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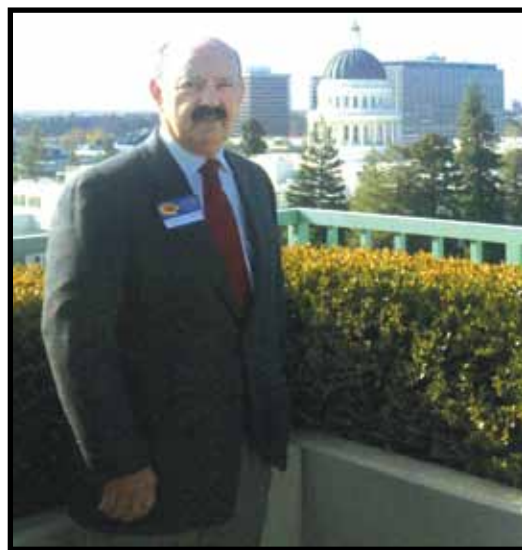
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Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by James Lombardo, Lobbyist &
Assistant Legislative Director



The Legislature has finally recessed until January 5. They sent more than 600 bills to Governor Brown for him to sign or veto in the last couple of weeks. He has already **VETOED SB 105** by Senator Leland Yee (D-San Francisco) which would have required snowboarders and skiers under the age of 16 to **wear a HELMET!** His veto message stated while the intent may have been good, riders and parents should be the ones deciding what safety gear to wear and that the Legislature sometimes overreaches on what the government can, or should require people to do. His full veto message is included in the Bailing Wire!

A GREAT VICTORY FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM! It might be a good idea for us to send letters, faxes, and e-mails to Governor Jerry Brown and sincerely thank him for vetoing this latest attempt by government to interfere in our lives. He can be e-mailed at Governor.Brown@ca.gov and you can call his office at (916) 445-2841.

Our very good friend and supporter, former Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny, is running for Congress in CD 51. This is a very clear choice — she authored two Helmet Law repeal bills for ABATE, AB 1412 and SB 969 and co-authored every Helmet Law repeal bill introduced on behalf of ABATE, **EVERY YEAR**, no matter who carried it. She is running against Former Assemblyman and current Senator, Juan Vargas, who voted against our Helmet Law repealers when he was on the Assembly Transportation Committee and later when the bills came up on the Assembly floor for a vote — he is a former insurance industry executive! I will be reviewing this and other 2012 election races that ABATE needs to be involved in!

Please attend our next PAC meeting in Sacramento on October 15, or send a representative from your Local to get these important updates. We will be discussing our letter writing/petition drive at that PAC/Legislative Committee meeting as well.

A reminder; on January 9, Assemblyman Chris Norby's ABATE-sponsored Helmet Law repeal bill, AB 695, and AB1047 by Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries to stop motorcycle-only checkpoints will both be heard in the Assembly Transportation Committee. Please make your plans to attend.

See you in Sacramento on October 15 at the La Quinta Inn!

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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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A Special thanks to our Sustaining Members!!!

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Ron Sundquist L#21;

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The words "thank you" just seems so trivial, but until some other words can convey our gratefulness for your donations, it will have to do.

So "Thank You" to one and all! And please, if you haven't donated yet, you can mail your donation to: ABATE of CA; 10240 7th Ave; Hesperia, CA 92345-2631. Write in the memo which fund you would like to donate to.

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October 1 – ABATE Local 3, Thousand Oaks – Third Annual Trivia Tour – (see flyer this issue for details.)

October 9 – ABATE Local 27, Riverside County - 3rd Annual Poker Run; Riverside; Sign-in 9am – 10:30 am. See Flyer this issue for details.

October 15 – ABATE Quarterly Meetings – Sacramento – Details are on line at www.abate.org Home page and the Events page.

October 22 – ABATE Local 29 Morongo Valley – 14th Annual Laughlin River Run. (Flyer this issue) For additional Info/Pre-Reg contact Marty Rapp 760/367-1694 or Thomas Bruce Ride 760/365-9009

October 29 – ABATE Locals 8 & 20 Orange County - 6th Annual Halloween Trick or Treat Run (See flyer this issue for details.)

November 13 – One More From the Heart – benefits the Totally Kids Specialty Health Care Center. Kick Stands UP from the Chopperr month to be listed in the next issue. Place @ 10:00 am Sharp 4791 Doane Ave; Riverside, Ca 92505 or arrive at used in the Bailing Wire.

November 19 – ABATE Local 38 Yuma & Imperial Counties – Annual Turkey Run (See flyer this issue for details.)

November 27 – ABATE Local 21 & AlleyGl.Org - 15th Annual Toy Run for Moose Charities; at the Moose Lodge; 44545 Division St; Lancaster, CA. More info, contact Santa at 661/947-3734.

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

December 11 – ABATE Local 1 & Glendale H-D 24th Annual Skid Row Ride (See flyer this issue for details.)

January 9 – 2012 – State Capitol – South Steps – details are on line at www.abate.org Home page and the Events page.

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AB695 the Helmet Modification Bill authored by Assemblyman Chris Norby and
AB1047 the Motorcycle ONLY Checkpoints Bill authored by Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries are tentatively scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Transportation Committee TODAY!!

Please write your letters or sign on to the "letter of Intent" to the Committee members and ask for their **support** on these two bills **NOW!!!**

Protect YOU RIGHT TO RIDE!
GET INVOLVED!!!

State Run Thank YOU!!

Pics by Gill & Tina

by Tina Sanders, State Run Chairperson

ABATE'S Annual State Run was held this past weekend in Kernville. THANK YOU to ALL that came and supported the run. Fun was had by all. The weather was great! We had great music all weekend by Direct Harley Parts & Elmer Time. Saturday the WidowMakers MC took a group on the Harmon Memorial Ride.

Local 40 did the Bike/People games, the winners were: Weenie Bite -Pete & Sherry Reilly; Slow Ride – Paula; Long Dong for the women - Stormi and for the men - Critter.

At our award ceremony Local 6 won for the largest attending ABATE Local. The Boozefighters MC won for the largest non-ABATE group. The winner of the 50/50 received \$320.00. Unfortunately I didn't get her name, but, congratulations! And we took advantage of our Founder – Deacon & Lady Kay's attendance at the Rally and had Deacon give a few words of encouragement and a plea for a NEED TO LEAD. We concluded the night with listening to Elmer Time.

I would like to thank: Everyone that helped at the sign-in booth, Carol Cromwell, Patty & Fred Cammack.

Everyone that helped at the Raffle booth, Sporty, Linda Hammer, Dina & Steve B for selling raffle tickets; Esaa DePew, Ed & Barbara Aranda, Darian, Ken Samples, and Cheryl Clark for making the raffle run smoothly.

Tim Lira for running security for us and his team, Darian & Ron Morris.

Local 40 for doing the Bike/People games.

Direct Harley Parts & Elmer Time for the music.

Our vendors A.I.M., Cats Biker outlet, CCC Knives, Direct Harley Parts, Frandy Campground, Mary Kay, & Old River BBQ.

Our t-shirt sponsors ABATE Locals 00, 01, 11, 27, 40, A.I.M., Kernville Inn, Edie & Jim, Lil' David Morena, Frandy Campground, Sisters of SCOTA W.M.C., Fred & Patty Cammack & Outrage'n.

