getting ABATE more members when you can. Also, remember the renewal trinkets idea for your renewing members. I know you can be creative in the types of ideas you can use for trinkets. Trinkets are what you, at the Local, might give to your renewing members for their renewing.

Also, when you do your meeting reminders, try to include all your current members, that way they are in the Local loop and will know that you care about all the members in your Local.

Ok, keep the drive going strong by getting members and do your best to retain your renewals. We could sure use business members as well. Thanks for trying to make ABATE of California grow.

Finally, remember there is unity and strength in numbers of members. Regards, Sporty.



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Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

Thanks to your generosity our 3rd quarter Lobbyist payment has been made on time and I'm optimistic that we will stay current with Jim Lombardo for the remainder of the 2011 year. Does that mean we have an ample reserve fund at this time? Heck No! But as tarnished as things are in our "Golden State" I am grateful for the ability to pay our contractual obligations on time and in full. Please keep those donations coming and make sure you support "official" ABATE of California Local and State runs and events. Your entry fee's support our state funds and your enthusiasm helps your ABATE neighbors justify all of the planning and hard work required to put on their event. All in all it's a "win - win" for everyone involved and as usual, I want to be the first one to say "Thank You"!

Have you spent any time on the political front lines this year? Remember, this is an off-year in our election cycle and you should be using this spare time to "meet and greet" your local politicians. Every friend, office employee, and even foe, we contact now will be looking forward to next year and worrying about statewide reapportionment and election outcomes. Remember these people work full time, all the time, to raise money and gain influence amongst the people in their electoral districts. We should be doing the same thing. Offer to help our friends and politely inform our foes that we are watching and waiting - and we will hold them accountable!



Treat them politely, be honest and respectful, and you will be surprised at the response you will receive - even from our foes! Learn how to play the game, it's fun and very rewarding on a personal "accomplishment" basis. More importantly, every rider in the state will benefit

from your expertise. Check your local news sources for upcoming political events and attend as many as you can. Big fish, little fish, every politician started out somewhere as a minnow and ABATE is your license to catch them all. Some we keep, some we release for another day, and some are only good for fertilizer. So go ABATE "fishing" and have some fun, who knows, you may end up with our next "catch of the day"!

Ride safe, send me money, and enjoy our California summer. ABATE still has a lot of hard work left on this California construction project we call home, but we are a tenacious group and we won't let go of our dreams and goals easily. We know what's right and wrong with our motorcycle rights and we will continue to avoid the potholes the politicians have dug into our road to freedom. Ride with me and help ABATE repair and pave over the damage they have caused. Let's restore the luster to California and return it to the premier rider destination in the country.

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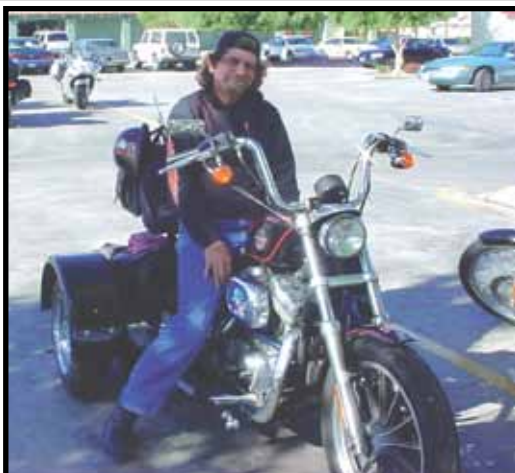
Well folks, it's time again for the Sporty's Rides extravaganza. Where to begin is the question I have to ask myself. My column deals specifically with ABATE events, so with that being said I start with ABATE Local 5's Joy ride.

I had tried to muster up a group ride for the event and got a total of 3 riders. We met in front of Local 1 member's house Mr Peter Daniels. So the group consisted of me, Glen C, and his friend Darrel Farrens. Darrel is the lucky one in the group as he has just purchased a 2011 Super Glide custom. It's a pretty bike.

I decided to let Glen lead the way as he claimed to know the way to the starting point at the Elks Lodge in West Covina. OK we made it there, a little off track, but made it there never the less. They served a pancake and sausage breakfast.

Since I had my tank bag with the map thingy on top I was elected to be the leader of this group. The route was pretty much a copy of last year's route, so I knew the stops, motorcycle shops, eating places, Bert's Mega Mall and finally the end at the Elks Lodge in Azusa Canyon. The admission price gave us lunch and was pretty good.

By this time my group had decided to leave and I stayed for a bit longer. Thanks to ABATE



Local 5 for providing a nice day. Hope ABATE made some money from the run as well as the charity.

Now at my job with LA County Agricultural Community Weed Abatement we have to take an annual class at our main office in Arcadia which deals on heat issues. It can get pretty hot outside doing the physical work that we do so there is a mandatory class to be taken. Well this class' location causes me to leave from my house in San Fernando and drive directly to Arcadia. I have a bunch of excess vacation time I have to use before the end of the year so I had planned to use some after the class was over.

So after the class was over I had the rest of the day to mess around. I left the office and proceeded home. I noticed that Hwy 2 was now open so (yea baby) I took it to see how it was. They have done an ok job with the repair work so it was an enjoyable ride. I took it up to big T and then back to Sunland and the 210

freeway. I guess you might say I was getting new ideas for the Polar Bear route next February. That will be the Silver anniversary of the Polar Bear run.

Not much to talk about until I decided to do Local 44's poker run which benefits ABATE only. Lucky for me their run was in the summer months as it is extremely windy other times of the year, especially through the Cajon Pass. Victorville HD was the start of the run. They were a sponsor for the Local's Event. By the way, they have done some nice work customizing the sportys they have for sale there and, surprise, they're reasonably priced.

Well there I ran into Robert Coats and his lovely wife, Micky, so along with Board member/president of ABATE Local 27, Greg Covell, we proceed to follow Bob who was the knowledgeable one. The weather was not that unpleasant and the route was ok. I did this route last year with Robert Cuthbertson; we had used his GPS to run the route. They're nice pieces of equipment for this type of stuff.

Anyway things were progressing along swell; made a stop at Bob's house after one of the check points for cold water. Almost missed a turn when Bob turned left on to a side road and had to back-track to the last check point before going to the end spot at Elks Lodge. Won some prizes at the raffle and bought my wife a run shirt. Thanks for a fun day and the ride home was not too bad either.

