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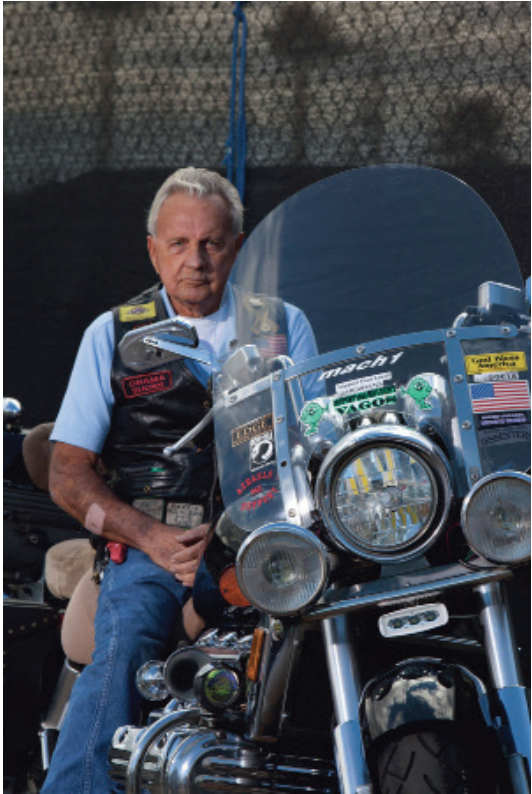


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What is ABATE?

ABATE is a Motorcyclists' Rights Organization dedicated to preserving freedom of choice, freedom of the road on or off with emphasis on education and safety. Although not a club, our members are active in programs for public awareness, motorcycle safety and supporting charity events throughout the state. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclist's rights and safety through Membership.

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Lobbyist's Report

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Well two months into the Legislature Covid 2021 Session the Committees have had the members assigned, but due to limiting Committee hearings not much has been assigned! We, as your Lobbyist, have continued to meet and discuss Bills protecting our members and the Biker Community from detrimental Legislation. Bills have started to be introduced and, as the Bailing Wire is being assembled, we are reading and reviewing the several thousand that will be introduced at the Deadline of February 19th for impact on Motorcycle Riders!

Expect our Bills at Glance Section to start in the April edition and continue through the next Two-Year Session.

- Governor Newsom is facing a recall effort and, at this time, it is a month away from needing 250,000 valid signatures to qualify.
 - SB 227 Jones Off-Highway Competition Vehicles is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee. This bill would require a specified configuration for the vehicle identification number and product identification number for an off-highway motor vehicle or ATV that is model year 2022 or later and is used solely for competition not on a public highway. The bill would impose restrictions on the operation of a competition motorcycle or ATV on public lands, including, among others, a requirement that a rider possess a current and valid competition card from a competition-sanctioning organization when practicing for a sanctioned event on public lands. Currently this is a Program that California Air Resource Board Started and decided to cede Authority over the Program to California State Parks.
- Stay tuned for our outline of the bills introduced in the April Bailing Wire that could become Law later this Year.

Thanks to All that support the separate Lobbyist Fund, Stay Safe-Ride Safe!



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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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Executive Director Report

Report by Rick Robinson, Executive Director

Please let me introduce myself: My name is Rick Robison. I am the new Executive Director of ABATE of California. I am the President for ABATE Local 20 and I have been a member of ABATE for 7 years. I have been riding for 25 years in Southern California. I have been a member of a large Christian Motorcycle Club for the last 18 years. I am on the Board of the So Cal COC (Southern California Confederation of Clubs) and I am involved with the Motorcycle Rights



Foundation.

I have been interested in fighting for the rights of motorcyclists in California ever since I first got involved in motorcycling. I am hoping that together we can make ABATE of California a force to be reckoned with. There will be some changes, but with the support of the ABATE of California Members and the Board of Directors, the transactions will be beneficial to all.

Membership Report

Greetings All! By now the President of your Local has received their allotment of this year's Membership Raffle Tickets. These tickets can be used as renewal trinkets. When a member renews their membership, you can give them a chance to win \$250.00 at the drawing that will take place at the July Board of Directors meeting. So, go ahead and start selling those tickets!