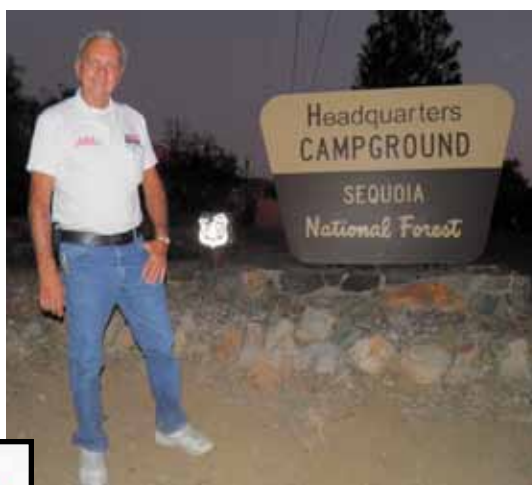
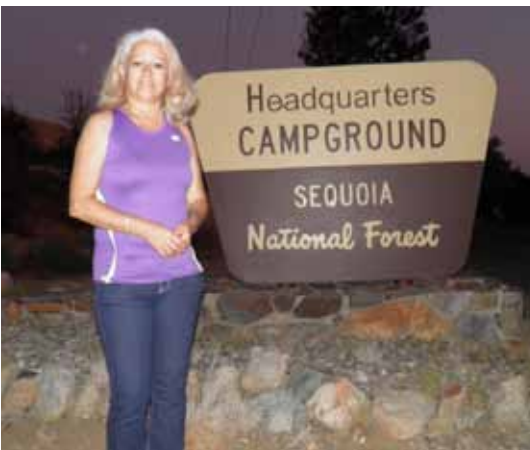
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Board Candidates Statements for 2012-2013 Term

Lee 'Sporty' Milligan III

Sincerely, Gregory M. Covell

Johnny O'Kane

Apathy rules, I got a nomination and a second at our last meeting. I won't write a bio or ask for votes, if there's a seat that needs filled chances are...

Sarge Matthews



If you don't know me by now, you must be living under a rock. I've been a member of ABATE since 1986, and have served on the Board for 22 of those years. I've served as president of Local 1, where I currently serve as run coordinator and vice president. I also served as State Run Coordinator for 10 years and through that run, raised thousands of dollars for ABATE.

I believe in freedom and have always been in the front lines of the fight. I've been known to be somewhat "politically incorrect" from time to time, but I always speak my mind and I'm not afraid to be on the unpopular side of an issue if I think it is right.

I'm asking for your vote because I have the experience, I have the integrity and I have the balls to make the tough decisions. I won't let you down.

Nick Benson Sr.



My name is Nick Benson Sr. I am a 20 year supporter of ABATE of California. I founded Local 47 Barstow in about 1992 and kept the Local alive for a few years before work obligations forbade me from having the time to run the day to day operations of the Local. Since then, I have stayed in touch with both the Local and with the state office and supported them as much as I could.

I was recently contacted by a long standing member who suggested I run for the Board of Directors. When I got the call, my first impulse was to laugh because I thought it was a prank call. It turned out not to be a prank and after some careful consideration and soul searching I thought to myself "hmmm, I wonder if I am up to the challenge of trying to make a change in both ABATE of California and in the minds of the riding community." I slept on it and decided that although I have been somewhat inactive with ABATE for a few years, maybe it is time to see if I am one of those with talent. So rather than sit on my butt and enjoy my retirement from the seat of one of my bikes and just be a spectator, I have decided to throw my bandana into the ring and see what happens.

I am now retired and have both the time and inclination to attempt to bring life back into this once great organization. I think that we have a lot of good people and a lot of talent, and we just need to harness all that talent into action once again.

I believe that over the past several years people have become discouraged with what they perceive to be inaction by ABATE and no positive results combined with some personal feelings getting in the way, the bad economy, and several other factors that made some members feel as though they were not important or that our fight was hopeless. I think every member is important, every idea is important enough to discuss in a civil manner and although not all of your ideas will become policy or get used, all should be taken seriously.

Finally, I think that we have some "old timers" that have become dormant for whatever reasons and if I can shake the dust off of them and convince them to become active again, we can all focus on our one common denominator, which is riding in a free and hassle free manner. Basically, I feel as though I have to at least try. Just imagine if our founding fathers had just given up on this country and not even tried. Well I don't like the idea of not even trying, so here I am.

If you agree with my thoughts, vote for me.
Nick Benson Sr.

Well ABATE members, it's time again for elections for the Board of Directors and, after careful consideration, I have come to the conclusion that I will seek another term as a Board member.

You all know what I stand for; keeping motorcycling better for all riders in California. I am confident that we, as an organization, can strive to get better and better. We are dealing with how to survive in this poor economy and making the necessary changes to accomplish that goal. I have only ABATE's interests at heart and treat each member equally.

Again my position is clear; you get no bull from me. So with that said, I respectfully request your vote for me as a Board member.

Sincerely, Lee 'Sporty' Milligan III.

Gregory Covell

My name is Gregory Covell. I have been a member of ABATE for going on 12 years in varying capacities and I am currently the president of Local 27 in Riverside - the fastest growing Local in California - and accepted a Board position when the need arose this year.

With 42 years of riding experience in motorcycling, it has become clear to me that the proliferation of restrictive laws, apathy of the voting public, and the loss of community inter-communication has infiltrated the motorcycling community.

Fear, Isolation, Apathy and Anger are emotions that seem to be evident everywhere in our society today. We must strive to re-unite and show that all motorcyclists in California can stand together to regain and retain that independent, pioneering spirit which built this country. Only by working together can we protect the freedoms, rights and protections that we as Americans deserve.

I am submitting my name to be considered as a continuing representative on the ABATE state Board of Directors.

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LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all of you in ABATE land! Local 1 is playing hooky so we can all attend the State run in Kernville. It is my expressed wish that a whole lot of the ABATE Freedom Fighters were able to make it to the best party in Kernville. Look for a Local 1 report in the November addition of the Bailing Wire. Regards, Sporty.

Local #02 Simi Valley



What a great day it is here at Local 2's meeting! Awesome riding weather, great food and great camaraderie! Check us out; we meet at VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Street in Simi Valley on the second Tuesday of the month. The eating fest starts at 6:45 pm and our meeting starts at 7:30. Thanks to our volunteer cooks Mike and Scott! They brought a great amount of food with them; you can't get a better \$5 meal cooked to order than this! To all the members of Local 2 who couldn't show up, you missed a feast and we still miss you!

Pres Ray got us going; after the Pledge of Allegiance he talked in depth about ABATE in general, stats that I didn't like to hear but needed to know, it was kind of disparaging but I'll get over it.

Our VP Scott talked about re-election stuff, I guess it's that time of year, so please come to our next meeting or we will vote you into something that you'll have to do for us all! Secretary Jane read the minutes and Stephanie our Treasurer told us we have some money.

Linda, our PAC person, read us a letter from back in '91 about our freedom's, it was a good article and it reminds me of how our government wants to limit us and tell us how to live in our own country. You know, land of the Free?