Ok that's all as I am going to nutrition class this am for healthy eating habits. Yeaks. Hope you have enjoyed these tranquil adventures from your resident scribe, me, Sporty. If you have a question email me at sportymilligan@yahoo.com.

Thanks and until next time Bye, Bye and May God Bless. (The proceeding was an ending phrase from one of my favorite comedians, the late Red Skelton.)

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COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

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FRANCE PARALYZED BY PROTESTING BIKERS: Despite pouring rain, nearly 100,000 angry motorcyclists brought every major city in France to a standstill in protest of unfair proposals including requiring every rider to wear a fluorescent yellow high visibility vest, banning traffic filtering (lane splitting), and increasing the size of motorcycle registration plates.

Organized by the Federation Francaise des Motards en Colere (FFMC – French Federation of Angry Bikers) through its highly efficient network of regional and local offices, Paris alone saw more than 15,000 bikers blocking the heart of the capital, with thousands more paralyzing dozens of cities across the country for hours with demonstrations against the French government and interior minister Claude Guéant for their anti-motorcycle policies and proposals.

“Bikers in France are just fed up with Guéant’s stupid proposals and his ‘I can’t see you, I can’t hear you’ attitude, to the extent that almost 100,000 of them have today stood up against their government and paralyzed the whole nation,” reported www.ukfrancebikers.com.

In response to the largest motorcycle protest in France’s history, road safety director Michèle Merli said on national radio that bikers misunderstood the proposed obligation to wear a high visibility vest but would rather propose to riders that they wear a little yellow strap around their arm so that they can be better seen by motorists.

UK France bikers.com says they believe that “it is not the bikers who have misunderstood the latest government’s proposals but rather the French government who continue to severely misunderstand and under-estimate the safety of riders.”

CONGRESS CONSIDERS ALCOHOL PROHIBITION: Recognizing that higher levels of ethanol in gasoline can cause engine damage and void warranties for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and many other small gas-powered motors, U.S. Representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has introduced H.R. 748 to prohibit the EPA from authorizing the use of gasoline containing greater than 10% ethanol.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently approved E15, gasoline containing 15% alcohol, for use in 2001 or newer cars and light duty trucks, though most on- or off-highway motorcycles and all ATVs are not approved for its use, and using the hotter-burning fuel could void the manufacturer’s warranty.

Motorcyclists should be concerned about the availability of compatible fuel supplies if gas stations primarily provide E15 gasoline for the majority of their customers, and riders are urged to contact their Congressional Representative to support H.R. 748.

FEDERAL EFFORTS TO HALT “LEAD LAW”: Congressman Denny Rehberg (R-MT) successfully inserted language into an appropriations bill on June 17 to prevent the government from using federal funds to enforce a ban on the sale of kids’ dirtbikes and ATVs due to the lead content of certain components.

A so-called “Lead Law” was passed by Congress in 2008 to protect children from the toxic metal typically contained in cheap imported toys, but the sales ban has also been enforced by the Consumer Product Safety Commission against youth-sized cycles which contain lead in certain components like batteries and brakes.

If passed with the Rehberg language intact, the federal funding measure would prohibit the CPSC from using money to enforce lead-content limits on off-highway vehicles intended for sale to children 12 and under.

In other developments in opposition to the “lead law”, a key Congressional subcommittee has approved a bill to exempt dirtbike and ATV battery terminals and other lead-content parts from the CPSC enforcement, voting on May 12 to send the Enhancing CPSC Authority and Discretion Act on to the full Committee on Energy and Commerce for further consideration.



CAROLINA PROHIBITS MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS: “HB 381 an Act to Prevent Law Enforcement Agencies from establishing patterns for vehicle stops at checking stations based on a particular type of vehicle is now Session Law 2011-216,” reports Doc Ski, legislative director for CBA/ABATE of North Carolina and a member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF).

The legislation passed unanimously through both houses of the legislature, and was signed into law on June 23 by Governor Beverly Perdue, making North Carolina the second state in a month behind New Hampshire to enact such laws in response to NHTSA funding of motorcycle-only checkpoints to stop motorcyclists en route to major biker events to check equipment and paperwork.

This bill, sponsored by Rep. John A. Torbett (R-Stanley), provides that a vehicle checkpoint pattern designated by a law enforcement agency shall not be based on a particular vehicle type and must include all types of vehicles, but does not restrict any other type of checkpoint or roadblock which is otherwise lawful.

In addition to preventing motorcycle-only roadblocks, Governor Perdue also signed HB 113 to increase the minimum penalties for violating the right of way of a motorcyclist. The previous fine for this infraction was a mere \$25, but this bill sponsored by Rep. Ric Killian (R-Raleigh) calls for a \$200 fine for a driver who causes a motorcyclist to leave his travel lane. The fine is increased to \$500 if there is property damage or personal injury sustained from this violation.

STATES GREEN-LIGHT RED-LIGHT LAWS: Motorcyclists in a growing number of states are being allowed to go through red lights when sensors aren’t able to detect they are there. Effective July 1, Virginia became the tenth state since 2002 to give motorcyclists license to proceed with caution after stopping when the device that causes the light to change from red to green doesn’t activate, while a similar bill in Illinois sits on the governor’s desk awaiting his signature.

HB 1981 by Virginia State Delegate Thomas A. Greason (R-Potomac Falls) allows riders of motorcycles, mopeds and bicycles to treat red lights as stop signs provided they come to a complete stop for two cycles of the light before proceeding with due care when safe to do so.

Illinois Governor Pat Quinn has until August 29 to sign or veto HB 2860 by Rep. Dan Beiser (D-Alton) which would permit motorcycle operators to proceed through a steady red signal that fails to change to green within a “reasonable period of time”. In order to garner support for the measure, the city of Chicago was exempted from the proposed new law.

Kansas also recently passed a “dead red” law that allows motorcyclists to run inoperable red lights without risking a ticket, and similar legislation has passed in Minnesota (2002), Tennessee (2003), Arkansas (2005), Idaho (2006), Wisconsin (2006), North Carolina (2007), South Carolina (2008), and Missouri (2008). Texas and California have addressed the problem by passing laws to require stoplights to be fitted with sensors that can detect motorcycles.

