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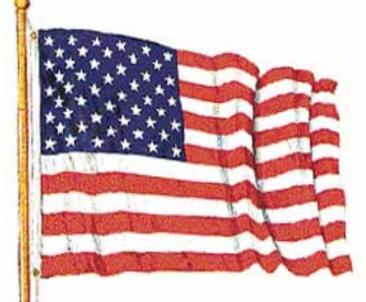
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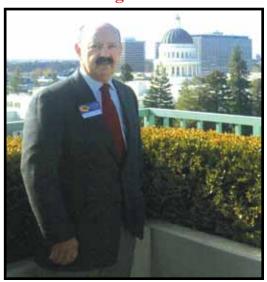
A Union of Motorcyclists Dedicated to Freedom of the Road

# American **Brotherhood** Aimed Towards Education



# Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by James Lombardo, Lobbyist & **Assistant Legislative Director** 



and sent almost 600 bills to Governor Brown. He signed 486 of them, and vetoed 97. One of money to the ABATE headquarters at 10240 the vetoes would have mandated helmets for snowboarders and skiers under the age of 18. will reserve the meters for biker exclusive use.

Governor Brown, in his veto message, a law," Hopefully, on January 9th in the Assembly Transportation Committee, its members will agree and PASS OUR BILLS! p.m. hearing.

ABATE is sponsoring AB 695, by Orange

County Assemblyman Norby, which will allow adults over the age of 18 to have the same free choice when we ride our motorcycles.

The other ABATE-sponsored legislation by Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries, AB 1047, which prohibits MOTORCYCLE ONLY CHECKPOINTS, will be heard on the same day. Please attend our rally on the Capitol's South side at 11 am. We will feature important speakers and then go to Committee for hearings and a vote, that day, on both bills. We have also arranged to have FREE SPONSORED PARKING METERS ON N Street in front of where we are holding the Capitol rally that day.

Those who wish to help pay for this The Legislature adjourned October 9th, motorcycle parking may sponsor a meter for only \$25.00, which fits 4 bikes. Send the 7th Ave., Hesperia Ca. 92345-2631, and we

Our bill authors, Assembly Members stated "Not every human behavior deserves Chris Norby, and Vice Chairman of the Transportation Committee, Kevin Jefferies, will speak to us at the rally before the 1:30

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a motorcyclists' 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 ioning aside from an interest in promoting joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclists' rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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We are asking ALL ABATE Locals, other motorcycle groups, clubs, business supporters and individuals to FAX letters of support, so they can be listed on the Committee analysis to Committee Chair Bonnie Lowenthal at (916) 319-2154, with another copy to Vice Chairman, Kevin Jefferies (916) 319-2166. Also, please FAX a copy to the ABATE office at (760) 956-6519.

Don't know what to say? Simply "Please repeal the motorcycle helmet law for adult riders" for AB 695 and "Please stop the discrimination against motorcyclists by prohibiting motorcycle-only checkpoints" for AB 1047.

PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND — LETS PACK THE COMMITTEE ROOM WITH **MOTORCYCLE RIDERS!** 

## Mission Statement

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

We will all have the Assembly Transportation Committee Members listed on our web site with a link to a web page where you can find your own Assembly Member so that you can write them a letter supporting our bills. You can also go and visit them before the January 9th hearing.

Thanks to all those who attended the last Board and Legislative Committee meetings in Sacramento on October 15th. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next Board and Legislative Committee meetings on January 8th at the La Quinta Inn in Sacramento. We will discuss strategy and plan visits to the Assembly Transportation Members before the 1:30 p.m. hearing, next day.

Thanks again to all the members and Locals who contributed to the Lobbyist fund! And SPECIAL THANKS for the contributions from the State Run – great job Tina! – and from Local 5's Joy Ride – and Local 44's Poker Run! Thank you all!

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

**Matthews** 

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Ballots must be postmarked **NO later than December 8, 2011.** 

Candidate bios are page 3 & page 9. **■ Lee 'Sporty' Milligan III** Sarge Matthews

Nick Benson Sr. Johnny O'Kane **☐** Tom Lubbers **Gregory Covel** 

Freedom Fighter	Award 2011
☐ John Del Santo	Sarge

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# FREEDOM FIGHTER Nominations for 2011 are:

# John Del Santo



As Carol Cromwell says, John is a wealth of information on the ABATE "E" for Education. Not just for the motorcyclists, but for other drivers and readers, too.

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 Freedom Fighter of the Year. Sarge has been on for this, but his perseverance and tenacity is what the Board of Directors for 23 of his 25 years with really made it happen.

nia Motorcycle Safety Program and serves as an this position. Sarge has shown that his leadership advisor on motorcycle-related issues. They meet skills are impeccable and has led by example. 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 the contrary a lot of Locals have taken advantage 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.