Pat, our membership lady, told us we have a new member! Congratulations to Jim Barney, our newest member and thanks to Denny who brought him as a guest last meeting. We must have done something right, cause he joined!

Guy, our Run Coordinator, talked about our last fun ride and had another going this month, Thanks Guy for your hard work!

This was a fast meeting and we had a good time enjoying our raffle prize drawings, Mike won the 50/50 drawing and Dave was a no show or else he would have won the membership drawing, now it will roll over and a big payday is looming, so be here at the next meeting and you'll know what you could win \$\$\$.

Norm (me), the PR guy, gets the last word here; I talked about tickets - not to a game or concert or a ball, but the ones that will cost ya some bucks. I gave out some facts that are real. Here's a short summary of a disturbing trend. LA County (all police agencies) wrote (last fiscal year) 1,857,825 tickets! That's it! Now don't get mad, just obey the law and you'll be okay, for now. PTL norm e. new

Local #06 San Diego



We had a pretty good showing for the Labor Day Weekend, with a lot of good comments and good questions. President Steve Martin ran a good and interesting meeting. We discussed current political happenings and a report from our Treasurer, Mike Decker. He and Secretary Patty Wilber are still trying to get us established with a new bank account.

On Sunday, November 6, there will be a memorial ride for Barry & Carol Sandberg, Local 6 members who were taken from us two years ago. The ride starts at 1 pm a couple of blocks from here at Mount Soledad, and ends at American Legion Post 460 where a lunch will be prepared for the first 100 people to attend. The lunch has been paid for by friends of Barry & Carol. On that same day, we will have an ABATE Local 6 monthly meeting, which will start at noon sharp, and will end at 12:45 sharp, so that anyone who wants to go up to Mount Soledad and join the ride, may do so. Anyone's option may also include leaving the Local 6 meeting and going directly to the American Legion Posts 460 where lunch will start at 2 pm.

PAC Rep Douglas Findlay gave a good report on what's coming up in the politician field, and stressed the point that we need to get out and DO something for these Politicians to get them on our side. Toni Atkins will be running some programs this weekend in her race for State Assembly, and our member Keith Lim has already signed on to volunteer. Toni Atkins is on our side since we helped her during the last election.

Fran Del Santo attended the CMSP Advisory Board meeting in Sacramento a few weeks ago, and gave us a report on that. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) set a new record this week, when they graduated their Six Millionth motorcycle student in their worldwide Rider Course. Quite a few ABATE members are also MSF Rider Coaches, and the MSF is a business member of ABATE of California.

John Del Santo did a safety report titled "Meaner Than Snakes", on drivers that we share the highways with. Have you seen our Local 6 Website? <http://abatelocal6.org/>. Our Webmaster, Joe Tatro, has done a dynamite job with it! He has also instituted the Local 6 Face book Page. Check it out!

Local #20 Orange County



We had a meeting with 31 in attendance and 6 guests, Faviola, Cookie, Pirate Mike, Phil Niehus, Jerry Contreras and Dave. Gill talked about gas pumps with 1 hose for all 3 octanes. The first 1/2 gallon is whatever the person before you pumped!

Spike was at the COC/NCOM meeting in Colorado. He will report what happened there. Other topics covered were the octane calculations and the State Assembly unanimously approved the cell phone bill on September 12, 2011. Washington State uses the FOIA.

The 5th Annual Downed Biker Rally is on Saturday, October 1. Rain date is October 8. This benefits Southern California riders who go down and need assistance. Pastor Tom Longbrake explained this money helps the biker and/or the family with costs for medical, food, etc. Plus Pastor Tom and his people will administer/help with anything that needs to be done - giving support, grocery shopping, mowing the lawn, etc.

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Local 8 and Local 20 have our Halloween Trick or Treat Poker Run on Saturday, October 29. We need raffle prizes.

Kelly O'Gorman lost out on the \$296. Remember to win the \$ you have to be at the meeting. Look Twice, Save A Life! Squirt

Local #21 Antelope Valley



There were four people at our meeting. We collected \$110, including Marks \$15 for the Lobby fund. We have come to rely on Mark's ability to always come through. But we don't rely on his ability to show up for the meetings, cause he is always working. So I plugged him in. The money got sent to all funds.

We discussed the new voted in criteria to remain in the good graces of our dear organization. Since we normally have only four people at our meetings, being the smallest, but bad to the bone Local, we should be exempt, especially with our record of the pitch and send. But being the bad 'ol Local that we are, we voted to conform.

So we will get this over with right now. Our President is Ron, our Vice President was Mark, but he's always working, so our Run coordinator, Glen, will step up and fill that slot. Our Secretary is Roz and the Treasury is handled by Daryl the Plumber. So now our Local is an open book!

Our meeting was short and we handled all the business in a few minutes. See you at the State run. Love, Daryl the Plumber.

Local #23 San Bernardino



Those long hot days of summer are almost behind us. Our third and final Burger Burn for the

summer was on one of the hottest days of the year – it reached 113 degrees!! Even though we felt like we would melt, we survived.

We have started discussing events for next year and have a few good ideas.

It is that time of year when all the toy runs and charity runs are booked. There are so many good organizations that you can contribute to. I know that times are hard now for everyone, but if you can go to at least one charity event, you will make a difference. So many people don't have anything, or they are suffering from some medical condition or they are just lonely. If you can't donate money or goods, then donate your time and your smile. You could be the shining star to that person and make their day just a little better.

Local #24 Fresno

On September 7 we got together at Cedar Lanes for our monthly meeting. After the Pledge, the 27 members present had a lively discussion about the number of ABATE Locals that are inactive and the State ABATE proposal to deal with this. Overall the members felt if the Local is not active in supporting California motorcyclist rights, they should not be part of ABATE.

We also explored ways to increase our membership. We now have a write up about ABATE in the Central Valley Biker.com magazine. We also have been given a very good price to have full page advertisements about ABATE runs. The magazine is a free publication that is put out every two months. Distribution is from Bakersfield to Modesto and is available in almost all motorcycle shops and stores.

We also will be attending HOG meetings and other motorcycle organizations to explain what ABATE is and is not. Too many other motorcyclists think ABATE is only a helmet repeals organization.

Looking ahead, our End of Summer Run to Santa Cruz is on October 8 and 9th. We are looking for a very good turnout. The Turkey Run will probably be the first weekend in November. Our monthly Day Ride will be over by the time you read this. I'm sure the ride into the Sequoia-Kings National Park will be well attended. Something about when it is 100 degrees in Fresno seems to draw riders to the cool high country.

Local elections are coming up, nominations due at our next meeting.

Treasury reports we are low, but still positive. We had to cut back our monthly contribution to State ABATE from \$300.00 to \$100.00 this month with the funds going to the Lobbyist.

Membership is good and we have 14 business members. Many thanks to all of you that have renewed your membership.

We had a good selection of raffle prizes this month, thank you to all that bring them. The 50/50 drawing of \$68.00 was won by Ray. Marilyn Pike

would have won the \$20.00 membership drawing if she had been present.

All for now, see you on the road. Bruce



Local #25 Sacramento

I'd like to introduce myself, "Rebel" Ruthi Wolfson, I have been voted in as the new President of Local 25, Sacramento, CA.