ABATE's biggest asset is its members, so Membership Chairs and Presidents do your best to keep your Local's membership numbers consistent. We're still in Covid pandemic conditions and with that comes challenges to keeping your Local going. ABATE Local 1 is again doing their meetings live. It's at a temporary location until our usual location becomes available. Some of you can do Zoom meetings or, if that is not doable, you can send out a meeting email or have your meetings at one of your members' homes. Whatever method you choose, be consistent with the announcement of your meetings. Keeping the members informed, keeps the members in your Local. Do your best to keep your membership intact.

In closing, we're going to try and do something new in the Bailing Wire. Every month we're going to spotlight one of our Business Members. If you have a business member you would like to recognized as being exceptional, submit a brief article (450 words or less) about their business. This additional recognition may give that Business Member an extra incentive to renew their Business Membership. You can also "talk-up" a Business Member in your Local's monthly report for the Bailing Wire.



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In addition to AB 2761, Abate of California is proposing two other bills for our elected official's to consider this year. Our first bill would require DMV to allow rider's to take both the M/C skill's test and their DMV written exam during their CHP certified M/C training classes. After a rider successfully completes and passes both tests the school would submit the information to DMV and they would issue a valid M/C endorsement card by mail to the rider that is valid for the duration of their current California drivers license. Upon license renewal the M/C endorsement would then be added to their new license thereby saving the student the time and expense associated with visiting and testing at their local DMV office.

Our second bill would seek to exempt all M/C riders and especially our Military Veteran riders from being accessed a toll fee when traveling on a toll road within the state of California.

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Business Member Spotlight by Sporty Milligan

Hello All! We are going to try something new, a spotlight of Business Members. All Business Members have their business cards in the BW as either a regular or supersized ad - and that's where you can find their information. Here is how the Bailing Wire will spotlight a Business Member; each month one of the Locals can write a small piece (450 words or less) about one of their Business Members. It is the hope that through these spotlights you will get an introduction to these Business Members. I am doing the first spotlight of a Local 1 Business Member. I hope other Locals will participate in this concept. Opinions of this idea can be sent to the Bailing Wire at info@abate.org or me at williammilligan285@yahoo.com.

If your Local is like Local 1, you have several Business Members that you could select to start off with. Here is the one I chose:

Floor Works Carpet, Tile and Hardware: This business deals with carpets and floors. Peter Haffey, who is the owner, works along with his son. When they first started out, they were in Chatsworth, but have since relocated to **20319 Rue Crevier, Unit 559, Canyon Country, 91351**. These days Pete has stepped back from doing the heavy work and has been doing marketing – getting customers! His son and a helper do the bulk of the heavy work. I have used Floor Works twice and have been incredibly pleased with his work.

So, in closing, if you need carpet or floor work, **email Peter Haffey at floor-works@hotmail.com or call 661/406-5906**.

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ABATE Events & Bike Nights for 2021

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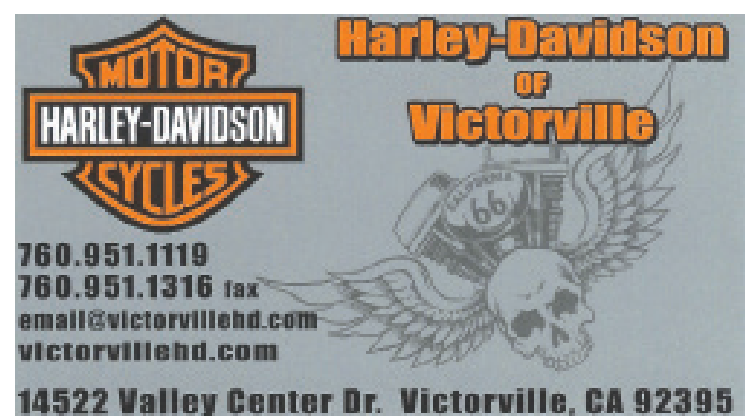
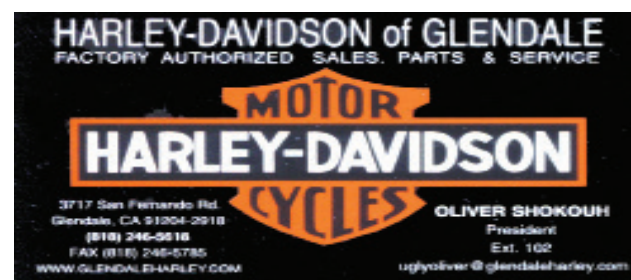
- **March 7th**
ABATE Local 1
34th Annual Polar Bear Run
- **April 17th –**
ABATE 2nd Quarterly PAC/
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(see flyer this issue)
- **May 1st –**
ABATE Local 38 – Stimulus Fun Run
- **May 8th – ABATE Local 23 – Box of Love –**
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- **May 18th – MRF Bikers in the Beltway**
(see flyer this issue)