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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 ABATE. He has been the Chairman of the Board He is one of our representatives to the Califor- for 3 years and has done an astounding job in

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 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

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If you would like to help defray the Rally Expenses paid by ABATE; please send Donations (Checks payable & Mail to ABATE State Office). To Sponsor a Parking meter(s) they are \$25.00/meter.

# DO NOT RAP YOUR PIPES 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 Allies & Info link to find your Legislators.

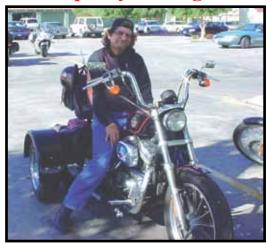
**AB695** the **Helmet Modification Bill** authored by Assemblyman Chris Norby and **AB1047** the **Motorcycle ONLY Checkpoints** Bill authored by Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries are tentatively scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Transportation Committee TODAY!!

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!!!

# **Board Candidates Statements for 2012-2013 Term**

# Lee 'Sporty' Milligan III



torcycling better for all riders in California. I am of dollars for ABATE. confident that we, as an organization, can strive

Again my position is clear; you get no bull your vote for me as a Board member.

Sincerely, Lee 'Sporty' Milligan III.

Gregory Covel

My name is Gregory Covel. 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 de-

Board of Directors.

Sincerely, Gregory M. Covel

# 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

# Sarge Matthews



living under a rock. I've been a member of ABATE need to harness all that talent into action once Well ABATE members, it's time again for since 1986, and have served on the Board for 22 again. elections for the Board of Directors and, after care- of those years. I've served as president of Local 1, ful consideration, I have come to the conclusion where I currently serve as run coordinator and vice that I will seek another term as a Board member. president. I also served as State Run Coordinator You all know what I stand for; keeping mo- for 10 years and through that run, raised thousands

I believe in freedom and have always been to get better and better. We are dealing with how in the front lines of the fight. I've been known several other factors that made some members to survive in this poor economy and making the to be somewhat "politically incorrect" from time necessary changes to accomplish that goal. I have to time, but I always speak my mind and I'm not our fight was hopeless. I think every member only ABATE's interests at heart and treat each afraid to be on the unpopular side of an issue if I is important, every idea is important enough to think it is right.

from me. So with that said, I respectfully request experience, I have the integrity and I have the balls should be taken seriously. 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 has held for the last five years. Tom also serves Local alive for a few years before work obliga-I am submitting my name to be considered as tions forbade me from having the time to run the Southern California Unit Commander and a continuing representative on the ABATE state day to day operations of the Local. Since then, as the COIR State Commander. I have stayed in touch with both the Local and as I could.

was to laugh because I thought it was a prank responsibility to be proactive (and not call. It turned out not to be a prank and after complacent) in the fight to preserve our rights.

some careful consideration and soul searching l thought to myself "hmmm, I wonder if I am up to the challenge of trying to make a change ir 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 retiremen 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 If you don't know me by now, you must be lot of good people and a lot of talent, and we just

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 feel as though they were not important or that discuss in a civil manner and although not all of I'm asking for your vote because I have the your ideas will become policy or get used, al

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. Wel I don't like the idea of not even trying, so here

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

## Tom A. Lubbers

Tom Lubbers has been a motorcycle enthusiast all his life and an ABATE member for several years. He currently serves as president of Local 5 (San Gabriel Valley); a position he in a leadership capacity in the US Defenders as

Tom is passionate about the protection and with the state office and supported them as much retention of our personal freedoms, especially as they relate to motorcyclists' rights. He has I was recently contacted by a long standing been diligent in his efforts, through ABATE, member who suggested I run for the Board of US Defenders/COIR and other MROs, to Directors. When I got the call, my first impulse encourage fellow riders about their individual

## Local #01 Los Angeles



Hello all! Here's the Local 1 report. I have been given a grace period and the meeting will be reported on and count as an actual geles Avenue in Simi Valley. Many THANKS happening.

at 9:10 am. Attendance at the meeting was small, but those in attendance were the ones who are going to be working the Love Ride. I gave the news about our Board of Directors meeting and the PAC report. Both meetings were Saturday in Sacramento. I informed the Local that we will be needing to write letters for AB 695 and AB 1047 (the helmet modification bill and the no motorcycle only check points bill). There is also a need to get a Local letter head and get it sent to Sacramento so we can support both of the bills and actually take a mile! have ABATE Local 1 show as a supporter for these bills.

We passed the hat for the lobbyist's fund and will have enough for our monthly donation. I bought some state run tee shirts and sold them to some of the members in attendance, which helped our treasury. I do an agenda format so I present things for the members to read. I also gave them each the assignment to try and get one new member by the end of agenda so they will have a go at that.