I have been active with ABATE since 1978 in CA, FL, & IL. I held offices as Legislative Coordinator & Safety & Ed Coor for Chicago, IL Chapter of ABATE of IL. I was secretary of Pasco County Chapter of ABATE of FL (defunct chapter now).

I have been an advocate for disabled bikers rights & disabled nurse's rights for 35+ years. I am the author of the Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Program of Greater IL & FL.

I am a retired Legal Nurse Consultant & Trauma Nurse Practitioner. I am a Freedom of Choice person & DO NOT believe in having to wear a helmet. I can come up with more reasons why not to wear one versus reasons to. But Freedom of Choice lets ALL bikers decide whether each individual biker wears one or not.

I'm following in the footsteps of a good past president and I hope to make another dent in changing laws. We still meet at Denny's Restaurant, 3520 Auburn Blvd. in Sacramento.

Sincerely, "Rebel" Ruthi Wolfson, BSN, LNC, TNS

Local #27 Riverside



The run to Hesperia on September 3 to pick up the Bailing Wire was sparsely attended. I was, however, happily joined by 3 members of Local 19. We rode up Highway 15 to Hesperia, spent some time with Carol and Tina. On the return trip home we rode out the back way on 138 to return to highway 15. The twists and turns were great and

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we avoided the congestion caused by the fire in the pass. The weather couldn't have been better.

The ABATE State Run was September 16, 17, 18. Hope you attended. Plan for our Poker Run on October 9. It should be an enjoyable 60 mile loop around Riverside. Flyers are out and it is on our website. Come and have a great day. Pre-register and save \$\$\$.

Locals 8 and 20 are having a Halloween Run on October 29. Lets all work together to make it a success. I know Local 27 will make a showing anyone else? Come on now, if ABATE doesn't support its own, how can we expect others to support ABATE.

The next Board of Directors meeting is in Sacramento on October 15. Time for fine tuning our legislative and political plans for the next year - that's all I'll say about that for right now.

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

Local #28 Lake County



Hi everyone! Wow! I made the deadline this month! It's been a pretty slow summer for our Lo-

cal. Meetings are kept, but people seem to get busier and busier with other things to do. We signed up a new member! Yahoo! Thank you Cathleen. Some new blood is stirring the Locals up.

We are going to support Local 31 Chico's run the 17th of this month. Also going to try something new and do the toy run in October instead of December. The weather seems to keep people from riding when it's raining!

Lots of political action coming soon, so enjoy the rest, because we are going to hit the ground running soon.

I am giving up my spot on the Board of Directors. I want to thank EVERYONE for the friendships that I have developed over the last 4 years with you all. Each and every one of you has a special place in my heart, but I feel it is time to move on. I will finish out this last Board meeting in Sacramento.

Also this is my last year as President for Local 28. I'm hoping somebody will step up and fill this position for our Local.

As rep for the Northern California C.O.I.R. (Coalition Of Independent Riders), I feel I will better serve ABATE in this area. Thank you again, Lori Adams.

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Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer



This month's article is going to be very short and to the point. We have 33 active Locals in ABATE of California and our Board of Directors' elections and appointment of State Officers are rapidly approaching. With that many Locals we should have at least one person from each Local seeking a position at the state level for the upcoming year. Have you considered seeking a state office? Do you know someone in your Local who might run if given a slight nudge, a little encouragement, a small reassurance from you and your Local members that they are qualified and capable of holding and performing admirably in a state position?

We currently have six (6) elected Board positions up for grabs and numerous appointed positions available for 2012. Why shouldn't we have 33 candidates for those positions? Some of our current Board members (myself included) have held office for years and it's time for new ideas, enthusiasm, and even a new direction from our membership.

ABATE of California is entering "middle age" as an organization and we cannot let ourselves become too complacent, too comfortable, or too satisfied with our motorcycle lifestyle or we will face an emotional bankruptcy when the cur-

rent leaders retire. Not that they can't or shouldn't be replaced, but from the fact that no one else is willing to put on their boots and jacket and take their place at the front of the pack. I would love to ride sweep for a while instead of out front, maybe even miss a meeting or two because I found a new road to point my front tire down that didn't always have a meeting scheduled at the end.

ABATE is always changing, facing new realities, and overcoming new obstacles placed in our path. That flexibility is our greatest organizational asset and the foundation that we have used to build and nurture our motorcycle rights in California. We have been both a winner and a loser, but we have never given up, never lost sight of our goals, and never lost our hunger or desire.

Put on YOUR leathers and ride with me for a few miles. The road will always call out your name if you take the time to listen. Become one of our Board of Directors or State Officers and help lead ABATE of California into 2012. ABATE is calling, and she owns the road. Make the time and then quietly listen as she calls out your name and the miles and smiles will be easy.

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Sporty's Rides

By Lee 'Sporty' Milligan



What to write about is the theme of this month's column. It gets difficult to write stuff each month, but I will press on and on.

I had a little trouble with the 2002 883. It needed to have the transmission oil changed and I was going to do the work myself. Wrong! The best laid plans of mice and men - pass the cheese please. I should have gone to the dealer, because I ended up going to the dealer! You see years ago I was told to do only simple items on the bike like oil changes, spark plugs etc, simple things. I thought changing the transmission oil would be a simple thing. Another chorus of "wrong"!

You see folks the transmission plate bolt was stripped. It's a star head bolt and apparently got stripped over the years. Ok, so I tried to drill it out and - bam - that did not work. In fact I broke a drill bit in the bolt top. Yaks! So I ended up breaking the inspection plate off. I jerry rigged the plate on with one bolt and took it up to old road HD to get fixed. Lucky for me they had one they could take off a wrecked bike, so the price was not too steep.

The 2002 883 has over 91,500 miles on it and it is beginning to show its mileage. Ok, Sporty, what's the deal with this? Let me tell you it has the under carriage for the voyager kit and when

I get a rebuild on the motor I am going to get the bolt tapped out on the right side. It's a 27 mm bolt that broke flush on the right side. The rebuild will be coming soon, but gotta straighten out the finances to accomplish this.

The economy has even hit old Sporty. Mrs. Sporty, through no fault of her own, was laid off last November and she hasn't been able to find work in her field as a legal secretary dealing with workman's comp litigation. So things are a little tight. Well folks enough about the sucky economy.

All year you have been told about Local 19's Thunder In The House on September 10 and I was there. I tried to get a group ride to attend this event, but apparently work and finances made a group ride a problem. The only person I got was Jeff Flame to commit and when I arrived at Peter Daniel's house, Jeff was a no show. Lame excuse was running late etc, etc.

I arrived at the fair grounds and there he was! Oh well. I ran the Poker run. And guess what? It rained on our parade. Another kinda sucky part of the deal, but the run was fun. My hand of course sucked, but that's another matter. I ran into the Local 19 crew and Jack and Greg from Local 27 and had fun. So since it's an ABATE run it was not too bad a day. Spent money on some smell good from the Avon ladies' booth. Thanks for the good day folks in Local 19 land.

Well that about wraps up this month's column. State run will be the focus for next month's column as well as Local 3's Ride and Learn run. And as always, plan your events around ABATE Local's events and get some members! Regards, Sporty.

