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Executive Director's Report

by Dave Hastings, **Executive Director**

I just returned from the State Run in Kernville and would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this a successful event. I had a great time, saw a lot of friends I haven't seen for some time, and felt like everyone in attendance had a fun weekend. Yes, it was hot there, but I think we had above normal temperatures throughout California last weekend. No matter where our attendee's came from everyone said it was a hot ride in and I imagine most faced the same temps on the way home. So "Thank You" for showing up and an even bigger shout out to everyone who volunteered to work during the event. ABATE couldn't have done it without you and I'm very proud to be a part of this organization!

Elections for your State and Local Officer's positions are rapidly approaching and I hope you have thrown your hat into the ring this year. We are always looking for people with an interest in helping in the day to day operation of ABATE and your help is both appreciated and needed. Remember, all of us are volunteers, and we are willing to give you as much help as needed to guide and assist you in your ABATE duties. Put your name on the ballot this year and help guide ABATE into next year's projects. Yes, sometimes it can be hard work, but it's also very rewarding and ultimately benefits every rider in California. Be a part of ABATE and be a part of tomorrow! In closing, I'm looking forward to 2015. ABATE of California has many things to be excited about. We have the opportunity to help in



the upcoming California elections with our volunteer campaign workers and our ABATE PAC and we can also help with the Federal elections on an individual basis. We are also discussing California legislative bills we would like to spearhead next year. If we can find the needed legislative sponsor's and get the appropriate language in these proposed bills, 2015 may turn out to be a very busy year for ABATE. So stay tuned for more information and be ready to help ABATE guide California riders down a successful path next year and for many more years to come!

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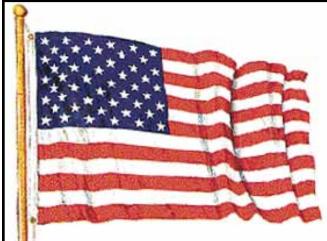


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ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization (not a club) dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road, with emphasis on education and safety. Our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety, and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

by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

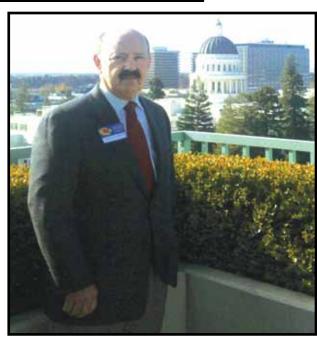
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The Legislature has adjourned, and none of the many last-minute bills that were gutted and amended affect us as motorcyclists. My eyes started blurring from reading all the bills being amended at the last minute, but we escaped a ban on lane sharing, fluorescent safety vests and smog/noise checks for motorcyclists — this year!

Be ready, however, because the Legislature returns December 2nd to start the new 2015 – 2016 two-year session. This is the first day ANY legislation CAN BE INTRODUCED, despite what you might hear from anyone else! I constantly hear - at least once a week - rumors from my friends in the Capital of a motorcycle rider anti-profiling bill being introduced. Folks, bottom line is — THEY'RE OUT OF SES-SION! No bills can be introduced until December 2nd. There will be over 30 plus *NEW* Assembly Members. The New Committee chairs haven't even

Anyway, most new legislation is introduced in January and February, with the actual legislative committee hearings being held in March and April. What we need to do *NOW* is *GO out* and *WORK* in electing motorcyclist-friendly candidates between now and November 4th.

I will be attending the Motorcycle Rider Unification Rally in Sacramento on October 25th and the October 26th ABATE Legislative/PAC and Board meetings the following day. We will be discussing future legislation for the 2015/16 session. The legislative climate is getting better for a bill to *repeal* the HELMET LAW! Another bill might be motor-

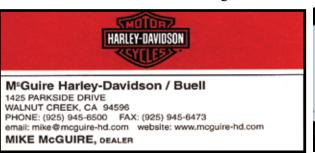


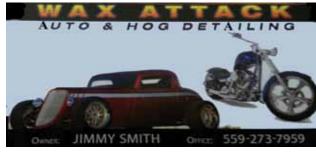
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cyclist anti-profiling legislation which we support in principal, but as yet, no bill language has been shown to me and NO BILLS can be introduced until December 2nd, anyway.

I have attended the California Motorcycle Safety Program Advisory Committee meeting, which is held annually at the CHP headquarters in Sacramento. I am ABATE's designated representative for this meeting, and will report at our October 26th Legislative meeting about any new safety recommendations from this important Committee.

I hope to see you at the Rally on October 25th and the ABATE meetings on October 26th, and I do appreciate all of you who contribute to the Lobbyist fund to keep me fighting for our rights!











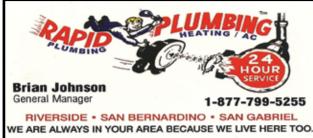




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ABATE of California now has their off road division up and running! Join on Page 19.

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NEW LAW IMPROVES SAFETY BY GIVING BICYCLISTS MORE SPACE ON THE ROAD

"Three Feet for Safety Act" Takes Effect September 16, 2014

Sacramento – The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is alerting drivers about a new law that requires them to give bicyclists, traveling in the same direction, three feet of clearance when passing. The Three Feet for Safety Act takes effect September 16, 2014.

According to the new law (AB1371, Bradford), signed by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. on September 23, 2013, if traffic or roadway conditions prevent motorists from giving cyclists three feet of space, drivers must "slow to a speed that is reasonable and prudent" and only pass when a cyclist will not be in danger. Violations are punishable by a \$35 fine. Motorists who collide with cyclists and injure them while violating the Three Feet for Safety Act can be subject to a \$220 fine. Under the previous law, a vehicle was simply required to pass to the left at a "safe distance."

Each year in California, more than 100 people are killed and hundreds of thousands more are injured in bicycle collisions. Some bicycle related crashes are connected to the bicyclist's behavior, while others are due to the motorist's lack of attention.

Bicycle riders on public roads have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists, and are subject to the same rules and regulations. Refer to the California Driver Handbook to

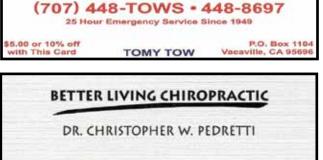
become familiar with these rules. Motorists must look carefully for bicyclists before turning left or right, merging into bicycle lanes, and opening doors next to moving traffic. Respect the

right-of-way of bicyclists because they are entitled to share the road with you. California is among 24 states that require motorists to give bicyclists three feet of clearance while passing, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

For more information about safely sharing the road, check out these helpful DMV resources: Safety Tips for Bicyclists and Motorists, Bicycle Resources, and an Informational Video.

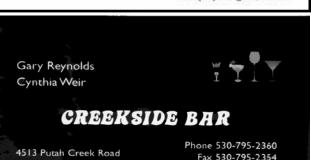


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State Run Thank You

From Tina Sanders, Run Chairwoman





On behalf of the 26th Annual Golden State Rendezvous Committee we would like to Thank ALL those that Volunteered to work at the Raffle Booth, Merchandise Sales, and Sign-In. You did a GRAND JOB!!!

Thank you to all the ABATE of California Locals: #00, 1, 2, 8, 11, 17, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 38, 40, 44, 47, 52, & 58, Jim Brown, Mark Cobin and Hank & Kris Hallmark for your Sponsorships and Raffle prizes!!!

Thank You to our vendors that attended: Aid to Injured Motorcyclist, ARC Motorsports, Charla's Tools, Direct Cycle Parts, Eagle Sky Silver, Elmer Time, Hidden Treasurers, Notorious Productions.

Thank you to: Local 40 & the Widow Makers for providing the bike and people games; to the band ENGLISH REVOLVER for the music; and to Tony Rohleder for the adult entertainment!

Thank you Frandy for the use of your campground, hospitality and all the help throughout the weekend!!