We're still a fairly good sized Local but I have to figure out a way to get more folks to show up for the meetings. Wish us luck at our booth at the Love Ride on the 23rd. Till next Sporty

# **Local #02 Simi Valley**

It sure was hard making it to this month's meeting; the weather was just too good to be in a room. As I approached our meeting place I felt a tug that wanted me to just keep riding, but double dang! I had to pull into the parking lot. Thanks to our volunteer cooks VP Scott



and JP! You guys served a great meal tonight! By the way, we start serving our fabulous \$5.00 meal at 6:45 pm. and our meeting starts at 7:30. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049 4242 East Los Anto the VFW for having us; we are blessed by Glenn C led us in the Pledge of Allegiance them because the facilities are fantastic!

Pres Ray got us going as usual and talked about AB 1047 - Motorcycle only check points. He also talked about AB 695 – Helmet Modification Law. This is big stuff! We can't let the very small (powerful?) minority rule over the larger California state wide motorcycle riders, can we? PLEASE! This is serious stuff. Spread the word and get these Signature of Support forms signed so we can defeat these elected officials. Remember, it's your rights! Give a politician an inch and they'll

Anyway, back to the meeting; Jane read the minutes and we went thru all the motions of what we do. We are planning our Christmas party and such for this year so come to the meetings!

Speaking of meetings, we had our elections and you have to come to the meetings to see our new - ? - don't know do ya? - Officers. You just might be one! This is the time of year when we need ALL members showing up. We the year. I included a membership card in the miss those that couldn't come. We are planning some great stuff and your involvement is needed, bring a guest and they get a complimentary meal, besides hanging out with some cool people!

We had our raffle drawings and there was time, we're still alive and kicking, regards, good stuff won. Pres Ray won the membership raffle and talk about a happy man \$\$\$.

> Local 2 lost a good man last month; Gary "Herald" Shanks was killed in a head on collision with another motorcyclist, both died and let me tell you this one hurt. We have to be smart and very safety conscious while riding. It's very rare for this type of accident to happen with these types of results, so when you ride please think about this. You, the safe

rider, can be in danger from a rider who thinks they know it all! PTL norm e. new

## **Local #06 San Diego**



It was another great day for a meeting overlooking beautiful Mission Bay in San Diego. There was a good turnout, including a bunch of riders from American Legion Riders Post 460. One of the members with them had just returned from Afghanistan this week. Welcome Home!

Travis Barrick who is the Lawyer/Rider handling the "Repeal it or Feel it" lawsuit in Nevada gave us an update. This lawsuit will affect our California laws, if they win it. We passed the hat and collected \$150 as a Local 6 contribution for the legal fund.

John gave a Judicial and Legislative report including AB 695, our helmet modification bill, and passed out Support forms so that each member can get a bunch of signatures on them. Our PAC Rep Douglas Findlay (The Repeal Machine.com) discussed the elections coming up in the Bay Area, and in San Diego. He also spoke of the need for campaign volunteers (have you seen the video at http://www. youtube.com/watch?v=GTQBBEDgURk?). In the Local 6 "Vote With Your Feet" project, Keith, Fran and other members have been putting in time helping our local candidates. Long-time friend, Congressman Bob Filner, who is running for Mayor of San Diego, will be attending our meeting in the near future. Denise Ducheny, a Local 6 Member is running for Congress and I am sure she will be stopping by.

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 1pm 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. Lomonthly meeting.

Anderson has been busy distributing flyers all you warm. The roads aren't always dry ei-

in the VA Hospital is coming up soon, and Jim most importance piece of the motorcycle that Brown made a FAT monetary contribution in needs to be checked. The operator makes it all the name of Local 6, to buy presents for the work together and you have to be ready for

So, hey, check out Joe Tatro's great Local Please be safe. 6 website at <a href="http://abatelocal6.org/">http://abatelocal6.org/</a> and stop by Noon, at Kate Session's Park in Pacific Beach UP! Ed here in sunny San Diego! C'mon Down!

# **Local 19 Pomona Valley**

Another year is almost gone. We are down to the last couple of months of 2011 and the New Year will be with us. That makes it time to start making preparations for Local 19 in 2012. It's time to elect our officers for next year. If you are interested in any of the positions for Primary Officers, Committee Chairs or others, please make it known. You can always contact Robert to let him know. Please take some time and give thought to those you would want in the various positions and nominate them. We will have elections before the end of the year.

work to be done before this event takes place biker events. and help is welcome from anyone. There is still need help to put on the event as well. If

Mountain).

Attendance has been down during the cal 6 riders will be meeting the run at Mount summer months, but that is to be expected. Soledad immediately following the Local 6 Hopefully, we will start to see more people at the meetings. Of course the weather is Patty Wilber covered upcoming events, changing and the daylight hours are shorter. Doc Robinson discussed current member- It can be more of a challenge to ride in the ship and renewed three members, Steven R. colder weather with the extra layers to keep over the County, John did his safety report, ther. Please spend some time making sure our Sign Language Interpreters, Fran and your bike is up to date with your maintenance Amy, had flying fingers and busy hands and plan. Tires, brakes, lights, electrical system Michael Decker gave his Treasurer's report. and even nuts and bolts need to be checked Snowman's Annual Ride to visit the Vets periodically for safety. Don't forget about the your ride before you swing a leg over the seat.