Membership Report

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi all! Sporty here! The focus is members, members and more members. Without new members and the renewals this organization will become stagnate. You have all read the drill on getting new members and how I suggest you keep your renewals - can you say trinkets?

We need your help to keep bring in new members so our organization keeps flowing along. So again I implore you to attempt to get new members for the drive.

Also, please remember to do your quarterly report so that your Local will be in compliance - that goes for you too, right Sporty? Yes, sir!

Local 1 will be manning a booth at the Love Ride and we hope to get members out of this event. You hopefully will be attending events that will help get movement on the membership trail.

OK, if you have suggestions that will help get members or things that will keep your renewals, email your suggestions to me, Sporty, at sporty-milligan@yahoo.com.

Regards, Sporty

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COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish

PENNSYLVANIA MEASURE WOULD LIMIT LEARNER PERMITS: ABATE of Pennsylvania is supporting legislation to limit the number of motorcycle learner's permits allowed before a rider must get a license. "All too often those involved in serious accidents have no motorcycle endorsement on their license," lobbyist Charles Umbenhauer of BikePAC told the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), adding that "In most cases this also means they have had no formal motorcycle rider training."

State Representative Seth Grove (R-Dover Township) has introduced legislation aimed at increasing motorcycle safety by requiring riders to get a motorcycle license rather than continuously reapplying for a motorcycle learner's permit.

Currently, an aspiring rider can get a permit after passing a written test, which is good for a year to allow motorcyclists to legally ride and gain experience until they get their motorcycle license. However, some riders reapply to renew the permit year after year rather than getting a full license, Rep. Grove said.

Under Grove's proposal, a rider would only be allowed to reapply for a learner's permit three times in 10 years. "The purpose is to make people get the license," stated Grove, adding that more motorcyclists taking the skills tests or enrolling in the state's rider training program would mean more trained riders on the road.

If a rider doesn't get a license within 10 years of receiving the first permit, he or she wouldn't be able to get another permit for seven years. The bill was referred to the transportation committee earlier this year and is expected to be addressed this fall.

ILLINOIS GOVERNOR SEEKS CHANGES TO RED LIGHT BILL: Illinois motorcyclists who get stuck at red lights will remain stuck a while longer, as Governor Pat Quinn has vetoed legislation that would have made it legal to proceed through a red light that does not detect motorcycles.

However, the bill may yet become law if legislators agree to make some changes. Illinois has what is called an Amendatory Veto, wherein the governor can reject a bill as presented for signing, but with changes requested that, if met, will win his signature.

As written, House Bill 2860 sponsored by Senator Gary Forby (D-Benton) and Representative Daniel Beiser (D-Alton), specifies that motorcyclists could run red lights "after a reasonable period of time." Quinn objected that such wording is too subjective and "its interpretation could vary from individual to individual and county to county." He asked that the bill be changed to specify that the motorcyclist must wait two minutes. Quinn also asked for clarification that motorcyclists would still have to obey signs prohibiting right or left turns on red and would still have to yield to oncoming traffic.

ABATE of Illinois supported the measure when it passed the legislature in May, which is similar to laws enacted in 11 other states. "I was



kind of disappointed with what the governor done," said Sen. Forby. "ABATE's going to have to make a decision on whether they want to negotiate with the governor's office or try to override his veto."

The Illinois Legislature has placed the amendatory veto on its calendar for action on October 19.

MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS CHALLENGED IN NEW YORK: On Monday, August 29, 2011, Robert "Prospector" Boellner, State Legislative Coordinator for ABATE of New York, Inc., and NCOC Region VIII Director, met with a representative from the New York State Attorney General's office to discuss the ongoing motorcycle-only vehicle checkpoints.

Since May 2008, ABATE has publicly expressed its opposition to New York State's tactic of conducting highway roadblocks which divert only motorcyclists from the state's roadways for the purpose of conducting "safety checks".

Because motorcycles operated in New York State are already required to pass annual safety inspections, the ongoing New York State Police initiative serves only to harass, intimidate and inconvenience motorcyclists traveling upon the state's roadways. Further, motorcycle-only roadblocks conducted in the name of "safety checks" are a discriminatory and unconstitutional infringement upon an individual's right to travel without interference, and an abuse of discretionary power as acknowledged by the New York State Court of Appeals.

The Office of the Attorney General was reportedly receptive to Prospector's request of an investigation into the actions of the New York State Police, and a reporting mechanism has now been implemented for direct complaints of motorcyclist profiling.

If you, or anyone you know, has been a victim of motorcyclist profiling, Prospector encourages

you to call him at (518) 239-4560 for assistance in filing a complaint.

PROFILES OF AMERICA: In recognition of Sturgis Bike Week, the U.S. Census Bureau posted the following daily "Profile America" feature: **FRIDAY, AUGUST 12: BIGGEST MOTORCYCLE GATHERING** - The small town of Sturgis, South Dakota hosts the world's largest gathering of motorcycles this week -- the 71st Sturgis Rally. Normally home to about 6,600, the town sees its population swell to some 350,000 during the rally. The idea began with just 19 riders taking part in racing and stunt events 71 years ago. Those attending are seeing races, trade shows, and thousands of bikes on display. Mostly, they will share their love of the sense of freedom their motorcycles give them, and take in the scenery of the Black Hills. There are 7.7 million motorcycles registered in the U.S., with California home to about every 10th bike in the country. You can find these and more facts about America from the U.S. Census Bureau, online at www.census.gov.

Profile America is produced by the Public Information Office of the U.S. Census Bureau. These daily features are available as produced segments, ready to air, on a monthly CD or on the Internet at <http://www.census.gov> (look for "Multimedia Gallery" by the "Newsroom" button).

6 MILLIONTH MOTORCYCLIST GRADUATES FROM RIDER TRAINING: The Motorcycle Safety Foundation recently graduated its six millionth RiderCourse student, a milestone reached through the ongoing efforts of nearly 10,000 RiderCoaches at more than 2,000 training sites worldwide.

"We have RiderCourses across the nation and around the globe, often during weekdays, and virtually every weekend of the year," said Robert Gladden, vice president of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, adding that a wide variety of MSF RiderCourses are available in every state to provide motorcyclists everywhere with lifelong learning opportunities.

"From the Basic RiderCourse to a much more advanced day on the track, from standard motorcycles to scooters to three-wheel motorcycles, from small bikes to large, we cover it all," said Dr. Ray Ochs, MSF director of training systems.

In addition, the MSF collaborates with safety professionals worldwide. For example, the MSF is currently helping establish rider training in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The MSF works with all branches of the U.S. Armed Services to support riders in the military. And the Foundation also works with world champion road racers on track-based programs that improve rider safety everywhere.

"The MSF is still best known for its world renowned Basic RiderCourse, the best first motorcycle ride for any new street rider and the cornerstone of the MSF's Essential CORE curriculum," said Tim Buche, president of the MSF. "We want all riders to start with the BRC, then continue their education with the Basic Bike Bonding, Street RiderCourses and more."

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Founded in 1973, the MSF is a not-for-profit organization sponsored by BMW, BRP, Ducati, Harley-Davidson, Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, Piaggio, Suzuki, Triumph, Victory and Yamaha to promote safety through rider training and education, operator licensing tests and public information programs.

