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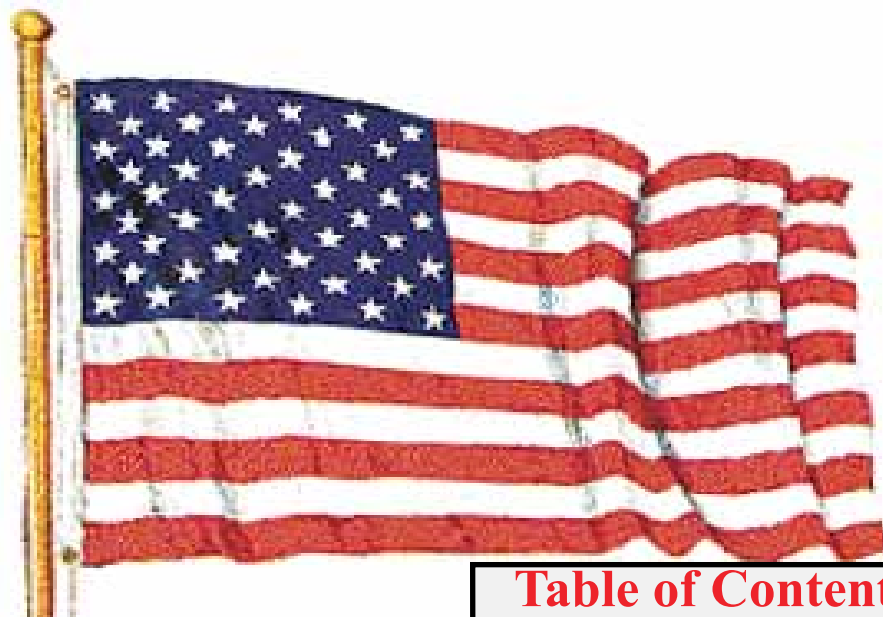
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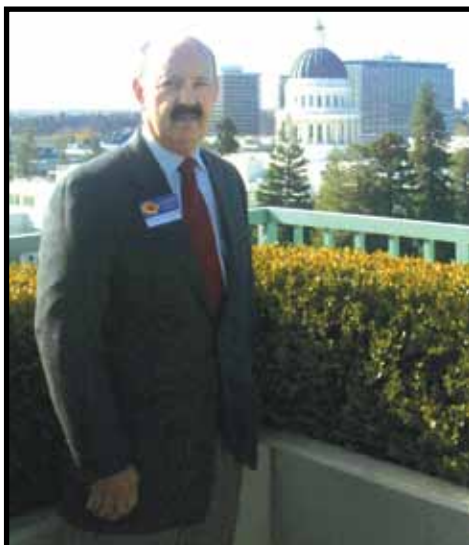
Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by James Lombardo, Lobbyist & Assistant Legislative Director

The Legislature finally passed some Budget cuts - roughly \$12,500,000,000 with another \$12.5 billion to be slashed or they will need to pass the sales, income, and car-tax extensions! Negotiations are still on to pass some sort of public workers' pension reform and give businesses some relief from excessive government environmental rules!

They are now **FINALLY** taking up other proposed bills; one being our AB 695 to repeal/modify the motorcycle helmet law, by Orange County Assemblyman Chris Norby. To be heard on April 25th at 1:30 pm in the State Capitol's room 4202! *Hope to see you all there.*

Our May Freedom Rally is really shaping up! I have many Legislators lined up to speak, starting with the author of our Helmet Repeal bill, Assemblyman Chris Norby, followed by the Vice Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, Kevin Jeffries, author of another ABATE bill, AB 1047 - to **STOP MOTORCYCLE ONLY CHECK-**



POINTS! The Assembly Republican Leader, Connie Conway, will also address us. These are just a few of the many outstanding speakers who will appear on the south steps of the Capitol at 11:00 am on May 23rd.

The rally should be over by 12:30 pm. So, you will still have time to visit your Assembly Member and Senator's offices before returning home. This is time well spent;

it reminds the Legislators who they represent and helps me get in to see them and hopefully get a favorable vote when a bill that affects motorcycling and motorcycle riders' **FREEDOMS** comes up. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in Sac town on May 23rd.

I am also working on our May Motorcycle Awareness Resolution to be presented to us on the steps of the Capitol at the rally!!

The other ABATE legislation, AB 1047, by Assemblyman Jeffries, is being held up in the Assembly Rules Committee due to some technical amendments that the staff and Legislative Counsel were being swamped with. I, and Assemblyman Jeffries, are working to overcome this. Stay tuned and keep the e-mails supporting AB 1047 coming in to craig.delacruz@asm.ca.gov.

MANY THANKS, AGAIN, TO THOSE LOCALS WHICH SENT THEIR LOBBYIST FUND SHARES IN, AND ALSO TO THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ALSO SENT MONEY TO THE SPECIAL LOBBYIST FUND!

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What is ABATE?

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

Included with an ABATE membership are a sew-on patch, membership card, and our monthly newsletter THE BAILING WIRE. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclists' rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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Chairman's Report by Sarge Matthews

I am pleased to announce that Greg Covell and Johnny O'Kane were recently confirmed to serve by the Board to serve out the remainder of the terms recently vacated by the resignations of Anthony Jaime and Cynthia Withthans. Both Tony and Cynthia have served ABATE of California for many years in many capacities, most recently as members of the Board of Directors. On behalf of the entire Board, thank you for your leadership and service. And, to Greg and Johnny – thank you for your willingness to serve!



The Board of Directors also appointed Tina Sanders and Carol Cromwell as the Co-Chairs of the 2011 State Run. A special note of appreciation to these very hard-working ladies for stepping up to the plate and volunteering to undertake this huge job – THANK YOU LADIES!

Is it just me, or is that the older I get the faster the days fly by? Not just the days, but the last couple of years have flown by. Perhaps I'm just hoping that the financially depressed state our country finds itself in will quickly pass as well. Unfortunately, the financial woes impacting many of our fellow Americans has also affected the way ABATE of California conducts business.

For some time, the Board has been addressing issues that vitally impact ABATE's ability to lead the way in preserving our personal freedoms and the rights of motorcyclists. However, of late it has become very clear that we must make changes (albeit, hopefully on a temporary basis) that will enable us to keep the doors open.

On April 2, 2011, the Board of Directors met for a Special Meeting, to review, discuss and make some very difficult decisions. The key points of discussion were the possible relocation of the State Office,

Bailing Wire and Membership Dues. As Chairman, I want to provide you with a brief recap of our meeting.

Proposed Re-Location of ABATE of California office: A move to a business park would realize a substantial annual savings (over \$10,000); and, provide a professional store-front for the organization

After visiting several properties and after lengthy discussion/review of available funding, it was determined that while the consensus is that relocation of the office is in the best interest of the organization, the reality is that there is neither sufficient funding or time to make a physical move in the immediate future prudent. However, the office relocation will be revisited as soon as the ABATE coffers make it feasible to reconsider. In the meantime, in an effort to help with our rental costs our current landlord has agreed to reduce our monthly rent by \$200; a greatly appreciated gesture – thank you, Dave!

Bailing Wire: I am fully aware that, "whether to print or not to print, mail or not to mail," has been a sorely contended issue. I am also very grateful to hear that this issue truly matters to our membership. The bottom line is that aside from rent, our greatest annual expense is the mailing of the Bailing Wire. Over the last couple of months we've tested mailing the newsletter only every other month while at the same time making it available monthly via the ABATE web page. By continuing this delivery schedule, we will realize an annual saving of approximately \$16,000. Our intent is that this will be a temporary action; until further notice the Bailing Wire schedule will be as follows: May – Print Copy, June – Electronic Copy only, July – Print Copy, August – Electronic Copy only, September – Print Copy, October – Electronic Copy only, November – Print Copy, December – Electronic Copy, January – Print Copy only, February – Electronic Copy only, March – Print Copy, April – Electronic Copy only.

It is important to note that business members and Local presidents will receive a hard copy on the months that we do a print copy and everyone will be able to get the bailing wire online every month.

Membership Dues: Our membership is at the very core that drives ABATE of California – it is YOUR support – financial and works – that makes YOUR organization work! Membership dues have remained static for over ten years. After much consideration and discussion, the Board has made the decision that we must raise our annual membership dues by \$10. However, a new category, "*Sustaining Member*" has been created – this is category, while at a higher level, will provide the *Sustaining Member* with a few benefits as well as recognition in the Bailing Wire. Please be sure to read Dave Hasting's article in this issue – his article clearly articulates the benefits to both the members and to ABATE. I hope some of you will consider becoming a *Sustaining Member*.