I look forward to seeing you out there on for a visit on the first Sunday of each month at the road. In the mean time, keep the shiny side

## Local #20 Orange County



Local 20 conducted their meeting on Tuesday, October 11, at the Best Western Ho-We are down to the last days before the tel in Costa Mesa. Forty-nine individuals were Toy Run event. We partner with Pomona Val- in attendance. Various topics were presented ley HOG for this annual event and all the toys and discussed such as support for AB695 and go to Santa Claus, Inc. They see to it that less AB1047, the upcoming ABATE Board of Difortunate kids get bicycles, toys and other rectors meeting in Sacramento, the upcoming ABATE, but the one thing that we all have in gifts so they have something at Christmas Halloween Poker Run sponsored by Local 8 they would not get otherwise. There is still and Local 20 on October 29th, and various

Additionally, Hessian Spike spoke about ABATE. Tammy Odell a serious need for more raffle gifts. The cost road side stops, biker profiling, and inforto enter the event is low and we ask that each mation held by Fusion Centers. Gill Mellen person bring an unwrapped, new toy for a boy covered new memberships. Dale's Leather is or girl. Please try to make it to this event on having a sale in November and December -December 4th and join us for some fun. We 1960's pricing on leather jackets, chaps, etc.

Michael Parker would have won the you are available, come to one of the meetings membership drawing of \$346, if he had been at the Elk's Lodge in Ontario (just off 4th and present at the meeting. The money will roll over to the next meeting. The next Local 20 meeting will be on Tuesday. November 8

### **Local #21 Antelope Valley**



I and Glen were at our meeting. We conducted biz in seconds and re-uped at the Moose. \$50 pitch and reup \$ sent to the state and funds. Thanks Mark for the lobby \$. Daryl the plumber.

#### **Local #23 San Bernardino**



Can you believe this year is almost over? So many things are happening at the end of the year; nominations and elections, charity event runs, holidays, people traveling and spending time with their families. Where does the time go?

I would personally like to thank everyone that has devoted their time and energy to promote ABATE. I would also like to thank everyone that has given me advice and knowledge about this great organization. In order for a Local to survive it takes teamwork. It takes all of its members to be active and contribute. I realize that we all have lives besides common is that we love to ride our motorcycles. ABATE fights for our right to do this. But remember, YOU are ABATE. We all are

#### **Local #25 Sacramento**

To start I'd like to thank the members of Local 25 for nominating and voting me into office as Local 25 President. I want to thank Gary Haller for the good job he has done while he was in office. I also want to thank his lovely wife, Teresa, for being our secretary as well.



I want to wish Ruby Weber, my vice president, well-wishes as she was in a motorcycle accident last month and has been slowly recuperating. She is now out and about and it's good to see her

I attended my first ever ABATE of CA Board just the same.

Several months ago, I started a letter writing campaign at one of our Local meetings. All letters were hand written by our members in regards to AB 1047 and addressed to Bonnie Lowenthal, Assembly Transportation Chairperson. Gary Haller the meters taken care of. was gracious enough to hand deliver these letters ter writing campaign is now part of our meeting

The past month, I received the AB 695 and AB 1047 Signature of Support forms, and we have been actively attending meetings of local biker organizations and biker clubs. I want to thank Dayna "Grumbles" Davidson, President of Sisters of Scota MC, for covering the areas north of Sacramento, while I was covering the areas within Sacramento to outlying cities within 100 miles of Sacramento. My thanks to "Lil" David Morena for speaking at the Stockton COC meeting.

We will again be hosting the Board of Directors meeting on Sunday, January 8, 2012, at the La Quinta Inn here in Sacramento. Please let me know by the middle of December just what kind of food you are interested in eating for lunch. I will try to find a place that will cater to our needs and plaints. We could have used more participants, but give everyone a variety of food to eat. Donations at least we covered our costs and had a good time. for the food will be accepted at the meeting.

of Directors meeting that was hosted by my Local. be the Freedom Rally on the Capitol steps. I want deed the largest supporting club at the run. We had a small turnout but it was a great meeting members help in getting local companies to donate \$25/parking meter for the Freedom Rally in Janu- to on October 15 was attended by the usual particiary. These do not have to only be local Sacramento business members or individuals, if you know of a able to make the meeting and help with input and business in your area that wants to sponsor a parking meter, the more the merrier. Let's try to get all which, if implemented, may change the face and

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. to the assembly committee office for us. This let- Let's be thankful for the members in our Locals and their families; without them, we wouldn't exist. "Rebel" Ruthi Wolfson, President Local 25

#### Local #27 Riverside



Short, sweet and to the point: Our Poker Run on October 9 went well. No hitches and no com-

I want to thank the GEEZERS MC for their The next day, Monday, January 9, 2012, will strong participation with 34 sign-ins, they were in-

The Board of Directors meeting in Sacramenpants. I am concerned that so few presidents were decision making. Many ideas were brought forth direction of ABATE.

