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### A Union of Motorcyclists Dedicated to Freedom of the Road

**ABATE Member Craig Griswold and Granddaughter Rylee** 



## November 2015 American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education



## **Executive Director's Report**



### by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

If the third weekend of October is a forecast of things to come, the predicted El Nino weather pattern may hold a lot of surprises for us this winter. Who would ever guess that both of the North / South highway systems out of Southern California would be shut down completely and simultaneously by mudslides and bring all vehicular travel to a standstill. This left us no choice but to cancel our scheduled meetings in Fresno on the 17th of October. If you made it through before the roads were closed and traveled to Fresno only to find out the BOD meeting had been canceled I sincerely apologize for your inconvenience. We were delayed in getting out an e-mail alert to our members because Nick Benson was on the road and stuck in traffic also and he had to return to Barstow before he could send out the alert. Tom Lubbers and I will reschedule the meeting as soon as possible after all of the roads are reopened and we will then close out our ABATE books for 2015. In my twenty five years with ABATE this is the first time I can remember that we have had to cancel a BOD meeting on such short notice and I'm truly sorry for the grief, and I'm sure, aggravation, we have caused some of our members. I realize that some of you traveled many miles and Local 24 in Fresno worked very hard to prepare for the meetings and it was all for nothing because of the emergency road closures. Again, "Thank You" all for your dedication and effort for our ABATE. Hopefully something like this will never happen again and I and your Board of Directors will strive to implement a quicker way to give as much warning as possible

if we are ever faced with a last minute cancellation like this in the future.

Now down to business. If you are currently assigned to Local 00 please be aware that you will be moved into the closest active Local to your registered address either on your renewal date or sometime soon if you are a Life Member. We are closing down Local 00 because of the fact that you do have an actual physical meeting location to attend. This "ghost" Local also affects our ABATE insurance rates and makes it very difficult to get accurate and up to the minute ABATE information to you. If you have a preference on belonging to a particular Local please contact Carol Cromwell at the State Office and she will assign you to your Local of choice. If not, she will make the decision for you. Again, you are still welcome to attend any Local's meeting you wish and we encourage you to do so. The more active you are and the more involved you become, the more it benefits our organization. Get out on the road, meet new people, and make new friends. That's what ABATE is all about.

I will not be writing a separate PAC column this month simply because there is nothing really happening in our state capitol at this time. As you know most of the legislative bills we were following have been postponed until the legislature reconvenes next spring and again takes one final look at those bills to see if they will clear committee or simply die. At this time I am asking every member and Local to forego paying money into our PAC Fund and instead send those dollars to the ABATE Lobbyist Fund. We are currently facing a critical shortage in our Lobbyist ac count and we will need funds in that account to renew Jim Lombardo's service next year. Please send what you can immediately and sit down at your next Local meeting with your fellow members and make a concerted effort to support our Lobbyist Fund on an ongoing and regular basis. ABATE is recognized statewide and especially in Sacramento because of Jim Lombardo's hard work on our behalf. Help us maintain our ABATE influence and success with the legislative process in Sacramento by retaining Jim and his expertise, guidance, and wisdom in 2016. Remember those bills we worked so hard on this year will be heard in 2016 and who knows what else we will be up against when the legislature reconvenes again - let's make sure Jim is still there to help us when we need him the most!

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

Dave H.

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### What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization (not a club) dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road, with emphasis on education and safety. Our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety, and in supporting many types of charity events.

Included with an ABATE membership are a sewon 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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### by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

Governor Brown signed and vetoed the last of the bills for this year, this past Sunday! We're certainly delighted that he signed AB 8 by our good friend Assemblyman Gatto, authorizing Amber Alerts to catch hit and run drivers. This bill certainly deserved the support we gave it, because motorcyclists are especially at risk from drivers that flee the scene, after colliding with riders.

Left to be dealt with are the transportation funding bills, which are supposed to be passed in the current special session called by Governor Brown. Negotiations are continuing. The Legislature could come back if a deal is struck with the Republicans, but at this point, their "no new tax" pledge is blocking any deals.

Next January is the earliest that Assemblyman Bill Quirk's AB 51, the Lane Splitting bill, and AB 334 by Assembly Member Cooley that deals with limiting motorcyclist profiling by law enforcement, will be heard when the Legislature returns.

This will be a short session for hearing two-year bills, like the two above, and I hope to be back representing ABATE's important legislative interests and California's rider rights!



### Mission Statement

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

ABATE of California now has their off road division up and running! Join on Page 10



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### DEADLINES

All run flyers and ad copy will be camera ready. Deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication for ALL material for publication.

Business Card size\$15.00/Mo\$150.00/YRBusiness Card with color\$20.00/Mo\$200.00/YRSuper-Size Business Card with color\$250.00 Yearly only

A Super-Size Business Membership includes Business card on our website with a web link to your business. ALL Yearly rates Includes a Business membership to

ABATE Of California. Business Memberships include two persons at the same

mailing address, and a display plaque for the first year. Business cards need to be mailed to the ABATE State Office with membership application and appropriate fee.

Color ads	are 25% extr	a.
Full Page (10" w x 15.5"h)	\$350.00/Mo	\$3,500.00/Yr.
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### BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

\$125 - One Year Business Member Listing, Couple Membership and Display Plaque. Add \$75 per year for color business card.