And Thank You to ALL that attended for your Continued Support to "Protect & Preserve the Freedom of the Road for ALL Motorcyclists"!!!

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!









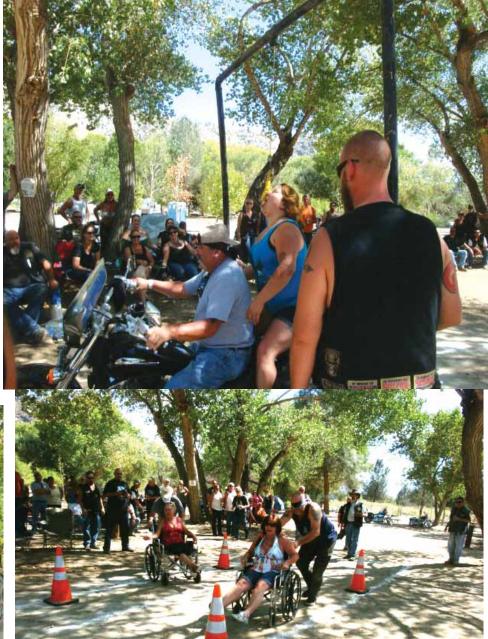
















































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Donations!! – General, Lobbyist & PAC Funds – THANK YOU!!!!

Our THANK YOU THIS MONTH... (Received in September)

Thank you to each and everyone who has contributed to these various funds; either by sending separate donations or by adding extra dollars when you renew!! Large, small and in-between donations all add up when combined, so, THANK YOU!

We will do our best to recognize your generosity by listing and thanking you here;

<u>Carol@abate.org</u> or Dave Hastings 760/947- 2, 19, 21, 23, & 31. 4700 and we'll list you next month. (Most times it's just a matter of when the mail ar- Donations to the Lobbyist fund from rives and the Bailing Wire deadline.) But it ABATE Locals: 1, 19, 21, 23, 31, & 40. never hurts to follow-up.

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LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! Again the Local 1 report is a report of what will probably happen at the September meeting. Yes, Local 1 is having a meeting and it's at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga.

I will give the President's report consisting of information regarding Local 1 activities. Jim Nickla will report on the Local 1 t-shirts and give the State run report. I will give the membership report as Glen C has an excused absence. I do not believe we will have a publicity report as I have not seen or heard from my publicity officer in several months. Steve B will do the run report.

Finally members' input and the set up for our booth at the Love Ride (October 25th) will be discussed. Then we will adjourn for a nice breakfast served by the Elks Lodge. Regards, Sporty, President of Local 1

Local #02 Simi Valley



It was a great evening, with thanks to our volunteer cooks, Frank and Guy (our Pres) to start things off. Your Local 2 meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049 located at 4242 East Los Angeles Street. We serve a killer BBQ dinner of burgers, hotdogs with all the fixin's and side dishes. Bring a guest and they get a free meal! We start serving our famous \$5 BBQ dinner at 6:45 pm and our meeting starts at 7:30. The VFW facility has a full bar, BBQ and outdoor lounge that's nicely appointed. We are so thankful! We both have one thing in common for sure, Freedom! A double thanks to VFW Post 10049!!!

The BBQ thing is great for camaraderie after a month's pass; we get to hookup and have a good time. To all those who couldn't make it, we missed you and hope to see you next month. Besides, its election season and we need you all to be involved - Local 2 is onto some good stuff!

Pres Guy got our meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then talked about the up-coming nominations for our up-coming year. We kind of started the officer's nominations. Members, if you missed our meeting and think that there is an officer position where you could help us, please contact Jane our secretary. New and fresh ideas are always good! As for all the Officers of 2014, a triple thanks for all your efforts throughout the year!

Our secretary Jane read the minutes, our VP was not present tonight, and Patti Bock gave us our treasury report. PR guy Norm talked about reading the Bailing Wire on line. Frank, our membership guy, gave us the stats! Run Coordinator Guy talked about ABATE's 26th An-

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nual Golden State Rendezvous. He said he was going and invited all who could to go, too. Our merchandise Coordinator, Scott, was on vacation.

This is the great time of the year to ride. With fall a few weeks away the weather will be ideal to ride wherever thou pleases - hot days and cool nights rock! Check your tire pressure again, it's the one safe thing you can do to ensure your ride is good and it's free to do.

Read up on the Bailing Wire at ABATE's website; you'll be surprised at the great volunteer effort in which all this is done! See you all at the next meeting!

Ride safe and respect the road! PTL Norm e.

Local #20 Orange County



September 9th, Twenty four members and seven guests attended our meeting.

Gill had emailed everyone regarding U.N. Agenda 21 Impacts Private Property Rights and Freedom. He said that if you haven't read it yet you should, it's a MUST READ

He also reminded us about the State Run happening on Sept. 12 – 14th and encouraged everyone to join if we can.

Spike said that he and Gill are still working on an Anti-profiling bill here in California like what they have in Washington State and it is to include being tossed out of a bar because of wearing colors. This brings up the next subject which is, if asked we are not wearing a "patch" or "colors", instead it's an emblem. Emblems are worn by many organizations, example would be the Girl and Boy scouts.

Hessians MC will be hosting their annual Oktoberfest on October 12 and Bikers for Christ will be hosting their annual Downed Biker Run on Saturday, October 4 from 10am to 4pm.

Tonight's dollar draw was won by Scott Gottesman so he went home with \$38.00.

The non-politically correct Gill. Submitted by Leenie

Local #24 Fresno

About 36 members and guests attended our September meeting. Acting President Jeff opened with the Pledge to the Flag. Ray introduced his visitors. Ursula said our treasury is doing OK. Ed reported our renewal rate for memberships is showing very good results.

Looking ahead, the End of Summer Run to Santa Cruz is October 4th and 5th. You need to get reservations made very soon. Rooms are scarce at the motels.

The Unification Rally in Sacramento is October 25th with an ABATE Board meeting on October 26th. This is an important event you should attend if at all possible.

Turkey Run has moved to November 8th. Meet at 10:00 am at Kimmey's in Clovis.

The Cat Haven run was a fun event although I'm not sure Ray's question was ever answered?





7 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Lots of good prizes were donated and raffled off. The Membership drawing of \$20.00 would have gone to Bruce Garlock - too bad he wasn't there. Next Month we draw for \$30.00. The ABATE Prize of \$100.00 went to Lou Norman. Good get together!

Hope to see you all next month. Bruce Waldron

Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the August meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We didn't have any guests at this meeting.

Gary H gave the PAC report: AB 1835 which would get rid of mandatory helmets for side X sides on private property was enrolled. Next year the author (Olsen) wants to try with public lands. AB 935 will establish a veteran's designation on driver's license. The bill has been proposed by the County Veterans Service Officers. Veterans would have to go to the county office to enroll in the program which would give the service officers a chance to explain benefits.

SB 1183 is a proposed tax on cars to fund bicycle programs. Lil' David attended a meeting of the California Motorist Rights Coalition which was formed to defeat this. David asked permission to work on this as a representative of Local 25. The motion was seconded and approved. ABATE is not official on this. Per David SB 1077 which is a mileage based fee program passed one house.

This Tuesday at the Stanford Mansion our Governor will meet with the President of Mexico. Tim Donnelly is organizing a protest about the holding of the marine.

The Unification Rally at the capital is on October 25th. They need volunteers for parking etc. And the following day, October 26th is the last 2014 meeting of ABATE's Board of Directors.

The September AMA magazine talks about CHP removing guidelines for lane splitting. The Center for Disease Control is pushing helmets!

Hope to see you at our next meeting! Ride Safe! David S.

Local #52 Grass Valley



Hi Folks! Thanks a million to Lee Phillips and Darrell Torrey for their membership. Welcome to ABATE! Also huge thanks to The Willo for their renewal. Make sure you stop in and have dinner - this is one of the best steak joints in the region!