Want to know what's happening here locally? Check our website www.abatelocal27.org

Keep your Eyes Wide Open, Greg Covel, President Local 27, gmcvl@yahoo.com



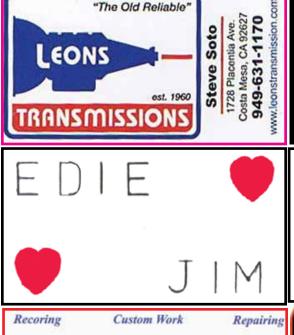
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# Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer



I just returned from the ABATE Board of Directors meeting held in Sacramento last weekend and would like to say "Thank You" to those in attendance and give a round of applause to Local 5, Local 44, and the State Run Committee for their BIG monetary contributions to the General and Lobbyist funds! Local 25 did a very nice job of hosting the meeting and also made a donation to our accounts, "Thank You" too! You guys and gals have made my job a whole lot easier this year and going into 2012 with a head start on our funding accounts is a big burden lifted from our shoulders!

ABATE is like every other business in California and we have seen a financial downturn and a drop in attendance at our meetings statewide. Your Board of Directors have worked hard to lower our expenses and streamline our operations because of the economic upheaval everyone in California is enduring. With that said, it's extremely encouraging to see our members step up their financial support and ensure the programs and commitments we have will be funded and maintained.

I want to thank all of the Officers statewide who have already brought their Locals into compliance with our ABATE By-laws and encourage the few that have not yet complied to please contact our State Office for any help that may be needed to complete this task. We are here to assist you in any way needed - please contact us and we will do our best to get you up to speed and running smoothly again! Don't let your Local be placed on "Probationary Status" when a simple call or e-mail to the State Office can take care of the issue.

ABATE of California still has revisions and improvements to be made to our organization and we would like to hear from you regarding any idea you may have to streamline and improve "your" ABATE next year. Please contact me at home (760) 947-4700 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:davesautorpair@aol.com">davesautorpair@aol.com</a> with your ideas and let's make 2012 an even better year for ABATE of California and our members!

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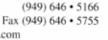


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# by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan



Well it's time to enjoy the misadventures of your faithful monthly scribe, Sporty Milligan.

Now a plug: I am running again for a spot on

Ok now back to the rest of the Rides. October usual. 1 was Local 3's Learn 'N' Run Historical Trivia to get a couple of riders from my Local to come.

point which was in Agoura Hills. 3 for many years. Just then Steve B rolls in and I station - \$10. Off on the road again. am a bit surprised. Turns out he was inside the res-

Steve, I paid his entry fee.

Lodge at 158 N. Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks. We got there too late to get what we ordered road again. Next stop in Arroyo Grande for expenfor lunch. Of course I had ordered chicken and sive fuel, the attendant commented on my Local 3 Steve had ordered tri-tip, but they were closing the tee shirt. He liked the picture of the chick on the food down. Ok they brought us slices of tri-tip and it was spicy, which caused Steve to have to take his acid reflex pills. Bummer. Both Steve and I flunked the trivia questions.

I bought \$20 of raffle prize tickets and won some nifty prizes. As usual I felt very welcomed at the run; it was very enjoyable. Just wish more ABATE members could have shared my pleasure. Thanks 9pm as tomorrow would be a long day. to all in Local 3 who made this run happen. Give yourselves kudos. My next trek was to Local 27's Third Annual

Poker run. I did not bother to ask anyone to go along on this run as I did not want to be frustrated. Besides it was about 72 or so miles to the starting point at the Elks Lodge. I got a free tee shirt with my entry, which was a surprise.

Ok after talking to several folks I know I went next year's Board of Directors. If you feel that I off on a short poker run. I followed the Local 19 have done a fairly decent job, then by all means crew that was there in front mostly because I felt vote for me. In any event, we have candidates that they would know were they going. It was ok until could use your ability to exercise your right to after check point two, then I needed gas and that vote. Please vote for the Board members and the is when I got kinda messed-up route-wise. Then, Freedom Fighter candidate of your choice. Voting good news, I spotted Russ Howard and his lovely is a privilege that should not be taken for granted. wife, Kris, and we finished the route together. Ar-(I am Sporty Milligan and I approve of this mes-riving back at the end, which was the Elks Lodge, I checked my poker hand, and it was no good, as

Had bough raffle tickets and won a small trin-Tour. I asked my Local 1 and Local 2 and Local ket prize. As usual I had a great time with the guys 13 to join in and participate, but I was only able and gals of ABATE Local 27. Thanks to you all.

