

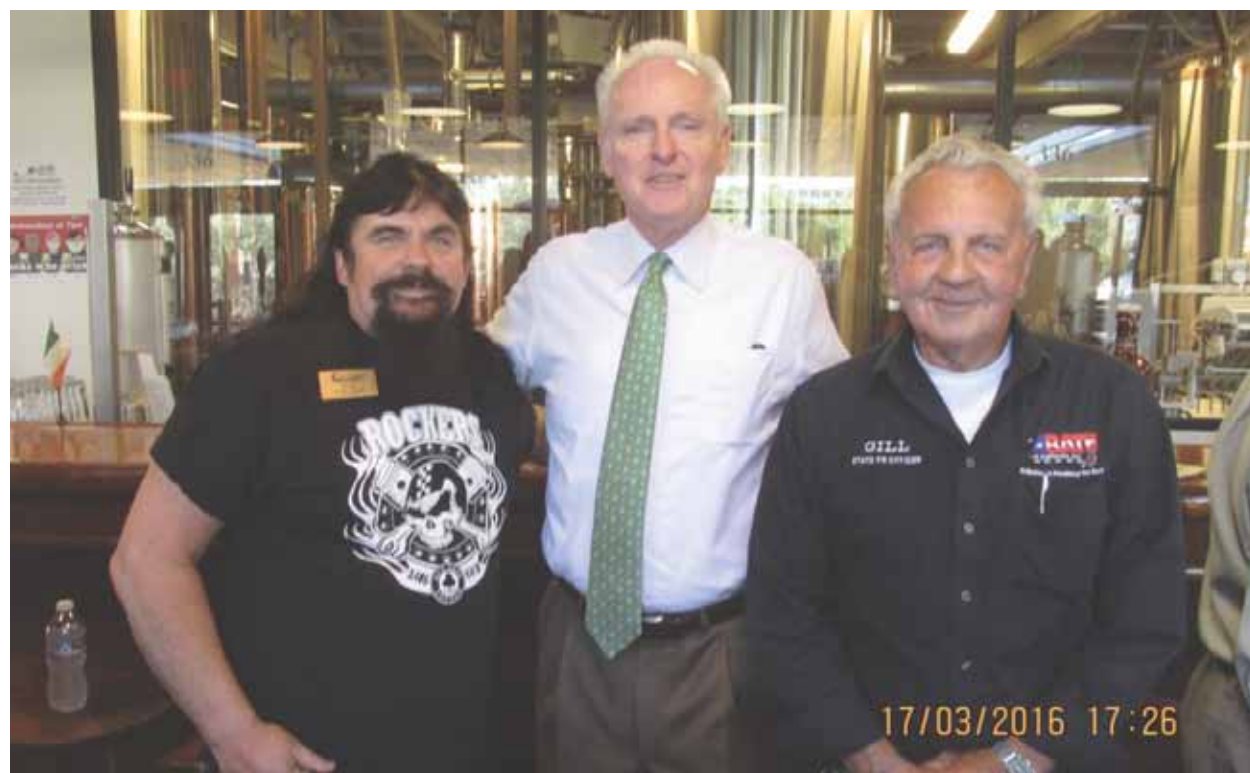
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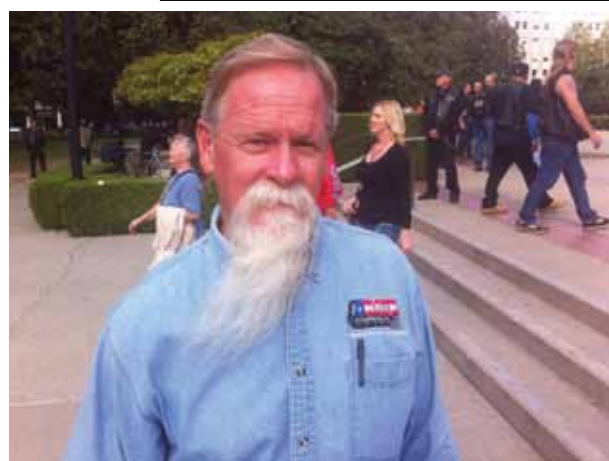
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Executive Director's Report



Executive Director's Report **by Dave Hastings, Executive Director**

I have spent considerable time and effort writing articles for our Bailing Wire and hope you will take the time to examine and consider these articles. Although every article in our magazine is important and, hopefully, beneficial to our readers, several are just routine business that we discuss as an organization every month. I recently made the comment that one of the ways I wanted to improve our organization was to keep our members informed and up to date on our business.

ABATE is a business and as in any business some months just seem to require more of our time and energy to complete the tasks at hand than others. This month has been one of those.

Our organization is comprised of many diverse individuals with strong personalities full of independent, and often times polar opposite, views on many varied subjects. We succeed because of the common thread that sews all of our individual fabrics together and that thread is our motorcycles. I realize that I personally and this organization as a whole will never satisfy every individual member's wants or needs and I accept that.

I have been on both the winning and losing side of numerous issues that ABATE has dealt with in my many years with this organization and I have never once given up hope on what our organization stands for or what it can actually accomplish for the riders of California. I still, to this day, believe we have made, and will continue to make, an important contribution and difference in California motorcycling. So what is all of this leading up to?

ABATE is recognized as a legitimate and important grass roots player in the motorcycle rights fight in California and we are watched closely by other MROs and our ABATE counterparts in other states. California is a recognized leader in many areas and what happens here, good or bad, usually trickles out of our state and into the consciousness of the rest of the country. ABATE has always tried to work with other MROs in the past, usually to everyone's mutual benefit, but sometimes it feels like we did not benefit at all from an alliance simply because everyone could not reach a resolution in a timely manner.

Again, we *are* a business and not every endeavor that a business participates in will be a profitable one. We have had success and failure, but most importantly our success rate is high and our expectations are even higher. If a business is to succeed it must have credibility and honesty, maintain a solid bottom line, and keep its finger on the pulse of its industry.

ABATE of California has made a firm commitment to its members and the riders of California to monitor and protect their motorcycle lifestyle and rights and we have never lost sight of that vision and goal. With that said, this Board of Directors has promised to assume and fulfill its leadership role in California and the nation. We know we will never be able to satisfy everyone's wishes every time we vote on an item, but our first goal is to do the best we can for our ABATE members and, hopefully, every other rider in our state will then benefit also.

That is how we arrived at our decision to support AB 51, Assemblyman Quirk's lane splitting bill. Please take the time to read the information I have provided regarding this legislation in my other article, PAC Report, and then evaluate your position on the pending legislation.

Again, we have spent many hours examining and debating our ABATE position on this legislation and if any amendments are made that are not seen as beneficial to our motorcycle family we will immediately inform you, our valued members, and then reevaluate our support of the bill. This bill has flaws, but it does lay down a foundation to protect a valuable need for many of our California riders.

We, as an organization, will probably take some heat for our decision, but we cannot let this issue smolder any longer. Where there's smoke there's fire and if that fire becomes too big, we may lose the opportunity to control it. We've already gotten burned once by the helmet law, and we want to take control of this fire while we still have an opportunity to do so.

Please take some time to consider our thoughts on this legislation and "Thank You" for doing so.

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.