Don and Lil' David attended a meeting with the California Motorists Rights Coalition. This looks to be a promising organization with regards to rights and freedom of the road as there will be representation of different groups for a common good. As I find out more about the organization and whether ABATE will be supporting it, I'll pass on the information.

Please get the word out about the Unification Rally on Saturday, October 25th. Let's get a turnout that gets the attention of our elected officials. The last one was pretty impressive! And the last 2014 ABATE Board of Directors meeting is on Sunday, October 26th. Come for the Unification Rally and stay for the Board meeting!

Ride safe! Craig



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He Almost Got Away

by Larry Pfaffly, Local #08

A bunch of us in Local 8 decided it would be fun to go as a group to Harley Night at the Orange County Speedway at the fairgrounds. Six of us met at the American Legion in Buena Park. With our President, Daniel, in the lead, we proceeded to get onto I-5 from Magnolia Ave. Ryan was 2nd or 3rd in line.

As Ryan entered the on-ramp, a Hummer coming from the other direction, ran a red light and merged onto the on-ramp. He hit Ryan and kept going. It looked like Ryan was hit pretty hard. I saw him and his bike tumbling, since the accident stopped traffic in front of me. I merged over a lane to the right and Carol and I swung around the accident. I was preparing to stop when I noticed the Hummer just kept going down the on-ramp. Ryan had several people to help him and I saw Steve following the Hummer, so Mario and I also gave chase.

I was able to get in front of the Hummer at the bottom of again gave pursuit. The driver of the Hummer must have

an attempt to force him to stop behind me. He got pushy and I backed off (I remembered Carol was riding with me). Steve, Mario, Carol and I continued the chase. The driver of the Hummer was driving fast and erratically.

He got off I-5 at The City Drive and was boxed in by cars stopped at a red light. I swung around the Hummer on his right and pulled in front of him and stopped. I got off the bike to confront him and Carol got off and called 911. I stood in front of the Hummer on the driver's side and demanded that he stay where he was and that we were calling the police.

I was less intimidating than I thought and the driver drove his Hummer right thru me. When he made contact with me, my hands slammed down on the hood of the Hummer and I rolled to the right and the Hummer took off down the road. I was able to stay on my feet.

Carol continued her call and Steve and Mario once

the on-ramp. I swung in front of the Hummer and made been terrified. No matter what he did he still had motorcycles chasing him. Steve and Mario followed him until, about 12 blocks later; he hit a parked truck when he tried to

People who were having a picnic on the corner helped Steve and Mario stop the driver and took his keys. The driver offered Steve \$2,000 to let him get away.

The story ends as best it could. Ryan was not hurt badly scrapes and bruises. The damage to his bike was not too major - unless you consider \$4,000.00 major.

We all met at Lucille's for dinner and chilled out a bit. It was too late for speedway.

The driver woke up in jail Sunday morning with the following charges: 1. Felony Assault with a deadly weapon (the Hummer), 2. Felony hit and run, 3. Two separate charges having to do with alcohol including driving with a blood alcohol level in excess of .08.

Carol scolded me and told me I will NEVER AGAIN try to stand down a Hummer.

Motorcycle Safety Keport

by Norm e. Newiger, State Safety

Rule the Day

Back in the day, twas not thirty or forty plus years ago, driving, let alone riding, was simpler. America and the world were not into car safety, let alone motorcycle safety, as it is today. The evolution of any type of vehicle safety was a growing concern as vehicles and motorcycles became more powerful, and more demanding of performance. The racing divisions of all types of vehicles including water vehicles became a mainstay in all things we must drive or

Yes we have graduated from just seat belts or lap belts as they were also known. The big cars from the '50s through the '70s were 3 ton metal missiles! When two vehicles collided it was a twisted pile of iron, if a motorcycle and a car collided, it was minor damage to the car and the motorcycle out in left field somewhere. I remember back in the early '60s when I was a kid I got this toy car that changed the engineering philosophy of car safety. I can't remember the name of it but you put it together and rolled it into the wall and it fell apart. You did it over and over again. What fun it was! Well not really, but we didn't have any video game

The auto engineer's quest for safety had found an answer with a toy car! It was about absorbing energy during a collision. Soon to be gone was the giant sized cars and the massive chrome bumpers, front and rear. And now it's foam and plastic with energy absorbing shocks etc.

For the motorcycle, not much progress but major improvements to handling, better tires and shocks and disc brakes. I think the one thing that stands out about motorcycle improvement was getting the visibility it needed, and not by revving your bike so your lights are brighter, remember those days? One of the major excuses the drivers say is, "I didn't see him", or "He must have been speeding because he came out of nowhere". But I have a different thought about this, because for one, it's been years of refinement that the bikes have been brought up to speed as far as visibility of how the bikes are equipped with lighting front and rear. There's been a lot of talk about high visibility clothing one could wear. But glow green, red or yellow doesn't always work - it's just an excuse to make us look like rolling construction signs! I know there are pros and cons about this, but black leather is the only fashion statement I like.

With all the lighting and high visibility clothing we have it still isn't enough; being in a relaxing state of mind while riding is still dangerous and as a rider you can't always rely on your visibility. Why? We can now say it's because of drivers being pre-occupied by many things. Lets start with their cell phones, and or how about that person woofing down a burrito? I still see some people so engulfed in their music that they think they are on a dance floor, and then there is the half asleep driver that just did a 14 hour shift and constantly drifts side to side like a drunk driver. The list of causes of accidents is endless. Have you ever looked right to see a hot lady or guy and drift into another lane and get a horn blast that straightens you out. It could be other things but it's true that this phenom happens, even while riding!

Paying attention while riding has become very important nowadays because of modern technology. Think about this: The last few years till today and tomorrow especially, technology in the auto and truck industries has become so advanced that it could potentially be more and more dangerous to motorcyclists! You say, "Gee Norm, how could this be?" I'll tell you, most all of you see it on TV in car and truck commercials and you may be a part



this technology already. The auto industries are making their vehicles safer for the drivers of these vehicles using the computer system in the vehicle. It used to be about the vehicles' computer system helping you run your vehicle efficiently and regulate use of certain parts of the vehicle but it became more complex. If you don't know, these are very complex computers - not like your desktop or laptop - these have infused sensors everywhere on all vehicles, to help or "assist" you while you drive! A few of the terms they call it is: Crash Avoidance! Crash prevention! These new systems are designed to help drivers reduce the severity of crashes or collisions, but they still say this new technology is so new that they don't know if it is helping drivers avoid crashes - this is a quote from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

You see the "if I had these safety features commercials" on TV, the driver backing up, the lane drifter, the early braking system and the blind spot detectors. What kind of message are they sending? What I see is drivers of said vehicles not paying attention or they are so distracted that they forget their responsibilities as an operator of said vehicle! And yes we all are like that, maybe not in their exploitive way, but we are. It only takes one second and poop can hit the fan, real fast! Are all these safety devices a hazard? Are we not thinking about really paying attention to driving? Is this technology making us lazy? I was taught to turn and look into your blind spots, and turn and look backwards when you were backing up! It's not old school, it's guaranteeing that what you do is safe. Remember in drivers' education the pre-inspection of any vehicle before you get in and drive or ride off? Who does it nowadays?

I think about this scenario a lot because it's the number one reason why cars crash into motorcycles. It's the failure of motorists to detect and recognize motorcycles in traffic! Think about this, they are driving on a fairly fast freeway and it's not really heavy traffic, there's good spacing and they can drive at 75% of the posted speed limit. They've previously checked their blind spot and it was clear so after a few moments or so they change lanes because the blind spot indicator didn't go off. Here you are, riding your bike and because you can do the speed limit with safety, by changing lanes and speeding up as needed. You're not speeding in all actuality, but just doing the speed limit, and all of a sudden this person merges into your lane and bam! You're down. (Remember last month's safety report?) And it happened that fast. Who's to blame? The driver says you

came out of nowhere or he didn't see you. Because at the right timing you were in the driver's blind spot before his vehicle's warning system could help him prevent an accident. Is the modern technology at fault?