Color for an ad or flyer is extra and (ad copy, print ready) must be submitted showing color. All ads MUST be pre-paid for whatever duration you will be running the ad. Prices do not include any changes that you may want to make to existing ads placed with us. Ads should be submitted electronically – in a jpg or

Ads should be submitted electronically – in a jpg or tiff file – email to **bailing.wire@abate.org** and either mail payment to the address below or call with credit card number and billing information.

**CLASSIFIED** 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

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### by Lee "Sporty" Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi All! I received the numbers from Carol Cromwell for January 1<sup>st</sup> thru September 30<sup>th</sup>. We have signed up 100 new members. This is ok news. However as your membership chairman I know we can always do better. My goal for the year is at least 150 new members. The Membership drive ends 12/31/15. We have 100 now, so please keep up the good work!

Local 1 is doing a booth at Love Ride 32, so I hope to score a couple of new members at this event. There are events where you too can signup new members for your Locals.

Please keep your renewals. I have said this over and over again. It is important that your Local keep its renewals. They are important because they are the backbone of the organization. Remember to keep your members informed by emails and letters, if they do not do email. Your members need to know how important they are to your Local and ABATE. This system will lead to the renewing member signing up again.

I have asked, and will ask once again, this question: What can we do to increase our





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membership numbers? I challenge you to help me make the membership better. There is strength and unity in numbers of members.

PLEASE SEND ME YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE CAN IMPROVE THE MEM-BERSHIP DRIVE AND THE MEMBERSHIP OF ABATE! Email your ideas to me at <u>william-</u> <u>milligan285@yahoo.com</u>. Thanks for listening.

Regards Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman



### ABATE "Brothers & Sisters" Lost in 2015

Frank Conard, Past President of Local 22, and a current ABATE Member; Ernie "Godfather" Dorsey, Local 40 President, (passed in December 2014); Sandy (Benjamin) Lake, Local 3/13; Alan Molineux, Local 44; Geno Ruecker, Local 44; Bruce Abbott Waldron, aka B.W.S.P.; Dave "Grumpy" Turner, Local 44; Bruce Abbott Waldron, aka Long Distance Rider, Local 24; Christine "Blondie" Walters, Local #44 & F.O.E. #4181; Brian Scott Wassell, aka Briman, Local 2; Rocky White, Local 17; Anthony Zappetta, Local 17;

Rest In Peace, May they ride Forever Free.

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### Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! Greetings from Sporty! Our meeting was the second week instead of the third week because this month the Love Ride 32 is on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October.

Our meeting was a small group. The members that attended the meeting were: the Kerr's, Steve and Linda; David Teacher Rodarte; Robbie Freeman, Vince Alvarez, Blazen Jeri Alexander and myself, Sporty Milligan the Local 1 president.

We talked about the need to help the lobbyist's fund generate more money. There has been no more movement on our legislation AB 51 (lane sharing) and AB 334 (anti-Profiling). GOOD NEWS: AB 8 (Hit & run) has been signed into law.

News Flash: We have a booth at the Love Ride 32. I plan to be there to monitor the booth and make sure that the booth goes smoothly. Hope to see some of you there.

Regards, Sporty Milligan Local 1 president

### Local #02 Simi Valley



We had a very good meeting tonight! From the beginning to the end. As I walked in, the BBQ was on fire! Thanks to our volunteer cooks Pattibock and Frank, they rocked the BBQ! Food was plentiful with amazing cookies that were yummy for the tummy! We start serving our fantastic \$5.00 meal with all the fixin's one could want from 6:45 until 7:30 with another fantastic bar within talking distance. Once again, we thank our gracious host, VFW Post 10049. They have remodeled the inside again and it is sweet!

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Street. We have our officers' meeting on the first Tuesday of the month and everyone is invited.

VP Jim got us going with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pres Guy opened the meeting with ABATE info and introduced Keith from Local 3/13 who talked about their upcoming run, the 7th annual Motorcycle Trivia Run. Some members from Local 2 have been on their run and said it was a good fun ride. Thanks Keith for coming to our meeting. It's a great thing for other Locals to support other Locals for ABATE! Our VP Jim also talked about reading the Bailing Wire because of the great articles etc.

Our secretary Jane read the minutes and our treasurer Pat gave us an update on our funds. PR Norm talked about recent events of motorcycle accidents and safe riding issues that affect us all. Frank our membership guy gave us his report and Bob (Pigface) talked about last month's surprise ride and future rides as well. Scott our merchandise man talked about our clothing line. Our Pres Guy talked about our nominated officers and our voting that night introducing all the new officers or repeat offenders! Pres Guy also talked about, with Keith as well, the new possible AB laws for 2016. They both explained them in detail and it is very important for our future freedoms. The information was spot on and made our meeting fruitful.

I would like to thank all our officers past and present for their relentless dedication toward the growth of Local 2 and ABATE. We are a good bunch of humans that also promote camaraderie, fun and serious business as needed. We had good prizes for our raffle and VP Jim won the membership drawing.

We seriously miss all who could not be here tonight and hope to see you at the next meeting. Come on out and see the NEW officers for 2016! Ride Safe Always, PTL norm e.

Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks/

Ventura



It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations! Our Local is growing! We are so excited and thankful for the support and comradery! Joining ABATE makes a statement and sends money to work towards fair and just treatment of motorcyclists whether you ride with ABATE or ride with another group. We engage in communication and sharing our ABATE message to those in other Locals, as well as within other riding groups. It's not just about hanging out with your own ABATE Local, but with other Locals and with members of other clubs and groups. We're feeling the comradery and we're feeling the interest in our mission! It's contagious!