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PENNSYLVANIA OKAYS SUNDAY BIKE

SALES: Governor Tom Corbett marked the midpoint of the 2011 legislative session in July by signing dozens of new laws, including legislation allowing Sunday sales for motorcycle dealers.

Effective in sixty days, licensed Pennsylvania motorcycle dealers will be allowed to sell, buy or trade bikes on Sunday. Current law allows the sale of motorcycle parts and other merchandise on Sunday, but not bikes.

SB 419 is designed to give Pennsylvania dealers a level playing field with neighboring states that allow Sunday sales. Supporters have said sales have fallen in southeast Pennsylvania stores and have grown in New Jersey and Maryland since Sunday sales began recently in those states.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON AUTOMOBILE LICENSE PLATE DEBUTS IN WISCONSIN:

The first-ever Harley-Davidson license plate for automobiles is now available to Wisconsin drivers to help fund safety initiatives. The new license plate is the first and only Harley-Davidson branded plate available anywhere in the United States and it is only being offered in Wisconsin -- the birthplace of Harley-Davidson.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company is partnering with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to make the Harley-Davidson/Share the Road plates available for automobiles, light trucks and motor homes as of April 13, 2011. The cost of the plates will include a \$15 issuance fee, and an annual \$25 donation that will help support safety initiatives throughout the state.

The car-size license plate was designed in collaboration with the Harley-Davidson Motor Company Styling Team. The words "Share the Road" are displayed to emphasize the importance of motorcycle safety.

DELAWARE GOVERNOR VETOES HELMET LAW REPEAL:

Governor Jack Markell has vetoed HB 95 which would have repealed the requirement that persons operating a motorcycle in Delaware carry a safety helmet. Since 1978 when the state repealed their mandatory helmet law, Delaware has one of the most unique helmet laws on the books by requiring riders to have a helmet in their possession on the bike, but not requiring those over 18 to actually wear one.

Even as Delaware riders hear of their governor's decision, all eyes are on Michigan where a bill to repeal their 42-year old helmet law appears destined for their governor's desk, where its fate is no more certain.

The Michigan Senate recently voted 24-14 to approve a measure that would allow motorcyclists 21 or older to go lidless if they have been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least two years or have passed a safety course, though ABATE of Michigan opposes an amendment requiring \$100,000.00 in medical coverage to ride without a helmet, calling it excessive and noting that many insurance companies don't offer such coverage, and if they did the cost would be prohibitive.

ABATE says they will fight to have the insurance requirement removed as the bill moves through the house, but though republican Governor Rick Snyder remains non-committal he has hinted to the Detroit News that he's willing to consider the elimination of Michigan's motorcycle helmet law in the context of general auto insurance reforms that he's preparing to propose to lawmakers. Three previous attempts to repeal the helmet law have been vetoed by prior governors, twice by Snyder's immediate predecessor democratic governor Jennifer Granholm.

JUDGE UPHOLDS PATCH-HOLDERS RIGHTS:

"A federal judge has rejected an unprecedented bid by the U.S. government to seek control of a gang's name and its identity - via its logo - through a court order in a case involving the notorious Mongols motorcycle club," according to the Associated Press report regarding an eight-page ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Otis Wright, II who wrote on June 28, 2011 that he must "regrettably" rule in favor of the Mongols because the group itself was not named in a 2008 racketeering indictment.

To summarize the Court's findings, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Boyd Spencer of Pennsylvania wrote: Since the Mongols Nation Club was never indicted, much less ever convicted of any criminal act, then the criminal forfeiture of the trademark owned by the Mongols Nation was in total error.

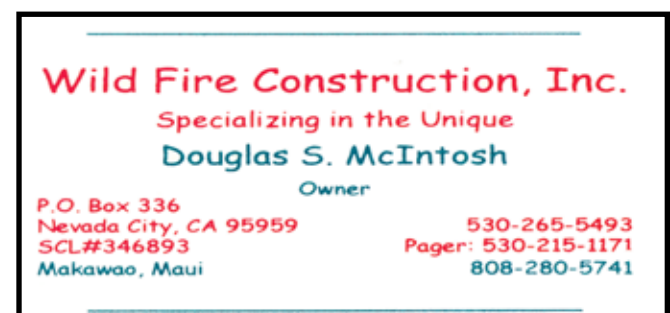
The Mongols Motorcycle Club, or Mongol Nation, owned the trademark of the club colors since 1969.

Any assignment made by any member of the club to himself or any other individual was void. This is because the trademark was a collective membership mark which can only be owned by the organization for which the Mark stands. Only the Mongols Club or Mongols Nation could have a property interest or own the patch, colors, or trademark for the patch or colors.

Since the Mongols were not indicted in the criminal action, the property of anyone other than the defendants in a criminal action cannot have their personal property forfeited.

This order, and the prior litigation that led up to this order, is a victory for the rights of motorcycle clubs to own, display, and fly their colors, without forfeiture by the government.

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Our Vulcans use dual 1157 bulbs as a combo tail light and brake light. If you'd like a bit more visibility when braking, you can change this bulb out for a 2357 bulb. The 2357 is available at any auto parts store (there's also a 2357A which is yellow). It produces the same brightness for the tail light (3 lumens) but 25% more light for the brake (40 lumens vs. 32)

So why didn't Kawasaki use the 2357 bulb in the first place? Well, there's a downside or two that you'll have to weigh. The power required to run the 2357 bulb is the same as the 1157 in normal running, but with brakes applied there is a slight increase in the amps required (2.1 for the 1157, 2.2 for the 2357). The resulting increase in watts used is 1.28 watts, or a 4.76% increase over the standard 1157 bulb. You probably won't lose any sleep over that. The major sticking point is bulb life. Your 1157 brake light element is rated for 1200 hours while the brighter 2357 element is rated for 400 hours. (The tail light element in both bulbs is rated the same at 5000 hours).

THIS JUST IN: If you can find them, Sylvania has a long life 2357 bulb labeled 2357LL which has about double the life of the standard 2357. Read more about it on the Sylvania Website

And the price of 25% more light while braking? About two dollars for both bulbs.