Was the driver confident in this technology and got lazy and just merged into the other lane because there was no warning that a vehicle was present? I'm not going to say the motorcyclist was at fault, he was in his lane. This type of scenario makes me wonder about all this new safety technology. How does it make it safer for the motorcyclist? I know there are way more deaths and accidents within the car world, but what about Bob? He's on the ground mangled and his bike is totaled and the driver is unhurt and freaked!

This leads me to this: It's not about the new car technology; it's about you the rider! I am not saying that all drivers don't know where anybody is around them - it's a 360 concept. But you need to think that they don't know where you are. It's all about you and your safety. There are good people out there who know what to look for and do recognize that motorcycles are present, especially the drivers that do ride. We all know them; they are the ones that give us the room when we pass them!

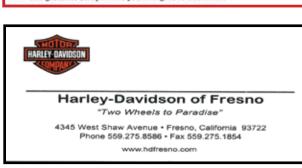
As more and more people rely on new technology, you have to be more cautious when riding. In my mind the new technology could make them less concerned and they'll get pre-occupied with something else, thinking that they are safe or the new technology will alert them. With all these sensors linked to the vehicles computer system is there is a risk factor of failure. I have 4 computers and none of them are 100% on the spot. With all these recent manufacturer recalls it tells me that nothing is absolute! Is the new trend in lawsuits going to involve vehicle manufacturers because of faulty safety equipment and or the vehicles computer system?

I always think about safety first and I'm on the top of the list when I ride. You constantly have to know all of your surroundings as you ride. Making eye contact when possible is very important, you've just established your presence and that's good. Honda has come out with air bags for their gold something bikes mounted on their gas tanks. It's a \$1,200+ option, and they are working on vests that deploy air bags for 20 seconds after a collision. That's still in the works as far as getting approval for its worth. These systems sound kind of crazy, but what to do?

My major thought is, stay smart and continue to ride with a safety first attitude, you never know when your skills will be put to the test. I will end this with: Stay educated! Just say you don't know it all and be willing to continue to educate yourself, and anyone else, no matter if they drive and or ride. After all we all have to share the same roads ev-

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ABATE of California Board Candidates for the 2015-2016 two-year term

Candidate Bill McBride



I am a member of ABATE Local 17, and have been for the past 15 years. I enjoy volunteering and working in most events that Local 17 presents.

I have also served two terms as president of Local 17. The Local officers and coordinators increased the Local's membership and also added many new business members. During this time, Local 17 partnered with Vacaville Harley-Davidson and presented Hot Rods and Harleys show. This event has grown to become a huge success for our Local. This would not have been possible without all the work from our officers and especially our membership who provided their time and help over the years.

As a former business member, I have experience with budgets, business plans, and most importantly working with people. I had a successful business and retired 8 years ago. My most important goal for ABATE of California is to present a positive attitude throughout ABATE which will be very helpful in attracting new members and respect from other motorcyclists.

I am confident I can work with other Board members and help ABATE continue to grow and represent all mo-

Thank you, Bill McBride



Candidate Dave Hastings



Just a short note to let everyone know that I am seeking another term on your ABATE Board of Directors. We have been discussing some legislation we would like to introduce next year and I'm asking for the opportunity to help with the

Also, since we appointed a new Legislative Director and Insurance Officer in 2014, and several of our current Board of Director members have the day to day operation of ABATE; I feel I can be of help to the new people coming aboard.

So please, remember to vote for both your Local and State Officers, and I sincerely hope you will give me the opportunity to once again serve you and ABATE next year.

Thank You, Dave Hastings

Candidate Gill Mellen

I was asked to run for the ABATE Board again. You know what I do for ABATE and M/C rights and the PAC. I am not one to talk about what I do, I would rather do it. So if you think I will do a good job, then vote for me.

Thanks, Gill

To ABATE Members:

The 3 candidates above are the only Members that submitted their 'statement of intent" by the September 15th deadline. Thank you so very much for Volunteering to serve the ABATE Members!

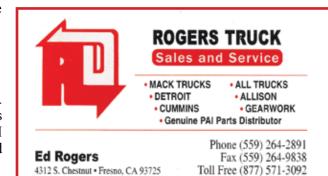
Your ABATE of California Board of Director's is comprised of (11) members. Because the election ballot was not filled the (3) candidates that did apply by the filing deadline will be accepted and instated as "walkover candidates" without a vote of the general membership. This will ensure the BOD has a quorum when they take office in January of 2015 and will be able to perform their designated duties for ABATE of California.

We currently have (2) open seats for the 2015-2016 BOD and we will be accepting applications for those positions. Please consider running for this position and submit a short BIO and a picture of yourself, if possible, to the State Office immediately. Any current ABATE Member that has been a member for at least one year, is eligible for a BOD Officer position. Please contact the State Office or a current Board Member and let them know of your intent ASAP so you will be eligible for appointment at our BOD meeting in January. The 2015 BOD will evaluate all candidate applications received and appoint two additional members to serve out the 2015-2016 term. The BOD will also retain any additional candidate applications received and place those candidates in the "alternate" BOD member selection pool for the 2015-2016 term.

Your 2015-2016 ABATE Board Members will be: Nick Benson Sr., Mark "Dogman" Castillero, Dave Hastings, Tom Lubbers, Bill McBride, Gill Mellen, Lee "Sporty" Milligan, Ed Rogers and Jim Schlachter.

Thank you to the outgoing Board Members: Ed "Iceman" Mathis and Lil' David Morena. We truly appreciate the time that you gave to ABATE as Board Members. You decided to take a well-deserved "vacation" from will be missed and we do expect to see you in October at the last ABATE Board meeting of this year!

Sincerely, **Dave Hastings Executive Director** ABATE of California, Inc.



Sporty's Rides

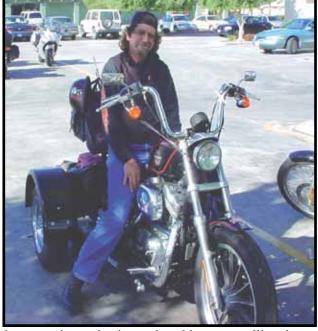
by Lee "Sporty" Milligan

Dateline San Fernando: As I write this column I want to express my extreme thanks to those who have wished me well on my recovery of my leg. I am almost at the point where I will be getting my prosthetic. I had to go to physical medicine and be examined by a doctor who determines if my leg stump would be able to sustain a new leg. He has given the ok. Next step is to get a fax with my doctor's approval to the department where they authorize wheelchairs, crutches etc. They then send the approval to the place where I will get my prosthetic or new artificial leg. The process is almost over.

In case you are interested it's called Essential Orthotics and Prosthetics. Their website is essentialonp.com and their main office is located in Palmdale. I met the owner of the shop and was comfortable with the shop and the people who worked at the shop. I just hope that the next writing of my column I will at least have my temp leg as I want to go to the Unification rally at the State Capital in Sacramento on Saturday, October 25, and the last 2014 Board of Directors meeting in Dixon on Sunday,

What's going on with me these past days, weeks, months? For one thing I must tell you first off if I did not have the backing of my best one, Renee, my wife, I would be in a mess. She had been off work due to the job market drying up in her field as a legal secretary in the Workman's comp field. Plus she is the same age as me, 60, and there is the age discrimination clause. With that said she has been my chauffeur, appointment schedule maker, etc. She does not ride or like to be a passenger, but she supports my motorcycle life style. That in itself is a blessing. So those of you with wives, I say we're lucky to have them.