To that end, our Local 3/13 of Thousand Oaks and Ventura County continues to reach out to the motorcycle community and to other ABATE Locals to work together for an even bigger voice.

Our Local Bike Nights are held the first Thursday of each month at Azar's Sports Bar and enjoy the attendance of not only our members, but those of other nearby groups. It's been great to share our enthusiasm and to reach out, inviting all motorcyclists to join our mission!

Our Local President, Chuck Pedersen, and several of our members continue to network with various other groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. Issues we are working on include AB-334 the Anti-Profiling Measure, AB-51 involving defining lane sharing parameters, and AB 346 involving Full Identity Checks. Join us in support of these efforts! Get involved and write your legislators. Everything we do does make a difference.

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming new members. We are looking forward to upcoming elections, with "new blood" stepping up for officer positions!

Bike Nights are held 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, 7 pm, at Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; General Membership Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 7 pm, at the Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks; and Sunday rides every Sunday, meeting at Azar's for a fabulous breakfast around 9:00 am and kick-stands up by 10:15.

Come join us to any or all of these events and bring your friends. Check us out on Facebook at <u>www.Facebook/ABATE313</u> to follow our events and issues. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations! Kathlean B.

### Local #11 North San Diego County



Wow, October already. Cool clear fall days - well still about 97 degrees here in North San Diego County, but a beautiful day for riding nonetheless. President Dan had a mandatory union meeting to attend so VP Dick led the meeting. Scribe Gary was also unable to attend so I was "elected" (railroaded?) into being Scribe for a day. Thanks Gary.

No breakfast at the Moose Lodge this morning as a long time Moose honcho had passed recently and the Lodge was preparing for his memorial service. We moved to a more remote spot in the park for our meeting.

VP Dick filled us in on the Moose Riders gathering the previous night. Sounds like a great annual event and we all vowed to make an appearance at next year's annual October Moose Riders overnighter. Dick gave us the low down on the upcoming runs.

We had a very light turn out this month, so we decided to reach out to our long time members to see if we can get the troops coming back. If you're reading this and haven't been out for a while, why not come on back? We'd love to see you!

We also need to reach out to all riders and get them into the family. On that note, Dick and Sherry renewed their VIP memberships and we signed up two new members, Phillip Sanchez, a recent transplant to the North County, and Doc from the Final Option Motorcycle Club. Welcome aboard guys!

And while I'm naming names, congratulations to Steve for finally getting his picture in the Baling Wire during the State Run! You rock Schmitty!

Hey, before I forget, don't forget to support fellow Local 38 from Region 12 in their Turkey Run on November 21<sup>st</sup>. I'm sure their run flyer is in this issue!

Well that's it for now, keep it safe and see you on down the road!

Tim, your humble treasurer (and reluctant one-time scribe).

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



We are all deeply saddened by the passing of Anthony Zappetta, one of the founding members of our Local. He was a cherished friend and brother and was quite a character who always had a smile and a good word to say to everyone. When he wasn't out riding, November 2015

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we would often see him on the corner of Main Street and Elizabeth Street in downtown Vacaville. As one of his final acts of giving, he donated his hair and beard to Locks of Love - that was just like him - always giving, always caring. He will be missed, but we know his spirit is still with us and probably hanging out on his corner on Main Street.

We have lost many in the past year, and it is a reminder that life is short and very precious. Ride every chance that you can, don't be afraid to reach out to others, and leave good memories!

Our Annual Holiday Party takes place from 6 to 11:30 pm on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Moose Lodge. Tickets are available now - \$30 per person and \$50 per couple. Great food, door prizes, and music from DJ Ron Landaker.

Our 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run is coming up fast. This year it will be on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast at the Moose Lodge from 9 to 11 am, and the pack will depart at 11 am for the run to downtown Vacaville. All riders and clubs are welcome - bring a new unwrapped toy, and join in the fun! It's a great opportunity to make a child's Christmas a little happier!

### Ride Safe, Ride FREE! Shauna.

### Local #20 Orange County



We had thirty-eight people at our meeting which included seven guests. Rick from Soldiers for Jesus announced that he has "Remember Waco 5-17-15" patches for sale. These patches sell for \$8.00 and all proceeds go to the victims and their families of the Waco massacre at the hands of law enforcement. The patches were made by the Christian Coalition. Spike read a piece about the aftermath of the shooting. Families have been torn apart and are still suffering the effect of that day, over five months later with no end in sight. With a million dollar bail, many of the victims are still being held and of the ones that were able to post bail they are required to wear ankle monitors for which they have to pay for. The murder victims left behind families that are now without their beloved father/husband/son, and they are struggling, not only with the loss, but the loss of income these men provided. By the time bail was posted, many lost their jobs and/or businesses. Just imagine, if bikers were the lawless criminal monsters that some make us out to be, no city would be safe. Bikers would be shutting down freeways, rioting, looting and burning down every city because bikers reside in every city of every county of every state in the US. Instead, we wait and pray that justice will prevail. On that note, Gill reminded us that we need more video documentation of harassment, including business owners that refuse service to patch holders at the direction of law enforcement.

Jason Beckman's name was pulled for the dollar draw but wasn't at the meeting so we have \$35.00 for next month's draw. The non-politically correct Gill.

### Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the meeting to order at 7:00 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ruby welcomed Del Camp, a former member. We had 6 members present.

