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A Union of Motorcyclists Dedicated to Freedom of the Road Lobbyist's Legislative Report



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When the November Elections are behind us, check for political updates on <u>www.abate.org</u>,

https://www.sbsun.com/2018/06/04/california-june-5-primary-full-state-and-local-election-results/ for local results and https://vote.sos. ca.gov/ for State results. Also check out our Social Media sites: twitter.com/ABATECalifornia & www.instagram.com/abatecalifornia.

Thank you to everybody that volunteered in their District during the elections. Continuing to educate and reinforce our message with politicians and staff on what is important to the over million motorcyclists in our State makes a difference throughout the legislative process.

As your advocates at the Capitol, we've

turned to work on legislation for next year. Taking meetings with politicians and staff for potential laws that ABATE could support or oppose, discussing transportation topics for the future while protecting motorcyclists' rights and issues that are important to you, ABATE members!

With two years of us working with the CHP after the passage of AB 51, by Assemblymember Bill Quirk (D – Hayward), co-sponsor Assemblymember Tom Lackey (R – Palmdale), the Lane Splitting Tips/Guidelines were approved by the CHP Commissioner.

Some important notes:

Lane Splitting in California is Legal.

Intentionally blocking or impeding (i.e. opening a car door) is ILLEGAL. Drivers should move to far left of their lane to

Drivers should move to far left of their lane to give motorcyclists room to pass.

It is typically safer to Lane Split between the far left lanes.

<u>Message from the California Highway Pa-</u> trol to CMSP Committee Member ABATE of <u>California:</u> We thank you for your steadfast involvement and invaluable input in creating this important tool to further enhance motorcyclist safety in California.

The California Motorcyclists Safety Program (CMSP) Advisory Committee meets in October. The meeting is held at CHP headquarters in Sacramento, CA and is open for the public to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information about program achievements over the past year and also includes activities planned for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. As this article's deadline is prior to the meeting taking place, check for any updates at <u>www.abate.org</u> and ABATE's Facebook/Instagram/Twitter feeds.

Thanks to all the individuals and Locals that contribute to the *Dedicated Lobbyist Fund* to keep us in the Capital fighting for your Rights on the

Road.

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What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road on or off with emphasis on education and safety. Although not a club, our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety and in supporting many types of charity events. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclist's rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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Executive Director Report & Pac Report



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by Dave Hasting, Executive Director & PAC Treasurer

Years ago Bob Seger sang an American classic about runnin' "Against the Wind" and everyone has felt those same simple emotions flow through their soul at some point in their lives. Seems like no matter how well we lay out a plan we still end up with unexpected delays and changes that eat up our time and we end up working harder and longer to finish a task than we ever expected to.

ABATE of California always seems to be "riding into the wind" while we pursue our goals and though sometimes we can get tired and frustrated, I think most of us are used to hard work and somehow we find some sort of satisfaction and pride in doing what we do every day.

Because of "deadlines and commitments" (thanks again Bob!) I'm writing this article weeks before the elections and hoping we get to print before you walk into the polling booth to cast your ballot. Election Day is always an important one because it gives us the opportunity to change history and rewrite the future.

Sometimes we are successful and sometimes we end up with the same outcome we already had. Either way, you need to vote if you actually want to make a change in your future. Don't let our opponents win by default. By not voting you not only give them an automatic win, but you also lose your right to discuss the outcome.

There have been numerous times when I have cast my vote on an issue or candidate when I already knew my individual vote didn't really matter. Those infamous "exit poll predictions" had already predicted the vote was going to be so lop-sided against my personal choice that I was just wasting my time, but I went in and cast my vote anyway.

Sometimes my vote may be just an "act of defiance" but I always vote. By doing so, I earn the right to discuss the outcome and explain why I voted the way I did in that election. Who knows, maybe a few of the people who voted against me will see some truth in what I'm talking about and I'll be able to convert them to my side of the ballot at the next election.

We have helped many of our political friends win with our single vote and I cannot tell you how grateful they have been to us during the time they spent in office. Your single vote is important no matter how much our opponents try to convince you otherwise. If your vote had no value they wouldn't spend campaign money like water to win your vote on Election Day.

Bottom line, it only takes one vote to win and I'm going to cast mine, win or lose! Join me at the ballot box in November and vote your conscience and help change our future. Every time we gain a political friend we gain power and power wins not only elections but freedom.

Our motorcycle future depends on your vote and though we may not always win on every issue our defiance does not go unnoticed. Even our political foes watch and worry about our progress, our tenacity, and our determination. We may be on the losing end at times, but they secretly admire what we have accomplished with so little. ABATE of California will always be a force to be reckoned with and they know it. We will never give them a chance to be casual and relaxed because we will beat them with our one vote every chance we get.

Now, let's kick some butt and do what we do best - beat them at their own game on Election Day. You may have only one lousy vote, but use it wisely and, who knows, together we may take them by surprise again on Election Day!

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



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



Mission Statement

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

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DEADLINES

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

Business Card size \$15.00/Mo \$150.00/YR Business Card with color \$20.00/Mo \$200.00/YR Super-Size Business Card with color \$250.00 Yearly only A Super-Size Business Membership includes Business

card on our website with a web link to your business. ALL Yearly rates Includes a Business membership to ABATE Of California.

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

 Other Business Ads or NON-ABATE Event Flyers Rate:

 ½ Page (5"w x 7.8" h)
 \$150.00/Mo
 \$1,500.00/Yr.

 ½ Page (10"w x 7.8"h)
 \$175.00/Mo
 \$1,750.00/Yr.

 % Full Page (10" w x 15.5"h)
 \$350.00/Mo
 \$3,500.00/Yr.

 Color ads are 25% extra.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

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

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

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

CLASSIFIED Members may advertise in the Classified Section at no charge.

PHOTOS

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

Donations to ABATE Of California are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes. However, dues and fees may qualify as business expenses and may be deductible in limited circumstances subject to various restrictions imposed by the Internal Revenue Code.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



At your Christmas toy runs, set up a booth and talk up membership. I have one more bike night to go to and I will talk ABATE membership there.