There is also a Halogen bulb option, but you'll risk melting your tail light lens using it. Details are on this BMW riders' webpage (along with more stats on the above change): <http://www.ibmwr.org/ktech/taillite.shtml>. John Del Santo

In the Gloom of the Night by John Del Santo

When you were a kid, did you ever want to be invisible? Well, riding at night comes darn close to it! You know that many car drivers just don't "see" motorcycles and even in the daytime many riders are struck from behind when slowing down or stopped. People who are stone sober see a lot less after dark, and anyone who has had a couple of drinks loses a decent amount of their judgment, reaction time, and night vision. Older drivers have gained skill and experience, but have less night vision and glare recovery, and newer drivers are sharp and quick but haven't built the skill to recognize hazards quickly or the experience to know the best way to react to them. There are a lot of different people sharing that night road with you! When you are downshifting for a turn or stop, a couple of flashes on your brake-light should wake up the driver behind you to the fact that you are slowing. From dusk to dawn, the more you are aware and the more you can light-up and reflectorize yourself, the less chance you have of being mowed down.

At night we are looking well up the road, way beyond the puddle of our headlight. We're looking for MOTION - the swing of an arm or flash of a sneaker. You will catch a flicker of motion if someone two blocks away walks between you and a road reflector or a reflectorized license plate. You'll see that long before the pedestrian comes into view. Constant surface appraisal is the key for spotting oil, water, potholes, rocks and escaped tire treads. Scan for darker or lighter spots in the road where there shouldn't be any.

Animals are active at night and are pretty much invisible from dusk on. They aren't lit up and don't wear safety vests and you can be right on them before you realize they are there. Fur doesn't reflect any more light than a black leather jacket does, think about that. That's a whole different concept of 'Wearing Colors'.

After dark you are more likely to have moisture on the road. Even on dry road, at only 40 mph it will take you at least 120 feet to stop your bike (reaction time plus braking distance). If you can't see further than 120 feet and you are running at 50 mph, then there is NO WAY you can stop when a hazard pops into view!

Overdriving your visibility (or ability) into the dark is just as dangerous as overdriving your visibility (or ability) into blind curves in the daylight. You can often swerve around a hazard, but this can sometimes result in an "unexpected improper dismount" and if you're down at night, the next car coming around the curve will probably run you over.

So to go "Peacefully into the Night" be Alert, Be Visible and look for the Invisible.

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Local 31's Ride to Tombstone, AZ

by Carolyn Carver

On the Friday preceding Memorial Day Weekend, members of ABATE Local 31 and some of their crazy friends ventured from Chico, California to Tombstone, Arizona to participate in the annual Wyatt Earp Days celebration. It was a bit chilly as we crossed over Donner Summit and stopped in Truckee, California to throw some hand-warmers in the gloves and get some warm libation into the body. Less than 30 minutes later, we were heading down 395 towards Carson City and were ready to shed some of the leather and throw out the hand warmers. That first day, we rode 400 miles and stayed in Lone Pine, California, where we celebrated our first of 8 days on our adventure.

On our second day, we crossed Death Valley at 10:30 am. We were blessed with temperatures in the low 90s as we enjoyed a perfect ride across the desert. After stopping in Pahrump, Nevada for lunch at the home of one of the rider's brother's house, we headed up going through Las Vegas and crossed Hoover Dam. There was a high-wind advisory and we enjoyed 25-30 mile an hour continuous wind for the last 200 miles of the 450 we rode that day.

Sunday brought us into Tombstone, Arizona at around 2:00 pm where we enjoyed ourselves pool-

side before heading 2 blocks into town to be transported to the Old Wild West. If you've never been to Tombstone for this particular weekend, prepare yourself for gunfights that replicate (except for live ammo) the actual historic events, a ghost tour at sunset that will have you searching for apparitions and the friendliest people that make you feel more like you live there than you're visiting there. The town Marshall came to visit us one evening, thanks to a phone call of noise from a neighbor. It was 8:00 in the evening and we were unaware of the "no noise" ordinance. Once she realized we were just enjoying the relaxing evening and meant

no harm, she ended up posing for photos with us and a group of Germans who were staying at the same place after a long journey that day. Heck, the Mayor of the town took the photograph that's at the beginning of the article.

We enjoyed some wonderful times and, after 2 1/2 days, started our trek back home. The scenery was absolutely beautiful and on our last day, coming back over Donner Summit, we were surprised to see so much snow so late in the season. We managed to put 2,260 miles on our bikes and have hundreds of photos of bikers doing what they love most - enjoying their Freedom!



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Our goal is to present the gospel of Jesus Christ to the motorcycle community. We award a \$300.00 check to the downed biker to assist with the immediate needs associated with an accident. Counselors, ministers and other resources are also available to assist in this time of need. This assistance will be offered to any and all Southern California motorcycle riders, regardless of race, color, religion or club affiliation, who are involved in a motorcycle accident that results in hospitalization.

This assistance will be limited to a one time cash disbursement of \$300.00 at the time of hospitalization, and as long as funds are available. The goal is to raise funds with volunteers and donated items. We do not utilize any paid employees. In this manner, the funds should go directly to the bikers in need and not for salaries or expenses.

Our 5th Annual Downed Biker Rally will be held on Saturday, October 1, from 10am to 4pm at the Church of the Nazarene; 1500 E. 17th St; Santa Ana, 92705. \$15/person; \$10/passenger; Live Music, Food, Bike Show, Vendors & Prize Drawings.

There will be fundraising events announced annually to generate additional funds if needed. There is also a need for contributions throughout the year. Please visit our page www.downedbikerefund.org/donate for instructions.

Grace & Peace, Love & Respect, Pastor Tom Longbrake, California State Elder

Time to Re-Tire?

by John Del Santo

A good set of properly inflated motorcycle tires with good tread keeps us attached to the road and separates us from being just another flying object. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that hundreds of thousands of crashes could be prevented if vehicle owners kept their tires properly inflated. This agency recommends checking your tire pressure at least once per month. When you're on a trip, checking the pressure every morning is not a bad idea. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, keeping your tires properly inflated can improve your gas mileage up to 3.3%. And this quote was made before gasoline prices reached four bucks a gallon!