Last month the Local voted to discontinue our membership in the Confederation of Clubs. The COC requires the attendance of two people from each member organization at each meeting or else the group is fined \$50.

Gary reported that the legislature has adjourned until next year. The Governor signed AB 8, which ABATE supported. This law authorizes use of the Emergency Alert System to inform the public if there is a hit and run accident.

Lil' David reported on the State rally last weekend. There was a new promotion company this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 David Smart

## **2015 ABATE** Events

<u>www.abate.org</u> and events Calendar to download available flyers

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

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

October 17 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly ABATE meetings had to be cancelled at the last minute because of major road closures affecting Southern California travelers headed North. This meeting will be rescheduled. **November 8** – "One More From the Heart" benefits Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital in Loma Linda, CA.

(100% of ALL donations go to the Center! Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital supports "Motorcyclist's Rights".)

For more info and list of donations needed - Contact "Honda Ray" 951/279-4370 or <u>hr-wolfe@att.net</u>.

**November 21** – ABATE Local 38 – Annual Turkey Run (See flyer this issue for details.)

**December 6** – ABATE Local 17 – 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run (Details TBA.)

**December 6**<sup>th</sup> – ABATE Local 19 - 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run (See flyer this issue for details.)

**December 12** – ABATE Local 52 – Annual Toy Run Contact Craig Griswold 530/263-8071 for details.

**December 13** – ABATE Local 1 & Glendale Harley-Davidson – 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run, benefits the Fred Jordan Mission Skid Row Toy Run. (See flyer this issue for details.)

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

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

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



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**ABATE Local #44** Hank & Kris Hallmark Dave & Carol Hastings Tom Lara Jeff & Nina Ozanne

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Sustaining Members (VIP's) are mailed a hard copy of the Bailing Wire (the months it is printed); a certificate of Appreciation (suitable for framing); their membership card with VIP printed on it; and as you see here, their names are printed on this list. ABATE of California appreciates their extra support.



Saturday November 21, 2015 at Wal-Mart's Parking Lot 2150North Waterman Ave. El Centro, CA 92243 Registrations are from 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM, Donation: \$10.00 % a Frozen Turkey per person, includes a Dinner Ticket

\*TURKEYS WILL BE DONATED TO LOCAL CHARITIE SO ALL CAN ENJON THANKSGIVING DINNER\* (For more information you may contact: ED/ 760/554-8843)



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Sporty's Rides

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### by Lee "Sporty" Milligan

Greeting all! It's been a busy month since we last spoke. I have another of those darn temporary work assignments. The decent part is that it's for three month instead of just one month. With that knowledge it will be December 23<sup>rd</sup> when this assignment expires. I am not getting fired, just might get another job somewhere else. I really do not want to change jobs at this point in my career, so I am going to see the doctors (physical medicine) again in November. I hope I can convince them to change my slope profile. I like what I do. The work week is four tens so I get Fridays off. This is sweet. If you have any vibes, send them my way so I don't have to go to another department. Ok, in the last installment I spoke about my old 2002 883 sporty with the voyager kit attachment on the undercarriage. It's been at Casey's for the last eight months. I went to check on progress and Sid, the only mechanic, said it's almost done. They have to fix the broken bolt on the voyager kit. It's a 27 mm bolt that snapped flush so it's an easy out job. There is a wrinkle in this because Sid is going to be away on vacation in Tennessee for his daughter's wedding. I guess I'll check on it after the Love Ride.

I had just clocked 92,000 miles and some change on my 2007L Sporty when a gas line broke and it started to smell and drip gas. Yeaks! The next day was to have my teeth cleaned, but canceled that to get the bike repaired. They did not have the part. No bike for the weekend. Bummer. In the cage the whole weekend and all during the work week.

My leg rubber part that holds it in the prosthesis was tearing in the front part. I took Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> off from work so I could go to their sub-office in Tarzana and have it properly sized. I figured that I would get my bike that day also as the part was in the shop, Old Road HD in Santa Clarita. So I got Renee to take me to the shop by 9 am. The bike was not done so I sent

Renee home. I was out of the shop \$147 lighter, but I quickly jumped on the bike and made my appointment by 10:05 am. Problem was they did not have my rubber part as they forgot to pack it for the trip to their sub-office. The next day I rode to Palmdale, their main shop, to get the new one - \$350! They are going to see if they can get me a reimbursement as they feel it should have not torn that way so quickly. Usually when I am up at the prosthesis shop on the return trip home I stop in Acton and eat at Crazy's Otto's. Good food and fair price. I had the corn beef hash breakfast. I had parked in front of a beauty salon and after breakfast the two ladies who worked there were giving me the eye. Sweet! I guess that sometimes I still got it.

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, I rode to our meeting at Big Jim's Family restaurant. The October meeting was moved up a week as the Love Ride is on our usual meeting date and ABATE Local 1 has a booth. It was a small turn out.

Ok that's it. I had a backbreaking day, so I will close this edition of Sporty's Rides. Do ABATE runs and get new members for ABATE's membership drive.

Regards, Sporty, Bailing Wire scribe



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### NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY PURSUES INTEL

LIGENT BIKES: The motorcycle industry recently took a major step toward the "connected bike" when three major OEMs announced the launch of a Connected Motorcycle Consortium (CMC), with Yamaha, BMW and Honda entering into a joint agreement to accelerate the development of intelligent bikes, whose technology development and inclusion in the greater mobility picture have lagged behind the connected-car movement.