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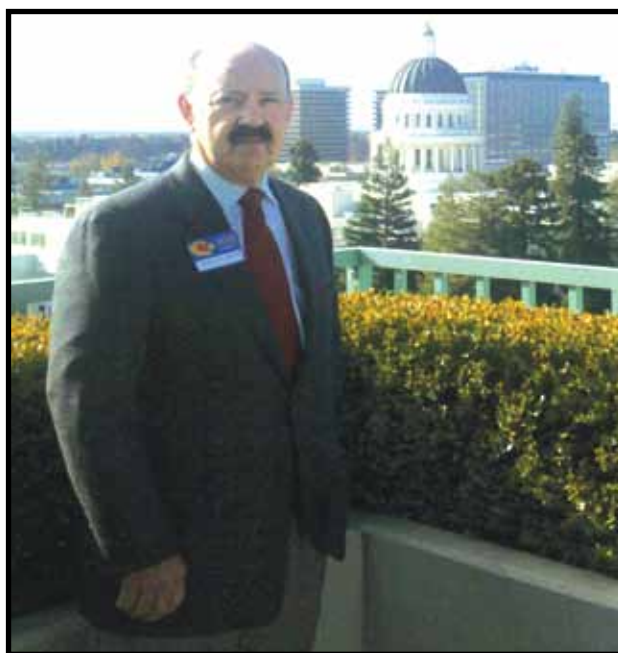
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by James Lombardo Sr

The state Assembly elected Assemblyman Anthony Rendon as its Speaker, replacing our good friend and supporter, Speaker Emeritus Toni Atkins. She is running for Senate District 39 in San Diego. Speaker Rendon replaced some Committee Chairs, but left Assemblyman Jim Frazier as Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, naming another good friend of ABATE, Eric Linder, as its Vice Chair. It is expected that some other members will be replaced on various committees, as well.

The Budget Committees of both houses are

currently holding hearings to review Governor Brown's budget and they will continue until the June 15th deadline to pass a state budget. Meanwhile, policy committees will start hearing bills in late March until April 22nd, the last day for bills to pass out of their house of origin.

One bill of interest, introduced this session, is AB 1932 by Assemblyman Jay Obernolte (R-Hesperia) that will allow motorcyclists who receive a moving violation ticket and choose to take a drivers' education class in lieu of a point on their record to, instead, be able to take an advanced motorcycle training class approved by the Highway Patrol.

The bill is sponsored by Total Control Training in Victorville, the new California Motorcyclist Safety Program (CMSP) contractor. They have asked ABATE to be a Principal Co-sponsor of AB 1932.

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ABATE of California now has their off road division up and running!

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

As of this writing we're getting the special membership drive funding tickets ready from the printer. Carol will distribute the tickets to the Locals. This raffle and sale of the tickets helps fund the membership drive.

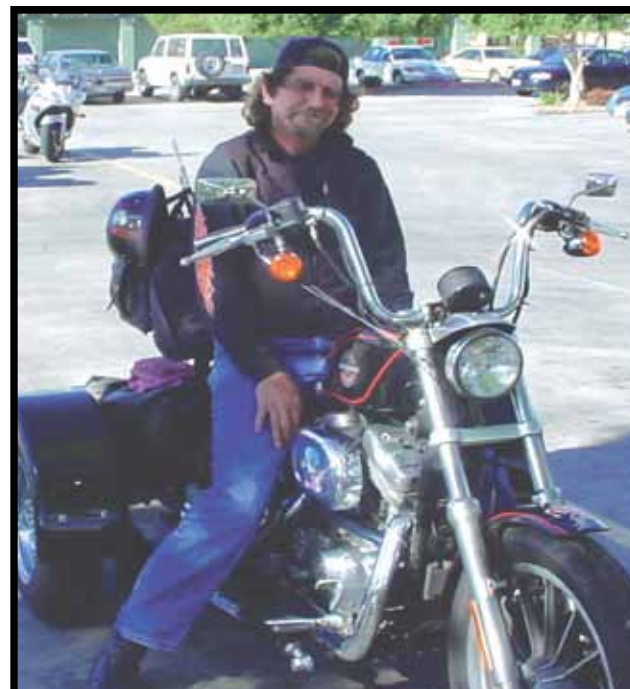
One way you can use these tickets is to give them away as a trinket prize to your members that renew during the time that these tickets are on sale. The member renews and you send them, say for example, 5 tickets with a note thanking them, for their renewal. This shows that you care about the membership of your Local.


Remember to take special care to insure that those folks, your Local members, are treated with kindness and are made to feel welcome at your meetings.

It is starting to get close to riding season and with the warmer weather comes the opportunity to try and get new members. I have been at this a long time and could use some additional feedback on how to make the membership work better. If you have a way to make the membership program better, email me at williammilligan285@yahoo.com

Remember there is unity and strength in numbers of members.

Regards, Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman






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Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi again! Sporty with the Local 1 report. Yes, we are still in business! The meeting comes after the 15th of the month when the stuff for the Bailing Wire is due. So it makes the report a look into the future.

This is what will transpire: We will begin with the Pledge of Allegiance then I will give the president's report. This will include stuff on the Polar Bear run. We will decide how much money from the Polar Bear run that we will give extra to the general fund and lobbyists fund. I will talk about the need to get AB 51 passed. Plus I will talk about some being upset with ABATE for wanting to see this bill pass. I will also ask the membership that is present at meeting if they want to change the April 17th meeting to another Sunday so we can go to the Bare Necessity run in Riverside, which is also on April 17th.

At this point I will turn the meeting over to Glen Cheslock and he will do the membership report. After that Jim Nickla will do the VP report. I will ask for comments from the membership. Finally I will talk about the Regional Rally on May 6th – 8th in Victorville at the Shady Oaks Kampground.

With that said monkey business will occur and then breakfast.

Local 1 President, Sporty Milligan

Local #02 Simi Valley



It's March already and the weather couldn't be any better! I can smell the BBQ happening from the parking lot! The atmosphere is pretty festive and you can't find a better dinner deal in town! We still serve an amazing \$5.00 meal, BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs and all the fixin's you could want. Plus we have an amazing bar within talking distance. Great thanks to our volunteer cooks, Frank and Scott!

Special thanks to VFW Post 10049 for letting us use their premises month after month for many, many years.

We start serving our fantastic meal deal at 6:45 pm until 7:29 pm then our meeting starts promptly at 7:30 pm. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Ave. We missed all who couldn't attend and hope to see you next month.

VP Jim got us going with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pres Guy talked about our 22nd annual Sweaty Buns Run on July 24th! We discussed a lot of things and we could use help from all the members. We need your input and help in making this a very positive run again. This is our bread and butter event of the year and we all volunteer our time and effort for the advancement of all ABATE California!

VP Pattibock talked about a couple of runs, our secretary, Jane, read the minutes, Pat gave us our treasurer report and it's very positive, PR Norm talked about his road trip to Texas and what ABATE was doing there, Ken, our merchandise man is getting our merchandise going and our membership guy, Frank, let us know where we are at with renewals.

THANKS to Simi Harley and Dennis and Ray and Stephanie for renewing!

We had Local 3/13 guests and they talked about their upcoming run. Thanks for showing up! It's good to see you all. We also had a great amount of raffle prizes and the

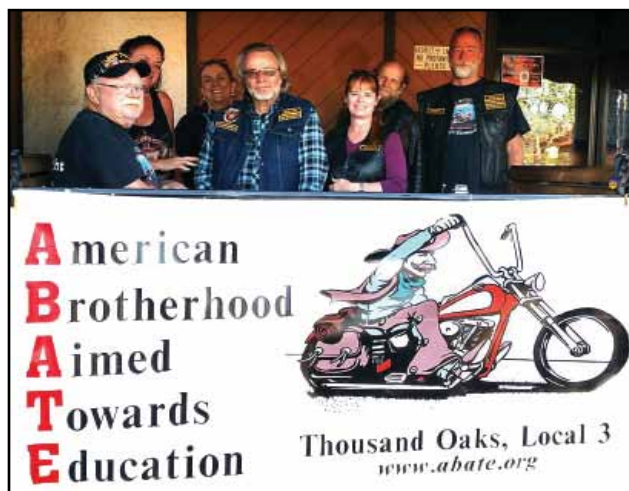
opportunity drawing was good, our membership drawing has rolled again so come on down and see if you get lucky!