The MSF's "T-Clock Inspection" advises us to check: "TIRES: Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, imbedded objects. AIR PRESSURE: Check when cold, adjust to load/speed". If you do a lot of one-type of riding, such as a lot of freeway, your tread will wear unevenly; part of the tread can wear down while other parts look deep enough. Watch for the "wear bars" in the tread. When you change your tire, invest in a new valve stem.

Depending on the shape and size of the wheel and the valve stem, it can be a pain in the butt to check the air pressure on your bike. "Aw, what the heck, the tire looks round, it must be OK". I bought a small, brass, right-angled valve stem from San Diego BMW that attached to the valve stem on my wife's bike and made her life easier. Some Honda's come with a large L-shaped valve stem that sticks out and simplifies reaching

the stem with a gauge or air hose nozzle. That stem comes with a plastic support to keep the stem from vibrating, and if the stem is installed without that support, road vibrations can cause a crack in the stem and cause an instant "Air-Out". That was an exciting experience!

AccuPressureCaps.com sells a valve stem cap that changes color when the tire pressure starts to get low. If your tire pressure is too low, or too high, the tread will start to cup or bow and not make proper contact with the road. That kinda defeats the whole purpose of having good tread. The recommended pressure printed on the side of the tire is there for a good reason.

Any time a tire starts showing ozone cracks in the sidewall, it's time to replace them right away. Sidewalls operate at some pretty high temperatures due to the bending of the sidewall and any separation on a sidewall can cause catastrophic tire failure. A tire has a wax-like preservative in the rubber compound to keep it from hardening and splitting. This material is like sun blocker. It's that off-color material that seems to show up on your sidewalls for no reason. It protects the compound against ozone which is produced by the sun and also by electric motors. This protectant helps the compound to stay soft. It can be worn away, washed away, and chemically washed/leached out of the tire.

Do NOT clean your tires with stuff like Armor All. There are a few solutions that detailers use on tires that will not harm the tires, if you are into "pretty" instead of functional, but when applying even these, you can use it on the sidewall but not past the line that separates the sidewall from the tread area.

There are many important round things in life, like Silver Dollars and Crispy Donuts, but the most important are your motorcycle tires! They keep us alive and keep our knees in the breeze! Take good care of your tires and they will take care of you.

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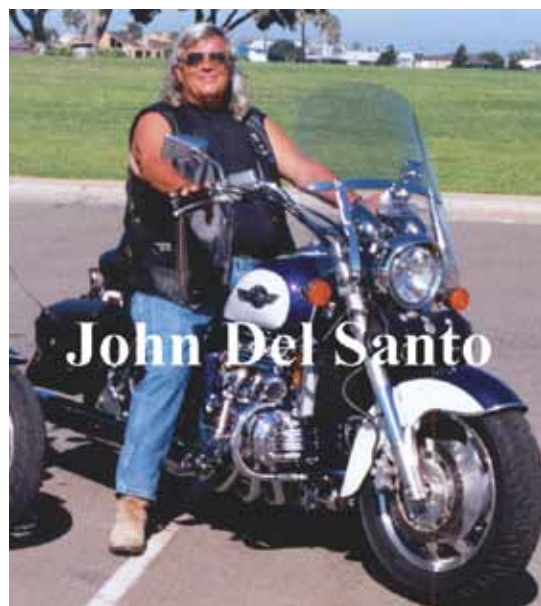
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Living in a Nowhere Land

by John Del Santo



John Del Santo

"Honest, Officer, he came out of NOWHERE!" That phrase is heard so often at accident scenes and shows that a lot of drivers out there have no idea that there are blind spots all around them that don't show in any mirror. Maybe they've heard about blind spots, but they don't know where they are and certainly don't check them before they make a move! It's up to us to avoid getting caught in their mistakes.

You will be in someone's blind spot hundreds of times each day; the trick is to stay there as short a time as possible. Be aware, watch for head motion or their tires starting to creep towards your lane, have an escape route open; and be ready with your throttle, brakes, and horn if they start to move towards you. Eye contact is good, but how many times has someone looked right at you and then pulled right out in front of you. You know that many drivers have unconsciously programmed themselves to look for cars and they just don't see motorcycles. If you have a headlight modulator on your bike or run with your headlights on high beam during the day, it may help the car drivers to be aware. Many of the older members of the driving society have started to lose some of their hearing (this author included), and the more expensive cars are being produced to be so soundproof that the occupants can just barely hear the siren on a fire truck, let alone your mufflers. Folks who think that "loud pipes save lives" are liable to get a big surprise.

If you are driving through town on a multi-lane road, and a van or truck going in your direction is waiting to make a left turn at an intersection while you are passing them by in the right lane, you are in a major blind spot of the car coming from the opposite direction that is also making a left turn. Be ready! Bushes, fences, a stopped bus or a parked van, all create blind spots

at any intersection or driveway.

You know about the huge blind area behind a big truck, but there is also a big blind spot just off their right front fender. When you are behind a big truck or next to one, if you cannot see their face clearly in their mirror, then they can't see you!

Car drivers who have decorations, parking placards, or big smelly deodorizers hanging from their rear-view mirror have created a blind spot out in front of them, off to the right side, that will hide a motorcycle or pedestrian until they are almost on them. People who turn their sun-visor sideways to keep the sun out of their side window may not see traffic coming from the left side until it is almost too late. Pickup trucks with caps and big family vans have major blind spots.

You know that tailgaters are also lane jumpers. Keep a special watch on them and the dopes that appear to be yacking on a car phone or texting. When the sun is low on the horizon and glare is everywhere, everybody is in someone's blind spot.

It would be a bit extreme to think we need to shoot flares off in front of us as we're tooling down the road, but if you assume that all the drivers never check their blind spots, are not concentrating on their driving, and may do just about anything at any moment, then you are taking good defensive steps towards keeping out of harm's way. Stay visible and RIDE SAFE.