Industry officials made the joint announcement at the 2015 ITS World Congress in Bordeaux, France, and the newly formed organization follows the 2014 signing of a far reaching Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by all members of the European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM) stating that connected motorcycles will be available for sale within the next five years incorporating smart safety devices that speak with each other across brands and products. The CMC will focus on sharing information and technology to get Cooperative-Intelligent Transportation Systems (C-ITS) applications onto powered two-wheelers by 2020, and the three manufacturers are encouraging other motorcycle OEMs to join the consortium in an effort to standardize C-ITS protocols across the motorcycle industry.

"In order to speed up more motorcycle-specific safety developments, we intend to cooperate to promote a successful implementation of C-ITS in motorcycles and scooters," said Honda's Tetsuo Suzuki. "The next logical step is to enter into a cooperation dedicated solely to the challenges relating to powered two-wheelers," added Takaaki Kimura, of Yamaha.

"Our aim is to promote a timely and comprehensive use of cooperative ITS systems in powered-two wheelers offering the potential to improve safety. We therefore encourage other companies to join us," said Prof. Dr. Karl Viktor Schaller, of BMW Motorrad.

ITS technologies offer the potential to further increase safety, security and efficiency in all transport systems, in particular for motorcycles. Future systems development will further integrate V2V features, in particular interoperable networked wireless communication between vehicles to enable road users to make coordinated and informed decisions about their route as well as allowing safer maneuvering in busy urban environments.

DOJ CREATES NEW COUNCIL TO COMBAT "ANTI-GOVERNMENT VIEWS": "Americans motivated by anti-government views and racist ideologies" will be the focus of a new Department of Justice position to coordinate investigations into violent homegrown extremism.

Assistant Attorney General John Carlin, head of the department's national security division, told a



George Washington University audience on October 14, 2015 that while the international terror threat occupies the public attention, federal officials remain just as concerned about the prospect of violence from Americans motivated by anti-government views and racist ideologies.

"We need to make sure we have the mechanisms in place so that we can continue to remain just as focused on the domestic terrorism threat while addressing the international terrorism threat," Carlin said in a question-and-answer session following a speech at the university.

The new "Domestic Terrorism Council" will work with U.S. attorneys nationwide "to identify trends that can be used to help shape a national strategy."

The new council should not be confused with another new department previously created by former AG Eric Holder, the DOJ's Domestic Terrorism Task Force which also focuses on "anti-government extremism."

SURVEY CONFIRMS THAT BIKER PROFIL-ING IS A NATIONAL EPIDEMIC: The National Motorcycle Profiling Survey that began October 1st is already beginning to show some strong early trends confirming that motorcyclist profiling is a prevalent and widespread problem, and is expected to yield some very interesting and telling statistics which can assist motorcyclists in recapturing our rights base across the country.

The questionnaire posted on Survey Monkey is intended to provide a clearer picture of motorcycle profiling from a national perspective through a thorough and comprehensive series of specific and detailed questions.

One very interesting statistic shows that 84.5% of the nearly 1,400 surveyed so far feel that being a biker has a negative impact on their civil rights, and report that riding a motorcycle places them under a higher level of scrutiny from both law enforcement and business owners. Importantly, this is not just a club issue, as 41.5% of those surveyed were independent riders and wear no identifying logo or emblem. Still, some independents from groups like the Legion Riders, ABATE, and VFW have reported being discriminated and profiled due to their patches and other attire.

"The initial results are very informative and are starting to paint the picture we have been seeing in our community for a long time," said David "Double D" Devereaux of the Motorcycle Profiling Project (www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com), "but this time our legislative representatives, who aren't familiar with the motorcycle community will be able to see it too."

The National Motorcycle Profiling Survey, created by the North Florida Confederation of Clubs and sponsored by the MPP, will provide invaluable insight into the issue of motorcycle profiling in America as we move towards an effort to pass a national motorcycle anti-profiling law.

Your input will provide an important piece of evidence in the overall pattern of profiling, and will assist those fighting at both the state and national level for your right to ride and your lifestyle, so please get involved and pass this survey along to every biker you know. <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/?sm=nFhBGt</u> <u>Zx2K9m3xbn3pkZtA%3d%3d</u>

ETHANOL-FREE FUEL: Looking for ethanol-free gas? The website Pure Gas (<u>www.pure-gas.org</u>) is a definitive listing of gas stations that sell pure, ethanol-free gasoline, and currently lists 10,159 locations in the U.S. and Canada.

"Many cars, motorcycles, boats, aircraft and tools have engines that run worse, or have parts that deteriorate, when run on gasoline that contains ethanol. In addition, ethanol leaves residue on valves and other parts that can hinder performance," claims the site.

The website doesn't get into the political side of ethanol in gasoline, and this site does not sell advertising or seek sponsors.

You just click on your state or province to find out in your city those where you can fill up with pure gas without ethanol, and your search provides a list of 100 ethanol-free gas stations sorted nearest to furthest. The site also allows visitors to add new stations or remove existing ones.

You can save the Pure Gas website URL address on your phone or tablet to use the listing while traveling, or Pure Gas apps are also available.

NEW YORK R-O-W LAW: There's been a nationwide push for stiffer penalties for drivers who commit moving violations that result in severe injuries or fatalities, and now a new law proposed in New York would call for felony charge for fatal moving violations.

Currently in New York, if a driver commits a moving violation that kills a motorcyclist, the driver would only be given a traffic ticket. However, ABATE of N.Y. is pushing for harsher penalties.