I recently decided to have the Little Truck That Could front bench seat redone. Since I can't drive yet, Renee and I would have to drive to the shop called Nachos where the seat would be redone. They're located in North Hollywood and have been in business for 35 years. Then we would have to take a taxi home. On the way down to the shop we got caught in some bullpaddy traffic and this frustrated us to no end. My Toyota is a 1989 2 by 4 with no power steering, so turning from the stop is a real bear especially if you're only 4' 11" tall like Renee is. We made it there in time and left the truck to have the work done. At 3 pm the shop called and we ordered another taxi ride down to the shop. Renee was really impressed by the way the taxi drivers



drove coming and going and could not stop telling them so. My seats were done really nice - I mean really nice. The price was not bad either, \$250.00. This is my baby and I take care of my baby. Prior to the bench seat being redone I had an oil change and smog test. Yes, it passed smog! Renee has spent some time in the driver's seat and in this recent heat wave she has been a trooper as my truck has no air conditioning. It's the old standby 40 mile air. There is something to be said about cross ventilation.

I start the bikes and let them run to keep the batteries charged up and oil circulating through the motor. However I am planning to have my 2002 883 rebuilt and the voyager kit attached to it.

Finally as I write this column there are SCE guys or a contractor cutting my Mulberry tree in the back yard so they can put in poles and wires starting Wednesday, September 17, Friday, September 19, and Saturday, September 20. On those days there will be no power from 8 am to 6 pm. A friend of Renee's will let us borrow a generator. Also they finally took out the Liquid Amber tree last week so they can now repair my side walk hopefully on Monday or Tuesday.

The days may be getting shorter, but it's still HOT. I miss being able to visit your Locals and actually miss going to work.

So till next time, support ABATE events and support ABATE of California with your donations!

Regards, Sporty Milligan, the whimsical scribe for **ABATE**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Report by Lee "Sporty" Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi all! I am getting better and hope to be able to present my Membership report at the last 2014 Board meeting to be held in Dixon on Sunday, October 26. It's the last quarter and we're having another of those

Unification rallies in Sacramento on Saturday, October 25, where, I as Membership Chairman, hope we can pick up a few new members. At the Love Ride in Castaic (held the same day as the

Unification rally) I hope my Local can score us some new

I also hope that some ABATE members have accepted the challenge to run for the 2015 ABATE Board of Direc-

As I write on my computer at home, in the town of Kernville they are doing the ABATE State run. Hopefully they can score some new members and renewals as well. I am still unable to do campouts, however my stump is healing and I should get the new prosthetic soon. So this weekend I am camping out at the computer.

Memberships are very important to this organization. As ABATE Freedom Fighters one of our fundamental jobs is preventing Tooth Decay (aka bad laws) from happening in California. To have the strength do this effectively we need a strong dedicated membership.

So how do you get and keep members? You have to have a good sales pitch. That is the ability to present the concepts of ABATE so that the person you're trying to recruit will enthusiastically sign up – well at least sign-up! So when you are trying to sign up members be presentable because appearance is important - again be presentable. Don't be pushy; have your presentation researched so you can give it in a pleasant way. Also if they (the potential member) are not ready to accept your spiel, give them a membership form, invite them to visit a Local's meeting in their area and move on.

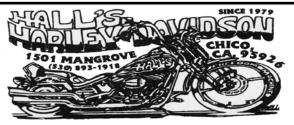
Remember there are lots of bike riders out at the various bike gatherings. Soon there will be up-coming events such as toy runs where you can practice your spiel; so keep pushing on for new members.

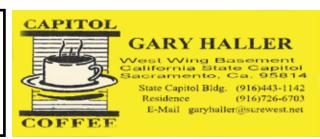
Renewals! I speak a lot about their value to this organization. So Local membership chairs do your best to remind your members to renew. My membership chairman sends out renewals every quarter - Jan-April, May-Aug, and Sept-Dec. I send out email reminders during that time period as an extra incentive for them to renew. It's not a perfect system, but I have had success keeping my membership levels reasonable.

The membership drive is still going on; please do your best to get more members. I welcome ideas and/or suggestions to help better the membership department of ABATE. Send your advice to <u>Sportymilligan@yahoo.com</u>.

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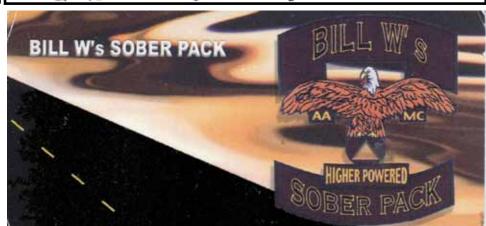
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Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings

Election time is here and we are being inundated with requests for support and help with campaigns. Please get ready to volunteer some time to a candidate this year and help us improve our 2015 opportunities in Sacramento

Chuck Pedersen, our new Legislative Director, has been hard at work "learning the ropes" and finalizing our ABATE election game plan and he and our Lobbyist, Jim Lombardo, will be sending out a "call to action" soon for the candidates that need and deserve our assistance.

Remember, you do not have to be in a candidate's immediate area to be a helper. You can make phone calls, etc. from anywhere in the state to help a friend of ABATE who is seeking office. Just give the candidate's staff a call and I'm sure they will figure out a way to utilize the helping hand you are willing to provide. Everything in an election has a cost and the volunteer help we provide is always immensely appreciated and allows the candidate additional money to spend on other needs that may not have been adequately funded in their original campaign budget. Help the candidate of your choice and you are helping ABATE win in 2015 too!



ABATE and our PAC has been approached to support and/or sponsor an anti-discrimination/profiling bill in California. We are currently working with other groups on this matter and will keep you informed as to our progress in securing the needed

legislative language and a legislative author. ABATE will work hard to make sure this legislation addresses riders' concerns and needs and cooperate fully with other M/C organizations to ensure a fair and practical bill is ultimately presented. We realize that to be successful, every rider in California will need to support the legislation when it is written and presented to our state legislature for consideration. Stay tuned as this is still a "work in progress", but rest assured, if we can find an author and secure adequate legislative language, ABATE will be pushing hard for passage.

In closing I want to say "Thank You" to everyone who has contributed to our Lobbyist and PAC funds in 2014 and ask you to continue to do so. ABATE has been able to accomplished many things with your donated funding and we want to continue to be your direct link to motorcycle rights in California. Join us in our fight for motorcycle freedom and equal access to the roads of California and help make motorcycle riding an endeavor everyone would like to pursue.

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

ABATE "Brothers & Sisters" Lost in 2014

Robert "Jus' Bob" Baker, Local 5; Debbie Caballero, Local 17;

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Rest In Peace, May they ride Forever Free.













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THE AIM/NCOM MOTORCYCLE E-NEWS SERVICE is brought to you by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), and is sponsored by the Law Offices of Richard M. Lester. If you've been involved in any kind of accident, call us at 1-(800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

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

FLORIDA STATE FAIR SETTLES CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSUIT: In a big win for motorcycle club members nationwide, the Florida State Fair and local law enforcement were dealt a stunning blow when they agreed to settle a Civil Rights lawsuit filed by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) attorney Jerry Theophilopoulos ("Jerry T") on be-

The Florida State Fair and Fair employees, along with two Hillsborough County Sheriffs agreed to pay three members of the West Florida Confederation of Clubs a total of \$72,500 to settle the case after nearly a hundred club members were denied entry into the fair by off-duty sheriff's deputies on Feb. 7, 2010 based on the fact they would not remove their colors.

half of the West Florida Confederation of Clubs.

bikers were threatened with jail if they attempted to enter the front gate of the fair, and AIM lawyer Jerry T. captured the entire event on film with a videographer, which was a pivotal reason the federal lawsuit was settled out of

A posted policy banned "club colors" and the

"This settlement is a great day for all motorcycle club members, not only in the state of Florida, but across America," said Jerry T., "We sent a message that our people will not be discriminated against in a public forum."