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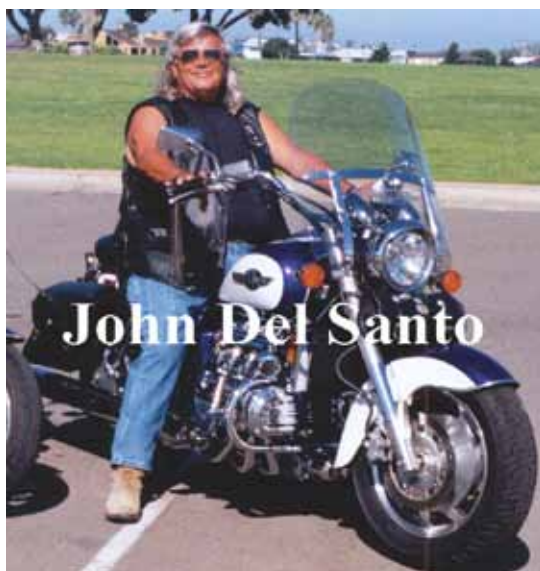
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To Blink or Not To Blink

by John Del Santo



California drivers do not need to use their turn signals if no other car is nearby according to a ruling handed down recently by the state's second-highest court. A three-judge panel of the court of appeal found that a La Habra Police Officer was in the wrong when he stopped Paul David for making a right-hand turn in his Chevy SUV without signaling. The Officer was about 55 feet away traveling in the opposite direction

at the time David made his turn. The road was otherwise empty. The Officer charged David with violating Vehicle Code section 22107, which states a signal must be used when "any other vehicle may be affected by the movement."

Because the police car was approaching from the opposite direction when David's vehicle made a right-hand turn away from the officers vehicle, and no other vehicles were present, there was no possible violation of section 22107 the Judge ruled.

This is good information to have on hand if you are ever bagged for turning without signaling, but do we really want to add "to blink or not to blink" into our driving habits? With all of the thousands of thoughts and decisions it takes to successfully pilot your motorcycle through traffic, why would we add "I'm getting ready to turn, so I need to signal continuously within 100 feet (that's about two tractor-trailer lengths) is there any vehicle or pedestrian within a hundred or so feet of the turn? Which direction are they headed? Is there anyone in any of those parked cars who is ready to throw open their door? Is there anyone in any of those parked cars who is ready to flip into a U-turn? Because we know that U-turners never signal their intentions because their cars did not come equipped with a

U-turn signal. Is there anyone in any of my blind spots? OK, it all looks clear, so I guess that I can turn without using my signal"

Man, that is an awful lot of work to avoid just signaling! You should build your driving habits so that when you are turning, you are signaling, period! That is WAY less work! Doing otherwise would be like if before coughing or sneezing I took the time and effort to check the whole area to see if there was anyone who I would be spreading germs on or who I would be spitting on their necktie or whose sanitary habits I would be offending and then deciding whether I would cover my mouth or nose or not. Of course not, we have trained ourselves as we became adults that if a cough or sneeze was coming, we cover up! When we are preparing to change the direction we are riding in, we signal. So with just a flick of our thumb, we let other folks know what our intentions are and reduce the chances that they will do something to get in our way and put us in harm's way.

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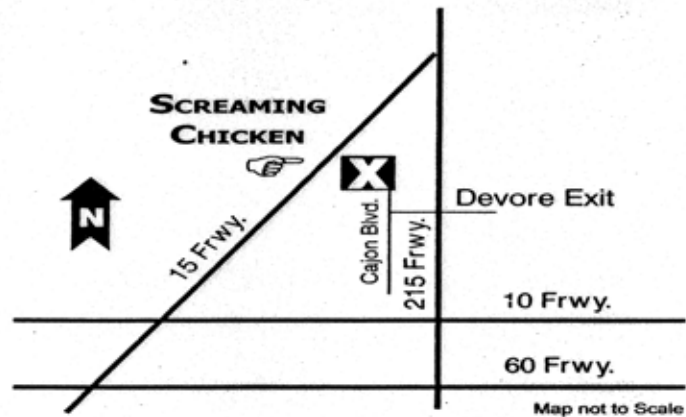
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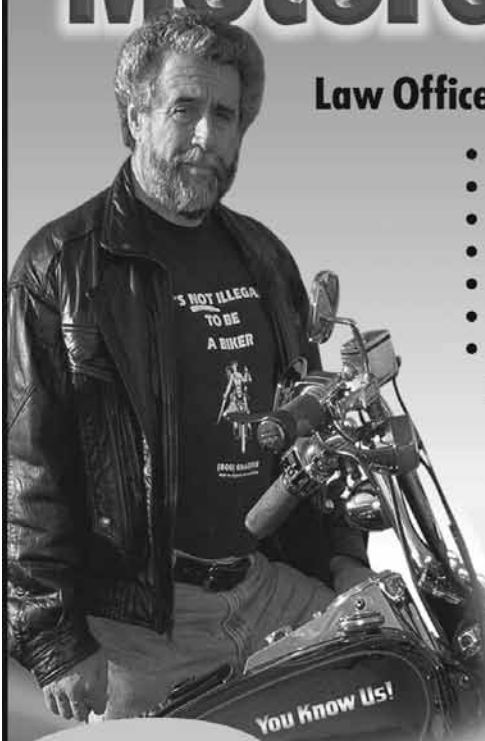
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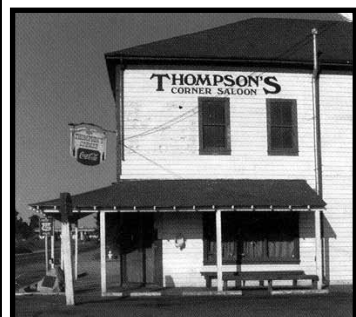
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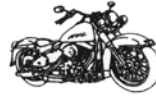
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Letter to the Editor

From Peter Daniels

Kids Just Want To RIDE!
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from Bill Kresnak, AMA,

Just read the American Motorcyclist Associations (AMA) August 2011 magazine article about HR412 which would amend a law aimed at lead in children's toys that inadvertently blocked the sale of kids' dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles.

The bill is intended to exclude kid-sized machines that were ensnared in the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008. The CPSIA was intended to ban small toys with high lead content, but because of broadly written language, it has been interpreted to apply to all products for kids 12 and under, including dirt bikes,

ATV's, bicycles, clothing and books.

In response to the outcry from AMA members and others, officials issued a stay of enforcement of the lead-content portion of the CPSIA, but did not eliminate the ban entirely. The stay is set to expire at the end of the year.