When fellow motorcyclist and retired New York State Trooper Kenny Watson heard the story of an ABATE member nicknamed Creto who was hit and killed by a negligent driver who was issued a ticket for the misdeed, he sat down with lawyers to draft legislation that would create harsher penalties for drivers who take a life after committing a moving violation.

"Running a stop sign, running a red light, moving from lanes unsafely," he told News10 in Albany, NY. "They know what they're doing, so they should be held accountable for it."

The proposed Right-of-Way Violation legislation is called Creto/Kade's Law and it would charge drivers with a Class D felony if they commit a moving violation that kills a motorcyclist, bicyclist or pedestrian. The charge carries the weight of up to seven years in prison, and would give families a bit of justice for the loss of a loved one.

"With a Class D felony, it's going to haunt the person the rest of their life," said Albany ABATE chapter president Andy "Animal" Liuzzi. "Let that haunt them for the 40 years they deprived someone of living."







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Motorcyclists are hoping drivers will think twice about committing a moving violation and running the risk of taking an innocent life if the law passes.

### CALIFORNIA FREEWAY SIGNS TO ISSUE

HIT-AND-RUN ALERTS: California's freeway message signs will soon warn drivers about more than just snarled traffic and severe droughts. Thanks to a bill signed Monday, September 28, by Governor Jerry Brown, they will next warn motorists to watch for suspected hit-and-run vehicles through a "Yellow Alert" system.

The measure, AB 8, was authored by Assemblyman Mike Gatto (D-Glendale), and such alerts will only be issued if a person has been killed or sustained a serious injury in a hit-and-run collision. A description of the suspected vehicle involved along with its license plate will be shown on the signs for view by the motoring public.

### U.S. DUTY ON JAPANESE MOTORCYCLES TO BE LIFTED UNDER TRADE AGREE-MENT: The United States will remove a tariff levied on Japanese motorcycles with engine displacements of over 700cc under the recently agreed Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact, according to Japan Times, and the 2.4% duty will

be eliminated five years after the multilateral trade deal takes effect. The United States, Japan and 10 other Pacific countries reached a broad agreement in early Oc-

countries reached a broad agreement in early October to establish a free trade bloc covering 40 percent of the global economy.

For Japan, the new trade initiative will eliminate 99.9% of tariffs on industrial products within the TPP zone. Japan has exported about 120,000 motorcycles with engines of 251cc or higher annually to the U.S. market in recent years. Honda Motor Co., the world's largest motorcycle maker by volume, and Yamaha Motor Co., compete with local rivals such as Harley-Davidson Motor Co., which mainly focuses on motorcycles with engine displacements of over 600cc.

The U.S. government imposes no tariff on imported motorbikes with engines of 700 cc or

### Japanese motorcycle makers are trying to beef up sales in the United States and Asian markets to offset flagging demand in Japan, where sales dropped to about 410,000 units in 2014 from a peak of 3.28 million in 1982.

Following the broad agreement reached at ministerial talks on October 5th, the 12 member nations of the TPP will need to finalize the text of the treaty for formal approval in their respective countries ahead of final ratification. In addition to the U.S. and Japan, the ten other TPP members are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam.

### FRENCH TRAFFIC RADAR TO DETECT UNIN-

SUREDS: Authorities in France are now investigating a new way to make more money off of road users, as they want automated speed and red light radars to cross-check a new insurance database.

Checking this new database will allow law enforcement to see if your motorcycle, or car, has been properly insured. If not, they can fine you for riding without valid insurance, up to  $\notin$ 3750 (\$4,246 US) and the forfeiture of your vehicle and driver's license.

French authorities are now asking all of the insurance companies to look at feeding a common database that will contain all the vehicle insurance data allowing the police to find out your insurance situation automatically.

### WEIRD NEWS: YAMAHA TO SHOWCASE BIKE-

**RIDING ROBOT**: As an extreme example of ITS Smart Technology, among Yamaha's concepts set to appear at the Tokyo Motor Show is a motorcycle-riding robot, presumably to save motorcyclists from the drudgery of performing the task themselves.

Self-driving cars are understandable, but self-riding bikes are harder to get a handle on. Yamaha says it will display "an autonomous motorcycle-riding humanoid robot that combines motorcycle and robotics technologies." There's no further official information, but the Japanese motorcycle-maker has also recently trademarked the name "MotoBot".

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." ~ Albert Einstein (1879-1955) Nobel Prize-winning German-born physicist

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### STATEMENT FROM DMV REGARDING THE NEW MOTOR VOTER ACT

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will implement the New Motor Voter Act signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown. This new law requires the DMV to establish a schedule and method to electronically provide the Secretary of State (SOS) the records for each person who submits an application for a driver license, ID card, or change of address. The New Motor Voter Act is scheduled to go into effect in January 2016, but the information will not be sent to the SOS until work is completed on a statewide database by the SOS, regulations are in place, and funding to implement is secured.

### Donations!! - General, Lobbyist & PAC Funds - THANK YOU!!!!

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

Donations have been received from the following (received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of October): WE owe each and Every one of YOU a BIG THANK YOU!!! So - THANK YOU!!

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Thank YOU for your contributions in helping to preserve "Freedom of the Road"!!! Thank you to our Members that renew their Memberships and those that join us – that too helps in preserving and fighting for Motorcyclist's Rights!! And Of Course the Locals that contribute to the funds regularly and when they do events. THANK YOU!!