After the lawsuit, the no-club-colors signs were replaced by a posted policy stating that the fair may turn away or eject people who are disruptive or who display behavior associated with "criminal gang membership." That cleared the way for bikers to attend subsequent fairs.

MORE MOTORCYCLES EQUALS SAFER ROADS:

According to the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA), an increased number of motorcycles on the road results in a lower rate of serious accidents. When 10% or more of vehicles on the road are motorcycles, mopeds or scooters, there is a proportionate reduction in rider fatalities, says Steve Kenward, CEO of the MCIA, a motorcycle trade association in England.

Japan has 98 bikes per 1,000 vehicles (9.8%), and for every 1,000 bikes on the road, the country has 0.8 motorcyclist fatalities per year. In Europe the ratio of bikes to cars is lower, at 73 per 1,000 (7.3%), and the rate of motorcyclist fatalities is higher, at 1.52 per 1,000 bikes. In the USA, the ratio of bikes to cars is just 27 per thousand (2.7%) and the motorcyclist fatality rate is much higher, at 5.32 per thousand bikes.

Kenward told how "volume breeds safety" at the recent National Safer Roads Partnerships' Conference, where police forces, local authorities, government officials and academics meet to discuss road safety.

There is also a growing body of evidence that those who start their motoring career on motorcycles make better car drivers.

With congestion on the rise, Kenward explained that getting more motorists on motorcycles would result in a 'virtuous circle" leading to better road users.

According to their research, an increase in motorcycle use has also been proven to keep traffic flowing. A study which models traffic for one of the busiest roads in Europe concluded that if just 10% of drivers swapped to powered two wheelers (PTWs), congestion would be reduced for all road users by 40%. Increase that number to 25% and congestion is eliminated entirely.

SIKHS DENIED EXEMPTION FROM ONTARIO

HELMET LAW: Motorcycle-riding Sikhs in Ontario, Canada will not be exempted from the helmet law, Premier Kathleen Wynne has ruled. The Canadian Sikh Association received a letter from Wynne stating the Liberal government, for safety reasons, will not allow Sikh motorcycle riders to wear only turbans as two other Canadian Provinces currently allow.

The Ontario Highway Traffic Act requires all motorcyclists to wear a helmet. This poses a problem for those of the Sikh faith, whose turbans don't fit under most helmets.

"After careful deliberation, we have determined that we will not grant this type of exemption as it would pose a road safety risk," Wynne said in her letter dated August



Wynne said safety trumps religious freedoms in this case. "As you know, the issue of balance between religious accommodation and public safety has been considered by the courts in Ontario which, on this issue, have found that Ontario's mandatory helmet law does not infringe on the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, nor the Ontario Human Rights Code," she said.

In 2008, an Ontario judge ruled against a human rights challenge launched by a devout Sikh who was fined \$110 in 2005 for not wearing a helmet while riding a motor-

NDP MPP Jagmeet Singh (Bramalea-Gore-Malton) said he was "deeply disappointed by Premier Wynne's decision not to grant an exemption to motorcycle helmet laws for turbaned Sikhs. Similar exemptions already exist in the United Kingdom, Manitoba and British Columbia, and here in Ontario the idea is supported by members from all three caucuses."

MSF MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STUDY TO IM-PROVE COUNTERMEASURES: The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) has announced that the data-acquisition phase of the MSF 100 Motorcyclists Naturalistic Study is now completed, and preliminary results are being shared at various transportation safety venues around

The MSF partnered with the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute on this world's first, large-scale, naturalistic motorcycle riding study. The 3.5-year study began by collecting data from instruments installed on motorcycles owned by study participants as the bikes were ridden in normal day-to-day use. Sensors and video cameras recorded all motorcycle operator inputs such as steering, acceleration, braking and lean, as well as recording all motions of the motorcycle, current riding conditions and the actions of surrounding traffic. The motorcycle instrumentation was designed to be as inconspicuous as possible, so that participant-riders would forget their rides were being monitored.

"The MSF 100 study is being conducted to support motorcycle safety research, with particular emphasis on results that offer ongoing guidance in rider training," said MSF's Director of Quality Assurance and Research, Dr. Sherry Williams. "The study utilizes a naturalistic methodology that provided researchers with information captured by instruments installed on one-hundred motorcycles ridden for a combined nine-thousand-plus hours by real riders in real riding conditions."

The MSF 100 Study, which tracked participants in Virginia, California, Florida and Arizona, is expected to be a rich source of insight for years to come on a wide range of questions and points of interest for an international array of safety professionals generally, but riders and rider safety professionals specifically.

All 100 riders on their equipped motorcycles have completed the data acquisition phase of the study, and the analysis phase is now yielding preliminary results

NSW AUSTRALIA LEGALIZES LANE FILTER-

ING: This summer the state government of New South Wales legalized lane filtering, which allows motorcyclists to legally ride between two lanes when traffic is stationary or slow moving. The idea behind legalizing lane filtering was to reduce traffic congestion and queuing at intersections. There are strict conditions attached, which include heavy fines and three demerit points for motorcyclists caught moving between traffic at more than 30 ki-

lometers/hour, under a new offense called lane splitting. It is also illegal for motorcyclists to lane filter next to a curb, next to parked cars or in school zones. Police say that early indicators show the new legislation

is working, but many motorists are still unaware of the new rules. Other road users (motorists, cyclists and pedestrians) are advised by the Roads and Maritime to "check twice" for motorcyclists and follow regular road rules.

BIKER PROFILING: New demographics prepared by the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) show the median age of California motorcycle owners was 45 years old in 2012 -- having risen from 33 years in 1990, 38 years in 1998 and 41 years in 2009.

Statistics show that the median income for motorcyclists

in the Golden State was \$64,130 in 2012, more than double what it was in 1990. More than 60% reported their annual household incomes at over \$50,000, with almost 20% reporting incomes of over \$100,000. Almost three quarters of them were employed. About 14% were retired.

CALIFORNIA SIDE X SIDES UNDER NEW JURIS-**DICTION**: Good news for off-roaders as ABATE of California Lobbyist James Lombardo has announced that AB 988 was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on Au-

AB 988 is Assemblyman Brian Jones' bill that puts Side X Sides (Rhinos, Razors, etc) under the jurisdiction of the new Motor Vehicle Board and as such will allow Side X Side owners with grievances to take those grievances to a non-binding arbitration hearing instead of having to spend money on hiring an attorney to represent them.

ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES TO HELP REDUCE AIR POLLUTION IN IRAN: Nearly half a million electric motorcycles will be manufactured to help reduce Iran's Tehran Air Pollution.

The Iran Fuel Conservation Company (IFcC) has a plan to get 400,000 motorcycles that use gasoline off the road and to replace them with 400,000 electric motorcycles, saying, "Due to incomplete combustion, some motorcycles pollute the air four times as much as automobiles. A manufacturer will receive \$300 for each electric motorbike it produces and sells.

Once the plan is implemented, only electric motorcycles will be allowed on the streets of central Tehran.

WEIRD NEWS: MOTORCYCLE-RIDING VIGI-LANTE SERVES DIRTY JUSTICE: Beware litterbugs; a vigilante female biker, fed up with people brazenly tossing trash out of their vehicles, is seeking street justice.

Wearing a GoPro camera on her helmet, she rides her motorcycle up to drivers who just can't be bothered to find a trash can and knocks on the window. What happens next in a video gone viral is a beautiful victory for everyone who has ever felt that little twinge of anger while watching someone lazily toss a full bag of fast food trash onto the pavement... she chucks garbage right back at the offenders before speeding away on her motorcycle!

Shot somewhere in Russia, immediately after the video was uploaded it skyrocketed to the top of Reddit.com with more than half-a-million views in 24 hours; a sweet vision of revenge for all those people who can't stand littering.