I hope you are retaining your renewals. We still have a supply of small ABATE of California emblems that work very well as trinket renewal gifts.

At the ABATE Board meeting on October 20th we may get some new ideas that might help you in the future in your quest of getting new members and keeping your renewals. If something jogs your memory regarding a brilliant idea on how to better improve the membership program, please email me at <u>williammilligan285@yahoo.com</u>.

Remember there is unity and strength in numbers of members.

Membership Chairman Sporty Milligan reporting.





by Sporty Milligan,

Membership Chairman

Hi all! Good news! At this point in the Mem-

bership Drive we are at 91 new members. This is

an increase of 21 members from last year at this

"Local 1 Fall Fundraiser at Barragan's Restaurant"





Donations General Fund, Lobbyist & PAC Funds Thank you!

Thank you for your sacrifice, generosity, and above all, your faith in ABATE of California. We are proud of our long relationship with our California riders and we strive to serve your motorcycle needs to the best of our ability. Your donation will be used as you intended it to be, and we would like to say, "Thank You" and wish you a safe ride on every road you travel. Sincerely,

ABATE of California, Inc.

Thank you to the following:

Donations to the General Fund: Robert Martin, Local 1 Carol Mayner, Local 1

From ABATE Locals: 2, 19 & 23

Donations to the Lobbyist Fund: Carol Mayner, Local 1

Rick Mullaly, Local 33

From the ABATE Locals: 1, 2, 17, 19 & 40

Thank YOU for your contributions in helping to preserve "Freedom of the Road" by supporting ABATE's paid Lobbyist and the General Fund!!! Thank you to our Members that renew their Memberships and those that join us – that too helps in preserving and fighting for Motorcyclist's Rights!! And of Course, the Locals that contribute to the funds regularly and when they do events. THANK YOU!! It's a team effort, so thank you for being a part of the ABATE Team!





"Orange County DA Candidate Todd Spitzer Visits With Local 20

The highlight of Local 20's monthly, 2nd Tuesday of the month, ABATE meeting was the appearance of Todd Spitzer. Todd, a former school teacher, Orange County Supervisor and former California State Assembly Member is now running for the Orange County office of District Attorney.

Todd, also a motorcycle rider, introduced himself and took questions from the floor. Profiling and police procedure at stops, our rights when questioned and material collection for Fusion Centers were some of the topics covered. He stated, "As District Attorney I pledge to always uphold the rule of law." and further stated, "We must restore faith and trust in our law enforcement and justice system."

It was a good meeting and he left us with the impression that, if elected, we would have a fair office that would keep both the criminals and law enforcement in check and recourse for the victims.

As victims of profiling, stereotyping, and misleading rhetoric by law enforcement and the media, the motorcycle community could certainly embrace some changes in the DA's office!



ABATE of CA Open Positions

This year has been one of great change. Dave Hastings is stepping down as well as Mark "Dogman" Castillero. This means that we have some positions to fill. We need you! We need your fresh ideas and we need a bit of your time to continue to make ABATE the Motorcycle voice that it has always been.

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

Except for the Board position all jobs are appointed by the BOD. All candidates need to have been a member in good standing for at least 1 year.

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

STATE TREASURER

Effective immediately ABATE of CA needs a State Treasurer. Training to be provided this year and term would start in 2019. If interested, please contact Dave Hastings (760) 954-6463 or Glenn Phillips (707) 624-6310.

The State Treasurer (ST) is responsible for keeping a complete, accurate account of all ABATE monies. The ST shall furnish a quarterly internal financial statement and distribute to the Board of Directors. The ST also provides additional reports when required. Other duties include the preparation and filing of taxes, keeping track of ABATE's tax and corporate status, as well as providing guidelines and assistance to Locals when needed. The ST reports directly to the Board of Directors.

WANTED (2) BOARD MEMBERS

We need (2) people to take seats on our Board. The first is for the (2) Year Term being vacated by Dave Hastings which will run 2018 & 2019. The 2nd is to finish out the last year of Mark "Dogman" Castillero's term which would just run for 2018. See the BOD & Officer Candidacy Paper below.

Online Administrator

ABATE understands the importance of continuity in our leadership roles and supports mentoring people as they move into these roles. In that context, ABATE is looking for a person to work assisting in the administration of our online presence. We have begun a new expansion of our online exposure which includes: * ABATE webpage www.abate.org, * ABATE of California Facebook page, * Instagram and * Twitter.

In the short term, we are looking for someone to assist as needed in keeping these four locations current, accurate, and coordinated with each other.

In the longer term, we are looking for someone to replace Mark Loudermilk when he resigns the position. The details and requirements are as follows:

Title: On Line Administrator.

Location: Not relevant since this is an online job.

Skills: Proficiency with the following: * Webpage editing and management (Dot Net Nuke), * Microsoft Office – Word, Excel, Power Point, Access, and * Adobe Photoshop.

If you have these skills or some of them, contact us at <u>abateweb@gmail.com</u> to discuss any options.

Executive Director

The Executive Director (ED) shall be the Chief Executive Officer and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, (BOD) of which they may be a member, have general supervision, direction and control of the organization and Officers, except for duties delegated by the BOD to the Chairman of the Board or other officers. Other responsibilities shall include:

1. Official spokesman for ABATE of California on all non-political issues.

2. Coordinator between the State and Locals, which will include effectively maintaining and managing the Regional Rep (RR) network to aid the Regional Reps in working with the Locals.

3. Assist new and existing Locals in an advisory capacity.

4. Represent ABATE of California at meetings of safety groups, workshops, and other activities which affect motorcycling workshops, and other activities which affect motorcycling.

5. Maintain current information regarding all ABATE programs per Article IV, Section 2.a.5 of the ABATE Bylaws.

6. Work on establishing cooperation between motorcycle groups on a statewide basis in the common interests of motorcycle safety and political awareness of mutual interest.

7. Responsible for the production, distribution, maintenance and periodic updates of the Policies and Procedures Manual.

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Regional Reps (RRs) are State Officers and are appointed by the Executive Director subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. RRs may also be removed by the Executive Director, again, subject to Board approval.