Bike Nights:

- **April 17th – ABATE Local 23**
Hosted by Hell Fighters – details to follow
- **ABATE Local 3/13 – 1st Thursday of the month**
(See flyer in this issue)

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

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ABATE LOCAL #38



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(Note: available drawing prizes is dependent on participation)



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2nd Quarterly ABATE of California Meeting for 2021

April 17, 2020

On-Line Meeting with ZOOM Video Conferencing

ABATE Meeting Schedule

PAC Meeting: 9:00 am

Break

ABATE Presidents/Officers/Board Meeting: Immediately after Break

ABATE of CA Needs You!

2021 is shaping up to be a great year. We have had many new folks step up into our desperately needed open positions, but we still have a few more to fill.

We need you! We need your fresh ideas, and we need a bit of your time to continue to make ABATE the Motorcycle voice that it has always been.

Take a look at the positions below and if you think one of them is for you contact the State Office or any Board Member. We will need a short bio and a selfie sent to bailing.wire@abate.org.

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If you ever thought you could do it better, now is the time to raise your hand. Let's get into the conversation!

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Sporty's Rides

I'm back with the latest adventures in the life of me, Sporty Milligan. First, ABATE needs your help to make the Bailing Wire better. We'd like Business Members to get more recognition from their Local. How might we do this? Well, the Bailing Wire has the beginnings of a "Local Business Member" column. Each month your Local selects a Business Member to profile and does a small write-up (450 words or less) on that Business Member. Hopefully readers of the Bailing Wire will be inspired by the write-ups of the Business Members to use their services. In any event, the Business Member, along with their advertisement in the Bailing Wire, will get more recognition. My hope is that the Locals will patriciate by submitting Business Member profiles.

Okay this first ride was an adventure! I arrived at Top Rocker HD at 8.30 am, kick-stands up at 9 am. We had about 15 riders and went in one group. We were headed to Hell's Kitchen; it's a biker hang out off Hwy 74 in Lake Elsinore. We took the 101 route which led us to the 5 Fwy and then exiting off 5 to the Ortega Hwy. Before we hit the canyon portion of Ortega Hwy, we stopped at a Chevron station to get gas. We stayed there and waited a bit for Chapter leader Linda Duran. She rides a Sporty that is colored in a purple motif. Looks pretty good. Okay, so after a bit we pressed on through the Ortega Hwy. Traffic was kinda heavy and, of course, Cal-Trans was doing repair work. There was a slowdown that lasted for several minutes, then they gave us the go ahead to go in one lane.



Finally, we arrived at our destination, Hell's Kitchen. The party was in full force. We got seats and ordered our food. They had a country rock band playing the usual assorted hits. It seemed like our lunch took forever to be brought to our table. It was a decent lunch. The waitresses are cute and so the wait was not a problem. The afternoon worn on and eventually we started to head out. I left headed down Hwy 74 towards the 15 Fwy. Stopped, got gas and took the 15 Fwy to the 210 Fwy. As I customarily do, I got off at the Lake exit and stopped at the Mobile station for coffee. Then I went up the 210 to my house in San Fernando, tired, but please that I made the run. It's been rough to make our Local 1, commitments to the state office; we have been making them, but we could use some extra dough. That's why we're doing a Covia-19 Polar Bear run this year - a fund raiser. It will be a "come for a ride" run. Start, maybe buy 50/50 raffle tickets, get a run sheet, do the route, end at a spot and get a run pin for your troubles plus maybe food you purchase for a minimal cost. The fundraiser benefits the lobbyists and general funds for ABATE of California. Cost of this adventure is \$15 per person.