This meeting went fast as it should, good information and fun is what this meeting was all about.

Just remember in 4 months we will be having our event of the year and, as usual, we will plan it out month by month. We are very thorough and committed. We will need all of you to help. It's going to be a great one! Just remember it's our 22nd and that's a great statistic for ABATE Local 2 as well as all of ABATE!

Ride safe, PTL norm e.

Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks & Ventura County



We hope you will attend our Leather Weather Run on April 24th, celebrating Motorcycle Awareness month. Look for the flyer, in this issue, for details.

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming new members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 pm at Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays at 7 pm at the Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks. We have Sunday Rides every Sunday, meeting at Azar's for breakfast around 9:00 am and kickstands up by 10:15.

Feel free to call our Prez, Chuck Pedersen at 805-496-0323 for more information. Come join us and bring your friends! Check us out on Facebook at www.Facebook/ABATE313 to follow our events and issues. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups & organizations!

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Local #08 Orange County



Greetings from Local 8! We are excited about all the upcoming events planned within ABATE of California. We are looking forward to the Southern Regional Rally in May. Always such a great time.

We at Local 8 are planning another Swap Meet day this year and that is likely to be in July. So come out to the Long Beach Motorcycle Swap Meet and support ABATE in our efforts to provide funds to our wonderful organization.

Remember safety first when tackling riding in the weather, especially the rain. Often times we don't choose to set off in rainy weather, but odds are if you ride long and far enough, sooner or later you'll be confronted with it, willingly or not. If you think you may have to ride in rain, it helps if you think of it as essentially learning a whole new subset of skills. If, however, you are caught in a situation you feel is too much to handle, find the nearest safe spot to pull over. Remember weather is unpredictable so be prepared for what Mother Nature might throw at you.

We at Local 8 have been invited to be a part of Lifestyle Cycle's TheAmericaRide.com. We will maintain a booth for ABATE getting the word out to the riding population. I still find it amazing the amount of riders that have never

heard of ABATE; we have failed those riders. This event will be on May 21st & 22nd at the Irvine Lakes in Irvine, CA. All the proceeds will go to the Patriotic Service Dog Foundation, where dogs are trained to aid our Vets on their return home from traumatic service to our country. Visit the web site for all the details.

Be safe out there, Local 8's very own Hawgette

Local #11 North San Diego County



Greetings from Local 11 North San Diego County! Prez Dan Buse started us off with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the fallen. Dan did a presentation of the gift basket for our Local 11 raffle coming up. If you like margaritas and such, you might want to jump in on this one.

Dick Beckton gave us the VP report which included the upcoming events. He also gave us the Confederation of Clubs report.

Tim Clark gave us the treasurer's report. Monies going to the general fund, lobbyist, insurance and PAC fund. Tim also sold tickets to the opportunity drawing (I think he was a carnival barker in a previous life).

Dogman our PAC rep and ABATE State Treasurer talked about the anti-profiling bill, lane sharing vs lane splitting language.

Secretary/Scribe (Me) talked briefly on hoaxes that circulate quite frequently on social media like Facebook, Twitter etc. There has been a couple recently like the "Curfew" for motorcyclist and the "FBI has all motorcyclists" on a gang watch list. As bikers we need to not propagate this crap by sharing it, unless we research the validity of it first. Otherwise it grows legs and it is all over the place.

We had 9 attendees plus the 4 officers and Eddy Aranda Prez of Local 38 Imperial Valley. Eddy touched on their Ice Chest Raffle, Hogs for Dogs fund raiser for the Imperial County Humane Society.

We had our elections: Dan Buse Remains as President, Dick Beckton Remains as Vice President and Tim Clark Remains as Treasurer. Secretary/Scribe position is Open.

I will be stepping down due to personal issues. I will miss several meetings most likely this year. Still a member. Tim made us pay up. Been fun.

Later, Gary and Susan Elliott

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



Our FYAO/Tom Watson's Memorial run went off well even with the terrible weather day. I must say thanks to all that attended! Special thanks to Richard and Cheryl Haywood and Connie Watson for providing our lunch. Thanks to Pam Code and Bill and Paula McBride for our breakfast at Darla's. Thanks to Dave Whitaker who prepared our breakfast! Of course thanks to all the stop volunteers and everyone else that volunteered their time for this event. And thanks to those that could not attend and still made a donation. I wish every one of our members did that to support our organization and the Local.

Pop's Spring Freedom Ride for the Rough Riders MC was also affected by the wet and windy weather, but they also had a turnout. Remember members that we need to support others as we wish to be supported.

Our next riding event is the Spring Fun Run on April 23rd starting at 9 am at Miss Darla's in Vacaville.

LOCAL NEWS

On May 14th we have our 5th Annual Texas Hold-Em tournament to be held at the Moose Lodge in Vacaville with sign-ins at 4 pm and the cards fly at 5 pm. I am asking that every member purchase a ticket to support this great event. Even if you do not play, you can learn or maybe give it as a gift to someone you know who plays. I promise you won't regret it.

Remember Hot Rods and Harleys Ride In Bike and Car show on June 5th at Iron Steed Harley-Davidson. We already have some applicants for the show! Please volunteer your time for this event - we need lots of help.

With the riding season just around the corner, be sure to take the time to have your bike serviced, bolts, nuts etc. checked and everything else in between so you are not only safe but prepared to put some miles on!

Ride safe, Ride FREE! Glenn, Local 17 President and ABATE Board Chairman

Local #20 Orange County



Gill will send out more information on the lane sharing bill, AB 51, when he gets it. ABATE will go with the way the bill is written right now – per the Board meeting.

The 1 year anniversary of Waco is approaching. Thanks to the many Christian clubs for their support especially Ricks Soldiers for Jesus.

All were encouraged to attend Motorcycle Profiling Projects. Double D runs it and is a key player on the PR committee along with attorneys to figure out what works in media.

Let Spike or Gill know if you get stopped and something doesn't seem right. Keep your eyes and ears open for everything going on around you. Email Gill with any questions you may have.

\$27 to go into next month's meeting as chips were not available for drawing.

JR at Life Styles is having a fundraiser for the Veterans Service Dog program – it's a 2 day event. Woody will check on patches being allowed. Spike says no colors at the event, but you can ride from Life Styles to the event, but will not be allowed entry.

On the last Wednesday of each month there will be a bike night held here. Doreen will be running it and raffle prizes are needed and appreciated for this night.

Spike and Gill to be with Tom Daley on Saint Patrick's Day, as usual.

Future events were discussed. The 22nd annual Southern Regional Rally will be held on Mother's Day weekend, May 6th – 8th at Shady Oasis Kampground in Victorville. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. Lorri

ABATE Events for 2016

You can also go to our website www.abate.org and Events Calendar to download available flyers.

April 8, 9 & 10th – Demo Rides at Victorville Harley Davidson (See ad in this issue for more info.)

April 17 – ABATE Local 27 – 14th Annual Bare Necessities Run (see flyer this issue for details.)

April 23 – ABATE Local 17 – Annual Spring Fun Run (see flyer this issue for details.)

April 24 – ABATE Local 3/13 – Leather Weather Ride Celebrating Motorcycle Awareness Month (see flyer this issue for details.)

May 6, 7 & 8 – Annual Southern Regional Rally (hosted by ABATE Local 44). See flyer in this issue.
Pre-Registrations are now being accepted.

May 14 – ABATE Local 17 – 5th Annual Texas Hold-em (Details TBA or call Glenn 707/624-6310)

June 5 – ABATE LOCAL 17 – Annual Hot Rods & Harleys Ride In Bike and Car Show at Iron Steed H-D (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.