The function of the RRs is to improve communications among the State Officers and the Locals and assist the Local Presidents and other Local Officers in performing their duties. RRs will receive regular monthly reports from the Executive Director and will make regular reports to the Executive Director on the activities of the Locals. The purpose is to improve the communication among all members. The RRs will not direct the Local Presidents. In ABATE, direction comes from the members and flows upward. Members tell their Local President what they want to be done about a certain issue. The Local President will inform their RR, who passes that on to the Executive Director. The Executive Director informs the Board, as well as communicating with the other RRs, about the issue at hand.

Open regions are: Region 2 (Locals 25, 31 & 33) Region 3 (Local 17) Region 6 (Locals 24 & 40) Region 7 (Locals 2 & 3/13)

ABATE of California, Inc. BOD & Officer Candidacy Paper		
Name (including nick name):		
Mailing Address:		
City: CA Zip code:		
Phone # with area code:		
Email address:		
ABATE Local # ABATE Membership #		
ABATE Member for how many years?		
Along with your information above, please submit your answers in 450 words or less to the following questions:		
 Past or current ABATE Positions held? Other Qualifications? What are your goals for ABATE of California? Do you attend your own Local's meeting, if yes, How often? Have you attended an ABATE Quarterly Meeting in the past year? (Does not apply to a Board Member.) Any additional info that you would like Our Members to know about you. 		
And submit a "selfie".		
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Local #01 Los Angeles

This is one of those futuristic Local reports as



Local 1's meeting comes the Sunday after the October 20th ABATE Board of Directors meeting.

We will discuss items from the Board meeting. We will also discuss pre-plans for the LA Toy run happening on December 9th. There will be discussion of long range plans for the 2019 32nd annual Polar Bear run.

We might not have a big crowd as our meeting conflicts with ABATE Local 3/13's annual Trivia run. Some members might be excused to attend that event.

I will thank those who attend and then eat a nice breakfast provided by the nice ladies of the Elks Lodge.

Regards, Sporty, President ABATE Local 1.

Local #02 Simi Valley



Early October is great, the sun is setting earlier in the day and the light is gone, but the really nice patio, with a great BBQ, we get to use comes with lights. We get our pre-meeting started by offering a really great \$5.00 meal with your choice of a cheese burger or fat footlongs, sometimes a surprise dish, and all the fixin's you could want. We also have access to the VFW's bar as well and they have all the drinks you could want. We start serving at 6:45 until 7:20 and then our meeting starts at 7:30. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW POST 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Street in Simi Valley.

VP Jim opened the meeting with our Pledge of Allegiance. Pres Guy talked about our new venture with the VFW - it's about doing a fundraiser, a chilly buns fundraiser of sort in early January. We are in the beginning stages of this planning and it should work out as we are discussing what we need to do etc. There was a lot of good debating about this and we will finalize this real soon.

Our Local had its elections. We have a new President, Jim Kibbe, and Vice President, Scott Burton, for the year 2019. The other officer positions were re-elected to the same person from 2018. Our current President of many years is Guy Corrigan who will be retiring at the end of his term and moving far away! Thanks to Guy from all of us at Local 2, it's been a bad ass ride! We've also added a new officer position for our Local, it's called Social Media Coordinator, and we are glad to have new members Miguel and Amber do it! Secretary Jane read the minutes, Pat, our treasurer, gave us our report and we are doing good. She told us that we did donate back to the state a good sum. PR Norm talked about BMW's technology bologna tests! Frank, our membership guy, was absent. Group rides coordinator Pigface talked about the good run last month in the mountains and our up-coming ride to Local 3/13's Trivia run this month. Miguel and Amber are working with the VFW to schedule upcoming monthly events.

We had our raffles and it was good. Scott Burton won the \$41 membership drawing and donated all of it to ABATE state. A mighty big thanks to Scott!

This is what ABATE is about - sharing, sharing is caring and it's always a good thing to give back, thanks to all as well.

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Local #3/13 Thousand Oaks/Ventura County



The comradery and the interest in our mission is contagious! Our Local 3/13 continues to grow and evolve. We've been riding with and making new friends in other clubs and groups. Spreading the word that ABATE's legislative activities help all riders. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations!

Members of our Local 3/13 are working with other motorcycle riders to further promote and sponsor motorcycle riding rights, while enjoying rides and events with our ABATE family and friends. We are a group that is making things happen, being involved in Lane Splitting last year and now the Anti-Profiling Bill this year! Join us to be an effective voice in matters of motorcycling rights!

Supporting ABATE makes a statement and sends money to work towards fair treatment of motorcyclists. Whether you ride with ABATE or ride with another group, being a member of ABATE and/or just participating in ABATE events, contributes to the work we do protecting your motorcycle riding rights.

Our President & ABATE's California State Legislative Director, Chuck "Chief" Pedersen, and Vice President & MRF Rep., Keith "Solo" Johnston, along with some of our officers, continue to network with various other groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. Issues we are currently working on include the "Anti-Profiling" bill.

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming new members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month, 7 pm, at Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; general Membership meetings are on the 3rd Thursday, 7 pm, at the Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks, and Sunday-Funday rides are every 2nd Sunday.

Come join us to any or all of our events and bring your friends. Check us out on Facebook at <u>www.Facebook/ABATE313</u> to follow our events and issues.

It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups & organizations! Ride Free!

Kathlean "MamaBear", Scribe & PR, ABATE Local 3/13

Local #08 Orange County



How is everyone doing out there? At our last meeting we spoke about many things. Honda Ray stopped by the meeting to discuss the One More From the Heart run that is on Sunday, November 11th. If you want to go, and I suggest you do, we are leaving from the Chopper Place at 9:30. Please see the flyer for the event and donate to help the hospital to help the patients. Also there will be a special ceremony to commemorate the WW1 Armistice's 100th year anniversary.

If you read the AMA publications, there was an article about Automated Vehicles and it talks about including motorcyclists in the ongoing discussion, planning and implementation of policies and regulations governing the expansion of automated-vehicle technology. I agree that whether you are walking across the street or riding your motorcycle, you should be safe from Automated Vehicles.