We now have the start and ending sports and we have the insurance. All that is left is the route. I created the route on Thursday, February 4th. The route starts in the back parking lot of the Moose Lodge off Saticoy St in Reseda. It was a bit breezy when I started doing the route. I would ride some then stop to check calculations on my speedo. My 1200 L has two trip gages that can calculate the mileage. The primary the route goes from the Reseda Moose Lodge on Saticoy St to White Oak to Balboa to Foothill Blvd to Sierra Hwy to Placerita Canyon Road to Sand Canyon Road to Soledad Canyon Road to Santiago Canyon Road to Sierra Hwy to Newhall Road, jump on the 14 Fwy cross to the 5 Fwy to the 170 Fwy, exit Roscoe to Coldwater Canyon Ave to Saticoy, then stop at 13026. So that's the route.

Nothing exciting happened on Saturday, except a visit to the new dealership, Mulholland HD. It's bigger than the old place on Sherman Way. Going to the dealership it seems they are always trying to get me to buy another bike. Went to Subway for lunch in Calabasas then took canyon rides and finally went home.

Sunday was my Shaggers meeting in Lancaster. Cold ride up there, but it was manageable as I dressed warm. After the meeting we went to Sooners restaurant for breakfast - decent food. After that, I went to an HD dealer and stayed for a while. Finally left and went home. On the way home going down Sierra Hwy I decided to change the last part of the Polar Bear route - you'll just have to go on the run to find out the changes!

Saturday after I visited my sponsor in Canoga Park, I went to the old HD dealership on Sherman Way. The show room is still there being used as a repair shop and holder for used bikes, for now. After I got my rear turn signal bolt replaced, I went to the Rock Store for a burger and fries. Yummy!

Sunday stayed home and did ABATE paperwork - like this column. That's it for now. Be happy, do rides when you can and sign-up new ABATE members for the Membership drive. Till next time, as Red Skelton would say at the end of his show, "Bye-bye and may God bless."

Scribe Sporty reporting

[Our 23rd Annual Membership Raffle has begun.](#)

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Regional Reps to buy your tickets.](#)

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LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles

Greeting’s All! Local 1’s monthly meeting will be after the Bailing Wire deadline for reports. So here is what is planned to take place.

Again, the meeting will be at the Devil’s Disciples club house in North Hollywood as the Elks Lodge is not available for our meetings.We’ll start with the Pledge of Allegiance then the Treasury report. The PAC report will be short as there is not much to report on. If our VP Jim attends, he’ll give his report.Following that discussion, we will spend most of our time doing a review of what’s happening with the Polar Bear run set for March 7th.We’ll have input from the members attending, decide if the Disciples want to do food and determine how to pay for it.

And that is the gist of the Local 1 February meeting.

Prez Sporty reporting



Local #08 Orange County

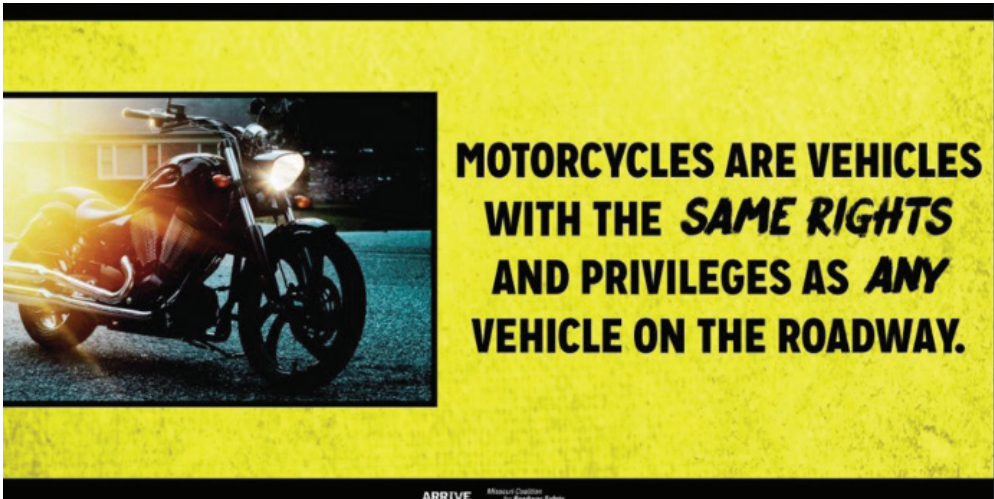
Howdy All! Apologies for missing our article last month - we had a miscommunication within the Local. Local 8 met both in January and February via freeconferencecall.com. In January, ABATES’s new Executive Director, Rick Robinson, was kind enough to join us and deliver an impassioned talk on gaining new members and regaining inactive members.