My last trek was the run to Sacramento for the I told Steve B to meet me at Henry's in Canoga last Board meeting of 2011. I had decided to spend Park on Sherman Way. The run was Saturday so I the night at my brother, Jim's, who lives in Atasparked in front of the restaurant waiting for Steve cadero. I choose this option of going north because B to show up. No deal. So I called him on my cell going through Gorman sucked. The Grapevine has phone. Must have called him several times, then road construction and they have ripped the road said to myself, forget it and left for the starting and that is awful if you're riding a bike. I got a bit delayed, but I was packed up and left home by Ok so I said "Howdy" to Local 3 president, 11am. It was warm so I put on plenty of sunscreen Chuck Pedersen, and his lady - getting bad with and off I went. I am doing the trip on my 1200 names as I get older. Damn. Said hi to Don Martin Sporty low bike. Rode to Saticoy on the 118. Rode their treasurer. Yaks, they have been running Local 40 miles into the trip and stopped for gas at a 76

By the time I hit Manzanita off the 101 hwy, taurant and parked out back! The meters in front I realized I was having a flat tire. I managed to get of Henry's were working because it was Saturday. off the freeway in time and pulled into a gas sta-What a goof up on my part. So to make it up to tion. Using the air pump for free it took four times to get enough air into the tire to get moving along. We left after he got his belt cover put on. It Service station attendant gave me the directions to was close to 10 am when we left. At each stop we a Honda shop via the freeway. Yaks. After calling were asked questions we had to find the answers to my brother and leaving a phone message, I pressed by looking in various places at each stop. So we're on going 15mph on the shoulder of the freeway doing the route and it's getting late, but never- then off and finally reaching the Honda shop. He the-less we pressed on. In Oxnard we had to take redirected me to a Harley shop, Moto Loco. I got on unexpected detour and that cost us some time. there and almost two hours later my tire was fixed. Steve then needed a water break at the Seven-Elev- Cost of the repair \$272 and some chump change. en. In Ventura at the park stop Steve needed a pi\*\* Desperate times call for charges on the Harley visa break. Yaks. So we finally got to the end at the Elks card.

Pee break at the rest stop at Gavotte. Back on front. They're a snooty town because leaving I was cut off, but somehow managed to get back out on

Made it to my brother's by 5:50pm. He junked/ sold his old Toyota for chicken feed, meaning he gave it away, and got a new white Toyota pick up truck. Dinner at Jim's nothing special, Subway, TV nothing special, watched the movie Fargo. Bed by

Breakfast at Denny's - ate something called a fit fare breakfast - for Denny's not bad. Needed to find a Chase bank and was pointed in the right direction; arrived and did banking. Right on. Went to a Staples where a very nice attendant, her name was Bev, helped me make copies of two of John Del Santo's safety articles for my meeting Sunday. Yea, baby.

10:10am stopped at Shannon rest stop off hwy 41 for a break then getting on 46 which will take me to I5 in the Fresno area. The last 7 to 10 miles sucked, as they ripped the road and it was a mess. The stop sign guy said about 3 more weeks of bad road conditions - California roads suck to high heaven. Stopped at the Cologne rest stop; 11:05am back on road. 11:50 stopped at Mobile gas station for fuel, \$10 for gas and helped a lady get something off tall shelf (being polite). Back on the road. Then stopped at Vista View Point to stretch and quick view. Stopped at the Whestley Road stop for vending machine coffee and a Snickers. At this pointy only an hour and a half from the motel in Sacramento. 2:20pm stopped in Lodi for gas - \$8. Finally arrived at the La Quinta Inn in downtown Sacramento.

Had dinner of Mexican food with Carol C, Tina, Gill and little David at a restaurant close to the hotel. After dinner went back to my room and in bed by 9pm, Night-night. Saturday's breakfast was continental. We had meetings all day starting at 10am until 4pm with lunch in between.

Gota be home before midnight so left Sacramento and headed down the I5. Only stopped for gas on the way home; took the I5 all the way. Stockdale was last gas stop. They're a rip-off - almost \$4.99 a gallon with the card and \$4.89 with cash. Up the Grapevine to Gorman was a bit scary at night, but the 2007 1200 Sporty was running sweet and I pulled into my house at 11pm no worse for wear.

I planned to take Monday off as a vacation day. Sunday was my monthly meeting for October - see the Local 1 report for that - followed by a So Cal Regional Rally committee meeting at Ida's house in Fontana.

It was a busy and tiring weekend but it is what we Freedom Fighting ABATE members do for the cause of preventing tooth decay - aka preventing bad things from happening to California bikers. Regards and so long, Sporty.