For safety information or to enroll in the RiderCourse nearest you, visit www.msf-usa.org or call (800) 446-9227.

FLORIDA COPS USE SECRET FILES ON BIKERS TO LOBBY AGAINST GUN LAW:

Florida law-enforcement officials dipped into secret intelligence files to lobby against legislation that would have allowed holders of concealed-weapons permits to carry their guns openly. Newly released records show that a staff lobbyist for the Orange County Sheriff's Office handed out restricted photos of bikers with valid concealed weapons permits to lawmakers as examples of the sort of people who might scare away tourists if they displayed their pistols.

"I actually stopped by every one of you guy's office this morning and dropped off ... photographs of some biker outlaw gang guys that have concealed firearm permits. Those are the ones we're worried about carrying," sheriff's Capt. Mike Fewless told the state Senate Judiciary Committee on April 12, 2011. "Please defeat this terrible bill."

After the provision allowing open carry of firearms was removed from the bill, the state Senate voted against the measure, prompting accusations of fear-mongering by law-enforcement offi-

cials and raising concerns about police misuse of confidential files for political goals.

All together, Fewless obtained photographs and other information for 17 "outlaw bikers" from the Orange sheriff's Intelligence Squad, an undercover unit that investigates "motorcycle gangs, white supremacy groups and organized crime," specifically asking for pictures of "One Percenters", state attorney's records show. Seven of the eight photos of members of the Mongols, Outcasts, Outlaws, Pagans and Warlocks motorcycle clubs came originally from the state Driver and Vehicle Identification (DAVID) system, which Federal law classifies as "highly restricted personal information." None of the bikers had felony records and all were eligible for concealed-weapon permits recognized by Florida and 34 other states.

The motorcyclists are now represented by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Jerry Theophilopoulos, who said he is planning to file a lawsuit against the sheriff's office. "The only way to police the police when they break the law is to file a lawsuit, and we are prepared to get justice for all concealed weapon permit holders in this state," according to "Jerry T", who serves as legal counsel for the Confederations of Clubs in Florida and advises ABATE of Florida on legal matters.

DRIVING WHILE BIKER: From the Gunny's Sack, a monthly newsletter from Oregon A.I.M. Chief of Staff Gunny Hutcheson, members of the Henchmen MC have hired a lawyer to put the San Jose Police department on notice that harassment is not going to be tolerated without a fight.

They've filed an official complaint with the city's Office of the Independent Police Auditor al-

leging that the police are illegally profiling them, and the city's code enforcement unit is digging up zoning beefs to run them out of town. They say officers routinely pull them over, sometimes photographing their tattoos, based solely on their bad-boy reputations.

The Henchmen's complaint is not the first time a motorcycle club in San Jose has fought the law using the law. Five years ago, the Hells Angels won \$1.8 million after suing police and sheriff's deputies for illegally raiding the club's headquarters and members' homes to link a bouncer, charged with killing a drunken bar patron, to the biker club. A jury acquitted the bouncer and a federal court sided with the Hells Angels.

"This kind of thing has come to a halt in Washington with their recent biker anti-profiling law, thanks to the Washington Confederation of Clubs and A.I.M. Attorney Marty Fox," writes Gunny, "Fighting harassment by using a lawyer and the court system."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people; it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government - lest it come to dominate our lives and interests." ~ Patrick Henry (1736-1799) American Patriot and Founding Father

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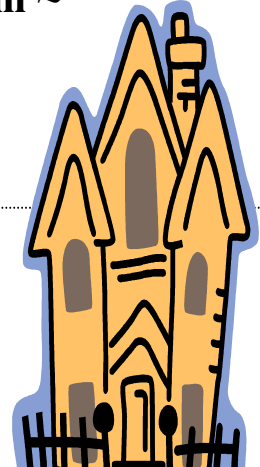


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LOCAL OBLIGATIONS and RESPONSIBILITIES

There are certain obligations and responsibilities that each Local must fulfill so the State Office and Board of Directors may work for ABATE as a whole, and still complete the functions and maintain the records required for our organization in a timely manner. We currently have 57 Locals statewide and of those 24 Locals have been on an "inactive" status for quite some time. We, the Board of Directors, have made the decision to close all "inactive" Locals statewide. This will leave us with 33 "active" Locals in California. Currently we have "compliance" issues with 17 of those 33 "active" Locals.

Please take a moment to read the following letter being sent to each individual member of a Local that will be placed in a "closed" status. In addition, a "non-compliance" letter will be sent to the President of each Local with a "compliance" issue. This policy was discussed at our July, 2011 Board Meeting, and was approved by the Presidents in attendance, the individual Local members present, and your ABATE Board of Directors. If you as an individual member or your Local needs any other information or help with these items please contact any member of your Board of Directors or our State Office for assistance.

**Sincerely,
Board of Directors
ABATE of California**

LOCAL CLOSURE

ABATE of California appreciates you and the individual members of your Local and would like to say "Thank You" for your dedication and hard work benefiting our motorcycle rights issues in California. However, there are certain obligations and responsibilities that each Local must fulfill so the State Office and Board of Directors may work for ABATE as a whole, and still complete the functions and maintain the records required for our organization in a timely manner. The Local you belong to is inactive and for accounting and insurance liability reasons the ABATE Board of Directors has voted to close all inactive Locals statewide. We appreciate your loyalty to ABATE and sincerely need your continued support. We will be moving your membership to Local #00 which was set up for individual ABATE members who wish to retain all of their membership rights and privileges, but did not want to be assigned to a single, or particular, Local.

Local #00 members are some of our most devoted members and are free to attend meetings wherever they choose in California. If you are already attending meetings with another Local you can transfer your membership to that specific Local by contacting our State Office and requesting the transfer.

Either way, the ABATE Board of Directors would like to commend you for staying current with your membership and continuing to support our cause, even after "your" Local closed. You are a true "Freedom Fighter" in every sense of the word and the fact that you have continued your support, albeit alone, is remarkable. If you are interested and have enough members to return your Local to an "active" status we will be more than happy to assist you. In addition, the State Office will keep your Local # available for future reactivation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact any member of your ABATE Board of Directors or your State Office. Again, "Thank You" for your loyalty and continued membership while dealing with the extenuating circumstances you have endured. We are confident that you now have some viable options to become active again with ABATE of California and are looking forward to your continuing support.

**Sincerely,
Board of Directors
ABATE of California**

NON-COMPLIANCE

ABATE of California appreciates you and the individual members of your Local and would like to say "Thank You" for your dedication and hard work benefiting our motorcycle rights issues in California. However, there are certain obligations and responsibilities that each Local must fulfill so that the State Office and Board of Directors may work for ABATE as a whole, and still complete the functions and maintain the records required for our organization in a timely manner. Some of these obligations and responsibilities are as follows:

(1) Officers. After every Local election, a list of all Local Officers must be sent to the State Office.

(2) Local Information. The Local President must provide the current Local address, contact information, and meeting time and location.

(3) Memberships. Memberships must be processed in a timely manner by forwarding membership applications and dues to the State Office as quickly as possible.

(4) Treasury. A treasury report must be completed and forwarded to the State Office on a Quarterly basis.