Local #23 San Bernardino



Greetings from Local 23 in San Bernardino! Our monthly First Friday Dinner Ride had six members show up at our meeting spot at the Chevron Station on the corner of Riverside and Valley in Rialto. Our group consisted of President Ed Pelton, Vice Pres Mark Loudermilk, Secretary-Treasurer Tammy Odell, Liz and Ron Morris and myself.

At the suggestion of Ron we ended up at Cuca's Mexican Food in Rialto. It is built in a former train depot and the food was very good.

Our monthly meeting is on the first Sunday of the month at Vicky's Restaurant, corner of Mill and Waterman in San Bernardino.

We discussed upcoming events such as Bare Necessities, Chili Cook Offs, the Regional Rally in May, and Bike Nights.

Speaking of which, our March Bike Night takes place after I send this in so I will update you on that event next month. Our February Bike Night had more people than the previous month – the weather was a little warmer!

As usual take a look at and join our Facebook page for photos and information on upcoming events. The page is titled [ABATE of California Local 23 San Bernardino](#).

Donald Kline, Local 23 San Bernardino

Local #25 Sacramento



Local 25 did not have a quorum in February so there wasn't an official meeting with minutes. It was a quiet social dinner with friends.

David Smart

Local #27 Riverside



Hope this article finds everyone in good health and good riding spirits. Sure has been nice weather here in So. Ca. for a putt.

Not much to share this month so I'll keep it short and sweet. Local meeting was kinda skimpy this month. Too bad Tyson Homchuen wasn't here and missed out on the membership drawing! Guess you'll have to come to the next meeting to find out how much you lost.

Our annual fund raiser is coming up Sunday, April 17th, and I hope you plan on attending. BARE Necessities XIV is an effort to gather undergarments for the Salvation Army to distribute to the less fortunate. Please see the flyer elsewhere in this paper for more info. Any Locals or individuals wishing to support/donate to this great cause, give me a call – Kenny, President Local 27, at 951-377-5772. Or e-mail me at kennuttall@aol.com.

In addition we have set up a GOFUNDME page for those that want to contribute, but can't make the event. Visit us on Facebook at [Abate of California-Riverside-Local 27](#) to get more information.

I would like to thank up front those so far that have so generously contributed funds and/or merchandise to make this event a success. Special thanks to The Geezers M/C for their commitment to raise funds to purchase items, to Bob Moungey/Youth Helpers for their donation directed towards items to be purchased especially for the kids, ACL Construction Co. Ontario, Resort Styles, Green Meadows Landscape, Todd Rubin/AMR recycling, H.R./Wolfe Precision Molds, Wright Bros. Customs, Cruz Cat Construction, Nuttall Landscape Services, with many more to come. (Your Name Here).

Ride safe, Kenny Nuttall, President Local 27

Local #52 Grass Valley



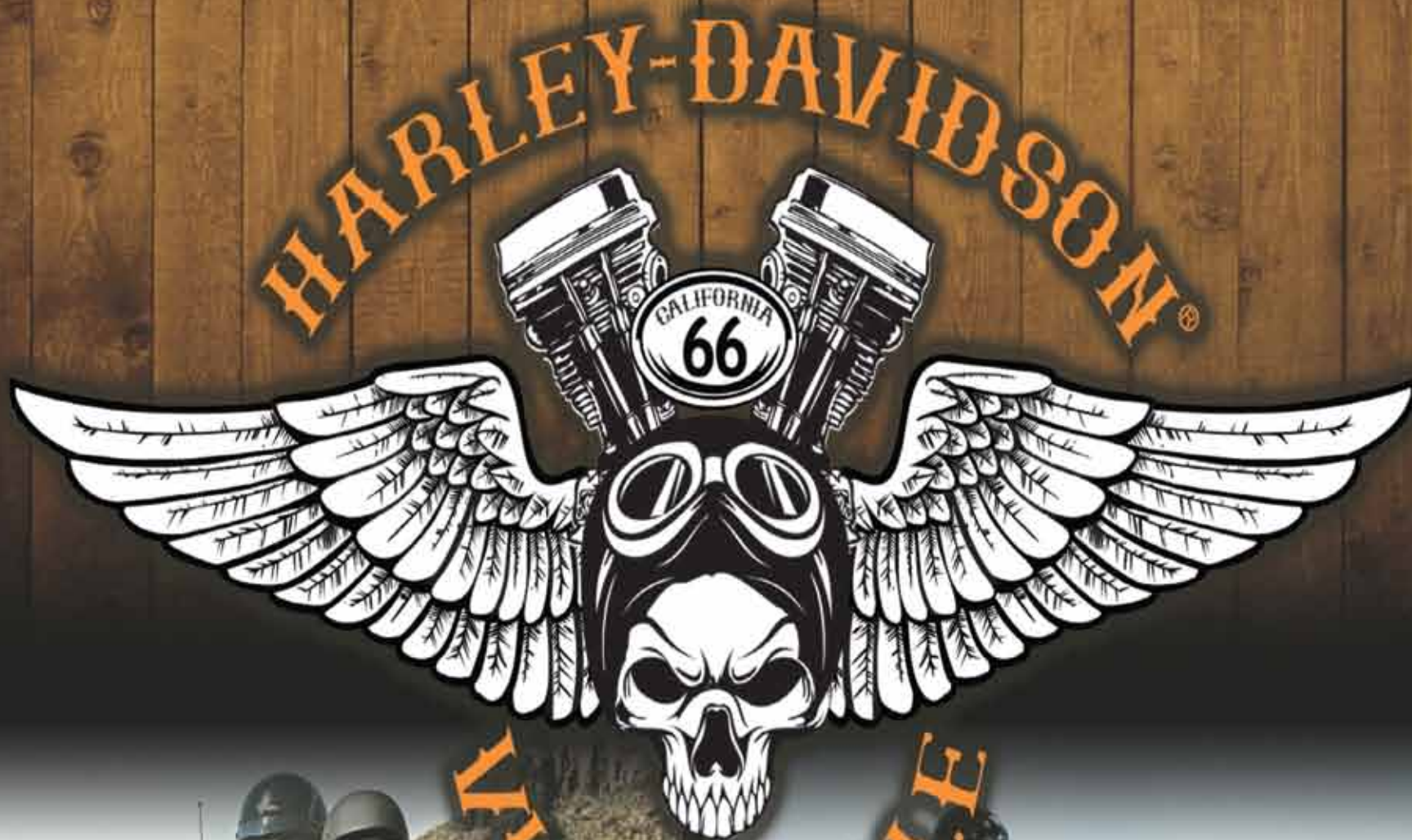
Hi folks! While there is not much to report on the legislative side of things, I will take this opportunity to ask everybody to keep the drive alive. Membership is one of our organizations biggest assets. Politicians listen to numbers. Go out and get that one new member. Every year our Local adds new members. We're not growing fast, but we're going in the right direction. Go to the businesses you think may be interested in signing up. It's relatively inexpensive advertising and the Bailing Wire gets statewide distribution. I would also like to thank all the folks that renewed their membership. Bringing in new members is vital to the organization's strength, but will do little good if our retention is poor.

If you are interested in volunteering for running our booth at events, please let me know! It's great advertising for our Local and staying in the public eye is good PR. Most of us have more irons in the fire than we can handle, so adding one more thing to the list gets a little heavy at times, but if we spread some of the duties out to more of the membership it makes it a little less daunting.

Although there should still be more much needed wet weather in the next few months, the more riding friendly dry spells will certainly increase in length and periodicity. While you're out in the wind, spread the word!