### **Tech Tips** by Craig Griswold

Harley-Davidson's Screamin Eagle Cam Plate Upgrade

Previously we discussed the cam chain tensioner shoes on the pre-2007 Big Twin / pre-2006 Dyna. Although you won't find a specific periodicity for inspecting these spring type shoes in Harley-Davidson service manuals, the industry standard is 20,000 miles. We've seen these down to metal at 20K, and we've seen a few that were still serviceable at 50K. Very unpredictable! One interesting observation is that the bikes with performance cams tend to hit that unserviceable wear point closer to the 20K mark. CVO owners this means you! It makes sense since the higher lifts and faster opening and closing ramps would impart more stress on the parts. Last month we covered the Feuling upgrade. This month we'll talk about the Screamin Eagle Hybrid Cam Plate Kit upgrade.



As before, follow your factory service manual procedure for cam plate removal. Unless you need to go into the top end for some reason (rocker inspection, leaky gaskets, head work, etc.) skip the step of tearing down the rocker assemblies to remove the stock pushrods. You can bolt cut these and replace with easy install type adjustable rods. Remember to unload the valve train on the cylinder from which you are cutting the pushrods. Also be advised that not all adjustable pushrods are the type that can be installed without rocker removal so check with the manufacturer. Common vernacular for these rods are "Easy Install" or 'Quick Install." Although there are many to choose from, the most economical are Harley-Davidson/ Screamin Eagle. They come in a kit with all the o-rings and the Evo style covers which allow you to access the adjusters. Buying from the other popular sources requires the separate purchase of the covers. The Screamin Eagle kit is excellent quality too.

Once your stock cam plate is out, remove the bearing retainer and press out the cams. Replace the inner and outer bearings while you're there. The inner bearings are manufactured by INA, and while they are adequate for stock cams, the superior full complement Torrington bearing is much more reliable. The outer bearings should be replaced as well. The front cam bearing is a ball type and once side loaded (from pressing it out) is no longer serviceable. The rear roller should be replaced as well. Not necessarily required, but cheap insurance. One easy way to do this is to purchase one of S&S's bearing kits (cam install kit). This comes with all four bearings, the oil pump and cam plate o-rings, and a cam cover gasket.

Follow the instructions for the Hybrid kit for installation, but before moving forward check your flywheel run-out. Mount a dial indicator to the engine case and turn over the engine manually (pull the plugs, put the transmission in top gear, and roll the rear wheel to rotate).





Most have a few thousandths, but if it's excessive (check the service wear limit in the manual) that might explain that annoying vibration that's been bugging you. Inspect the lifters and cams. Maybe while you're in there this would be a good time to install those cams you've always wanted.

The kit comes with the cam plate, a high volume/high pressure oil pump needed to run the new tensioners, the new tensioners, drive gears and roller chains.



This is a high quality product and certainly the most economical answer to the problematic spring loaded cam chain tensioners.

Next month we'll check out S&S's gear drive answer to the upgrade. Ride safe!

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### by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer Tidbits of 2015

It's almost the end of the year, one more article for me to write for 2015. I've been riding since the late '60s and I have witnessed many things as far as riding a motorcycle from being a kid to teenager then young adult to the old man on his scooter. I've had many minor crashes on dirt and asphalt. I do thank God that nothing was ever serious. In all my minor crashes my bike was never in need of repair or my body for that matter - my ego was bruised more than my body.

I'm not that safe rider that rides in a full body suit and I wasn't the chicken rider or the weekend warrior that thought a 50 mile jaunt was exhilarating. Whether I was riding in the dirt or on the street I always pushed it, faster, daring and many other crazy things you do as a kid and young adult. It was basically what most of us have done, some more crazy and some less.

Every time I showed off I pretty much had that minor accident and the bruising of the ego. With that I knew my limitations and either I tried to perfect it or stopped it, thinking it's not for me. And let me tell you, I stopped doing more crazy things than perfecting certain things on my bike. I don't know how it came about; maybe it was a maturing of my riding life. I did have that continuing education of riding safe. The conversations and trial and errors of riding whether it was me or seeing somebody else making a mistake. I was open to any format of education whether it was my dad or friends. I had absorbed whatever I could for my benefit and then to talk to others who sought my advice. It was, after all, motorcycle life. It was a life I have loved since I had an engine between my legs.

Yes times have changed over the years, the bikes are faster, and the roads are much more populated, it's just the way it is period! The one thing I've seen is that there is more attention to motorcycle safety, be it private enterprises or organizations promoting motorcycle safety (hint: ABATE) all across America. This is a great thing, but I do see a shortcoming of how our government limits their abilities to promote motorcycle safety with not only the motorcycle riders but mainly drivers of other vehicles. We get the cameo role effect, once in a while here or there. I still don't see any types of signs that suggest motorcycle awareness, especially in congested traffic areas but I still see falling rock signs or other signs of no significance, and you all know this. It seems that most government types want to infringe on our rights rather than teach about our safety. But they do think that it will help us riders be more safe - it's kind of like backwards thinking. What came first, the



chicken or the egg? Rights or Safety? The one thing I know is that I can't answer the last two questions. I can give you an educated guess, but that only works in politics! The one thing I do really know is that we have to take care of our own, be it ABATE or any other organization that's not affiliated with any government agency, but is always willing to work with the government.

Riding a motorcycle has become complicated, with modern technology and ever changing laws; we have to be in on the changes constantly. No matter what all the challenges may be, it's still about you the rider. How you approach that ride, whether it's a pleasure ride or it's a necessity or because it's your main mode of transportation, it's still, and will always be, about you, the rider.