The new membership fee and *Sustaining Member* category become effective July 1, 2011. So, for those of you that desire to save a few bucks, feel free to renew your membership before July 1st.

While the reality is that we are currently in a very precarious financial position and these stop-gap measures are imperative in order to keep our doors open; our sincere goal is that cost-savings measures (with the exception of the membership dues increase) will be temporary and will revert back once our financial position becomes more stable.

And finally, please make your plans today to attend the May Board of Directors' Meeting and Freedom Rally in Sacramento. I am happy to announce that Gimmi Jimmy, National Commander of the US Defenders and "Escondido" Paul Landers, National Lt. Commander will be in attendance. Gimmi Jimmy will be the guest speaker at the Quarterly Board of Directors meeting and will be featured speaker at the Freedom Rally.

In closing I want to say thank you to you, our ABATE membership – thank you for involvement, and for helping us to turn the corner. And to the Board of Directors, a special note of gratitude – these folks continue to give of their time, talent and worth for the betterment of ABATE of California – I appreciate your tireless efforts, support and vote of confidence.

See ya'll in Sacramento! Sarge.

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ABATE of California Freedom & Motorcycle Awareness Rally

Sacramento – State Capitol (south steps), Monday, May 23, 2011 at 11am. .

Gimmi Jimmy, National Commander of the US Defenders and “Escondido” Paul Landers, National Lt. Commander will be in attendance. Gimmi Jimmy will be the guest speaker at the Freedom Rally.

Gimmi Jimmy will also speak at the ABATE of California Quarterly Board of Directors meeting on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 1 pm. Board meeting will be held at La Quinta Inn, 200 Jibboom St., Sacramento. All are invited to attend the Board Meeting and Rally.

Join motorcyclists from across the State – an opportunity to be seen and heard by our legislators; show them and tell them that YOU are concerned about OUR freedom of choice.

Free sponsored motorcycle parking on the north side of N Street between 10th & 14th Streets from 8 am to 6 pm.

ABATE Board Meeting – Sunday, May 22, 2011 @ 1 pm

Freedom Rally – Monday, May 23, 2011 @ 11 am

There are rooms available at the La Quinta Inn, 200 Jibboom Street, Sacramento 95814. Call 916.448.8100 to make your reservation and mention ABATE for the special room rate. This special room rate will be held until April 30.

For additional information contact Gill Mellen at 949.632.9787 or via email at gillabate@yahoo.com. Also visit the ABATE web page at www.abate.org.

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

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Sacramento - May 23, 2011
South Capitol Steps 11 am to
1:00 pm

Invited Guest Speakers

**MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO GET
TIME OFF TO ATTEND!!!**

Once again we will be gathering to bring attention to FREEDOM of Choice for Motorcycle Riders and to promote Motorcycle Awareness to other drivers to share the road with motorcycles.

It is also a great time to see your elected legislators in Sacramento to tell them in person about your views on legislation that is proposed or just to say "hi" and hope they can support your views. Please call them beforehand and make an appointment. You can find their contact information at this web site -http://www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators_and_districts/legislators/your_legislator.html

While there, be sure to sign their guest book and leave a business card with their staff.

As we have done in the past, there will be "Sponsored" free motorcycle parking on the North side of N Street between 10th & 14th Streets. Parking will be reserved from 8 am to 6:00 pm. If you would like to sponsor a parking meter, (\$25.00/meter) please contact the ABATE State Office either by email carol@abate.org or call 760/956-1669.

DO NOT RAP your PIPES on arrival or leaving the Capitol! Believe us, YOU will not be promoting a good image with how loud your pipes can be, in fact, it just makes them want to push even harder to quiet your motorcycle or get rid of them altogether!

Everyone is invited to attend. All motorcyclists are urged to attend. This is our chance to be seen. The weather should be even better at this time of the month in Sacramento, too!!

We look forward to having a HUGE crowd in attendance this year; you just can't make a big impression with only a handful of people in attendance. Attending the rally does a few things -

It gives support to the Legislators who are in support of our issues and trying to help us gain back our Freedom of Choice;

It implies to your Legislator that Freedom of Choice is important in that you took the time and extra effort to go to Sacramento to meet with them and their Sacramento staff, not just in their district office;

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There are rooms available at the La Quinta Inn, 200 Jibboom Street, Sacramento 95814. Call 916/448-8100 to make your reservation and mention ABATE for the SPECIAL room rate. This special room rate will be held until April 30th, so make your reservation before that date.

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invites ALL motorcyclists interested in preserving
YOUR RIGHT TO RIDE to join us.

Meet and hear motorcycle-friendly legislators
and invited speakers.

State Capitol, south steps

Monday, May 23, 2011 @ 11:00 a.m.

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when arriving or leaving the Capitol!

Make an appointment to visit your
Legislator before or after the rally.

Go to **www.ABATE.org** and click the
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Spend Sunday night at La Quinta Inn
(200 Jibboom St., Sacramento)
and ride as a group to the Capitol.
Call (916) 448-8100 before April 30th and
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Local #01 Los Angeles



Local 1 had its April meeting a week earlier than normal due to the fact that the Elks Lodge was not going to do their breakfast on Palm Sunday. Never-the-less the members we had present were the usual Local 1 meeting attendees. Some members had breakfast at the hall.

We passed a Local motion to send \$50 to the Southern Regional Rally to help sponsor trophies; sent a group letter to the Assembly Transportation chair requesting her support of AB695; told everyone to write their Assembly committee member to support AB695 and AB1047; made plans for some of us to go to Local 27's 9th Annual Bare Necessities run; had a drawing for a free single entry to the Southern Regional Rally and BOB WARREN was the winner.

No meeting in May – will be at the Southern Regional Rally instead. Regards, Sporty.

Local #02 Simi Valley



The month of April is here! Great riding weather has been here for a while and it's going to get even better! So Cal is the place to be, in fact Simi Valley is where this article originates, at ABATE Local 2's meeting place, VFW Post 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Ave. We serve a great BBQ meal with all the fixings, our price is so low I can't tell you, so you'll have to take my word for it and show up. We start serving at 6:45 pm and our meeting starts at 7:30. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month, the gracious VFW post sells drinks and we all have a great time before the meeting starts. Thanks to our volunteer cooks Guy and Steve!

President Ray opened the meeting and talked about our involvement with the city of Simi, in which we got a beautiful Motorcycle proclamation plaque, Motorcycle Awareness, what a beautiful thing! It will be on display at our fairly new business members business, CycleWorks Etc, in Thousand Oaks.

Our PAC person, Linda, talked about PAC stuff. Never at a loss for words, she informed us of all the good stuff. Thanks again Linda for all that you do! JP our safety dude talked about getting focused and really ready for this year's riding season. PR man Norm talked about the quality of gas and how it's changing and the potentials of engine performance.

Guy, our ride guy, talked about our next ride starting in conjunction with the Run for the Wall fundraiser at PC'S Bar and Grill in Simi on April 23rd and ending at CycleWorks Etc.

We had a visitor, Chuck Pedersen, President of Local 3. He talked about getting other Locals together and doing a ride or rides, camaraderie and just hanging out. This is real good stuff and sounds exciting. Thanks for showing up!

Our 50/50 drawing was won by another visitor, Marc Spangle! Jane, our secretary, won our membership drawing. We had a large amount of gifts for our annual raffle and thanks to all who donated them, all the gifts are appreciated and we still need them, thanks in advance!

I saw on the news that the CHP is doing a major crack-down on speeders and red light runners. I now notice how they are cruising our streets as well, and they said they are in fact giving out boatloads of tickets to help with our Cal budget issues, true stuff, at the tune of \$50,000,000! I hear on the news almost everyday a biker goes down, so I guess Speed Kills!!! Ride Safe, as JP says, stay focused. PTL Norm e. New

Local #06 San Diego



It was a very good meeting this month for Local 6. The weather was great and there were no major ball games to draw members away. Welcome aboard to our new Business Member, The Graveyard Gamblers MC! A bunch of their

riders were at the meeting. Keith Lim gave an update on AB 695, and we discussed AB 1047, the MRF report about NHTSA's intention to fund DOT compliant helmet use, and Representative Sensenbrenner's HR 904. John gave a reading of current events all around the San Diego area, and Keith Lim won the 50/50 and donated it back into the PAC, Lobbyist fund and the State Office fund!