Ride safe, Craig

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Pac/Treasurer's Report



by Dave Hastings, PAC Treasurer

The AB 51 legislation to codify, or put into law and officially legalize lane splitting or lane sharing (whichever term you prefer to call it), is

still idle and undergoing review by the author, Assemblyman Bill Quirk. ABATE, like everyone else, has heard rumors of possible amendments to this bill and we are still waiting for the final language to be released by the author.

The bill may be heard sometime in June of this year and we will then evaluate any possible changes to the bill and re-examine our support at that time.

We realize this is a controversial piece of legislation and ABATE will receive both strong support and strong disagreement from riders not only in California, but nationwide, for whatever position we finally endorse. At this time, California is the only state that allows riders to split lanes, and several other states are watching closely to introduce their own legislation based on the outcome here.

There are many who say "let this bill die and continue with the status quo" because they feel it is too restrictive. There are also many who say "officially legalize lane splitting now" before a bill can be introduced to outlaw it completely, as it is in every other state. Both sides have valid points and concerns and our ABATE PAC has

spent many hours examining the Berkeley Report and debating the issues and points raised by our members and fellow riders. Everyone, including the research team at Berkeley, agrees that lane splitting is safer, necessary, and advantageous to our riders and our air-cooled motorcycles.

The big dispute begins when mandatory speed limits are put into place and rider discretion and expertise are taken out of the subject. Motorcycle riding requires a highly dedicated skill set and a certain level of self determined and acceptable risk must be undertaken by the rider. So does operating a bicycle, automobile, truck, or any other mode of transportation. Many of those who do not want any restrictions on lane splitting and want to maintain the status quo are highly skilled riders and risk takers. Unfortunately, as the Berkeley Report reinforces, many of our riders are not, and that is where the problem arises, because the study determined speed and reaction times do make a difference.

Is this law fair to everyone? Absolutely not, but no law will ever be perfect because every law infringes on some of our ability to make a self-determined decision regarding our actions and our responsibilities to society and ourselves. On the flip side of this issue, there are many who want lane splitting outlawed completely in California and are working on a daily basis to make it happen.

ABATE realizes this bill is not perfect, in fact it's far from it, but it does codify and legalize something that we riders need and many of us use on a daily basis.

Remember that mandatory helmet law that everyone said would never pass in California? Well, after twenty four years, hundreds of court cases, and numerous attempts to repeal the law, we still have not regained our "freedom of choice" and we are still being forced to wear a helmet in California.

Let's not let lane splitting take us down the same road. If we codify lane splitting it will give us a legal foundation to work and improve upon. Codifying will immediately allow the CHP to educate the drivers of California on lane splitting and use enforcement when necessary to protect our riders from negligent and sometimes even aggressive drivers. Lastly, it will prohibit insurance companies from not honoring legitimate claims of accident and injury reimbursement incurred while we are practicing the 100% lawful act of lane splitting on the highways of California.

This law has more potential benefits for our riders than some may have realized and hopefully we can all accept its limitations and work to ensure we protect our right to continue to split traffic lanes in California.

Dave H.

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Regional Rally Report

From: Your Regional Rally Committee and Volunteers

Our 22nd annual ABATE Regional Rally is just around the corner and will be held on Mother's Day weekend May 6th-8th, 2016 at the Shady Oasis Kampground in Victorville, CA.

I hope you've already pre-registered for this fun filled, family friendly event, but if not, you still have time to make plans to attend. We have included a flyer and registration form in this issue of your Bailing Wire for your convenience.

As usual ALL proceeds from this event will benefit our ABATE of California and we need your participation to ensure its success.

We will have bike & people games, awards, vendors, tent camping and R/V with full hook-up sites, restrooms with showers, an on-site mini-store, live music, and most importantly, fun with all of your ABATE friends from throughout our state.

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Hope to see you there! Dave H.

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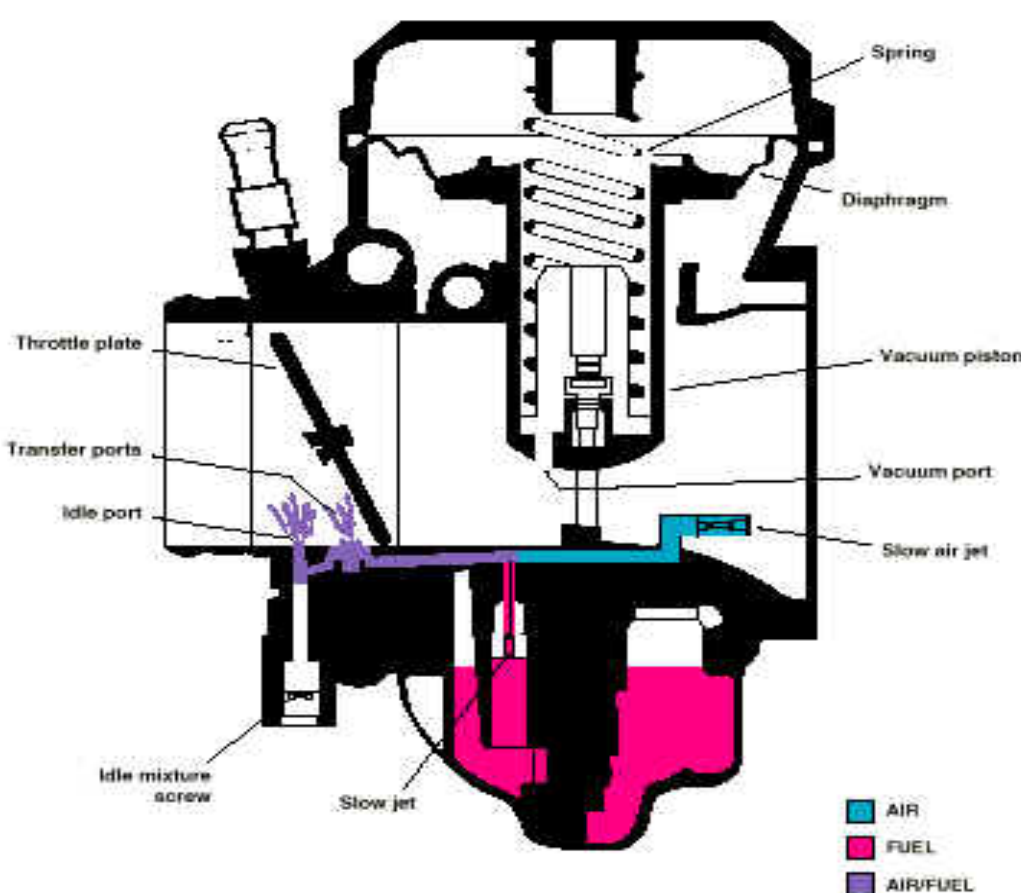
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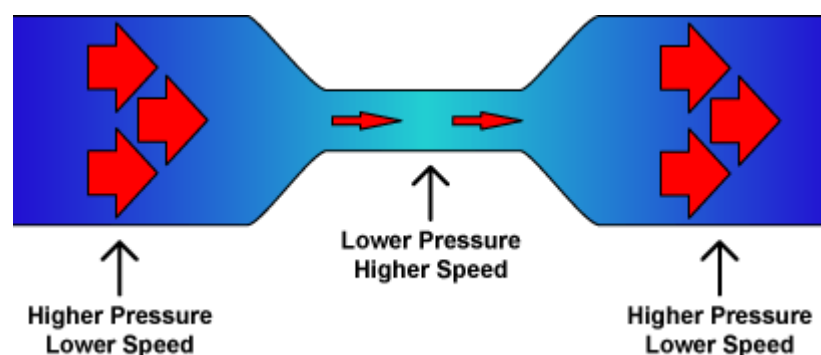
Carburetors

Legend has it the first Harley-Davidson carburetor was made from a tomato can. None of my friends from that era are around anymore so my sources for a real fact check are limited, but if I had to take a SWAG, I would probably guess that the "prototype" may have involved a can, but the final product was most certainly a bit more sophisticated (not by much though). Fun fact: William Harley and Arthur Davidson had some help with their initial motorized bicycle design and first carburetor from Ole Evinrude, the outboard motor guy!