We also held our annual Local elections with pretty much the same characters taking on duties, though some of us swapped jobs. Carol Pfaffly has stepped down from her job as Secretary. She served in this position magnificently and we thank her for her service.

For February we met again on freeconferencecall.com. We took care of business, including tabling a Motorcycle Swap meet booth until more of us get vaccinated. Our President, Daniel Pfaffly, was successful in peddling our entire allotment of Member ship Raffle Tickets, and we have asked for more.

Local 8 intends to have a large presence at Local 1’s Polar Bear run on March 7th. Of course, we reminded everyone the start place has changed, and we will send out reminder fliers the week before the event.

That’s all for this month,
Steve



LOCAL NEWS

Local #23 San Bernardino

Happy New Year to All! Things have been really quiet around here lately with the CV-19. We had our Local 23 meeting today at a new location, Jenny’s Dinner in Highland, at 9 am as usual. All are welcome to join us for a great breakfast “early” before the meeting. Our Pres, Ron, read the minuets from the January meeting. Greg gave the Treasury report. We have a new VP, Arnold Payne has stepped up to fill the void. Thanks Arnold! He filled us in on what’s going on State wide. The Box of Love event will be held May 8th at a new location - Uncle Tony’s Custom shop, 24638 Redlands Blvd in Loma Linda will host our event, so mark your calendars. We need raffle prizes!

New biz: Ron sold and passed out ABATE Raffle tickets, contact your President for yours!

We are sorry to see Mark Loudermilk aka Bosco, leaving us. He will be missed in a BIG way! We wish the best for Mark in whatever lays ahead of him.

Runs are coming up, stay posted. The Hell Fighters will host a bike night the 3rd weekend in April - will post more info later.

You all stay safe out there, God bless,

Greg,
ABATE Local 23 Secretary/Treasurer.

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members! We are changing things up with our May 1st run this year. Instead of booze we will be raffling off cash! We are calling it the ABATE Local 38 Stimulus Fun Run. \$5 for 5 chances to win! First \$500, Second \$200, Third \$150, Fourth \$100 and Fifth \$50. We will be starting at Coyne Powersports, 2351 S. 4th in El Centro. Registration from 8:30 to 10 am. Donation \$10 per person. We’re trying to get the flyer done in time to be in this issue of the Bailing Wire. More details to follow. Hopefully we will be able to send more money to the general fund.

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President ABATE Local 38

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NEW YEAR, OLD BUSINESS: With the new 117th Congress now in session, and Biden Administration proposing a \$2 trillion transportation and infrastructure plan to reauthorize federal funding for highways, vehicle safety and public transit, before the September deadline, motorcyclists are once again tasked with including motorcycle-friendly provisions in the new highway bill.

Last session’s Moving Forward Act (H.R.2), included provision Increase Motorcycle Safety Funds to states by 25% (to \$5.8 million); Extend the prohibition against using federal funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints, and also prohibit using federal funds to profile and stop motorcyclists based on of their mode of transportation or style of dress; Require the DOT to consider motorcycles in safety studies on autonomous vehicles and include a motorcycle safety group in the DOT working group on autonomous vehicle deployment; Extension of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council including a seat on the council for motorcyclists’ rights groups and manufacturers; and added an amendment during a floor vote in the House to provide federal monies to collect state profiling data regarding traffic stops based on “mode of transportation.”

Failing to pass, like all other failed bills, the massive transportation measure will need to be dealt with all over again in the coming months, so contact your Congressional Representatives and U.S. Senators to include these much-needed provisions in the newly introduced legislation by calling the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121. Likewise, despite having gained over 130 bipartisan cosponsors, H. Res. 255, to address the issue of anti-biker profiling on a national level, failed due to House inaction and will need to be reintroduced and re-addressed this two-year session. Once again, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) and the Confederations of Clubs are calling on all motorcyclists nationwide, from patch holders to independents, to contact their Congressional Representatives to ask for their support of an anti-profiling measure in the House, similar to Senate Resolution 154 passed by unanimous consent in the U.S. Senate on December 11, 2018. As defined by the nonbinding S.Res.154, “motorcycle profiling” means “the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States.”