Have you seen our website recently? WOW! Thanks to Joe Tatro our Webmaster. Take a look at our new classified section. Joe has really put a bunch of hours into this and it sure shows. Check it out at abatelocal6.org.

One of the supporters and members of ABATE Local 6 received an honor last month, Because of the BoozeFighters MC work helping children with "Christmas with Kids" since 1971 and because they were honored as the 2009 "Organization of the Year" by the Irish Congress of Southern California, The Council of the City of San Diego on behalf of the people of San Diego proclaimed March 12, 2011 to be "BoozeFighters Day" in the City of San Diego.

The Local 6 Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success! There were many members doing a bunch of work to make it run....Fran and Nancy busted their butts in the kitchen, The Graveyard Gamblers MC kept the dining room operating smoothly, and John's spaghetti sauce was a big hit. Moe Giacalone was the overall manager and coordinator of the event and did a fantastic job. Way to go folks!

Our meetings are on the first Sunday of the month at noon in Kate Sessions Park, Pacific Beach. Everyone is welcome! C'mon Down!

Local #11 North San Diego



Sunday, April 10, another beautiful day in San Diego County. Our meeting was lightly attended, probably due to the closure of Lake Wohlford Road (rock slides), but still a good meeting.

We covered lots of legislative stuff from across the country as well as here in California. Form letters and addresses for AB695, the helmet law modification bill, and AB1047, the bill to end motorcycle only check points were passed out along with the list of addresses for everyone on the Assembly Transportation committee. The

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time is now to get those letters, e-mails and phone calls in! Yes on AB695, yes on AB1047. Simple as that.

Did you hear about Local ABATE supporters, the Boozefighters MC? The San Diego City Council proclaimed March 11, 2011 to be "Boozefighters Day" in the San Diego! Nice to see good news about motorcycle clubs for a change.

Several of our members were on hand to support Local 6 and their spaghetti dinner fund raiser on Saturday, April 9th.

We discussed our rather dismal financial status and are looking for fund raising ideas. One easy event will be our first annual Local 11 Can Drive for the month of June. I am asking all our members to gather just 1 garbage bag full of crushed California CRV cans by our June meeting. Drop off the bag at my house any time before then, or give me a call and I'll come to your place and pick them up and take them to the recycler, or if you prefer, recycle 'em yourself and bring us the cash! 3 bags of crushed cans can fetch about \$50! My goal is for 18 to 20 bags.

A special thanks to Dogman who donated a couple of *American Biker* books written by Bill Hayes for the monthly drawing. Gary won the 50/50 and donated it all back!

Remember, the Local 11 meeting in May will be held at the Southern Regional Rally at the Shady Oasis Kampground in Victorville. Hope to see you all there! Tim, Local 11.

Local #14 Alameda County



After many years of loyal service to our Local, our president, Joe Schwirian, has retired from office. Thank you Joe, for all your contributions.

Active member Houdini Lane was unanimously voted in as interim president. Houdini has doggedly participated in the motorcycle rights movement for several years now, attending NCOM conventions (National Coalition of Motorcyclists), ABATE rallies, and activities of other MROs.

Local #19 Pomona Valley

I hope everyone is making plans for the Southern Regional Rally that is coming up in May on the 6th, 7th and 8th. The location will be the Shady Oasis Kampground in Victorville. This always makes for a fun weekend and is one of the bigger fund raisers for ABATE during the year. You can camp there, get a cabin or stay at one of the local hotels. Get your tickets and make your reservations for one of this year's fun events.

Some of us are a little sad at Local 19 right now. One of our Life Members, good friend and all around good person will be moving to Florida. Many of you know Vonnie Wayne and some of you have known her for many years. Vonnie is one of those people who is always there to pick up the slack when others are not available. She has been a mentor and teacher to many of us at Local 19 and I feel lucky to have known her. We all wish her well on her move down south and she will be missed by all of us.

Some of our members are working very hard on the new Thunder In The House event for this year. The event will take place on September 11th and all the funds that are raised go to Casa Colina Hospital. It is one of the most rewarding projects I have worked on in the past few years. Put Thunder In The House in a search engine and check out the website. It will be wonderful if you can attend.

Also, don't forget to mark your calendar for the ABATE Local 19 and Pomona Valley HOG Toy Run on December 4. This event will happen on the first Sunday in December with the toys and money collected being sent to a group called Santa Claus, Inc. This provides Christmas for those less fortunate kids.

I look forward to seeing you out there on the road. In the mean time, keep the shiny side UP! Ed.

Local #20 Orange County



What an awesome attendance we had for April - 40 people! We had seven guests Nick, Carl, Frank, Wayback, Nick A., Wrecker and Bounce. Welcome to our newest members, Earl Burdette and William Barnes.

Norwalk Mary Jane was missed at the meeting. She has been doing a sensational job for media.

We discussed AB 695-Repeal Helmet (Assemblyman Chris Norby) and AB 1047-Stop Motorcycle Only Check Points (Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries). They support us and we support them. By the way, we were ABATE STRONG with our presence at Assemblyman Chris Norby's open house back in March. ABATE is the only motorcycle organization to have defeated two bills, the smog bill and noise bill.

Spike wanted to thank all the people in the clubs, organizations and communities that banded together for Byron. It makes his day to see all the well wishes and care for him, whether visiting with him, speaking over the phone or reading the many posts on the Internet. The blood drive was a success. Once again, thank you! WE LOVE YOU BROTHER BYRON AND FAMILY!

Spike discussed when stopped by a cop to be polite and respectful. Tell him that you belong to a motorcycle organization and the name of your assemblyman. They work for the assemblymen and don't want to piss them off.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. A run to the State Capitol (south steps) will be happening on Monday, May 23 at 11 am. Everyone is welcome to attend the Board Meeting on Sunday, May 22 at 1 pm. While up there walk the halls and meet the many politicians.

Local 20 is having a money contest for membership. Whoever brings in the most new members at the end of the year for Local 20 wins \$50. If anyone has ideas for fundraisers, etc., please contact Gill or Spike.

Gill Luskey (Nikki's Flags) would have been the lucky winner of the \$140. More money will be added next month. He was just recently released from the hospital. Sending you prayers, well wishes and positive thoughts from Local 20. Squirt.

Local #21 Antelope Valley



One came to the meeting. If you showed up after I left, then send in some pitch. Glen had important biz. See ya at the run. Love, DA Local 21.

LOCAL NEWS

Local #22 South Bay



We had our second meeting at the Chowder Barge in Wilmington and we really were productive!! WE ARE HAVING A YARD SALE ON SUNDAY, MAY 15!!!!!! Yep! You read it right, a yard sale, with the **proceeds to go to ABATE OF CA!!! ADDRESS: 1228 PAPEET ST, WILMINGTON, CA 90749**

We will have everything from a donation jar to motorcycle parts to odds and ends we are collecting. Our member, John, has graciously donated his driveway so we are all going to bring something to sell! Come one, come all!

I would like to propose (as opposed to challenge) that the other Locals try something like this with the proceeds going to ABATE.

Come support our yard sale! Suz

Local #24 Fresno

On March 6 we gathered at Cedar Lanes for our monthly meeting. Ed Rogers opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. We had a good turn out with more than 50 people in attendance.

There were discussions about two bills, AB 695, our helmet modification bill, and AB 1047 that would stop law enforcement from using federal safety funds for motorcycle only stops and compliance checks.

Each person at the meeting was given a letter for their signature in support of AB 695. We also signed letters of thanks for the sponsor of this bill.

Our 12th annual AMMO Run, which will probably be over before this is published, was discussed. We have a new insurance policy for the day of the run. This is one of our three MAJOR runs that support the State ABATE donations we make. I really hope everybody got the word and attended. Our treasury sure needs the help.

Other runs in the future are our Day Ride for May on the 14th. We leave Kimmeies at 1000 hours. They will open for breakfast at 0800 hours. You cannot beat their steak and egg breakfast! This run will go to Diamondes Vintage Motorcycles in the mountains near Badger. Tri Tip lunch at Sisters' Mountain House afterwards. This is a Day Ride not to miss.

On May 15 the Flat Track Museum in Clovis will have its yearly open house. Local 24 supports this museum and it is very worthwhile to see the rare racing bikes there.

Treasury reports we are "OK" but need to get our balance up to keep support going. Attend our runs, have fun, AND support ABATE - all at the same time!