The fuel mixers have changed substantially since the days of the Silent Gray Fellow. Keihin's Constant Velocity (CV) carb was introduced with the 1988 models and remained until the 2007 model year, when all Harley-Davidson motorcycles were equipped with Electronic Fuel Injection. While fuel injection is now the rule, there are still plenty of carburetors out there. This next series will cover some carb basics as well as specific tuning procedures for a few of the most common carburetors.



Carburetors operate on Bernoulli's Principle. In a nutshell, as air passes through a Venturi, it increases in speed with a corresponding reduction in pressure. This lower pressure will draw in fuel from the float bowl into the various circuits. You will hear the term *naturally aspirated* in performance circles and this is often confused with a distinction between fuel delivery systems. Aspiration has nothing to do with the system (carbureted or fuel injected). It refers to the induction. Forced (turbo or super charged) or natural.



There are three basic circuits in most carburetors. They are defined in function by their effect on the RPM range. Different manufacturers can use different terminology to identify these circuits. The first is the idle or pilot circuit. This controls fuel delivery at idle and just off idle. The primary adjustment for tuning the idle circuit is the air/fuel mixture screw. Depending on design, opening the mixture screw will either add fuel or air during adjustment. We'll clear this up when we discuss tuning procedures. In most cases, at least one jet is used in conjunction with the a/f screw to regulate the idle circuit.

Next is the intermediate or mid-range circuit. This circuit runs the show just off idle to approximately 3000 RPM. As before, this range can vary depending on the carb. Just to make it clear as mud, some manufacturers use throttle position for tuning reference, some use RPM, and occasionally actual speed over ground is thrown in there. The intermediate circuit can utilize jets and or needles for fuel metering.

The third circuit is the main circuit. This controls delivery where the intermediate leaves off all the way to WFO. In most cases, the main is controlled by a jet.

Most modern carburetors also utilize an accelerator pump. This device provides a shot of fuel when the throttle is opened. The initial demand for fuel is usually greater when the throttle is opened fast. The idle circuit alone cannot provide enough fuel under this condition, and the engine will stumble and cough through the intake due to a lean condition.

Next month, we'll talk about the venerable S&S carburetors.

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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,
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NCOM CONVENTION HONORS FALLEN RIDERS; INVITES NAMES FOR TRIBUTE: With the 31st Annual NCOM Convention in Atlantic City just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have died since May 2015, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional "Ringing of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board, or e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at NCOMBish@aol.com.

Attendees are also encouraged to bring an item on behalf of their organization for the Freedom Fund Auction, with proceeds benefiting the motorcyclists' rights movement nationwide through Getting Our People Elected donations, NCOM Speaker Program, lobbying activities and other pro-motorcycling projects as determined by the NCOM Board of Directors.

The 31st annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 5-8, 2016 at Harrah's Resort, located at 777 Harrah's Blvd in Atlantic City, New Jersey. This annual gathering will draw bikers' rights activists from across the country to discuss topics of concern to all riders, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$109 by calling (888) 516-2215.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$80 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$45 for the Convention only. All motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend. Meetings, seminars and group discussions will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and Freedom of the Road.

To pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

ANTI-PROFILING BILL HEARD IN MINNESOTA: A minority group claims its members are being unfairly profiled and stopped by police, and it's demanding a bill to prevent it. That group is motorcyclists, and the legislation, put before Min-



nesota's Senate Judiciary Committee by State Senator David Osmek (R-Mound), would require Minnesota's Board of Peace Officer Standards & Training to develop a statewide policy to eliminate motorcyclist profiling, including methods to identify and avoid it. SF1509 in the Senate, and companion bill HF59 in the House, would also require every law enforcement agency in the state to have "a written anti-motorcycle profiling policy."

In testimony, several members of Minnesota motorcycle clubs laid out a litany of their own experiences: Officers they believed had pulled them over on trumped-up pretenses questioned them about who they were and why they were in their community and, in some cases, photographed their tattoos & patches. "It's my constitutional right to be in a Motorcycle Club," said Jim Jahnke of Rochester, the National V.P. of the Sons of Silence MC.

Frank Ernst of Chanhassen, MN representing ABATE of Minnesota, and also chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists - Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF), described an instance in which he said he was pulled over by an officer who claimed he hadn't seen Ernst's protective eye wear, which he was wearing, but Ernst didn't file an official complaint.

Sen. Osmek admitted the bill is based largely on anecdotal evidence, but told the state's Daily Globe newspaper that "I'm focusing on something that constituents brought to me that they had issue with," and he urges motorcyclists to file complaints and collect data on their own in order to make a stronger case.

Meanwhile, a motorcycle profiling bill is gaining momentum in Maryland, having passed the state Senate unanimously 47-0 on March 3 and now moves to the House, positioning Maryland to become the second state in the country behind Washington to pass such anti-discrimination legislation.

FEWER AMERICANS GETTING A DRIVER'S LICENSE: It used to be a rite of passage into adulthood, but today fewer and fewer U.S. residents are lining up at their local DMV to get a driver's license, and new data indicates that all age groups are affected.

Analyzing decades of data from the Federal Highway Administration, a team from the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute found that since 2011, the number of U.S. citizens with drivers' licenses across all age

groups, from 16 to 70, has decreased.

A recent University of Michigan report analyzed decades' worth of Federal Highway Administration records to show how licensure across all age groups has declined in the period stretching from 1983 to 2014.

Last year, nearly 77% of 20- to 24-year-old drivers held a license; in 1983, nearly 92% in that age bracket had one. Four years ago, the number was about 80%. For 16-through 44-year-olds, there has been a continuous decline in the percentage of people with a driver's license.

The news may not be surprising for younger generations, who are more likely to use public transit or a ride-sharing company, or telecommute, but researchers also found a decline in the number of older adults with a driver's license.

Other reports have detected related trends, such as a decrease in the distance driven per person and less travel time overall, but even as the age of driverless cars approaches, a driver's license will continue to be mandatory for years to come.

WHITE HOUSE PUSHES DRIVERLESS CARS: The Obama administration aims to remove hurdles to making autonomous cars more widespread, and the President's fiscal 2017 budget proposes spending \$4 Billion over the next decade to accelerate the integration of driverless cars on U.S. roadways.

The administration's multi-billion dollar proposal, which would require Congressional approval, calls on federal regulators to work with auto makers and others to craft policies and rules regarding autonomous vehicles and their development.

"We are going to do everything we can to advance safe, smart and sustainable transportation innovations," announced Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx at the Detroit Auto Show, "We are bullish on automated vehicles."

In addition to the new testing programs, Foxx also unveiled ambitious federal guidelines that he says will get self-driving on the roads quicker -- and more safely -- than ever thought possible. "(These actions) will provide the foundation and the path forward for manufacturers, state officials and consumers to use new technologies and achieve their full safety potential" he said.

Now, NHTSA will seek input from automakers and others as the auto agency tries to wrap its arms around the deployment and operation of fully self-driving cars as the norm, not an anomaly.

In addition, the agency plans to team up with state partners and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators to develop a model driverless car policy states can implement, hopefully laying the groundwork for a consistent national policy.