EPA ANNOUNCES E15 GAS PUMP LABELING: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced a “Notice of Public Rulemaking” regarding labels on E15 fuel dispensers, proposing two potential changes to the current fuel pump labels, neither of which is amenable to motorcyclists or owners of small-engine equipment which can be harmed by high alcohol content gasoline. The EPA’s first proposal involves modifying current labeling to remove all warnings and prohibitions about E15 (15% ethanol blended fuel) use in susceptible engines, and their second is complete removal of the label from dispensing pumps. Consumers’ concerns are that motorcycles and ATVs are not approved for its use, nor are most small air-cooled engines, and using incorrect hotter-burning fuel could cause premature wear, engine damage and void the manufacturer’s warranty.

2021 RINGS IN NEW BILLS NATIONWIDE: Working around COVID-19 restrictions and regulations across the country, bikers’ rights activists are pursuing motorcycle-friendly legislation; such as in Missouri where, fresh off their helmet law repeal victory last year, they are now pushing for House Bill 490 to allow “that a motorcycle or motortricycle may be operated on the shoulder of a roadway under certain circumstances.” In similar fashion, other states are or have been lobbying for various forms of “lane-splitting” laws to allow motorcycles to travel in-between lanes of slow moving traffic, such as in Montana where riders are advocating for Senate Bill 9 to allow “motorcycle filtering,” or Oregon’s Senate Bill 574 “Relating to vehicle filtering in traffic slowdowns” to “allow operators of motorcycles to travel between lanes of traffic under certain conditions,” or in Washington where House Bill 1106 would “Modify the operation of motorcycles on roadways laned for traffic” by allowing riders to “overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.” In Pennsylvania, concerned riders are pushing to include new motorcycles in the state’s Automobile Lemon Law (House Bill 69), which, unlike most states, are currently not covered by the same consumer protections as cars and other vehicles. Concerns about conspicuity, or being seen in traffic, as well as aesthetics, have prompted motorcyclists in several states to modify their auxiliary lighting laws to allow colors other than red or amber; such as Virginia’s Senate Bill 1347 which “Authorizes the use of any color auxiliary lighting, other than blue, on motorcycles and autocycles,” or New Hampshire’s House Bill 461 “relative to motorcycle auxiliary lamping, and adding the New Hampshire Motorcyclists’ Rights Organization to the traffic safety commission.” Four separate states (WA, MD, LA & UT) have taken action to pass anti-profiling laws to restrict law enforcement from discriminatorily profiling bikers for traffic stops and investigative measures, and New York hopes to join those ranks with A1747 to “Require the municipal police training council to ensure that issues related to motorcycle profiling are addressed in basic law enforcement training.” Considering the many legal and legislative successes for motorcyclists’ rights in 2020, contending with the worst viral plague in our lifetimes, 2021 portends even greater potential!

ENGLAND ENTERS NEW CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN, IMPACTING BIKING: The U.K. is yet again inflicting another full lockdown, due to the deadly China Virus spread, with Prime Minister Boris Johnson initiating tough new stay-at-home orders for at least seven weeks until at least mid-February. Those looking to their motorcycle as an escape route to deal with implications of the pandemic could put them in violation of COVID-19 guidelines and risk being fined. The U.K has moved into Tier 5, the highest level of COVID-19 alert the nation has seen, and with that you may now only leave the house if you have a “reasonable excuse,” written into law and the police can fine those in breach for the first offense of £200 (\$273.19 USD), doubling up for further offenses up to a maximum of £6,400 (\$8,742.18). England and Northern Ireland have joined Scotland, Wales and Ireland in implementing the toughest travel restrictions since the original lockdown last March, meaning that in all four Home Nations you can only ride a motorcycle as transport under certain circumstances, and being caught riding not as part of an ‘essential journey’ could levy a hefty fine. As in previous shutdowns, certain essential businesses will be allowed to stay open, and while that list includes vehicle repair and MOT (Ministry of Transport) testing services, motorcycle training and test centers are not included and all types of vehicle driving tests are suspended. This latest lockdown has also seen all motorcycle related activities stopped immediately including track days, trials and endures.