I've always stated that it happens "that fast", and it does. Most accidents happen so fast that at least one of the persons involved didn't know what hit them. With that you get no time to react, that's a fact and not a fantasy. There are those that you know will happen because of either bad judgment or being stupid, and let me tell you this, stupid covers a lot of ground. Being aware of your surroundings as a rider is most important. 360 degrees is what you have to be thinking as you ride. You can't be daydreaming or having serious situations of mental health, let alone being drunk or buzzed as you ride.

I have said this before, and it is true, if you don't feel like riding or you have serious doubts about riding that day, then don't, it's not worth it. You have 364 other days to ride.

I have said this as well, make sure your bike is road worthy, go through your bike and make sure it's a safe bike to ride. I've said I like to detail my bike with my tools as well as waxing it etc. It's a good thing to get intimate with your bike. Tire pressure is so important, I always stress that you should check your tire pressure at the minimum once a month, it's free and easy. Most vehicle's that lose control in an accident were found to have improper tire pressure - this is a true fact!

In previous articles I have stated that you should practice hard braking at different speeds, have you? I also said to practice locking your rear brake at different speeds so you know what it feels like and you get to know how your bike reacts and how you can control your bike. It's not a one-time thing you practice, it should be done randomly so it's second nature to you. Hard braking can prevent you from having an accident or lessen the impact of a collision that you cannot avoid.

I've talked about being prepared properly if you are going on a high mileage ride and know what the weather and road conditions are so you can properly be prepared, without having to buy extra clothes because you didn't know the mountain expedition you were going on was going to be 40 degrees cooler than the city you started out in.

I've talked about riding at your own skill level and not worry about how good other riders are. This is a serious thing that happens all the time - accidents by riders with less experience are the main victims of this. Realize what your level is and take the time to learn how to progress without harming yourself or others.

Okay here is what I've come to; it's not what I like to write about but it's the truth and very, very recent. I lost a good friend on October 12<sup>th</sup> in a motorcycle accident on the 118 Fwy. Live Rider Tudy Lara was well known in Local 2 and was a volunteer for our Sweaty Buns run for many years. I cannot give you the details but it was a multiple vehicle accident that happened real fast, RIP Tudy!

Another friend of mine passed her motorcycle safety course and got her motorcycle license a couple of weeks ago, then crashed on her inaugural ride. She hit a concrete barrier on a curve. It happened so fast that she didn't really know how it happened. Lucky for her she only broke her hand and was bruised up pretty well. The bike is toast! She had never ridden a Harley - it was a '04 Softail. She borrowed the bike from her stepmom and was so eager to ride that she didn't take time to know the bike and feel how powerful it was.

I'm kind of writing these tidbits because it's almost the end of the year and I hope we all have had a safe year of riding and 2016 is coming real soon and there is the winter. Yes we do ride year round out here in beautiful Southern California.

I would like to finish this article by asking you to get on the Bailing Wire website. Read the articles from this year and earlier. Get re-acquainted with ABATE in all that we do. All my safety articles and other articles that you read will only enhance your motorcycle riding life.

Please ride safe – especially being extra careful at this time of the year. The Holidays are getting close and people are not themselves, they are dashing store to store looking for the super sales and not you!







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FOR SALE: I have an "almost" new aftermarket speedometer, 8-1/2" face, 306 miles. It fits an early model (84-93) Harley-Davidson XLHR Sportster or a FXR Low Rider model. Handlebar mount with rear reset knob and mechanical front wheel drive. Bought from JP Cycles in January 2014. Paid \$109.00. Want \$75.00 cash. Steve B 760/616-0402 and leave a message.

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Guy Corrigan 805/796-6328

2nd Tues 7:30 PM VFW Post#10049 4242 E Los Angeles Ave. Simi Valley

Crashman1@sbcglobal.net

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Chuck Pedersen Thousand Oaks 805/496-0323

3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM Elks Lodge 158 N Conejo School **Thousand Oaks** 

### San Diego County - Local #06-**Reg#12**

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

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santabeard@yahoo.com

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Dan Buse buse13@att.net 760/807-7294

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562/298-6236

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Gill Mellen 2104 Continental Ave. American Legion Costa Mesa 92627 949/632-9787

2nd Tues - 7:00 PM 5646 Corporate Ave. Cypress CA 90630



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### Antelope Valley - Local #21-Reg#13

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1st Sun 9:00 AM Ed Pelton 626/513-6314 Vicky's Restaurant 502 S Waterman Ave

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3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM Lil' David Morena 916/616-9605 Denny's 3520 Auburn Blvd. Sacramento 95821

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Kenny Nuttall P.O. Box 7070 Riverside CA 92513 951/377-5772

1st Tues - 7:00 PM American Legion 2979 Dexter Dr. (in Fairmont Park) Riverside, CA 62513

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2nd Tues - 7:00 PM Panighetti's 2760 Esplanade Chico 95973

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530/749-1003

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American Legion 5477 Feather River Blvd. Olivehurst

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Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 6:30 PM Edward\_A12@yahoo.com

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### **Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6** 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM

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**Dave Hastings** 2nd Sat. 9:30 am 760/947-4700 Eagles Order #4181 P.O. Box 3094 16195 Main St Victorville, CA 92392 Hesperia 92345

### Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2

Craig Griswold 21183 State Hwy 20 Penn Valley 530/263-8071

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