At the last meeting we had the membership drawing and John K. was drawn.

Ride Safe, Daniel

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



Greetings from Local 17! Wow another year is drawing to an end – it's amazing how the older we get the quicker they go! Thanks to Local 17's board for their time and support this past year. Mike Todd (VP) is stepping down after years as my right hand. Thanks Mike! Geno Hamrick is stepping down after putting out our monthly newsletter for years. Thanks Geno! Jan Landers is stepping down after a year as our Merchandise Coordinator. Thanks Jan for all your sales and organization! Dee Dee Linderer has taken over the Web Page from Dave Allen who has managed it for years. Thanks Dave for your years of help!

Our Summer Bingo and Fall Bingo/Memorial Runs went great with fun for all! There are winners at each of 5 stops that really makes these events fun. These were our last runs of the season topping off a very

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busy year for Local 17 that included the 2017 Road Glide raffle. Thanks to the Hide-A-Way, The Brass Tap, Judy's Wild Wrangler, Moose Lodge #1967 and the Road Trip Bar & Grill for having us and providing great service while we were there for our Fall Bingo/ Memorial run! Adding the Memorial portion of our run to a bingo run drew more attendance as hoped and we all remembered our Local 17 members that have passed on since our founding in May of 1990.

My 19th Annual Sarah Renee Phillips Memorial Scholarship Run was awesome this year! Sarah's Garden was spectacular and one of the most beautifully prepared. Thanks to Kim Woodside and Marina and her crew from the City of Vacaville Parks Department! A sincere thanks also goes to ABATE Local 17 members who helped me pull this off – I could not do this alone. Thanks to Mike Todd, Cathy Phillips, Bill and Paula McBride, Mike and Rose Southward, Chuck Moore, Geno Hamrick, Jan Landers, Margaret Shook, Steve Fox, Lynda Molina, Sam Fernandez. Thanks also again to Miss Darla's and Dave Whitaker for a great breakfast to get us started, Courtney and staff at Mankas Steakhouse, Pete and staff at Turtle Rock and the staff at the Moose Lodge for our final stop. See article this issue. I am a lucky man and Sarah would be proud.

It is the volunteers that keep us going. We still desperately need a Vice President, Raffle Coordinator, Run/Event Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, and a Merchandise Coordinator, so please come to a meeting on the 3rd Sunday at Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon at 10 am to volunteer.

Always check <u>ABATE17.org</u>, <u>ABATE.org</u> and now through Twitter @ABATECalifornia, Instagram @ abatecalifornia and of course Facebook.

Ride Safe and Free and I will see you around the next corner.

Local #20 Orange County



We had 21 members and 4 guests. Todd Spitzer, candidate for Orange County District Attorney, came to our meeting. He covered various topics and had a Q&A session. It was very informative. See Spike's article.

Gill and Spike brought us up-to-date on subjects from our last meeting. Roger H. won the \$119. Non Politically Correct Gill/Secretary Squirt

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE members! We are putting the finishing touches on the 21st annual ABATE Local 38 Turkey run that is on November 17th.

I tell people that if you do this run once, it could become one of your favorite runs of the year. We have Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings for the participants at the end of the run. Also we have plenty of raffle prizes.

It's a great feeling to help those in need. We donate to charities that get little or no funding. Our goal is to provide all the turkeys requested, which is more than 400 and counting. You can help make a difference.

I want to thank both ABATE Locals 6 and 11 for their continued support of our events.

In next month's report I will tell you if we reached our goal and about our upcoming Los Nino's Toy run that is in its 27th year!

Bye for now, Ed Aranda, President, ABATE Local 38



Join us in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day.

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ABATE Events for 2018

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

October 21 – ABATE $3/13 - 10^{th}$ Annual Trivia Run (see flyer this issue) November 3 – ABATE Local 24 – 28^{th} Annual Turkey Run (see flyer this issue)

November 11 – 28^{th} Annual Totally Kids "One from The Heart" Run (see flyer this issue)

November 21 – ABATE Local 38 - 21^{st} Annual Turkey Run (see flyer this issue)

December 1 – ABATE Local 17 – Holiday Party

December 2 – ABATE Local 19 – Toy Run

December 2 – ABATE Local 17 – Toy Run

December 9 – ABATE Local 1 – 30th Annual HD of Glendale & ABATE Local 1 Toy Run (see flyer this issue)

December 15 – ABATE Local 38 – Imperial Valley Los Ninos Toy Run (see flyer this issue)

December 25 – ABATE Local 6 – Xmas with Kids (see flyer this issue)

Bike Nites:

ABATE Local 3/13 - 1st Thursday of the month (See flyer in this issue for details.)

ABATE Events for 2019

February 24 – ABATE 1 – 32^{nd} Annual Polar Bear Run (see flyer this issue)

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ALL ABATE Events must have event insurance Contact the ABATE State office for information.



SARAH RENEE PHILLIPS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RUN from Glenn Phillips

A Special Way to Remember A Lost Child

We lost a Daughter, Sister and Friend on April 6th, 2000 to a tragic death at age 13. Sarah's Mom started this tradition with a ride to remember Sarah with a small group of friends back in August of 2000. The tradition has continued over the years. In 2005 for the 6th Annual run it had grown large enough that the idea of raising money for a scholarship in Sarah's name came to light. Sarah's high school, Will C. Wood, was excited to participate and another chapter of this event evolved.

This event has raised \$60,400 for 14 students on their educational journey through college over the years. Pictured is last years' recipient, Dacari Mendonsa, who received \$5,150 this May upon her graduation scholarship night. She came to this years' 19th Annual run with her family and spoke of what it means to her to have the support from Sarah's scholarship fund. She is pictured with her little sister, Sincere. She is attending Sacramento State for Nursing and hopes to one day be a Doctor.

Our family goes through the applications from the high school and selects the student who has suffered from obstacles and challenges and succeeds in achieving the goal of graduation. These letters from the students often bring tears to our eyes of the challenges they faced. This year's 19th run brought in over \$5,000 that will go to a student from the 2018/2019 graduating class.

It has been a rewarding journey for me organizing this event year after year and keeps Sarah close to my heart. I am eternally grateful to my ABATE family that has

supported our family and this event year after year. THANK YOU ALL!