(5) Financial support of ABATE of California funding accounts. Every Local is expected to do their best to support the very organization they petitioned to become part of.

(6) In addition there may be other obligations and responsibilities that every Local may be required to perform to ensure that ABATE of California operates as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

Currently your Local is "Out of Compliance" with the State Office because of:

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If your Local needs help complying with this issue please contact the State Office ASAP and we will be happy to assist you in any way possible. We realize that this organization is run by dedicated volunteers and sometimes items are forgotten, misplaced, or inadvertently, that a volunteer never received training for their specific job duties and responsibilities. ABATE needs your help with this matter and we are willing to provide your Local with any help that may be needed. Again, please contact the State Office if you need assistance in any way, shape, or form, and we will do our best to resolve this issue as quickly as possible.

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Nominations for 2011 are:

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As most of you know, John is the State Safety Officer and worked diligently this year to get the freeway signs with motorcycle messages flashing for motorists to see ... these appear now on a fairly regular basis. DMV and the CHP like to take credit for this, but his perseverance and tenacity is what really made it happen.

He is one of our representatives to the California Motorcycle Safety Program and serves as an advisor on motorcycle-related issues. They meet on a regular basis by phone and in person once a year.

John is in constant contact with Cal Trans about road conditions, etc. He also monitors other government agencies to make sure that we know the current laws and rules. Most everyone has read some of John's safety articles in the Bailing Wire which are always a wealth of helpful and possibly life-saving information. Many of his articles are published in other magazines and newsletter as well.

John Del Santo has been a life member of ABATE of California since 1996, and has been president of Local 6 for quite a few years now (just stepped back to VP). He is the backbone of

Local 6 and a true asset to ABATE of California. There are a lot of folks in ABATE who deserve to be a Freedom Fighter of the Year, please vote so that John can be given this honor for 2011.

Thank you, Nancy Nemecek. ABATE Local 6

Sarge Matthews

I would like to nominate **Sarge Matthews** as Freedom Fighter of the Year. Sarge has been on the Board of Directors for 23 of his 25 years with ABATE. He has been the Chairman of the Board for 3 years and has done an astounding job in this position. Sarge has shown that his leadership skills are impeccable and has led by example.

We at ABATE have had many challenges in recent years and Sarge has led us through many hard decisions, always with keeping what is good for ABATE in the forefront of every decision.

Sarge brought NCOM to ABATE, which was not a popular decision, however it has proven that this decision has not hurt any of us in ABATE, on the contrary a lot of Locals have taken advantage of NCOM's program to pay for the Local's flyers or postcards for runs and events.

The time that Sarge has donated to ABATE has shown that he is a true Freedom Fighter.

Respectfully Lori Adams, Local 28

SB 105 Senate Bill – Veto

9/18/11 8:07 PM

BILL NUMBER: SB 105

VETOED DATE: 09/07/2011

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 105 without my signature.

This measure would impose criminal penalties on a child under the age of 18 and his or her parents if the child skis or snowboards without a helmet.

While I appreciate the value of wearing a ski helmet, I am concerned about the continuing and seemingly inexorable transfer of authority from parents to the state. Not every human problem deserves a law.

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The emergency organizations tell us that in a severe emergency, fire, flood, earthquake, etc we should be prepared to be without water, electricity and other essential services for at least three days. As motorcyclists we are already more resilient, rugged, and practical, and therefore further ahead in the survival game than the general public. But here are some suggestions and a checklist.

Set up a specific emergency meeting place with your friends and family, a park or a motorcycle shop. So that everyone in your crowd will know where to find each other, a place to reunite, if they get separated in an emergency and have a pen and paper with you so that you can leave them a note.

Next we have to consider the items we would like to have with us to make the next three days go well. Rather than wasting hours wondering what to bring with us, we should have an emergency kit packed in a knapsack, closed in a plastic trash-can and sealed with duct-tape to keep it clean and dry for years, but ready in a time of crisis to open the can, pick out the kit and go! We keep our trash-can-kit stored under a big bush in the back yard. If we keep it in the house and the building collapses, we have just lost our kit and now become dependant on other people.



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A bag of protein bars from the health-food store takes up very little space, but comes in real handy. You should pack a good knife, if you don't already have one on you. If you are at home when the crisis occurs, and you have any domestic animals, leaving a big bag of dry food and a big pot of water before you hit the road, will surely be appreciated by the animals.

Is there someone in your crew that has a need for a daily medication? They should have a three-day stash with them. It's also nice knowing that someone in your crew knows CPR and First Aid. If you don't have a sleeping bag that you normally tie to your bike, a few of those aluminum "space blankets" in your kit is good. Many motorcyclists already carry a First Aid Kit, but if you don't, you really should put together a minimum for your emergency kit. Infection travels fast. Other goodies? A couple of small flashlights, 50 feet of parachute cord, a roll of quarters, a small packet of toilet tissue, a siphon hose and a small cheapo AM radio to keep up with news and weather. You will have food and drink and a lot of other people won't, so stay aware of your surroundings for your safety and security.

It is common practice after a long days ride to leave enough gasoline in your tank to get to the gas station in the morning, park your bike, kick-off your boots, crank up some tunes, and relax. If an emergency happens during the night and the whole

area loses electric service then the whole area loses the ability to pump gas. In a perfect world, the last stop of each day would be to top off your fuel tank.