Membership currently at 111 members and 12 business members. Renewals are very important and many thanks to those that have renewed.

Lots of great prizes donated for our drawing. The 50-50 of \$120.00 was won by Mike. The \$80.00 membership drawing would have been won by Marylyn Fike if she had been in attendance. Next month we draw for \$90.00.

All for now, hope I saw you on the AMMO Run. Bruce

Local #27 Riverside



At our April meeting we had 34 attendees including 12 visitors from Heart N Soul who have a Bike Nite at the Lucky Greek in Corona. They had many questions which we endeavored to answer. They plan to attend our Bare Necessities Run on April 16th and join ABATE at that time!

The addition of those beautiful sport bikes and their riders to ABATE is energizing and shows us we are doing the right thing by reaching out and talking to people in a variety of venues. Our proposed plan of a group ride to pick up the April Bailing Wires was scuttled since there was no printed Bailing Wire to pick up. BUT, we will try again some time in the future. It will be a good time for us to get together, socialize and communicate ideas, as well as, just a chance to ride.

On April 7th, Local 27 sent six representatives to Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries' reception in Elsinore. He is a pleasant and energetic man who greeted us with gusto and was readily agreeable to have his picture taken with us. We received some curious looks from some of the attendees, but three approached us with questions about ABATE and were impressed with our level of involvement in promoting Motorcyclist Rights, Education and Safety.

Want to know what's happening here locally? Check our website www.abatelocal27.org. Keep your Eyes Wide Open! Greg Covell, President Local 27, email gmcvl@yahoo.com.

Local #33 Yuba City

Hello all my ABATE sisters and brothers! The end of March and April have been very busy and productive. We had a successful fundraiser March 20th for TAMC Strollin to help defray costs from an unfortunate accident.

The Sisters of Scotia WMC had their Rabbit Run March 26th. They managed to raise \$4,000 for the foster kids' camp programs and deliver 320 Easter baskets to the kids from Environmental Alternatives, even with the awful weather.

JBMC Nomads put on a fantastic feast at their St. Patty's Day party. I was hoping to win the 52" HD TV, but it wasn't to be! April 2nd was TAMC Adventure Chapter's annual poker run. It was well attended and the sun finally came out to play! The riding season is kicking into high gear!

ABATE will be working with the MMA, local M/Cs and organizations to raise funds and awareness for our Motorcycle Awareness Day in the Park May 1st with a yard sale April 16th and 17th. Last year turned out great so we hope to do even better this year.

We will have all kinds of activities and information May 1st along with food and entertainment for FREE, thanks to the generosity of our Yuba/Sutter biker community. Proclamations for "May is Motorcycle Awareness Month" are in the works from both Marysville and Yuba City.

The most important day of the year is May 23rd! The Freedom Rally in Sacramento! Join hundreds of riders at 10 am in Miller Park at the end of Broadway for a massive pack ride to the State Capitol to make some noise to preserve our rights to ride free! ABATE will have its quarterly Board of Directors meeting the day before at La Quinta Inn on Jibboom Street with dynamic speakers from the US Defenders program.

Please join us at these very important events. Remember to keep the pressure on your elected officials to sign onto AB 695, the helmet modification bill. Keep on keepin' on! Grumbles

Local #40 Bakersfield



Yesterday, at around 7 pm, ABATE Local 40 received a Proclamation from the City of Taft Proclaiming May Motorcycle Awareness Month. It was presented to Godfather, Robert 'Zorro' Z and me, Omar, by Mayor Randy Miller who is also a motorcyclist.

On April 13 we are scheduled to receive the City of Bakersfield Proclamation and on May 3 the County of Kern Proclamation.

Thank you all for your continued support. Omar

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Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

I would like to start my article this month by saying "Thank You" to everyone who has dug into their pockets and responded to our "Annual Appeal" for funding. We are going to do our best to list all of our donors and if we leave you off of our first list please contact Carol at our State Office or me directly and we will get your name on next month's list.

I would like to acknowledge Jeff James of Local 9 who was the first person to respond to this year's appeal letter and set our 2011 fund raising drive into high gear with his donation. Jeff's letter has been followed by many more donors from all over California and even several from out of state. "Thank You" to one and all and please, if you haven't donated yet, save that letter and please try to!

ABATE of California has faced a serious funding crisis due to the ongoing Cali-



fornia economic crash and we have struggled to meet our financial obligations, but, as usual, you, our steadfast members, have

stepped up and sacrificed your own hard earned dollars to keep us alive and kicking to fight another day. Your donations thus far have enabled me to pay our 2nd quarter installment to our Lobbyist, Jim Lombardo, on time and for that both Jim and I would like to say "Thank You".

Now let's work on that reserve fund for the remainder of the year. We still have a lot of unfinished work ahead of us with our legislative bills and our statewide effort to reacquaint with and positively influence our elected officials and their staff. Preparing now for next year's election cycle will enable us to place our ABATE agenda high on their priority list.

Yes, we always need your donations but we also desperately need your time. Give ABATE both and we truly will be a force to be reckoned with!

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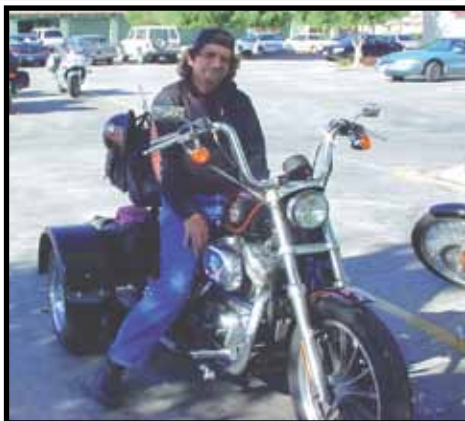
by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

Hi All! This is Sporty again with my Sporty's Rides column. It is going to be the short version because we're going to, at some point soon, spruce up the Bailing Wire.

My column at times may be whimsical. At times there seems to be a need for the space being put to better use. This will allow for better use of the business members cards that go in the Wire - they can be full sized. Besides it gets hard to find stuff to write and explain the various facets of my biker life.

Yes, I have a biker life style from going to work at my job to going to ABATE events. My Sportys are put to good use. Not to toot my horn, but the combined mileage of both the 883 and 1200 are roughly 130,000 miles. The point is I get around. That means I am enjoying the life on two wheels. It is also refreshing to do ABATE events where I get to see my ABATE brothers and sisters.

Things at ABATE are changing and its going to take a concerted effort to con-



tinue to do what ABATE does best - be the number one MRO in California. So as we progress this year, hopefully we can do the things we love. For some, that's being politically annoying. Others will help do the rally work and others will be the event patrons.

So tomorrow it's off to Local 27's Bare Necessities run. Later in May it will be the Southern Regional Rally then the Freedom Rally. Ok, you get the picture. So I would like to see you all at the various ABATE events down the road.

For now I will close as I am probably taking up too much space. Regards, Sporty.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan,
Membership Chairman

Greetings all! What to say about membership that has not been said before? However I will encourage you to sell those special raffle funding tickets. You know which ones, the ones that look bright. They, as you know, will help fund the membership drive. So get busy and sell those tickets.

We're going to make some membership price changes. There is an announcement on that in this issue. And as previously mentioned we're asking you to send in the amount and not take a Local cut when you get your renewals.

Ok, I hope to see you at the Southern Regional Rally. And, as always, my email door is always open at mrsportyiii@yahoo.com.

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COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish

CONGRESS ACTS TO REINFORCE BAN ON NHTSA LOBBYING: May is Motorcycle Awareness Month across the country, and Congressional lawmakers are introducing a resolution on May 2 to continue current restrictions on NHTSA that prevent the federal transportation agency from lobbying state and local governments to enact helmet laws.

The lobbying ban was originally amended into the Transportation Equity Act in 1998, but U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and his House colleagues want to reinforce the prohibitions on NHTSA lobbying and focus the agency's efforts on crash prevention and rider education.

According to the resolution, the U.S. House of Representatives "supports efforts to retain the ban on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's ability to lobby state legislators using federal tax dollars, encourages continued growth in the motorcyclist community, and encourages owners and riders to be responsible road users."

The resolution, similar to a version Sensenbrenner introduced last session, goes on to say that the House "recognizes the importance of motorcycle crash prevention as the primary source of motorcycle safety (and) encourages NHTSA to focus on motorcycle crash prevention and rider education as the most significant priorities in motorcycle safety."