We will see you August 24th, 2019 for the 20th Annual Sarah Renee Phillips Memorial Scholarship Run.



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ABATE 2018 NOVEMBER VOTER GUIDE

This voter guide reflects motorcycle only issues. All endorsements were made this year in accordance to ABATE PAC policy and procedures to endorse only candidates that returned the ABATE Question & Answer sheet that had been sent to all candidates and answered the questions in a positive manner. ABATE of California encourages everyone to find the candidates on this list that we have endorsed and volunteer at least 2 - 4 hours of your time to help them win their elections.

(I)=Incumbent (R) = Republican (NPP) = No Party Preference

 $(D) = Democrat \qquad (L) = Libertarian$ BOLD = ABATE of CA Endorsed

To find who represents your area and where their office is located: <u>http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html</u>.

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<u>District 20</u> Connie M. Leyva (I)(D)(NR) Matthew Munson (R)

District 22 Mike Eng (D)(NR) Susan Rubio (D)(NR)

<u>District 24</u> Peter Choi (D)(NR) Maria Elena Durazo (D)(NR)

<u>District 26</u> Ben Allen (I)(D)(NR) **Baron Bruno** (NPP)

District 28 Jeff Stone (I)(R)(NR) Joy Silver (D)(NR)

<u>District 30</u> Holly J. Mitchell (I)(D)(NR) No Challenger

<u>District 32</u> Bob Archuleta(D)(NR) Rita Topalian (R)(NR)

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District 2 Jim Wood (I)(D)(NR) Matt Heath (R)

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District 8 Ken Cooley (I)(D)(NR) Melinda Avey (R)(NR)

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District 10 Marc Levine (I)(D)(NR) Dan Monte (D)(NR)

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District 32 Rudy Salas Jr. (I)(D)(NR) Justin Mendes (R)(NR)

<u>District 33</u> Jay Obernolte (R) Socorro Cisneros (D)(NR)

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<u>District 39</u> Luz Maria Rivas (D)(NR) <mark>Ricardo Antonio Benitez (R)</mark>

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Please take the time to take the 2018 National Motorcycle Profiling Survey. Note: NO PERSONAL DATA IS REQUIRED! YOUR PRIVACY AND ANONYMITY ARE IMPORTANT AND RESPECTED. By asking for no more than your zip code and email, which is completely voluntary, there is no personal information to maintain or protect.

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"Yes" on Prop 6 Rally

October 19, 2018 Victorville CA

At a local business in Victorville about 100 people gathered to support "Yes on Prop 6." This is the proposition that at the last minute the State of CA changed the name from Repeal the Gas Tax to Road Repair Elimination. If passed Prop 6 will eliminate the \$.12/gallon gas tax and \$.20/gallon diesel tax and will also eliminate the \$100/vehicle average increase in registrations. Finally, it will mandate that any future gas and diesel increases must be put before a vote of the people. It will not eliminate any road repairs because money has already been allocated for those repairs for all current and many future repairs as per Assemblyman and Vice-Chairman of the Budget Committee Jay Obernolte who attended the rally. <u>ABATE of CA officially supports</u>

"Yes" on Prop 6



FACT 1: THE HIGH COST TO YOU

California's cost-of-living is skyrocketing higher and working families can barely keep up. The new gas and car tax hikes will cost the typical family of four more than \$700 per year! That's not pennies, that's real money.

FACT 2: POLITICIANS STEAL THE MONEY

Not a single penny of the gas and car tax is earmarked for road repairs. Politicians can spend the funds any way they want – and they have shown a pattern of diverting funds away from road repairs.

FACT 3: WASTEFUL SPENDING

Of the little bit of money actually spent on roads, Caltrans is notoriously wasteful with the money. In fact, an independent audit revealed billions in waste and projects cost taxpayers 470% more than the national average.

FACT 4: A BETTER ALTERNATIVE

We already pay one of the highest gas tax rates in the nation – and that money is more than enough to fix our roads if the politicians would simply stop fraudulently diverting the money. A coalition has filed a ballot measure to put this better alternative to a public vote at the next election.

Find out more facts at www.GasTaxRepeal.org

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If you have been profiled OR were a witness to motorcycle profiling, please fill out the Motorcycle Profiling Survey at: http://www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com/ national-motorcycle-profling-survey/



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Help End Motorcycle Profiling in California

Motorcyclist profiling is the illegal use of the fact that a person is riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle or motorcycle club-related clothing as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle, with or without a legal basis.

Profiling is Unconstitutional:

Profiling violates the 1st Amendment and 14th Amendment. Profiling relies on appearance to establish suspicion rather than the legal requirement of CONDUCT. This amounts to discrimination of a class defined by protected expression and association.

Profiling happens to all types of riders:

MC Clubs, Military Clubs, Religious Clubs, Brand Specific Groups, Independent Riders

Lane Splitting Safety Tips

*****DISCLAIMER*****

Lane splitting can be dangerous and extreme caution should be exercised. It should not be performed by inexperienced riders. The risk of death or serious injury during a lane splitting collision increases as speed and speed differential increases. These general safety tips are provided to assist you in the practice; however, they are not guaranteed to keep you safe. Every rider has the ultimate responsibility for their own decision-making and safety.

Lane Splitting Safety Tips for Motorcyclists

- Consider the total environment when you are lane splitting (this includes the width of lanes, the size of surrounding vehicles, as well as current roadway, weather, and lighting conditions).
- Danger increases at higher speed differentials.
- = Danger increases as overall speed increases.
- It is typically safer to split between the far left lanes than between the other lanes of traffic.
- = Avoid lane splitting next to large vehicles (big rigs, buses, motorhomes, etc.).
- = Riding on the shoulder is illegal; it is not considered lane splitting.
- Be visible Avoid remaining in the blind spots of other vehicles or lingering between vehicles.
- Help drivers see you by wearing brightly colored/reflective protective gear and using high beams during daylight.