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Please join ABATE of California in our quest to repeal this poorly written legislation and help us restore the rights of side-by-side owners statewide who use these vehicles for safe and responsible family off-road recreation.

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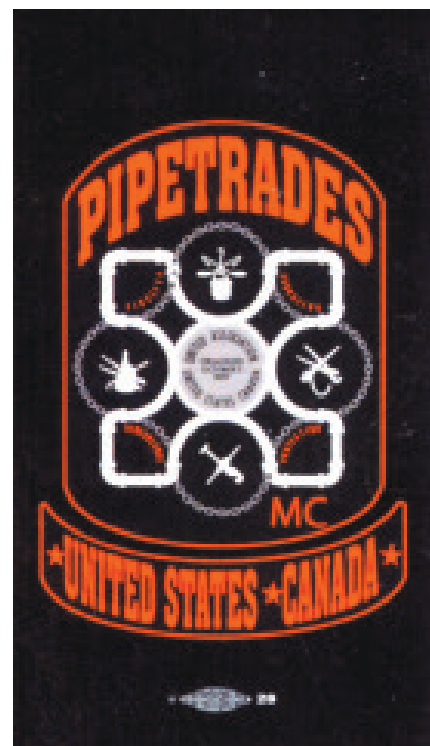
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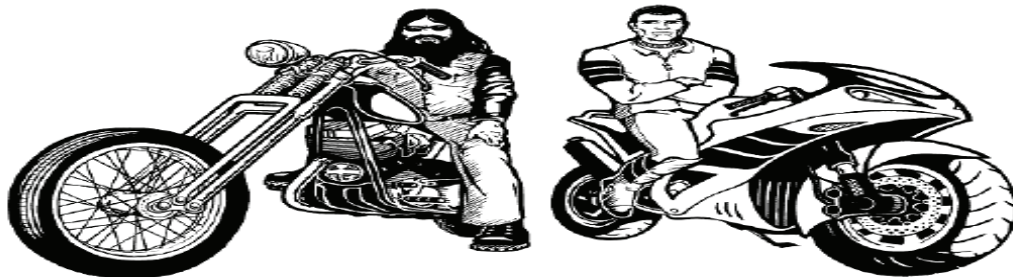
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ABATE MEETINGS

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Los Angeles County - Local #01

Sporty Milligan 3rd Sun - 9AM
1616 4th St Elks Lodge
San Fernando 10137 Commerce Ave
818/361-8800 Tujunga, CA 91402

Simi Valley - Local #02

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

Thousand Oaks/Ventura Local#03-13

Chuck Pederson 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
kath55344@ gmail.com

San Diego County Local #06

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

Orange County Local #08

Please use contact info to verify all
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Daniel Pfaffly 2nd Mon. 7:30PM
714/365-5907 dpfaffly@gmail.com

Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano & Napa Counties Local #17

Sal De Renzi 3rd Sunday - 10:00 AM
707/483-7445

Pomona Valley Local #19

Jeff Bassler 4th Wed - 7:00 PM
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Orange County - Local #20

Rick Robison 2nd Mon. - 7:00 PM
714-315-1150 American Legion Post 132
local20abate 143 Lemon St.
@gmail.com 92866

San Bernardino - Local#23

Ron Morris 1st Sunday 9:00 AM
909/768-0355 Jenny's Diner
7750 Palm Ave #R Highland CA

Fresno - Local#24

www.abatelocal24.org 2nd Wed - 7:00 PM

Sacramento - Local#25

Lil' David Morena 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM



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Riverside - Local#27

Bob Marshall 1st Tues - 7:00 PM
drbobmarshall@yahoo.com @ abatelocal27

Yuba City - Local #33

Steve Katan 1st Tues - 7:00 PM
530-749-1003

Imperial Valley - Local#38

Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 6:30 PM
Call Ed for meeting info 1-760-554-8843
Edward_A12@yahoo.com

Bakersfield - Local#40

Robert Northam 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM
Kilroy16@yahoo.com

High Desert Local 44/47

Dave Hastings 2nd Sat. 9:30 am
760-947-4700 davesautorpair@aol.com

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