It is time for us all to support and pass HR412, the Kids Just Want To Ride Act. Write, call, email your Representative in Congress in Washington D.C. Easy-to-use tools to contact members of Congress are available at AmericanMotorcyclist.com>Rights>Issues & Legislation.

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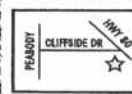
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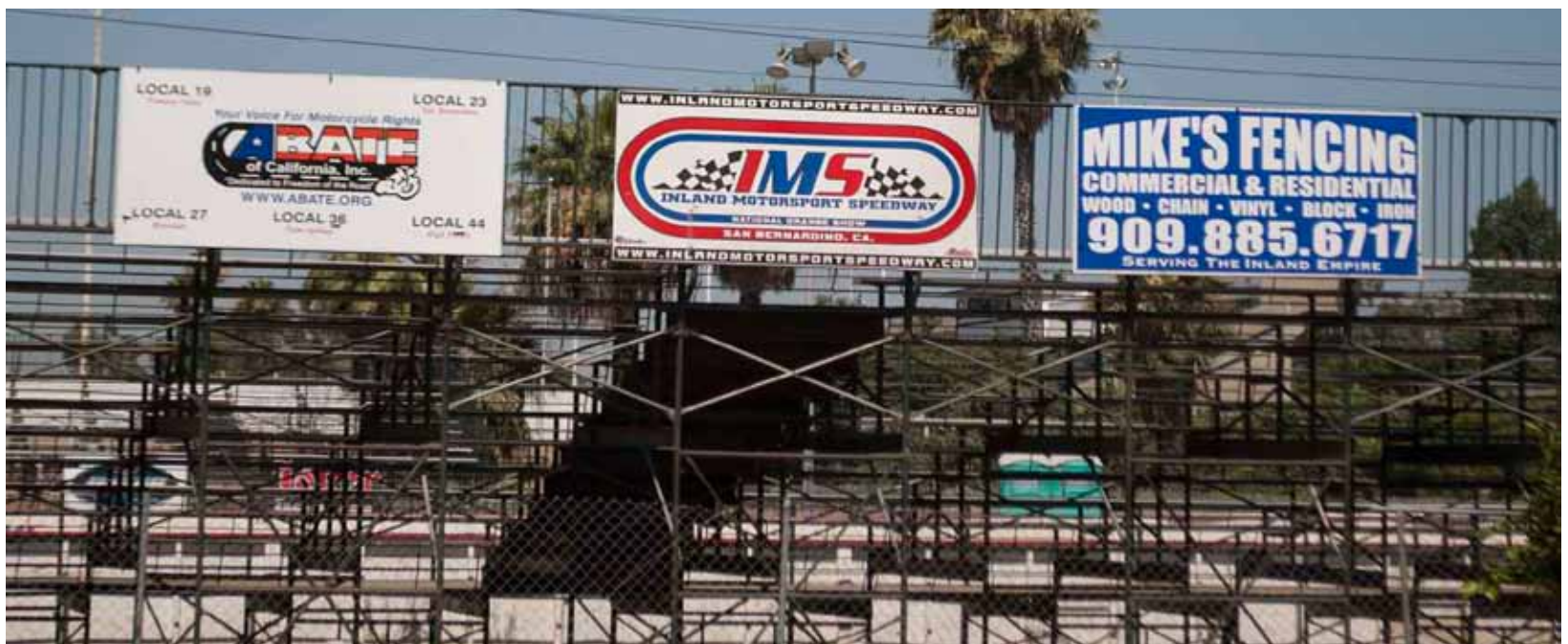
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Several months ago ABATE Local 27 had an opportunity to attend IMS (Inland Motor Speedway) with a business member JAM Sportswear. In July Local 27 made contact with IMS (Inland Motor Speedway) in San Bernardino with an idea. Since this is all about motorcycles and ABATE is trying to represent all motorcyclists rights, why not put up a banner for ABATE. We talked with Shawn and Robin McConnell /managers and worked out a deal. Then we got together with Locals 23, 19, 44, and 36 and now have 2 banners up at the speedway, a booth once a month and 2fer one tickets for ABATE members to the races. Having ABATE advertised in a new venue of motorcyclists can't hurt and we were pleasantly received by the race fans. The roar of engines racing around the track, the smell of race fuel and the camaraderie is exhilarating and took me back many years. Check out the schedule on Local 27's website and contact Local 27 for tickets and come out for a great family night. Special thanks to IMS for supporting ABATE with the on going fight for motorcycle rights.



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 1616 4th St Elk's Lodge
 San Fernando 91340 10137 E. Commerce
 818/ 361-8800 Tujunga, CA

Simi Valley - Local #02-Reg#8
 Steamer Arsnow 2nd Tues 7:30 PM
 661/251-8360 VFW Post#10049
 4242 E. Los Angeles Ave. Simi Valley

Thousand Oaks-Local#03-Reg#7
 Chuck Pedersen 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
 842 E Avenida De Las Flores Elks Lodge
 Thousand Oaks 91360 158 N. Conejo School
 805/496-0323 Thousand Oaks

San Gabriel Valley - Local#05-Reg#8
 Tom Lubbers 3rd Mon - 7:00 PM
 626/335-6508 Peppertree Restaurant
 1020 E Route 66, Glendora

San Diego County - Local #06-Reg#12
 John Del Santo 1st Sunday - 12 Noon
 P.O. Box 7998 Kate Sessions Park
 San Diego CA 92167 Pacific Beach
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 Faviola Andaya 2nd Mon. 7:30PM
 P O Box 550 American Legion #354
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 714/471-6749 otflag15@hotmail

South Orange County - Local #09-Reg#11
 Cory Toroian 2nd Tues. 7:00 PM
 949/496-2936 Call for Meeting Place

Tuolumne County-Local#10-Reg#5
 Call the State Office 760/956-1669

San Diego County (North) - Local #11-Reg#12
 Tim Clark 2nd Sun - 11 AM
 13641 Silver Lake Dr. Oakvale Country Store
 Poway 92064 14900 Oakvale
 858/748-0524 Escondido