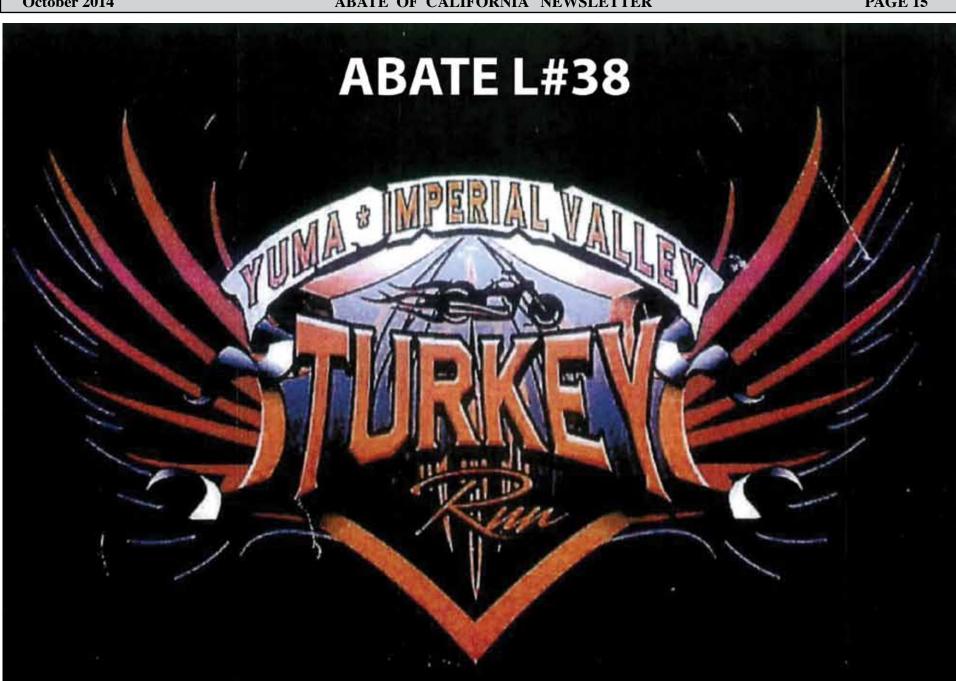
RUDEST DRIVERS ARE FROM IDAHO: Drivers from Idaho, Washington, D.C. and New York have been judged to be the rudest drivers, according to a survey by Insure.com, an independent consumer insurance information website. Also judged to be quite rude are drivers from Wyoming, Massachusetts, Vermont and Delaware.

Here's how the top 10 rudest drivers rank, based on a survey of 2,000 licensed drivers nationwide: 1 - Idaho, 2 -Washington, D.C., 3 - New York, 4 - Wyoming, 5 - Massachusetts, 6 - Delaware (tied with) Vermont, 8 - New Jersey, 9 - Nevada, and 10 - Utah.

When asked what makes them most mad about other drivers, people said: Talking on a cell phone while driving: 47%, Tailgating: 37%, Not signaling turns: 35%, Weaving in and out of lanes: 28%, and Driving too fast: 26%.

Half of the respondents (49%) believe that about a quarter of other drivers should not be on the road, while twentyone percent think half of other drivers should not be allowed to drive.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Liberty is the right to choose. Freedom is the result of that choice." ~ Pierre-Jules Renard (1864-1910) French author



Saturday, November 22, 2014 at Wal-Mart's Parking Lot 2150 N. Waterman Ave. El Centro, CA 92243 Registrations are from 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM, Donation \$10.00 & a Frozen Turkey, Includes a Dinner Ticket. "Turkeys will be donated to local charities so all can enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner" (For more info contact Ed 760/337-8372

2014 ABATE Events

Restaurant; 236 Jibboom St; Sacramento. Since

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November 4 – State Election Day – VOTE

details? contact Jeff Krebs 559/801-5655

and make sure YOUR mail-in ballot is received

November 8th – ABATE Local 24 – Annual Turkey

run – Meet at Kimmies in Clovis at 10:00 am (More

PAC Meeting at 9:00 to 10:15 am; Board meeting

EVENTS FOR 2014 www.abate.org Events Calendar

Thanks to ALL who attended and supported the Golden State Rendezvous!!! It was **HOT!!** but successful!!

October 12 – ABATE Local 17's – Annual Fall Fun Run – (see Flyer page 7, and on our website www.

October 18 – ABATE Local 29 – Annual "Pot of Gold Run" to Laughlin, NV. More info?? contact Marty Rapp 760/367-1694 or email MMHD2@msn. <u>com</u>

October 25 (SATURDAY) - Unification Rally -State Capital – Sacramento – 1:00 p.m. Anyone that and organizations; ATTEND, LISTEN & LEARN!

is concerned with Motorcycle rights and privileges in California are encouraged to attend. There will be a variety of invited speakers representing many Clubs

BEFORE the polls close!

Ave; Loma Linda CA 92354. More info? Contact HR 951/279-4370 or email hr-wolfe@att.net November 11 – Veterans Day

November 9th – 23rd Annual Totally Kids (a.k.a.

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November 22 – ABATE Local 38 Annual Turkey Run (see flyer this page.)

December 7 – ABATE Local #19 & Pomona Valley

H.O.G. Annual Toy Run (see flyer page 17.)

Even if you are not an ABATE Member, YOU are WELCOME to attend ABATE Events - Your attendance and support of these events helps ABATE to continue to represent YOU in our ongoing preservation of "Freedom of the Road".

All event flyers that have been received are also on ABATE's website Event Calendar – can be downloaded and printed in a PDF format – ABATE LOCALS - Don't Forget To Get Your Event Insurance, contact the ABATE State Office.

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by Craig Griswold

Spark Plugs

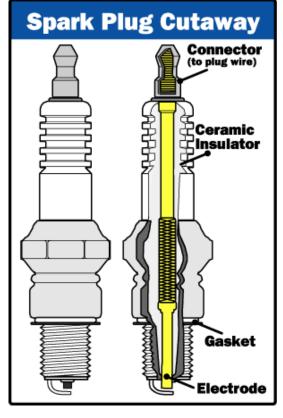
I used to think spark plugs were the most over changed maintenance part on the bike. My thought on this changed after I chased a misfire issue for several hours. I would pull the plugs and ground them, crank the engine over and observe a nice bright blue spark. After I would reinstall them and start the engine, the same cylinder would go cold. Finally after repeating this process several times and ruling out all other issues, the answer revealed itself almost by accident. After removing the plug for the last time, the insulator crumbled in my hand and I noticed the electrode inside the plug was severely corroded. On the outside the plug looked perfectly good. Coincidentally, every time I installed the plug the electrode would break continuity and go dead. Every time I pulled the plug and grounded it to the head it would fire, a result of disrupting the rusty electrode pieces inside the plug.

The **spark plug** is simple in theory: It forces electricity to arc across a gap, just like a bolt of lightning. The voltage must be very high in order to travel across the gap and create a good spark. Voltage at the spark plug can be anywhere from 20,000 to 80,000 volts.

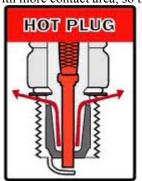
The spark plug must have an insulated passageway for this high voltage to travel down to the electrode, where it can jump the gap and, from there, be conducted into the engine block and grounded. The plug also has to withstand the extreme heat and pressure inside the cylinder, and must be designed so that deposits from fuel additives do not build up on the plug.

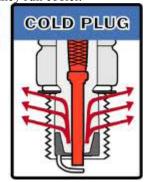
Spark plugs use a **ceramic insulator** to isolate the high voltage at the electrode, ensuring that the spark occurs at the tip of the electrode and not anywhere else on the plug; this insulator does double-duty by helping to burn off deposits. Ceramic is a fairly poor heat conductor, so the material gets very hot during operation. This heat helps to burn off deposits from the electrode.