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For more information on how to sign up for motorcycle training, contact the California Motorcyclist Safety Program at Www.californiamotorcyclist.com or 1-877-RIDE-411



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FEDERAL AGENCY SEEKS ANTI-LOCK BRAKES ON NEW MOTORCYCLES IN THE U.S.: The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has recommended that all new motorcycles built for road use in the U.S. have anti-lock brakes and electronic stability control as standard equipment. The federal safety agency says that ABS has been required on passenger cars since 2000, and electronic stability control has been required since the 2012 model year, but the technology has lagged for motorcycles and requiring it would save lives.

The NTSB voted unanimously 5-0 during their September 11th open board meeting to make the recommendations to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), which has authority to impose regulations.

NTSB Chairman Robert Sumwalt said that the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) determined that anti-lock brakes could reduce motorcycle fatalities by 31%. "That is a sizeable safety benefit that the U.S. is leaving on the table, leaving on the pavement, actually," he told the Associated Press (AP).

Eric Emery, the NTSB's Safety Research Division chief, said anti-lock brakes would allow riders to use maximum braking force without fear of the wheels locking up and skidding, improving the chances of keeping control of bikes in an emergency.

Anti-lock brakes are currently standard on 8.9% of U.S. motorcycles and are optional on 13.3%. Anti-lock brakes were required in Europe starting in 2016 on motorcycles with engines larger than 125 CC, agency officials said. Other countries are discussing or requiring it, including Australia, Japan, China and Brazil.

NTSB ISSUES NEW RECOMMENDATIONS TO "IMPROVE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY": Safety is-

sues surrounding the causes of motorcycle crashes, and the prevention of crashes through better integration of motorcycles in crash warning and prevention systems and the use of advanced braking and stability control systems, were the subject of a National Transportation Safety Board meeting conducted Tuesday, September 11th, 2018 in Washington, D.C.

During the public hearing, staff from the Office of Research and Engineering and the Office of Highway Safety presented findings and recommendations from the "2016 Motorcycle Crash Causation Study" on select risk factors associated with the causes of motorcycle crashes, which were adopted unanimously by the five-member board.

Among 10 recommendations included in the report, "Select Risk Factors Associated with Causes of Motorcycle Crashes," are calls for all new on-road motorcycles sold in the United States to be equipped with antilock braking systems and that the federal government establish performance standards for electronic stability control on motorcycles sold in the U.S.

Additionally, the report recommends that motorcycles

be fully incorporated in the development of technology for on-board crash prevention and vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure systems.

It also calls for further study and strategies regarding alcohol and drug use on rider crash risk, and to evaluate the effectiveness of motorcycle licensing procedures.

The NTSB does not typically investigate motorcycle crashes, but it conducted a motorcycle safety forum in 2006 and issued recommendations as a result. It has been more than 10 years since the NTSB has issued new recommendations "to help reduce motorcycle crashes and improve safety."

ENDING CARB: The Trump Administration has announced plans to revoke a special waiver that currently allows California to regulate vehicle tailpipe emissions differently than what the federal government mandates, which would eliminate California's more stringent greenhouse gas standards imposed under CARB (California Air Resources Board).

CARB's stricter smog standards have been adopted in thirteen states and the District of Columbia, representing nearly 40% of the nation's new vehicle sales.

SIKH HELMET EXEMPTION GRANTED IN ON-

TARIO ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS: This winter, Ontario's Ministry of Transportation says Sikh riders will be exempt from the province's mandatory motorcycle helmet law due to the wearing of turbans. The possibility of an exemption has been a contentious topic for years throughout Canada, with some arguing that it would pose a safety risk, but now Premier Doug Ford says he will make the change in recognition of Sikh motorcycle riders' civil rights and religious expression.

The change, if it goes forward, will see the province of Ontario fall in line with Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba, where exemptions are already in place. Helmet exemptions in other provinces have also proven to be controversial, with safety being a sticking point for some.

In Alberta, the exemption went into effect April 12th, and the insurance industry is taking a wait-and-see approach to the exemption, with insurance providers unsure if the new risks would translate to higher insurance premiums for Albertans.

EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLE SALES ON THE

RISE: As a tariff-burdened American motorcycle industry struggles, the European market boasted a 7.2% growth in nearly all its two-wheeled sectors in the first half of this year.

In an industry that supports 156,000 employees throughout Europe, it's good news that the overall two-wheeled sector continues to gain traction. Within the first 6 months of 2018, new motorcycle ownership across Europe increased by almost 42,000 over the same period in 2017-- from 526,889 to 564,851.

Antonio Perlot, Secretary General of the European motorcycle industry association ACEM, said: "Our latest registration figures for the EU show, once again, the importance of two- and three-wheeled vehicles as a solution to the mobility needs of people, particularly in large urban areas that suffer from congestion problems."

"The latest increase in sales, particularly in the motorcycle segment, is a very positive development. Newer and more environmentally friendly vehicles are being added to the European vehicle fleet, which according to our estimations is now close to 36 million units."

SELF-RIDING MOTORCYCLES BEING DEVEL-

OPED: BMW Motorrad recently demonstrated a completely autonomous motorcycle at their testing facility in the south of France, when an R-1200 GS independently drove off, accelerated, circled a winding test track and automatically slowed down to a stop, dropping neatly onto its kickstand.

BMW says it is "by no means aiming for a completely independent motorbike," but the technology is being developed to further improve safety systems, especially those around riding dynamics - how a bike behaves in certain situations on the road and how it can help the rider in an emergency situation," according to a Motorrad spokesperson.

The autonomous bike is also a testbed for V2V (Vehicle-to-Vehicle) communication and digital networking.

So in the future, when your Smart Bike is plugged into the sensors and networked information sources that will be here soon, it will be able to step in and prevent a much wider range of accidents...with data from a self-driving car in a blind turn ahead of you, your bike will 'know' that a possible impact is ahead and warn you to take action. Plus, a very advanced set of safety algorithms may be able to step in when riders make errors of their own -- like panic-braking mid-curve or not leaning over enough to get round a tight corner. If your bike knows exactly where it is, what's around it, and what it's doing, it can predict a situation and take over -- leaning the bike farther, reducing engine torque, applying some rear brake, etc.