CONGRESSIONAL RPM ACT WOULD PROTECT THE SPORT OF RACING: The federal Environmental Protection Agency

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(EPA) is attempting to regulate racing by prohibiting the conversion of street motorcycles and automobiles into competition-only racing vehicles, but newly-introduced legislation in Congress would prevent the EPA from impacting the lives of tens of thousands of armature and professional racers, their support teams and millions of race fans across the country.

Members of both chambers of Congress have introduced bipartisan versions of a bill that would protect the sport of racing by blocking the EPA from over-regulating the industry and ensuring that it remains legal to convert street legal motor vehicles for racing purposes.

The RPM Act (Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2016); "A bill to exclude vehicles used solely for competition from certain provisions of the Clean Air Act" H.R.4715, was introduced March 7, 2016 in the House by U.S. Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC) with 13 bipartisan co-sponsors, while companion measure S.2659 "to reaffirm that the EPA cannot regulate vehicles used solely for competition" was offered in the Senate on March 9 by Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) and three original co-sponsors.

H.R.4715 states, in part: "at the time the Clean Air Act was written, and each time the Clean Air Act has been amended, the intent of Congress has been, and continues to be, that vehicles manufactured for, modified for, or utilized in organized motorized racing events would not be encompassed by the Clean Air Act's definition of "motor vehicle".

The EPA recently re-opened the proposed regulation for more public comment. The regulation is scheduled for final approval this summer, so the time to act is NOW.

WISCONSIN BILL WOULD RESTRICT ACCESS TO BLACK BOX DATA:

A bill that would require an owner's consent to access data in "black boxes" in cars and motorcycles seems more likely than ever before to come up for a vote in January 2017, according to members of ABATE of Wisconsin, a grassroots lobbyist group that deals with motorcycle issues but now finds itself leading the charge in fighting for privacy.

The bill covers not only Event Data Recorders or EDRs but any device that is recording any information or tracking user behavior. Anyone that took the information without consent faces potential fines ranging from \$200 to \$2000 per incident.

The bill says insurance companies would not be able to link the issuance or renewal of a liability policy to whether the vehicle has such a box, or whether the motorist allows the insurer to access or use data it collects.

Currently, the boxes record such data only in the seconds before, during and after a crash. But critics like ABATE, worry about how much more information the devices might collect as they become more sophisticated. ABATE says while the timing of the recordings may be limited now, safe guards need to be in place should that change.

At least 23 other states have passed laws defining who owns EDR data, according to Steve Panten, a spokesman for ABATE of Wisconsin, which supports the bill.

EX-COP SUES OVER MOTORCYCLE NOISE:

A former Texas police officer is suing Arkansas officials over motorcycle noise. Rick Holtsclaw, a 31-year veteran of the Houston police department who placed an emphasis on noise enforcement, has sued city officials in Fort Smith and Fayetteville, Arkansas for their failure to enforce federal,

state, and local laws regarding motorcycle noise.

Holtsclaw's lawsuit cites the Noise Control Act of 1972 that makes it illegal for motorcycle exhausts to be altered or removed for the purpose of making noise. In addition, the Arkansas muffler statute requires every motor vehicle to be equipped with the quiet factory-installed muffler or a muffler duplicating the specifications of the factory-installed muffler.

Holtsclaw stated that "the law enforcement community in Arkansas has failed to intercede on behalf of the noise-beleaguered citizenry," particularly at rallies "where there are thousands of motorcyclists making illegally loud noise," and is seeking \$1,000,000 (one million) in damages from each municipality.

DRIVER WHO DELIBERATELY ASSAULTED MOTORCYCLISTS STILL IN JAIL:

A viral video showing a Texas driver who without provocation intentionally crashed into a motorcyclist last October, causing serious injuries to the rider and his passenger, has been languishing in jail unable to post bail since the incident.

William "Bill" Sam Crum was indicted by a Hood County grand jury on two aggravated assault counts carrying punishment of up to 20 years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000 and is currently being held on \$150,000 bail in Hood County Jail since his arrest October 20, 2015.

While motorcyclists can take comfort knowing that Mr. Crum has been in jail nearly 6 months awaiting trial on criminal charges, because he purposefully crashed into the victims, his auto insurance won't cover any civil judgment due to the intentional act exclusion in every policy.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it." ~ Mary Flannery O'Connor (1925-64) American writer and essayist

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In reply to our requests for Donations and the more recent request for ABATE's Lobbyist fund – we have had a very positive response! THANK YOU MEMBERS and ABATE Locals!!!! Your monetary answers help immensely!

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Rest In Peace, May they ride Forever Free.
Rest in Peace Don Martin
by Chuck Pedersen,
President ABATE Local 3/13

When we ride in formation I am lead and we assign our sweep. Don Martin always called it "being the Tail Gunner." We, ABATE Local 3/13 and ABATE of California lost a solid Tail Gunner when Don passed away on February 21, 2016. He was a Marine and a District Representative for the Ventura Star Riding and Touring Group; Chapter 258.

I have been an ABATE member of Local 3 for over 20 years. Don has always been there as our Treasurer. Don and I watched our Local change over these years, some good and some bad. I remember general meetings when only Don and I were in attendance and that lasted for months. Don was always there, he always supported, and he always gave back.

As President, I could always count on Don to attend every meeting, be at every run. He was not only a friend that I loved dearly, he was a friend to everyone. He had a kind word and wise advice. I will miss my Tail Gunner.

There will be a Veteran's Benefit Ride and memorial run sometime in September. I will forward more information as it develops.

Rest in peace Don. You are missed.



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AB 1595 prohibits the use of (approved/sanctioned racing style) seat belt harnesses, prohibits the addition of full roll cages, and requires mandatory helmet use in these and ONLY these vehicles.

Portions of this law go into effect on January 1, 2013 and all parts of the law will be enforced on July 1, 2013. AB 1595 will have an immediate and very negative impact on side-by-side safety and prevent the use of many of these family recreational vehicles that have been upgraded with additional safety equipment.

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

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Motorcycle Safety Report

by **Norm e. Newiger,**
Safety Officer

The Guts of Riding

When we talk about or think about motorcycle safety we think of the obvious, accident prevention or motorcycle safety while riding. We also have a plethora of motorcycle safety schools and the barroom discussion platforms etc. There are many organizations and private operations that help us all as far as staying educated while riding, but I think there are many more chapters in motorcycle safety that we are not really exposed to or we just take it for granted and that all is well as long as I survived the day.

The motorcycle safety courses are out there and it's a country wide solution, and yes it's geared to how to handle your motorcycle and certain situations to avoid or how to react in case you are put into these situations that can save your life or escape injury. Most courses give you the standard training and they expect you to advance your knowledge on your own which is cool. I understand that almost every situation is different and the learning curve is as big as the number of riders out there. There is nothing better than experience on the road and sometimes it gets the best of us. That is the bad part of learning. For some it retires new riders and experienced riders as well, and for most of us we get knocked down and get back up. Then there is the elite, the ones who for the most part go thru life unscathed. It's not luck (we'd love to have it) or timing that saved us from some sort of freak accident, I like to think of it as skill and staying focused while riding, to have the ultimate confidence while riding!

I have seen the best of the best riders get killed and the dumb of dumbest riders ride for all their life, go figure... I have no regrets for this last statement but it's true in what I have noticed all my life and maybe yours as well. What I have learned is that we only have limited control and usually what's not in our control usually makes us a statistic, because, as we all say, stuff happens. What we do have is control of our body and mind, even though for a lot of us we have limited control due to aging and thus we medicate or change our lifestyles. When you get to a certain age you will know what I'm talking about, it's pure facts and sometimes it sucks big time!

I'm expanding this article from my last month's safety article, These Old Bones. I talked a little bit about the medical aspects of our bodies as riders, but I have come to realize that it's more than just the headlines shall we say. Aging is graceful and it is prejudiced to the blessed. I am really grateful for my journey because I've left a lot of loved ones behind from one thing or another.