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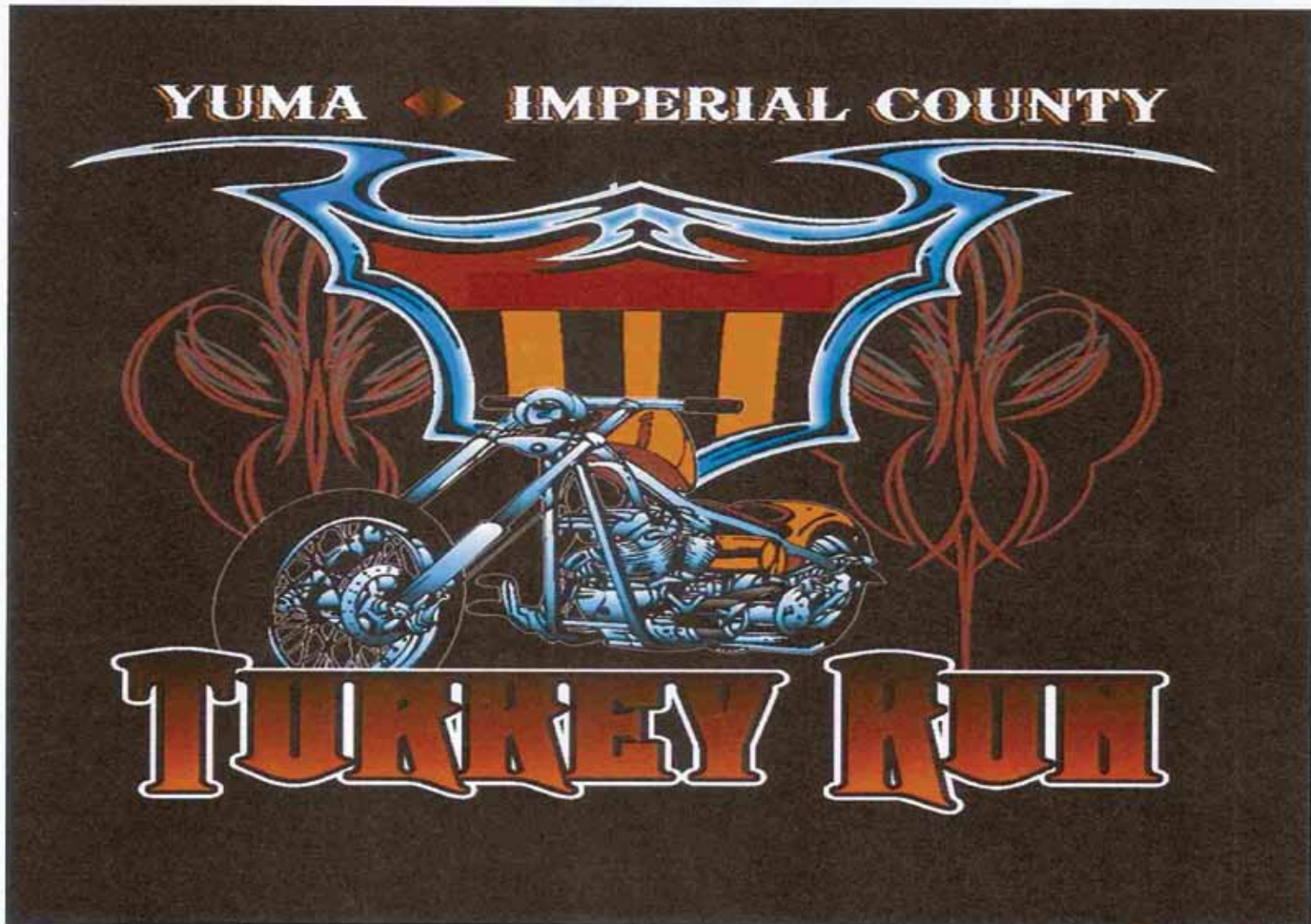
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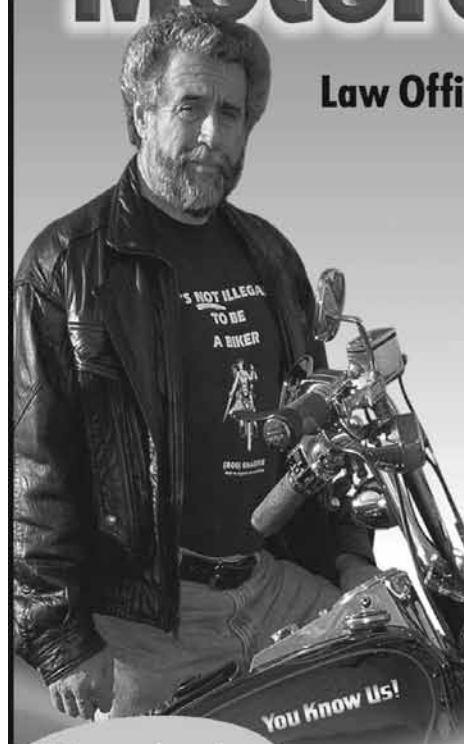
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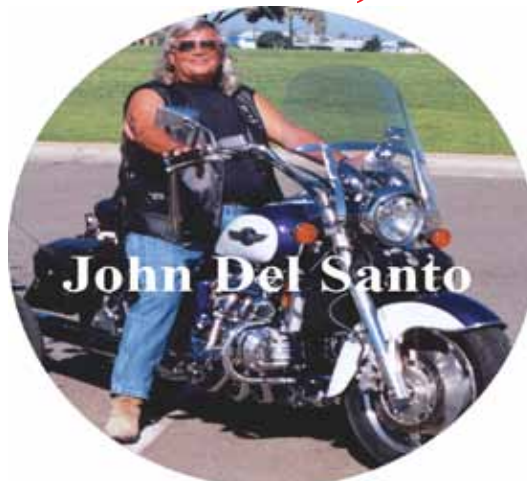
Blow Winds, Blow!

by John Del Santo

"What you can't see won't hurt you". Anyone who believes that old saying never spent much time riding a motorcycle across the high desert! But you can be riding in any part of the country and run into treacherous winds and crosswinds can be meaner than a scorned lover. Actually, when you are going down the highway tipped over at a 45 degree angle, you already KNOW that conditions are dangerous, and you will be less likely to be surprised by another change in the airflow.

As you are moving up to pass a truck, ask yourself "is this pass necessary?" Then keep a healthy open space next to you. The crosswind will increase or decrease as you get next to the truck, (depending on whether you are upwind or downwind) and this may cause you to shift closer to the truck, be ready for that! Fall now and you're history. And when you finish your pass and come out the other end, be ready to get hit with the crosswind again. Wham!

Big vehicles create their own turbulence. A big bow-wave of air being pushed out in front of the vehicle, accelerated air flowing along the sides, that's the same stuff that creates lift on an airplane wing; hundreds of thousands of foot-pounds of force, punching a big fat hole in the air, creating a vacuum that rushes to fill itself in with buffeting, swirling air. And that's all in addition to any crosswind. Passing a big truck, bus or van in either direction creates about the same conditions as trying to drive your little outboard fishing boat close to a tugboat and barge out in the harbor. Beware, be aware, and be ready for any changes.



Dust storms in the farmland and sandstorms in the desert can create zero visibility in no time flat! If you decide to get off the road and sit it out, get far off the road and become invisible to avoid becoming a target for the next confused, half blinded driver coming down the road.

When the wind is not really radical, we still need to keep an open eye for sudden changes in the wind. Oklahoma, the Panhandle, coming up California 395 by Kramer Junction, heading towards Ridgecrest. Mountains and canyons or rolling hills, coming up on bridges and overpasses or out of tunnels we'll get some advance warning by watching for blowing dust or trees or grasses being bent over. Watch the vehicles running in front

of you, especially campers or vans or other bikes making sudden little shifts or wig-wags and corrections in their lanes. Watch for swinging signs by the highway pushed by gusts of wind, and dust devils swirling like mini-tornados coming across the fields towards you.

There is mixed opinion about whether or not solid rims will affect your lane control adversely in heavy winds, and if you happen to be using a windscreen for the first time, be ready for it to push you around a bit more with a 'sail' effect. Fighting the wind is a workout, we should be ready to take a break and sit it out for a while.

Even clothing can make a difference to the comfort of your ride. The more skin that you have showing, the more the wind will dry you out causing the need for more drinking water at your next stop.

The rim of a DOT half-helmet creates a hazard in heavy crosswinds; the wind will spend the whole day catching that rim, trying to rip your neck off! Better to choose another type of headgear. Clothing that is tighter gives the wind less to grab onto, therefore giving you a smoother ride, burning less of your energy, and leaving you in better shape at the end of the day.

So blow winds blow, but the prepared rider will be ready for you. You can huff and you can puff, but you're not gonna blow this rider down!

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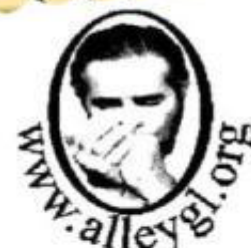
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