"KIDS JUST WANT TO RIDE" COMPANION BILL INTRODUCED IN U.S. SENATE: U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) has introduced an amendment to exempt youth motorcycles and ATVs from the "lead law" that will effectively ban the sale of these machines.

Senate Amendment 264 would exempt youth off highway vehicles from the overly-restrictive lead-content provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008, which has decimated the youth motorsports industry and will ban their sale at the end of the year unless the CPSIA language is changed.

Meant to protect our children from imported toys with lead-based paint, the CPSIA prohibits the making, importing, dis-

tributing or selling of any product intended for children 12 and under that contains more than a specified amount of lead in any accessible part. The unintended consequences were that, because some parts such as brakes and battery components contain lead, dealerships were barred from selling motorcycles and ATVs intended for young riders, as well as replacement parts.

The Klobuchar amendment is similar to H.R. 412, the Kids Just Want to Ride Act introduced in the House by Rep. Denny Rehberg (R-MT), and would amend S. 493, the Small Business Innovation Research Reauthorization Act.

You can contact your Congressional representatives through the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 to urge their support.



BIKERS PROTEST MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS: Hundreds of motorcyclists from around Georgia rode to the Capitol to rev their engines in protest of a federal grant the Georgia State Patrol is using to conduct motorcycle-only checkpoints.

The crowd denounced the overly-invasive and discriminatory roadblocks as unconstitutional and chanted "No more profile stops" and "Education, not checkpoints!"

The protest rally came two weeks after the state patrol conducted motorcycle checkpoints on Interstates 75 and 95 during Daytona Bike Week, during which troopers stopped motorcyclists at roadblocks to check

for proper paperwork, approved helmet, and properly functioning equipment.

"The roadblocks are a violation of our rights and are a pure attempt at profiling," said Dan Forrest, State Director of ABATE of Georgia. "Having a registration, proof of insurance and an endorsement on our license does make us safe. Loud pipes never killed anyone."

Georgia is the first state to conduct such checkpoints under a federal grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as part of a \$350,000 pool of funds available to as many as five law enforcement agencies nationwide to test the effectiveness of a New York State Police pilot program.

Several motorcycle organizations are urging riders to call on Governor Nathan Deal to cancel the remainder of the checkpoints, which will be scheduled over the next 20 months at undisclosed locations during unannounced times.

Some in Congress have also questioned NHTSA's grant and called for Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood to pull the plug on future funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints. Rep. Tom Petri (R-WI), who recently co-sponsored legislation to prohibit such grants, called the checkpoints "outrageously intrusive."

Indeed, many of the protesters at the March 23rd rally held signs in support of US House Resolution 904 which would prevent the US DOT from providing funds to states which would be used for motorcycle roadblocks.

In the meantime, motorcyclists are also awaiting a court ruling on the constitutionality of the New York checkpoints, being challenged by N.Y. Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Mitch Proner on behalf of his clients as well as representing the interests of ABATE of New York and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM).

MOTORCYCLISTS COME TOGETHER FOR JAPAN: The 2011 Japan Earthquake and subsequent Tsunami last month has affected the motorcycle industry in a big way, especially since Japan is home to the "Big Four" motorcycle manufacturers: Yamaha, Honda, Suzuki and Kawasaki.

As the disaster relief efforts continue in Northeastern Japan, American motorcyclists are doing what they can to help those strug-

gling through the cleanup and rebuilding, with U.S. motorcycle industry groups, racing series and even the American division of Japanese manufacturers raising funds in various fashions.

Three U.S. powersports industry associations announced that they are joining forces to provide financial assistance to the relief efforts underway in Japan. The boards and members of the Motorcycle Industry Council, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America are collectively donating \$10,000 to the 2011 Japan Relief Fund, and each organization is encouraging its members and individuals in the riding community to make their own contributions via a link on their websites (visit MIC.org, rockmoto.com, motorcycles.org, MSF-USA.org, SVIA.org or atvsafety.org and click on the "2011 Japan Relief Fund" tab). All donations will go to experienced non-governmental disaster relief agencies in Japan that have a proven track record of emergency humanitarian relief and restoration work.

To provide support to those affected by Japan's worst natural disaster; the massive 9.0-magnitude earthquake that triggered a tsunami that caused widespread devastation and crippled nuclear power plants, the presidents of all of the U.S.-based Kawasaki entities are collecting donations from employees under their matching gift program and forwarding the contributions to the Red Cross. The Kawasaki Good Times Foundation is contributing \$50,000 to initiate the charitable giving campaign.

Even iconic American motorcycle manufacturer Harley-Davidson has reached out to the disaster zone with a \$250,000 donation to the American Red Cross aid effort in Japan, and has established a link on their website to the Red Cross (www.RedCross.org) to make it easier for employees, customers and other riders to contribute.

EUROPEAN STUDY YIELDS INSIGHT INTO MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS: European researchers discovered some interesting facts about the common causes of motorcycle accidents. The Motorcycle Accidents In Depth Study (MAIDS) was based on 921 motorcycle accidents, which included 103 fatalities, across France,

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Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain. While some of the findings were expected, others were unanticipated. Not surprisingly, the study indicates that the motorcyclists most often collided with passenger vehicles. Surprisingly or not, 70% of passenger vehicle drivers involved in accidents with motorcycles failed to perceive the motorcyclist. And while 73.1% of riders attempted some form of collision avoidance, 32% nonetheless experienced some form of loss of control during the maneuver. While all this may seem disheartening to riders, there are steps that can be taken to maximize safety; other findings from the study indicate: Over half of the accidents occurred at intersections - Although 90% of those involved in crashes were wearing helmets, 9% of helmeted riders lost their helmets in crashes due to improper fit, fastening or damage - Younger riders -- those between 18 and 25 years of age -- crashed at a higher percentage and riders aged 41 to 55 crashed less frequently - Riders wearing dark clothes were more likely to crash than others - Modified conventional street motorcycles were over-represented in crashes in the study, but engine size did not appear to be a factor - Unlicensed bikers were more likely to crash than properly licensed bikers - Weather was deemed to be a factor in only 7.5% of accidents.

VIRGINIA LAUNCHES "RIDER ALERT" CARD: Richmond Ambulance Authority (RAA) and Bon Secours Virginia

Health System, in partnership with Motorcycle Virginia, Inc., have launched a new program designed to save the lives of injured motorcyclists. The program provides free identification data cards that will help first responders provide rapid and accurate medical assistance to riders involved in accidents.

Motorcyclists who participate are provided a free Rider Alert card that contains their personal emergency contact and medical information in the event of a crash. The cards are kept inside the lining of riders' helmets and come with a 1-inch round sticker placed outside the helmet to alert emergency responders of the card. The sticker also warns bystanders not to remove the rider's helmet, which could prevent further injury.

RAA officials say the Rider Alert card program is the first of its kind in the United States, and said that they modeled their program on an initiative in Great Britain known as "CRASH Card", developed two years ago by that country's Ambulance Motorcycle Club.

On a national level, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) was founded on a similar premise over 25 years ago by California attorney Richard M. Lester, issuing free Emergency Medical cards to bikers across the country that are linked to a database of their important medical information and emergency contact. A.I.M. has notified ambulance companies and first responders across the country to look for the yellow A.I.M. Card in a downed rider's wallet.

"We applaud Virginia's Rider Alert program and can appreciate their organizers' level of commitment to implement such a life-saving project," said Lester, whose A.I.M. program also networks with biker attorneys in every state to represent the interests of injured motorcyclists. "When a rider is down, they need all the help they can get as fast as they can get it."

More than three million A.I.M. Cards have been issued since 1985, and you can get yours free by calling (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com. Free "Do Not Remove This Helmet" stickers are also available.

WEIRD NEWS: HONDA WORKING ON MOTORCYCLE SEATBELTS: Yes, you read it right...Honda is working on a system of seatbelts for motorcycles. Seems crazy, but it appears to be a serious project judging from the patents Honda has filed for the system, and images posted on Bikers-Post.com.

According to the website, the belt arrangement is designed for larger touring bikes like the Gold Wing where the rider won't be moving around much in the seat, and the belt can work with the airbag to more effectively reduce injuries.

However, Honda apparently has recognized that in a lot of accidents it's better to be away from the bike rather than attached to it, so their new seatbelt system also has elements of ejector seat: When the computer senses that the bike is irretrievably tipping

over it releases the entire seat, with the rider still attached, and inflates an airbag backrest. "The idea is that having ejected you slide down the road in a sitting position, with the seat betwixt your hide and the asphalt. Sort of extreme tobogganing."