Sometimes old age feels like a curse, but that's life. When we hit certain ages we experience changes. For most of us it's more than one thing, it's usually one thing that leads to another and so on. Let's start at 40, there's not much about this age, but there



could be if you don't start paying attention to yourself. My two doctors said that at 40 your body starts to change and you should be aware, in other words, get involved with your body and mind and prepare yourself for your future. I am talking about getting to these ages without any prior diseases or major illness either from birth or from a hereditary standpoint. But then again through modern medicines and research throughout the years we have been able to conquer medical complications to where some can live a decent life and do things now that back in the day wasn't possible.

At the age 50 our body has changed (this is approximate) and depending on how we make a living and such our bodies get worn out, abused, injured and more abuse, be it in the work force and or some kind of substance abuse. Our broken bones or other major injuries catch up to us, and thus we rely on medications for pain, bad blood and or new operations to correct old injuries etc. This list can be as long as the road you ride on! The World Health Organization reports this: For most of us, taking care of our health is the last thing on our mind as we are too busy. Eventually "negligence" takes its toll on our body and manifests itself through a serious illness or in rapid physical deterioration in old age.

I have neglected my body all my life and I'm paying for it now, it hasn't stopped me from riding, but it has reduced my riding. The good thing for me, as well as others, is that on any good day I can go far and then on the bad days I can ride but not for distance, but I can ride and that's important to me.

W.H.O. also states that the elderly population is the fastest growing population of any age group in the world. As far as getting to the 50 zone the spike in health concerns for us is: Eye Disease, Alzheimer's, Depression, Cardiovascular Issues, Bones and Joint Diseases, Prostate, Diabetes, Cancer and many other issues, so many you can't count them because we are prone to multiple issues at one time and this includes, high blood pressure, cholesterol issues, obesity, arthritis and so on. I am not writing this to freak out people, getting old is a privilege and it is earned either the hard way and or the easy way, we are not a minority because we make up

almost one third of the world population and that's a great statistic to be a part of.

Getting to 60 for me is a milestone, especially as a rider. I am well aware of myself and my overall health condition; it is now a vital part of my gearing up to ride, true story! Because I have at least six of the above issues, I have to look at riding with a different attitude than 30 years ago, but I still love to ride! For some of us we ride to reduce the stress in our lives and medical reports suggest that stress can enhance a lot of medical issues that we have or are on the verge of having and they also state that stress could be the number one killer in men and woman in America. I have gone thru so many medical tests that I now can say I'm clean until something else happens. After losing three different body parts over the years and having two metal plates installed in my spine, I still love to ride! One of the biggest issues that I face because of age is diabetes. I know how it happened, but I said why me? After living high on the hog and not caring about my weight or what I ate, it just kicked my ass one day (actually it had started long before) and then the doctor told me if I didn't change my life I won't have a life to change, true story! He said most adults should start having blood work done after they hit 40 so you can map out your life and limit any future issues, because diabetes not only complicates all medical issues, diabetes alone can cause you to lose your vision, limbs and other vital organs as well, and this I discovered after a few operations.

And my proof to you is three years ago I had a metal plate put in my neck and my diabetes changed everything, it exploded! My spine in the neck area got infected and they had to do another emergency operation on my neck to clean out the infection and I had over four months of radical antibiotic treatment to kill the infection. It took me over three years to recover. I was down to zero and at my age I couldn't just jump back into it. My neck was okay, but my body and my mind were slow to recover.

I now know how important it is to share this because we all are subjected to some kind of illness/disease and the best thing you can do for it is to become aware of your body and mind. You need to start taking care of your guts! We do this for our motorcycles, cars, houses and whatever, but we kind of put our health on the back burner, it's a fact! It's not a macho thing or it will never happen to me kind of thing. The fact is as we age and our guts wear out, we must go that extra mile sometimes just so we can ride. If I didn't change my life, as per regular check-ups, taking the proper medications and being on a vitamin/herbal kick I wouldn't be riding today and that would really bother me. Staying healthy is a vital part of motorcycle safety! I am looking forward to riding this year because it's the first year in a while that I started riding in January and I can't wait for summer!

Ride safe and check your tire pressure!

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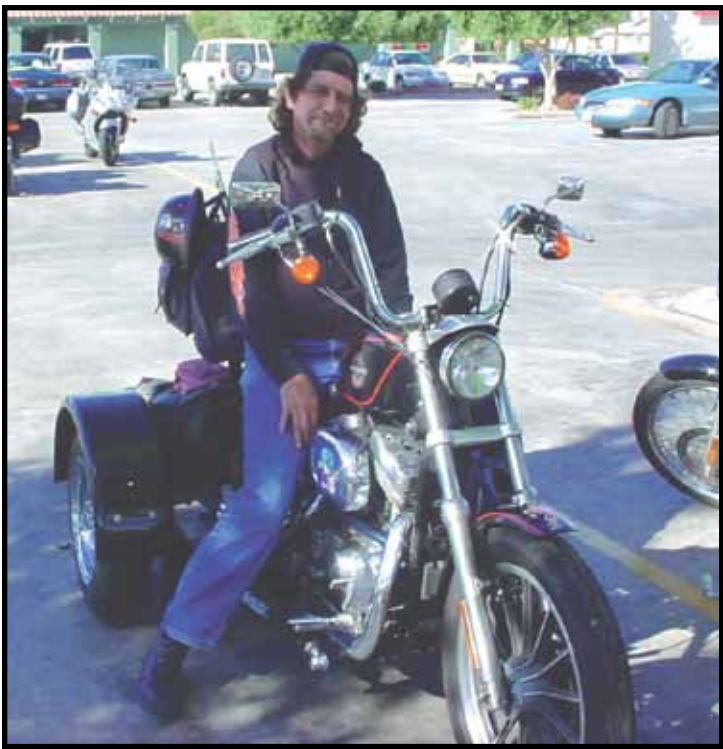
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Sporty's Rides



by Sporty Milligan

Greetings all! This month's Sporty's Rides is kind of difficult to write and it's a day late and a dollar short.

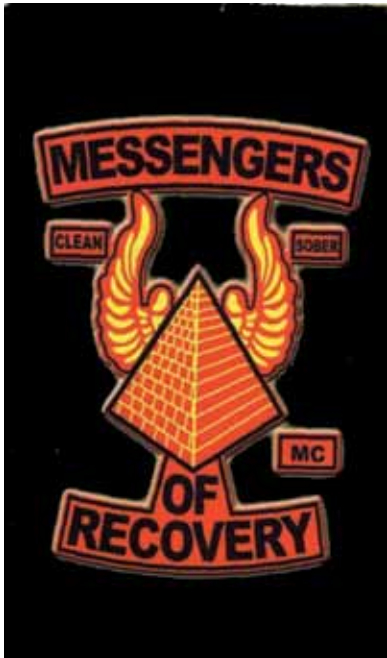
On March 14th I was riding to my main office in Arcadia to attend a free computer class that was arranged by my union, SEIU Local 721. It was to start at 9 am and go to approximately 3 pm.

I had to travel down the 210 fwy towards Arcadia. Traffic was moderate to heavy with stop and go traffic. Then it opened up and when I approached the Mountain exit, the traffic began to bunch up again. I used my front brake. Then bam! I went down. Crashed.

I messed up my left foot and my left knee and I am sore. Because of this drama I am being charged with a mishap on my insurance.

So with this in mind, the ever popular column is going to just contain what you are reading. I will make up for the lack of substance in this installment of Sporty's Rides next month. Please, I beg your consideration in this untimely dilemma.

Regards, your usually perky scribe, Sporty Milligan.



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