So why are BMW and other bike firms working on smart, autonomous, self-riding 'robot bikes'?

Because self-driving cars and smart highways are coming -- sooner than you think, and whether we like it or not -- and there's currently little regard being paid to the needs of motorcycling, and how it will fit into the infrastructure of the future; so if the manufacturers don't provide an answer to 'how will bikes become safer and work with other autonomous vehicles', no-one else will.

FEMALE BIKERS UNITE IN WORLDWIDE RE-

LAY: As the name implies, the Women Riders World Relay aims to unite lady bikers with one aim; passing a baton around the world on two wheels, across even the most remote of locations.

WRWR, as it's now known, was formed at the end of August by Hayley Bell from Warrington, England, in an attempt to wake the motorcycling industry up to the sheer number of female riders on the road. "I want to unite women riders globally, do something that's never been done before, and to show the industry the force behind the market that is so blindly overlooked," the 27-year old said.

Hayley set up the WRWR Facebook page just weeks ago and has already gathered more than 5,700 members, from as far afield as Pakistan, Bangladesh and South Africa. Australia is by far the most heavily represented country on the page, followed by the U.K.

Hayley aims to have got at least 17,000 women bikers on board by December 2018, with a plan to launch the world relay in Spring 2019.

BATTERY BUYERS IN ENGLAND COULD FACE

CHARGES: Laws in the U.K. regarding motorcycle batteries have changed to help counter terrorism. A new law states that anyone purchasing a dry motorcycle battery with a separate acid pack will now require a valid Explosives, Precursors and Poisons (EPP) license.

The ruling, effective July 1st, 2018, means that anyone purchasing a battery of this kind without the correct license could be charged with a criminal offence and comes as part of a larger British counter terrorism initiative. Battery acid packs contain sulfuric acid, which could be used as a precursor to the production of explosives.

The change in the law is expected to have huge implications for the motorcycle battery market, with many retailers already deciding to end the sale of dry batteries in their stores and online.

NCOM BOARD MEETING AND REGION V SEM-

INAR: The Board of Directors of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) will meet on November 10th, 2018 in Nashville, Tennessee, in conjunction with the Region V Meeting of NCOM Member Groups from Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee (NCOM Region V).

Following the conclusion of NCOM business in an open board meeting, attendees will gather from throughout the Southeastern region to discuss motorcycling matters unique to or occurring in their states.

This is a FREE event and all motorcyclists are invited to attend on Saturday, November 10th, 10 am-6 pm at the Radisson Hotel Nashville Airport, 1112 Airport Center Drive, Nashville TN 37214, tel: 615-889-9090, or contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE for additional information.

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The footage was shown during a two-day trial, and the 19-year old motorcyclist was found guilty of two counts of dangerous driving and sentenced to 50 hours of unpaid community service, and he was also disqualified from driving for 15 months, after which he will have to pass an extended re-test before he is allowed back on the road.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "A person may cause evil to others not only by his actions but by his inaction, and in either case he is justly accountable to them for the injury." ~ John Stuart Mill (1806-1873), philosopher and economist

ABATE OF CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER





by Sporty Milligan

Boy it's really been a busy month since I last talked to you guys via the Bailing Wire. I have been busy with the "Yes on Prop 6 - Repeal the Gas Tax" campaign. Plus we had our ABATE Local 1 Fall Fundraiser at Barragan's Mexican restaurant in Burbank.

This event took place September 27th. The deal was simple, eat any time between 11 am to 9 pm. So six folks took advantage of that portion of the deal. 11 of the ABATE crowd showed up for the group gathering that started at 6.30 pm. I want thank Shelia Lindsey and Cathy Edwards for setting this up, along with Debra Dunn for helping out with the printing of the event flyers.

At the group portion of the event was Carl Rainey and his lovely wife, Regina, Buz Yochelson and his wife, Shelia Lindsey, Debra Dunn, Cathy Edwards and her friends, myself, Sporty, and my best one, Renee. We had a decent meal and 20% was donated to ABATE of California Local 1. Local 1 is going to send this money to the ABATE lobbyist's fund. We are still waiting for the funds from restaurant. Shelia stated it takes about one month to get the money.

At the gathering we had a raffle for some small raffle prizes. The big raffle, donated by Cathy Edwards, will be picked at the Local 1 meeting on October 21st.

Like I mentioned at the beginning of the column I have been busy with the "Yes on Prop 6 - Repeal the Gas Tax" campaign. Just to keep you in the loop, Carl DeMaio, the

head guy for Prop 6, spoke on Wednesday, October 10th, in front of the Los Angeles CalTrans building on South Main Street.

To get there I rode my bike. Traffic was a bear. Finding parking was tricky. I found a dirt lot next to the private parking and parked there. Finally connected up with the group. After the podium stand was set up, Carl began his pitch on repeal of the gas tax. I was not surprise that there was some CalTrans big shots videoing the speech. Ok so we accomplished our goal.

I had to scramble back to the Valley before noon as I have a Wednesday 12x12 book study at the AA hall in San Fernando. So I made to the hall by 11:50 am. A close shave on the scramble time.

We had also done a sign holding job at a DMV in Van Nuys earlier in the month. There was to be press coverage, but they didn't show. So it was another phone video for Facebook.

October 11th we had a phone conference to discuss the last stages of the campaign and what we can and cannot do to make stuff happen. Part of my job was to get gas stations to allow us to decorate the gas stations with signs and gas pump stickers or counter flyers. I have nine stations that have allowed me to do this. When I finally got the "Yes on Prop 6" business cards they were so well received that even stations that did not originally want campaign stuff now allowed the cards to be placed on the stations counters. In fact they were so well received that I ran out of business cards.

I went to Office Depot and ordered 500 one sided cards. The next day, October 13th, before I started writing this column, I put the email address for "Repeal the Gas Tax" on the back of 250 cards. It took a couple of hours to accomplish this. I will do more business card drop offs at gas stations in the upcoming days.

In the final stretch we're going to have "Repeal the Gas Tax" rallies. I will be attending several as a volunteer. So you can see I have a passion for this political endeavor.