Of course, nobody envisioned airbags on a motorcycle either, before Honda's R&D team put one on their Gold Wing as a factory option.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these."

~ George Washington Carver, scientist (1864-1943)



Sheep in Wolves Clothing aka Young Drivers and Riders

by John Del Santo

They look big enough to be adults, they seem like they're old enough to be responsible, and they are coming down the lane right next to your motorcycle. While only 4% of the cars around you are driven by young people, they are at fault in 66% of the deadly collisions. We cannot assume that any of the drivers around us will make the correct driving decisions at any given time, but there are ways we can try to improve those statistics.

This is also an important decision time for you if there are children in your family who are reaching that driving or riding age. As the new-driver laws stand at the moment, www.dmv.ca.gov, someone age 15 1/2 to age 17 1/2 must first finish a Drivers Education Class before they can apply for a learner's permit. Once they

pass the DMV written test and obtain a permit, the permit does not become legal until they have taken at least one lesson with a State Licensed Driving Instructor. I have seen the reason for this in my many years as a driving instructor when a new student gets "practice" with Dad or an older brother first, and then starts the six-hours of mandatory training with a professional licensed instructor. The instructor has to waste valuable training time trying to correct improper techniques and misinformation already fed to the student.

Many teenagers start off wrong if Dad or Mom are not safe and legal drivers. If Dad speeds and Mom tailgates and doesn't use her signals, how do you think the new driver is going to start his or her career on the road? Any teenager has been learning how to drive for twelve or thirteen years, just by watching - you are setting an

example for them every day of their lives. Do it right and their lives may be longer.

Cellular/Text phones are Weapons of Mass Destruction and should be locked in the trunk.

There is a new law for young motorcycle riders. It is called "Jarrad's Law", named after a deceased teenager who had a learner's permit, but no proper training. Fixing the loophole in response, Jarrad's Law took effect in California on January 1, 2011. Now anyone from age 15 1/2 to age 21 who wants to obtain a motorcycle license must first complete a 15-hour safety course overseen by the California Highway Patrol's California Motorcyclist Safety Program (CMSP), www.ca-msp.org. From age 15 and 1/2 to age 18, they must also either have a class C license or complete regular driver's education and training classes. After the

motorcycle safety course, they must pass a written test to receive a permit. The learner's permit must be held at least six months to become eligible for an actual motorcycle license. While operating a motorcycle with a permit, a rider may not carry a passenger, ride on a freeway, or ride at night. Have you read the drivers manual that the DMV gave to your son or daughter? Knowledge is power.

Those of us with young drivers or riders in the family should try to put them out there with a better chance of getting to be old drivers and riders.

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Meaner Than Snakes

by John Del Santo

What's happening out there on the road? I don't know if it's the weather or the economy or what? But it seems lately that many drivers have just gotten nastier and ruder, terribly selfish and downright dangerous! Bad enough that they're out there, but those of us on motorcycles have to share the road with them!



The California freeways were the birthplace of road rage. And there are a lot of people out there on the road who really should not have a license. The ones with the "me first" attitude, driving as if Route 5 were the Indy Speedway, those going 45 in the fast lane, or those drifting from lane to lane like a boat in the bay, unaware of anything around them, or the ones aggressively hanging six feet off your

back end. We need to keep our eye open for those 'me first' drivers who will see our signal, and then will try to beat us to the opening that we are heading for. These and any number of other dumb and dangerous moves can upset you and turn your smooth ride into anger or into a collection run for a gallon of stomach acid, if you allow it, and may even put you in the hospital.

As bikers, most of us are adamant about not allowing other people to run our lives. If we allow ourselves to get angry at other drivers, blow by them and shake our fist, swerve back in front of them, or use any other form of "punishment" then we are allowing them to control us! Even if you don't overact, but are upset enough to ride down the next five miles of road thinking about the stupid stunt they pulled, then you've let them take your concentration away from other traffic situations developing around you, and ruined five miles of enjoyable riding.

Take a deep breath! Chill out! Lay back! Yeah, that's much easier to say than do sometimes, but that bad driver who just offended you will get their payback somewhere down the road from some equally bad driver - what goes around comes around, Karma, and all that. Meanwhile you have retained control of your emotions, your ride, the traffic around you, and your life.

Be in Control, Be Defensive and Ride Smart.

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by Tim Tennimon,

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May 14 – ABATE Local 23 Annual Chili Cook-off – 1:00 pm (see flyer this issue for details and on our web site.)

May 22 – 2nd Quarterly Board Meeting – Sacramento – La Quinta Inn; 200 Jibboom St; Call 916/448-8100 and mention **ABATE** for special Room rate. (Meet & Greet 9:30am followed by Presidents & Pac Meetings; Lunch break & Board Meeting.)

May 23 – Freedom & Motorcycle Awareness Rally – State Capitol, South Steps
11am; Parking on N Street between 10th & 14th Streets from 8am to

6pm. Make an appointment with your Legislator and visit them in Sacramento before or after the rally.
June 12 - ABATE of California Local 17 in conjunction with Iron Steed Harley Davidson presents our 17th annual Ride-In Motorcycle Show and 14th Annual Car & Truck Show. All makes and models welcome. 12 Bike categories plus Best in Show; 5 Car and 1 Truck Category plus Best in Show. Register by 5/31/2011 and cost is \$20.00; after 5/31, \$25.00. Food, Fun & Drink. For more information contact Mike (707) 486-6454 or Steve (707) 479-2126.

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June 26 – ABATE Local 5 – Joy Ride (See flyer this issue with ALL the details and on our web site)

July 9 – ABATE Local 44 – Poker Run (See flyer this issue with ALL the details & on our web site)

September 10 – ABATE Local 19- 2nd annual Thunder IN the House to benefit Casa Colina “trauma center” (flyer is posted on ABATE's web site www.abate.org).

September 16, 17 & 18 – **ABATE State Run – Frandy Campground; Kernville**

December 4 – ABATE Local 19 & Pomona Valley H-D Annual Toy Drive

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An Open Letter to Our Members and Supporters

from Dave Hastings

ABATE of California has had its share of financial ups and downs over the years since Deacon pointed his old Pan Head front tire down "Freedom Road" with only a shoe box of names on 3 x 5 filing cards in his saddle bags. From that humble cardboard box beginning we have become one of the premier motorcycle rights organizations in the country and have had a profound influence in shaping and protecting motorcycle rights and legislation in California. But unfortunately, even through today, as large and influential as we have become, we still struggle financially.



Part of the reason is we are located in one of the most expensive and anti-business states in the union - California. Another is we are still trying to operate on the charity of our members and do not have a steady, dependable, source of income to offset our necessary operating expenses. Yes, our members pay annual dues, but the revenue stream from that source alone will not meet our obligated expenses. We have always had to rely on "charity runs" and "voluntary contributions" from our Locals throughout the years to make up the difference between our membership dues and our actual operating expenses.

2011 has been an extremely difficult year for our members, our Locals, and ABATE of California. Hard times over the last few years have been endured by our membership in their personal lives, and ul-

timately these difficulties have filtered down through the very core of ABATE. It's not like we never saw this coming, ABATE of California has been tightening its belt and hunkering down for the oncoming storm for years now. We've continuously cut back on expenses where possible and have postponed all new acquisitions until the economy improves. Now, if ABATE is to survive, we must implement emergency measures and immediately find a way to increase our income.

The first cost saving measure will be to go to a bi-monthly printed Bailing Wire for an annual savings of about \$16,000 dollars. We will still post our Bailing Wire on the ABATE web site every month but cut the printed issues down to six a year. Actually this gives our members and the general public 24 hour, year round access to our magazine and will offer the chance to look through the archives for old issues or info that they might have missed. We are also going to reformat our business member list into a more user friendly listing format so our members can better utilize the people and businesses that support ABATE.

Second, we have negotiated a reduction in our State Office rent and will save an additional \$2,400 dollars a year.

Third, and perhaps the most painful measure we are going to implement, is a \$10.00 dollar increase in our annual membership dues for both single and couple memberships. The business membership fees will remain at the current or "old" price. We have not increased our dues for the last ten years while our annual expenses have steadily increased. This \$10.00 increase works out to about an additional \$0.83 cents a month and should net us about \$12,000 dollars in needed additional income each year. This is assuming our membership numbers stay flat, if we are successful at recruiting additional members this amount will increase proportionally.