Sonoma County- Local #12-Reg#1
 Meets with Local#17

Ventura County - Local #13-Reg#7
 Dave Walsh Last Thurs. - 7:30 PM
 1354 W. Olive St VFW Post #3935
 Oxnard 805/486-1093 300 Surfside Dr.
 or 469-6522 Pt. Hueneme CA 93041

Alameda County Local#14-Reg#3
 Houdini 1st Wed 7:30 PM
 510/575-1500 The Florence
 37349 Niles Blvd., Fremont

Contra Costa County - Local #15-Reg#3
 Bob Blatz 3rd Tues - 7:00 PM
 P.O. Box 269 Fuddruckers
 Concord CA 94522 1975 Diamond Bl. #E260
 925/427-5135 Concord

Santa Barbara County - Local #16-Reg#7
 Meet with Local#13

Solano & Napa Counties - Local #17-Reg#3
 Mike VanBuskirk 3rd Sun.- 10:00 AM
 P O Box 148 Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon
 Vacaville 95696 4826 Midway Rd.
 707/486-6454 Vacaville CA

San Francisco - Local #18-Reg#3
 Meet with L#14 or 15

Pomona Valley - Local #19-Reg#9
 Robert Cuthbertson 4th Wed - 7:00 PM
 P O Box 4664 Call for meeting place
 San Dimas 91773 909/921-2159

Orange County - Local #20-Reg#11
 Gill Mellen 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
 2104 Continental Ave. Franciscan's Best Western Inn
 Costa Mesa, CA 92627 2642 Newport Blvd.
 949/632-9787 Costa Mesa CA 92627

Antelope Valley - Local #21-Reg#13
 Ron Sundquist 1st Thurs - 7:00 PM
 37230 52nd St. East Casa Roma Restaurant
 Palmdale 93552 320 W Ave. J2
 661/586-5555 Lancaster 93534
 ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net



ABATE MEETINGS

South Bay - Local #22-Reg#11
 Suzanne Palmiere 1st Tues - 7:30 PM
 310/245-0543 Chowder Barge
 suzpalmiere@aol.com 611 N. Henry Ford Ave.
 Wilmington 90744

San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9
 Kevin Sorrell 1st Sun 9:00 AM
 909/793-1112 Vickie's Restaurant
 502 S. Waterman Ave.
 San Bernardino

Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6
 Ed Rogers 1st Wed. 7:00 PM
 559/264-2891 Cedar Lanes
 3131 N. Cedar, Fresno

Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2
 Gary Haller 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
 916/726-6703 Denny's
 3520 Auburn Blvd.
 Sacramento 95821

Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9
 Greg Covell 1st Tues - 7:00 PM
 P.O. Box 7070 American Legion
 Riverside CA 92313 2979 Dexter Dr,
 951/522-3434 Riverside, CA
 www.abatelocal27.org

Lake County - Local#28-Reg#1
 Lori Adams 2nd Thurs - 7:00 PM
 707/245-8036 Round Table Pizza
 821 11th St.
 Lakeport 95453

Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#10
 Marty Rapp 2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM
 P.O. Box 2334 Rattlesnake Jakes
 29 Palms CA 92277 51572 29 Palms Hwy
 760/367-1694 Morongo Valley 92256

North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2
 Larry James 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
 530/893-4827 Last Call Lounge
 876 East Ave. Chico

Santa Clara Valley - Local #32-Reg#4
 Dan Scott Last Sun. 9:30 AM
 950 Meridan Ave#19 Sherwood Inn
 San Jose 95126 2988 Almaden Expy
 408/903-7623 San Jose

Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2
 Steve Katen 3rd Thurs. - 7:PM
 530/749-1003 American Legion
 5477 Feather River Blvd.
 Olivehurst

Hanford - Local #34-Reg#6
 Meets with Local#24 1st Wed - 7:00 PM
 Cedar Lanes
 3131 N. Cedar, Fresno

Monterey Bay - Local #35-Reg#4
 Call for info 760/956-1669

Palm Springs - Local #36-Reg#10
 John "Grumpy" Grubb 4th Sunday - 8:30 AM
 P.O. Box 460 American Legion
 Rancho Mirage 92270 400 N Belardo Rd.
 760/564-4336 Palm Springs
 jgrubb123@aol.com

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12
 Steve Mitosinka Last Thurs - 7:00 PM
 660 W State St SOBE's
 El Centro CA 1151 S 4th St.
 760/996-2093 El Centro

Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6
 Omar Macias 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM
 661/832-5240 Rusty's Pizza
 661/900-8690 5430 Olive Dr
 Bakersfield 93308

High Desert - Local#44-Reg#13
 Jerry McClure 2nd Sat - 9:00 AM
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 Victorville CA 92392 16195 Main St.
 760/948-0491 Hesperia

Banning - Local #45-Reg#10
 Trine Howell Call for Meeting Info
 760/323-9860 67387 Mission Dr.
 Cathedral City 92234

Modesto - Local #46-Reg#5
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Barstow - Local #47-Reg#13
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 Yermo CA 92398 16195 Main St., Hesperia
 760/254-3833 or 760/953-7353

Hemet - Local #48-Reg#9
 Meet with Local#27

Humboldt County - Local #50-Reg#1
 Barbara Kennedy
 707/946-2248 Call for meeting place & time

Calaveras County - Local #51-Reg#5
 Call for info 760/956-1669

Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2
 Steve Shoemaker 3rd Wed - 6:30 PM
 P.O. Box 356 Larry & Lena's Pizza & Grill
 Chicago Park 95712 15690 Johnson Place
 530/798-0001 Hwy#49 Grass Valley

Owens Valley - Local#53-Reg#13
 Meet with Local#58

West San Fernando - Local#54-Reg#8
 Meet with Local #1

Visalia - Local #57 - Reg#6
 Meet with L#24

Ridgecrest - Local #58-Reg#13
 Dave Cornelius 3rd Sat 10:00 AM
 760/447-4342 Mickey's Pub
 1661 W. Triangle Dr.
 Ridgecrest

Kern River Valley Lake (KRV Lake)
Local#59-Reg#13
 Meet with Local 40 or Local 58

Colfax - Local #60-Reg#2
 Larry Burch 2nd Thurs 7:00 PM
 530/613-0912 Grand Father's Club house
 301 Railroad St.
 Colfax

Local #61 Shasta County-Redding
 Call for info 760-956-1669