A common misconception is how heat range is defined. The "hot" and "cold" in plug vernacular has nothing to do with the spark. Some bikes require a hot plug. This type of plug is designed with a ceramic insert that has a smaller contact area with the metal part of the plug. This reduces the heat transfer from the ceramic, making it run hotter and thus burn away more deposits. Cold plugs are designed with more contact area, so they run cooler.





The bike manufacturer will select the right temperature plug. Bikes with high-performance engines can generate more heat, so in some cases may need colder plugs. If the spark plug gets too hot, it could ignite the fuel before the spark fires (pre-ignition); too cold and its ability to burn off deposits is diminished which can lead to fouling. It is important to stick with the right type of plug for your bike.

Next month we'll look at reading plugs for diagnostics.





(Craig Griswold and Mary Kirby are the owners of Two Gunners Custom Iron in Penn Valley, CA. Questions and comments can be sent to e-mail: craig@twogunnerscustomiron.com, or call 530-263-8071. Additional information can be found on the web at: twogunnerscustomiron. com and Facebook).













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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE from the California Department of Motor Vehicles September 16, 2014

First Set of Autonomous Vehicle Regulations Went Into Effect Today

Manufacturers Now Need Permit to Test Autonomous Vehicles on California Roads

Sacramento – The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced that the regulations governing how manufacturers can test autonomous vehicles on California roads went into effect today, September 16, 2014.

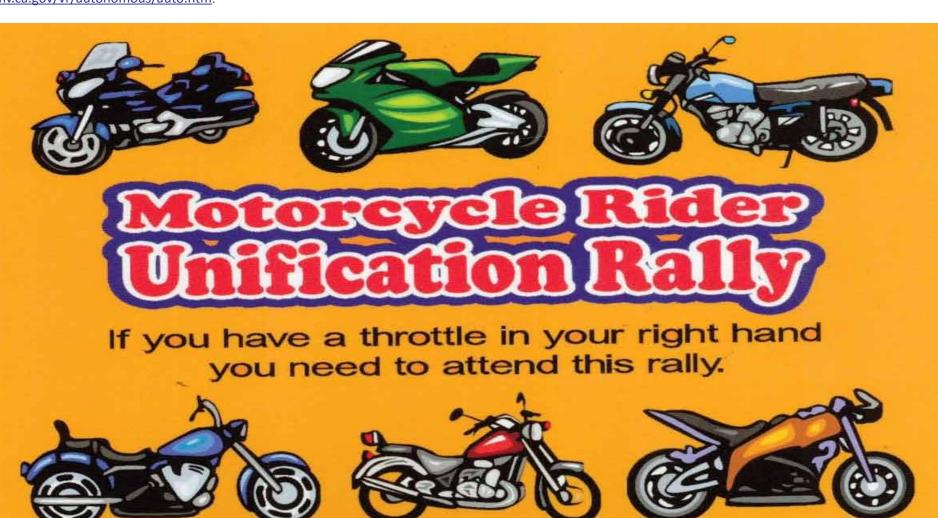
The regulations set rules for autonomous vehicle testing, insurance, registration, and reporting by manufacturers. Today's regulations only address manufacturer testing requirements; they do not address rules for operation of autonomous vehicles by the public. Rules governing public operation of autonomous vehicles are currently being developed by DMV.

'Autonomous vehicles are the future of transportation. The potential safety and mobility benefits are enormous," said Jean Shiomoto, DMV Director, "Testing on public roads is one step to developing this technology, and the DMV is excited in facilitating the advancement of autonomous vehicles in California.

DMV developed the autonomous vehicle testing regulations as mandated by Senate Bill 1298 (Vehicle Code Section 38750). Under the new regulations, vehicle manufacturers must obtain a testing permit from the DMV and comply with permit requirements when testing autonomous vehicles on California roads. DMV requirements for manufacturer testing include:

- Manufacturer must register the test vehicle with DMV
- Manufacturer must have completed previous autonomous vehicle testing under controlled conditions
- Manufacturer uses qualified test drivers who complete a training program and obey all provisions of the Vehicle Code.
- Manufacturer test drivers sit in the driver seat and are capable of immediately taking control of the vehicle
- Manufacturer reports to DMV any accident involving a test vehicle or any situation where the autonomous technology disengages during operation
- Manufacturer maintains \$5 million insurance or surety bond.

The adopted testing regulations, along with other information about the Autonomous Vehicle Tester Program, are also available on the DMV website: http://www. dmv.ca.gov/vr/autonomous/auto.htm.



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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 sideby-side owners statewide who use these vehicles for safe and responsible family off-road recreation

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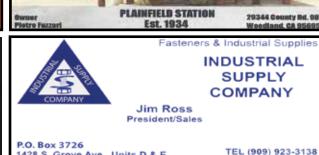


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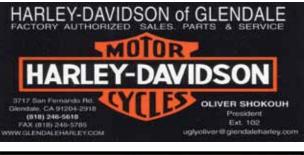
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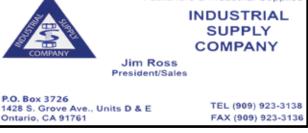
























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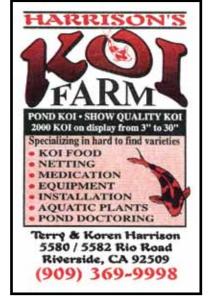
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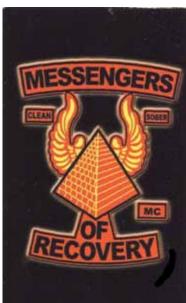
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VFW Post#10049 4242 E Los Angeles Ave.

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Daniel Pfaffly 2nd Mon.7:30PM

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2nd Thurs - 7:00 PM Ron Sundquist 37230 52nd St. East AV Roadhouse Palmdale 93552 320 W Ave J2 Lancaster 93534 661/586-5555 ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net

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Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2

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

Sacramento 95821

Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9

Kenny Nuttall 1st Tues - 7:00 PM American Legion 2979 Dexter Dr 951/377-5772 (in Fairmont Park) www.abatelocal27.org Riverside, CA 92513

Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#13

2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM Marty Rapp P.O. Box 2334 Odd # Months 29 Palms CA 92277 Call Marty for Location 760/367-1694

North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2

2nd Tues - 7:00 PM Larry James Last Call Lounge 530/893-4827 876 East Ave. Chico

Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2

Steve Katen 2nd Tues. - 7:PM 530/749-1003 American Legion 5477 Feather River Blvd. Olivehurst

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12

Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 7:00 PM 760/337-8372 La Fonda Bar & Grill 220 Wake Ave. El Centro, CA 92243

Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6

Godfather 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM P.O. Box9311 Rusty's Pizza Bakersfield 93389 5430 Olive Dr Bakersfield 93308 661/301-5403 661/323-9819

High Desert - Local#44-Reg#13

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

Barstow - Local #47-Reg#13

Meet with L#44 Yermo Eddy PO Box 521 Yermo CA 92398 760/953-7353

Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2

3rd Wed - 6:30 PM Craig Griswold 21183 State Hwy 20 Alta Sierra Penn Valley Pizza & Grill` 530/263-8071 15690 Johnson Place Grass Valley

Ridgecrest - Local #58-Reg#13

Meet with Local#44 **Dave Cornelius** 760/447-4342

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Kimko 310/907-6174 1st Monday 7:00pm On the Water Front Café 205 Ocean Front Walk Venice Beach 90291

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Region 3: Vacant

Region 6: Regional Representative Ed Rogers 24 & 40.

Region 7: Regional Representative - Chuck Pedersen 2 & 3/13 & 63.

Region 8: Regional Representative Tom Lubbers 1&19.

Region 9: Regional Representative Mark Loudermilk 23, & 27

Region 11: Regional Representative Gill Mellen

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