The last thing I would like to explain is our new "Sustaining Membership" that the Board of Directors has approved. A "Sustaining Member" will pay \$100.00 dollars for either a single or couple membership for the year. This is a "voluntary" upgrade to your annual membership dues and the difference will go into our ABATE General Fund to help sustain our organization on a year round basis. If a Lifetime member or a Business member wishes to participate in our "Sustaining Member" program they would send in an additional \$50.00 dollar

donation each year and request "Sustaining Member" status for the year.

What do you get for your money? Well for now, every "Sustaining Member" will receive a copy of each printed Bailing Wire in the mail to your membership address. In addition you will get priority or "VIP" status at all State functions (Northern & Southern Regional Rallies, State Run, etc.) and you will be recognized in the Bailing Wire for your upgrade to "Sustaining Membership" and, as additional benefits are added to our "Sustaining Membership" status, you will be notified.

Perhaps the most important facet of becoming a "Sustaining Member" is knowing in your heart that you have made that extra financial effort to support your ABATE year round and you are personally making an effort to keep the road to freedom open

and enjoyable for yourself and your fellow riders. Again, this is a voluntary upgrade to your membership, but I would like to recognize our first 2011 "Sustaining Members" - Ken & Glenice Hatfield (couple Local 44) and Lori Adams Massage Therapist (business Local 28).

Step up and support your ABATE and help ensure our financial independence - renew on time and better yet - become a "Sustaining Member" when it's time to renew your membership. If we can get at least 25% of our members to become "Sustaining Members" it would amount to a significant annual increase to our General Fund (approximately \$29,000 dollars a year just for Sustaining Membership!)

If you have any additional suggestions for increasing income please contact me and I will present your idea to our Board of Directors immediately. Working together to make ABATE better!





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Because all of the donations are sent directly to the ABATE State Office first, and then segregated to the designated fund, Dave Hastings & I decided to combine the names of all the Members that have sent in donations regardless of which fund they ultimately went to. So, if you donated to the PAC, the Lobbyist or the General fund, the donation went to that account.

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“YOU NEVER TALK TO ME ANYMORE”

by John Del Santo

How many times has that line been used when a relationship was headed downhill to disaster? Communication is important. Communication is *very* Important when you are getting ready to change directions on your bike. The more you let the other drivers *know* what you are going to do, the less chance there will be that they'll do something unexpected and get in your face. Signal your intentions. Naturally, people being what they are.... we should keep our eye open for those “me first” drivers who will see our sig-

nal, and then will try to beat us to the opening that we are heading for.

When we are slowing or changing lanes, many of us feel that *hand*-signals are noticed quicker than directional-signal lights by the cars close to us in traffic. A brain picks up motion quicker than light. A California law reads that if our bike has (working) electric directional signals, then we must use them; we aren't supposed to *just* use hand signals alone. But we could certainly use *both* if we want to....clicking on the directional signal, and then using a hand signal to communicate to the drivers that are near us in heavy traffic. Whatever works.

When we are downshifting for a lane without checking their blind spots stop or turn, a couple of flashes on our brake light should wake up the driver behind us to the fact that we are slowing down so that we don't surprise them... we'll reduce the odds of being mowed down by someone who's not paying attention. In the early morning and late afternoon when the Sun is glaring low in the sky and most of the other drivers are squinting, trying to see, having our headlight switched to High-Beam will make our presence a little more evident. And....don't hesitate laying on your horn (AND being ready with throttle or brakes) if someone near you in traffic looks like they might change into your

Hey! There are a lot of different ways to communicate! Hand Signals; Horn; Directional signals; Brake Lights; High Beams on during heavy daytime traffic; Modulating Headlights; Reflector Vests; Whatever fits your style! Communication! It will help us avoid disaster, and help us keep the Shiny Side Up!



Assemblymember Kevin Jeffries & ABATE Local 27 Members

Pictured are: L to R Ron Cox, Jim Hilton, Kevin Jeffries, Jack Howell, Greg Covell, Ken Nuttall. Nicholas Schneider missed the picture but was present. Photo taken by Jeffries Photographer Kristin Fuller.

We did get some curious looks

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Greg



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New ABATE of CA Bulletin Board

**from Dave Walsh,
Moderator
& President of Local 13,
ABATE of CA**

To all ABATE Members,

As announced at the quarterly meetings (Jan. 8), we have been working on a new Bulletin Board to replace the Google Groups Discussion Line we now use. This forum type format is similar to that used by nearly every special interest group on the internet. It is a different look than the current Discussion Line, and while not perfect, will be a major improvement over what we're using now.

Just like the current Discussion Line, you must be a member in good standing of ABATE of CA. Members will need to re-register for the Bulletin Board, even if you are currently a member of the Discussion Line, transferring your membership there isn't feasible. Only registered members will be able to see the Bulletin Board. The Bulletin Board is web-based, not email

based, so there is no email option to get the discussion line. You will be able to choose whether or not to get email notifications when there has been a new post added to a thread. This should end the spam problems of the email based Discussion Line.

We will run the new Bulletin Board and the old Discussion Line concurrently for the next month and a half. The hope is that we will abandon the Discussion Line at the end of February. I understand that it will be awkward for a while, but it will allow us the time to get used to the format and kick the tires, so to speak.

To register for the Bulletin Board go this web address: <http://www.abate.org/bulletin-board/Login.aspx> (if the link doesn't work, cut and paste the address into you browser.) This will take you to the Login page. I suggest you Bookmark this page or add to your Favorites, depending on what browser you use to make it easy to find in the future. We will be adding a link from the main website; we just haven't gotten there yet.

Near the bottom, left hand side of the Login page is a link to register, click on that.

This will take you to the registration page asking for a bit of information:

User Name: For this, we ask that you use something simple, such as your 1st initial and last name, all in lower case and without any spaces. i.e.: jsmith. This is the name you will login with.

First and Last Name: That should be fairly self explanatory. This will also allow us to identify your account should you forget your password.

Display Name: Also known as your *screen name*. This can be your real name, your road name, nickname, or whatever you want to call yourself.

Email Address: We will need this to send notifications to you, some of which will be explained, so make sure it's a legit email address that you use.

Password: Create a password you can remember for use when you login.

Then there's a security code you need to enter, then hit the "Register" link at the bottom of the page in order to complete the registration process.

You will not get immediate access to the Bulletin Board. An email will be shot off

to the administrator, who will review your application to make sure you're not Sen. Pavley. Upon approval, we'll shoot an email back to you notifying you of confirmation. You will then be free to login and access the Bulletin Board. Go to the Login Page that you Bookmarked and enter your *User Name* and *Password*.

Once on the Bulletin Board, move your cursor to hover over "ABATE Forums" in the Title Bar. A drop down menu will appear showing the various Groups we have for various subjects. Click on one and you will be taken to that Group.

I'm not going to pretend that this will be a seamless transition. There will be a learning curve for most all of us here, but it shouldn't be too difficult. Feel free to ask questions, but please be patient; we're going through this learning curve with you. I'd much rather learn how to rebuild a 6 speed transmission than learn this web stuff.

Presidents, please forward this to your Local members. Hopefully we can get enough participation that the Bulletin Board will become an effective communication tool for ABATE of CA. Thanks.

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STAYING BETWEEN THE LINES

by John Del Santo, ABATE Safety Officer

One of the first projects assigned to children in Kindergarten is when they are supplied with a coloring book and a box of crayons, and are taught to color nice and be careful and stay between the lines. With many of them, somewhere between that time and the time they learn to drive, something bad happens to that portion of their brain, and they drive down the road floating around like a boat in the bay, totally unable to keep a six-foot wide car in between a set of twelve-foot wide lane lines ...and *we're sharing* the road with them!

You see them all the time around you...the ones who are probably not reading the highway road signs, staying out in the left lanes until they are eleven feet from the exit they wanted, and then making a dive for the exit or their counterparts who are already on the exit ramp when they decide they *really* didn't want to get off here, and they make a radical swerve back out onto the highway...*without checking* their blind-spots...And DON'T expect a directional signal from these folks! Some of these "special" drivers start



out in one part of a double-left-turn lane, and finish in the other lane whether or not there is another car or motorcycle already occupying that space. Very often they're unaware of *any* other vehicle near them. They'll stop at a traffic signal in a 'Turn-Only' lane, and when the light turns green they go straight through the intersection. Sure... if you or I missed a street or an exit, we would just go to the next exit and get off and go back...but so many of these drivers seem like they would take a chance crashing their car into the vehicles around them, or up against the exit-divider, rather than miss their turn. That area around the exit-divider is called the "gore" area by the highway engineers... I betcha we can guess

why they call it *that*. Most people who drive like this, driving as if they have a paper bag over their head, don't maintain enough following distance, either. So when something unexpected happens, they brake hard *and swerve* out of their lane...usually towards the right side. When you are approaching them on a residential street, streets without a painted center-line, don't expect them to figure out where *their half* of the street is.