Well that's it for this month's installment of Sporty's Rides. Be good to yourself. Next month hopefully I'll be able to tell you of our victory of "Yes on Prop 6 - Repeal the Gas Tax".

Scribe Sporty reporting.





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Motorcycle Safety Report



by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer

The End is Near

It's the end of the year that is near and there will be many changes of everything and anything. Maybe most of us have experienced these seasonal changes. I have for 60 plus years, yep, that is me, and it's a good thing to have many more. I can say that I am well-seasoned, as a rider!

It's almost the end of the year, one more article for me to write for 2018. I've been riding since the late '60s. I have witnessed many things as far as riding a motorcycle as a kid to teenager then young adult to the old man on his scooter. I've had many minor crashes on dirt and asphalt and I do thank God that nothing was ever serious. In all my minor crashes my bike was never in need of repair or my body for that matter, my ego was bruised more than anything.

I'm not that safe rider that rides in a full body suit. I wasn't the chicken rider or the weekend warrior that thought a 50 mile jaunt was exhilarating. Whether I was riding in the dirt or on the street I always pushed it - faster, daring and many other crazy things you do as a kid and young adult. It was basically what most of us have done, some more crazy and some less. Every time I showed off I pretty much had that minor accident and the bruising of the ego. With that I knew my limitations and either I tried to perfect it or stopped it, thinking it's not for me. Let me tell you, I stopped doing more crazy things than perfecting certain things on my bike. I don't know how it came about; maybe it was a maturing of my riding life. I did have that continuing education of riding safe, the conversations and trial and errors of riding whether it was me or seeing somebody else making a mistake. I was open to any format of education whether it was my dad and his buds or my friends. I had absorbed whatever I could for my benefit and then to talk to others who sought my advice, it was, after all, motorcycle life. It was a life I have loved since I had an engine between my legs

Yes, the times have changed over the years, the bikes are faster, and the roads are much more populated, it's just the way it is - period! The one thing I've seen is that there is more attention to motorcycle safety, be it private enterprises or organizations promoting motorcycle safety, (hint: ABATE) all across America. This is a great thing, but I do see a shortcoming of how our government limits their abilities to promote motorcycle safety with not only the motorcycle riders but mainly drivers of other vehicles. We get the cameo role effect, once in a while we get a spot here or there. I still don't see any types of signs that suggest motorcycle awareness, especially in congested traffic areas, but I still see falling rock signs or other signs of little significance, and you all know this.

It seems that most government types want to infringe on our rights and not about our safety, but they do think that it will help us riders be safer - it's kind of like backwards thinking. Let me tell you, what came first, the chicken or the egg? Rights or Safety? The one thing I know is that I can't answer the last two questions. I can give you an educated guess, but that only works in politics! The one thing I do really know is that we have to take care of our own, be it ABATE or any other organization that's not affiliated with any government, but is always willing to work with said government.

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

So you say, "Gee Norm, you're scaring me, what shall I do?" and I'll reply, "Please continue to read this article!"

I've always stated that it happens fast, and it does. Most accidents happen so fast that at least one of the persons didn't know what hit them. You get no time to re-act. That's a fact, not a fantasy. There are those that you know will happen because of either bad judgment or being stupid and, let me tell you this, stupid covers a lot of ground.

Being aware of your surroundings as a rider is most important, 360 degrees is what you have to be thinking as you ride. You can't be daydreaming or have serious situations of mental health, let alone being drunk or buzzed as you ride. I have said this before and it is true, if you don't feel like riding or you have serious doubts about riding that day, then don't, it's not worth it. You have 364 other days to ride.

I have said this as well, make sure your bike is road worthy. Go through your bike and make sure it's a safe bike to ride. I've said I like to detail my bike with my tools as well as waxing it etc. It's a good thing to get intimate with your bike.

Tire pressure is so important. I always stress that you should check your tire pressure at the minimum once a month. It's free and easy! Most vehicle's that lose control in an accident were found to have improper tire pressure, this is a true fact!

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

I've talked about being prepared properly if you are going on a high mileage ride. Know what the weather and road conditions are so you can be properly prepared, without having to buy extra clothes because you didn't know the mountain expedition you were on would be 40 degrees colder than the city you started out in. I've talked about riding at your own skill level and not worry about how good other riders are. This is a serious thing that happens all the time - accidents by riders with less experience are the main victims of this. Realize what your level is and take the time to learn how to progress without harming yourself or others.

All said and done, we are approaching the holiday craziness and unpredictable weather patterns and now we add the sports phenom of the weekends and up and coming elections as well - do you think there will be distractions?

We all know that we have major driving problems on all our roads today. "But officer, I was just looking at my cell phone." (It's an "I didn't inhale" joke.) It used to be a texting thing that started a panic in America, but they now call it distracted driving. They have upgraded their reasoning to include eating, loud crazy children, being engrossed in conversation with others to include music etc. etc. We are so used to mass punishment that we accept it. All it takes is one person to spoil it all and we have thousands of that one person. We have to become weathered so that we can withstand whatever new laws or changes they make for the New Year.

When you are a rider in California, please remember what ABATE does, and any other organization that promotes rights and safety. It's actually countrywide, and overseas as well. We don't always get what we want, but, as a minority user of our road systems we need to be that squeaky bearing, loud and demanding, because it's about our rights and safety and we need to look out for our own.

As we do wind down this year please ask yourself what you did for ABATE? What have you done to promote motorcycle safety outside ABATE meetings? I like to think that the V-twin bike lifestyle can be co-mingled with everyone from everywhere, even the cage drivers who don't know nothing about motorcycles. Because we share the road with others we need to promote our safety with the "others".

Our lives and lifestyles are being challenged more than ever. Faster is the minimum nowadays and if you blink, you could miss important stuff. Our technology is making us this way. The auto industry, and motorcycle industry are racing for the next generation of acceptance, speeding to get there. You can help yourself and many others just by researching. It's simple and very rewarding with the web and all the sites out there. Nowadays you can find what you're looking for in seconds and those seconds can help you and anyone, maybe even saving a life!

Let's enjoy these last few months of this year. Remember this is the only time of the year with this kind of weather. Enjoy!



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