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# COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

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**CONGRESSMAN CHALLENGES** SCIENCE OF E15 GAS: U.S. Representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has introduced legislation to require the Environmental Protection Agency to "seek independent scientific analysis on the effects of 15 percent blend ethanol gasoline" (E15), which the EPA recently allowed to be sold for use in 2001 or newer vehicles; though motorcycles and ATVs are not approved for its use, nor are most small air-cooled engines, and using the hotterburning fuel could cause premature wear, engine damage and void the manufacturer's warranty.

who owns a car, lawnmower, or boat," said Sensenbrenner in announcing his bill, H.R.3199. "Automakers insist that using E15 will void warranties, lower fuel efficiency, and cause premature engine failure. In off-road engines, the effects can even be dangerous for users."

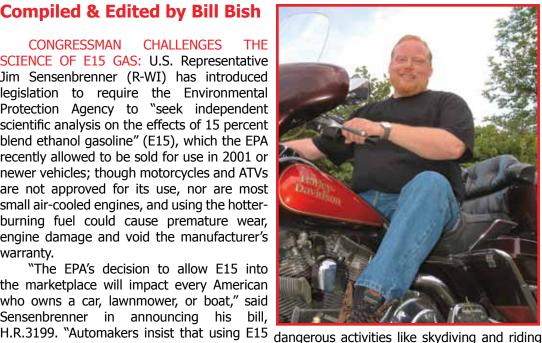
the availability of compatible fuel supplies if gas stations primarily provide E15 gasoline that's EPA-approved for the majority of motorcycles or ATVs appear on the EPA's list might eventually pay higher premiums. of vehicles approved for use of E15.

decision of this magnitude will be vetted by stop." independent scientific research, rather than political expediency."

House Committee on Science, introduced H.R. 748 to prohibit the EPA from authorizing the Confederation of Clubs. use of gasoline containing greater than 10% ethanol (E10).

BIKERS' RIGHTS TO HEALTH CARE: Akin to some Unions that have negotiated lower coverage for so-called "risky" behavior M/C member. such as horseback riding, skiing and riding

The chairman of a House study committee looking at Georgia's health benefit plan said the state might require employees to disclose



motorcycles.

State Rep. Carl Rogers (R-Gainesville) said that the panel is looking to bring down AT skyrocketing costs in the state health plan. negotiations with Beech Bend Park near Motorcyclists should be concerned about Earlier this year, lawmakers were forced to scramble to fill a \$300 million budget hole for the health benefits.

their customers -- but no on- or off-road state employees who take part in risky activities boycott of their events until this discriminatory

TRUE COLORS: COPS VS. BIKERS "There are serious concerns that the "Nowadays, officers also have to worry understanding that several hundred phone EPA used only one Department of Energy about lawsuits when they pull over a 'one- calls went to the offices of Beech Bend Park," test and rushed E15's introduction into the percenter," reported the Philadelphia Daily said Jay Huber, President of KMA/KBA. "As a market place. This test was limited in scope News in response to a civil rights lawsuit result of those calls the management at Beech and ignored a plethora of evidence - albeit claiming profiling and police harassment, Bend has reversed its decision regarding NO inconvenient evidence for the EPA - that adding that "Biker gangs might have a well- COLORS at its events." shows E15 gasoline has a negative effect deserved reputation, but one local attorney on engines," according to Sensenbrenner. who represents several clubs says that Confederation of Clubs is committed to "I introduced this legislation to ensure a 'reputation' isn't a valid reason for a traffic eliminating this type of discrimination as it

and the bikers is because the cops hassle their website of businesses that discriminate Earlier this summer, Congressman them ALL the time," said Aid to Injured Sensenbrenner, who is the Vice Chair of the Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Boyd Spencer, bikers please refrain from using the services who represents the Eastern Pennsylvania of any business that participates in this type

Spencer is representing three bikers in a

According to the complaint, the bikers

"Now you're all going to take your jackets off, because on this highway, these are the only colors," one of the state troopers, referring to State Police blue and gold, told the group after nearly 50 minutes had passed.

The bikers didn't budge. None of them took off his colors. The helmets were later found to be legal, and a prosecutor dismissed the charges. Spencer, who said the demand to take off their colors was out of bounds, chalks up the traffic stop to harassment.

Spencer said he always hears about bikers getting harassed. "I've got a guy in Upper Darby who gets pulled over every time he goes out on his bike," he said.

Upper Darby police Superintendent Michael Chitwood Sr. told the newspaper that bikers get pulled over if they break traffic laws, like anyone else. Police keep tabs on them, though. "These operations have become very sophisticated. They know what their rights are and what the police can do," he said.

COLORS" **RULE RESCINDED** KENTUCKY EVENT: Following failed Bowling Green, Kentucky upon announcing they would no longer allow club colors of any

kind at their All Harley Drags, the Kentucky Rogers told the Associated Press that Motorcycle Association/KBA called for a policy was changed. "After the word went out it is my

"The KMA/KBA along with the Kentucky hurts the entire biker community," said Huber, "Some of this tension between the cops adding that his organization will post listings on with regard to No-Colors and urge "that ALL

of action." **SUIT CHARGES** DISCRIMINATORY civil-rights lawsuit stemming from a July 30, ENFORCEMENT OF NEVADA HELMET LAW:

2009, traffic stop involving six motorcyclists, A dozen motorcycle riders recently filed a two of the defendants are Pagan's M/C class action lawsuit charging arbitrary and health care costs by excluding insurance members and a third defendant was a Tribe discriminatory enforcement of Nevada's helmet law.