We need to be aware when we are in anyone's Blind Area, or when they are in ours, and adjust our space so that we are not in the target area of their poor driving. We can read the 'body language' of their intentions most of the time, and figure out what they are probably going to do before they do it. Don't trust the 'tailgaters' ... They'll change lanes fast and use no directional signals. When driving around those big, wide, tall S.A.V.'s (Suburban Assault Vehicles), be aware that they have a lot more blind areas than smaller cars, and be ready to move somewhere else. When you can't see a driver's face in any mirror, they can't see you. Be ready to use your horn if they start to move across the line, to let them know that you are near them, but don't be surprised if they can't *hear* your horn or pipes over the stereo. When they are just *thinking* about moving, they will unconsciously drift their car towards that side of the lane. Watch for them glancing at the rearview

mirror... *Now they're* getting ready to move. Be ready!

Gee Whiz! The poor things *are driving* at a disadvantage, Ya know... It hardly seems fair for us to expect them to steer, dial the car-phone, read a text-message, use directional signals, take sips from their Cappuccino, *and stay* between the lines all at the same time, when they only have *two hands*! But as long as we are riding near them, sharing the road with them, we should expect the worst from them and do the best we can to avoid becoming a target. Be Aware, and....Ride Safe!!

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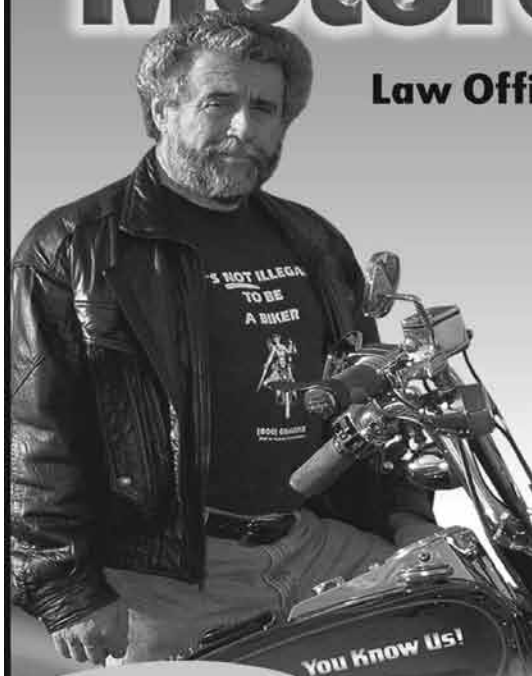
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by John Del Santo

When we decide that the car in front of us on that two-lane road is going slower than we want to go, we have several observations and decisions to make that can result in a number of different outcomes. Such as making a successful pass, being passive until a nice space comes along, lying in a hospital bed with life passing us by, or maybe even passing away.

A poorly done pass can result in a head-on collision which is the most deadly type of collision we can be involved in. At only 50 MPH, two vehicles approaching each other are closing the gap at 150 feet per second! When we decide to pass, IF the other cars don't speed up, and IF the slower car is aware that we are starting to pass, and IF no one pulls out of a driveway down the road, and IF we haven't misjudged anyone's speed or distance, then it will still take us about a quarter of a mile to make a safe, clean, pass. If I don't have

that much room, or if I can't see at least that far down the road, then I don't start the pass! Another opportunity will come along in a minute. If the approaching car appears to be standing still, then that car is at least a quarter-mile away from me. If the car looks like it is moving towards me, if I can see motion, then it's closer than a quarter of a mile, and it's probably too close to complete a safe pass!

Not everyone uses their signals for one reason or another. That car in front of you that is going slow, or slowing down, may be preparing for a left turn. Surprise! Surprise! Most of them don't use their mirrors except for shaving and combing their hair, and they don't even know that you're back there.

While waiting for a good spot to make a pass, some riders move in close and tailgate the slower driver to demonstrate their impatience. This action gains nothing, doesn't leave much room to accelerate into a passing run, and limits their visibility of what's happening up the road. It would also take only a small, sudden mistake on the car driver's part to transform the tailgating motorcycle

into a big dent on the back of the slow guy's car and then the whole purpose of the trip would become passé.

While it is against the law to pass over solid-yellow centerlines, the main reason we shouldn't consider passing over them is that they are pretty good indicators that we don't have enough space or visibility to make a pass, or that the possibility for interference from cross-traffic is high.

If we do it right, then our pass will have become past history, and we will have done it with a passing grade. Ride Safe!



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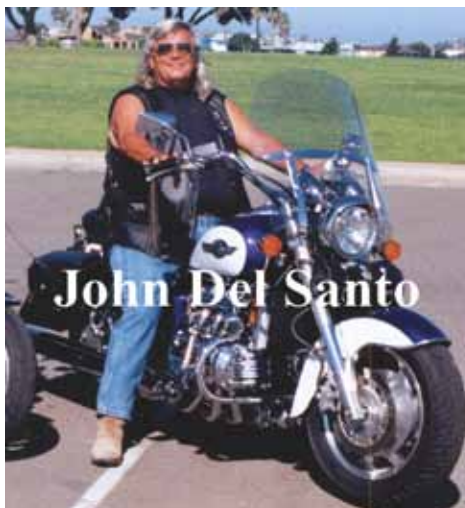
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by John Del Santo

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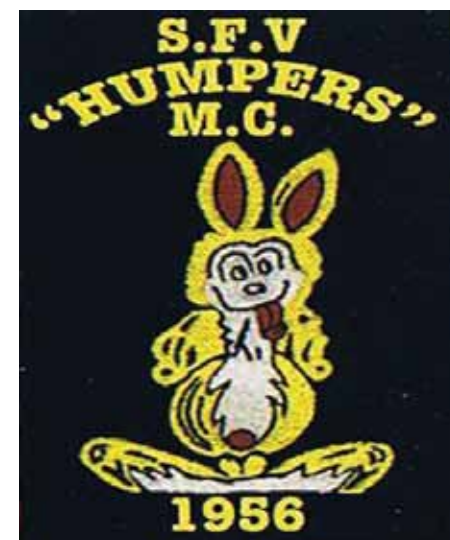
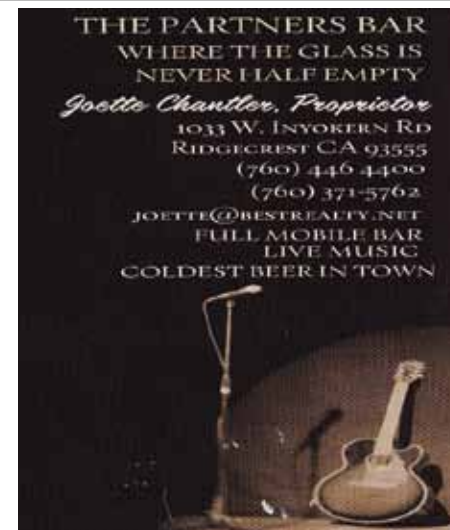
They put blinders on some racehorses to limit their sight towards the front only so they don't notice what's happening around them. The same thing happens when someone wears a pair of glasses with wide, solid temple pieces that block their peripheral vi-

sion. "Honest, Officer...That guy came out of NOWHERE!"

A pair of 50 year-old eyes sees about 20% less at night than a pair of 20 year-old eyes. We may be much better riders or drivers, and know more, and have more experience (and are smarter and better looking) but we do see less. The 50 year-old eyes also have slower glare recovery and take longer to focus clearly when shifting from close-to-to-distant-to-close again. As long as we are aware of our liabilities, we can adjust our driving patterns to them. Leaving a lot more following distance is one of the major solutions, and regular eye checkups are big-time important.

As sunlight turns to dark we put the sunglasses away or take off the dark face shield if we expect to see anything moving out there worth seeing. Even some of the photo-sensitive lenses that darken as the day gets brighter, don't clear up all the way when it gets dark, some still maintain about ten percent of their darkness at night and you'll lose ten percent of what you need to see.

So, sing what must be sung, and do what must be done, and see what must be seen to keep you rolling along and see ya' later.



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