The suit filed in U.S. District Court motorcycles, the state of Georgia may soon were ticketed for not having approved helmets charges "defendants, through their agents, exclude motorcyclists from their healthcare and were told to remove their "colors", the have an ongoing pattern and practice of patched jackets members wear. The whole issuing helmet tickets to the class members traffic stop, which lasted more than an hour, that are not supported by constitutionally was captured by mounted cameras in the sufficient probable cause, thereby violating the civil rights of the class members." The

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action blames Clark County and the cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson and departments for the disparity in enforcement, and if certified as a class the suit could thefts, or 37.7% of the total. represent more than 40,000 motorcycle riders in the county.

of selectively enforcing the helmet law and of using it unconstitutionally to hassle bikers.

the U.S. Constitution barring unreasonable search and seizure," commented A.I.M. (Aid to of the show's previous seven seasons, Savage Injured Motorcyclists) Attorney Sam Hochberg and his co-host Jamie Hyneman set out to in The Gunny's Sack monthly e-column test the theory, and the Los Angeles Times "The suit also alleges violations of the 14th recently reported on the show's findings. Amendment protections against arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement. They are saying the fines are all over the map with no balance. The suit essentially says that law enforcement folks are using the Nevada helmet law to highway driving and 25% city driving. harass motorcyclists."

driver's licenses.

minutes in America, but according to a report emissions profile. motorcycles reported stolen in 2007 compared with 49,791 in 2010, according to data from theft reports contained in the National Crime

The top five makes stolen last year were: (1) Honda, 12,260; (2) Yamaha, 9,853; (3) Suzuki, 7,869; (4) Kawasaki, 5,470; and (5) Harley-Davidson, 3,301. Combined, these five

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or 77.8 percent of the total.

motorcycle thefts in 2010 were: (1) California, of nitrogen and 8,065% more of the toxic air 5,662; (2) Texas, 4,394; (3) Florida, 4,148; pollutant carbon monoxide. Mesquite; and Boulder City, and their police (4) North Carolina, 2,649; and (5) Indiana, 1,925. These five states accounted for 18,778 it's a wash. Motorcycles are just as bad for

ECO-FRIENDLY: In the popular belief that since The group is hoping to ultimately win motorcycles get better mileage they must be the equation that measures a vehicle's the repeal of Nevada's helmet law, but this greener than cars, "People are trading in their true impact on the environment, and as LA lawsuit is not about whether the government cars and driving motorcycles instead because Times columnist Susan Carpenter concludes; has the right to require motorcycle riders to they believe that's the more environmentally "Despite the MythBusters' findings, emissions wear helmets, which the Nevada Supreme friendly choice," said "MythBusters" television are only part of the story of a vehicle's true wear helmets, which the Nevada Supreme host Adam Savage in the season opener of greenness. According to the Motorcycle the popular Discovery Channel show. "The Industry Council, motorcycle manufacturing action accuses local police and prosecutors logic is because motorcycles are generally more fuel-efficient than cars, they burn less gas and thus they must be better for the "This violates the Fourth Amendment to environment."

> The MythBusters duo selected three to-grave life cycle assessment for cars and motorcycles and three cars that were common motorcycles for the Season 9 opener?" in the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s and put the

Dubbed the Class M class action, the Hyneman trailed him on the bikes, each one by busting a window of an Apple Store in suit seeks to include some 40,000 Nevadans equipped with portable emission-measuring central London and plundering thousands of holding motorcycle endorsements on their systems that tracked exhaust gases from dollars in Mac laptops, iPads and iPhones. a probe in the tailpipe and collected engine "Apple is a big ticket item and a very easy NATIONWIDE MOTORCYCLE THEFTS information from the engine control unit to sell," deputy inspector Gregory Antonsen told

The upshot of the experiment was that by the National Insurance Crime Bureau, the newer two-wheeler was indeed 28% do not take an interest in politics doesn't motorcycle thefts last year were down 24% more fuel efficient than the comparable car mean politics won't take an interest in you!" ~







brands accounted for 38,753 thefts in 2010, gas carbon dioxide, however the same motorcycle emitted 416% more smog-The top five states with the most forming hydrocarbons, 3,220% more oxides

The MythBusters' conclusion: "At best, the environment as cars," Savage said on the FACT OR FICTION: MOTORCYCLES ARE show. "At worst, they're far worse." But emissions are only one factor in

requires thousands fewer pounds of raw materials than automobiles. They require less fossil fuel, so they require less energy to pull that fossil fuel out of the ground. They As the MythBusters have done with each use fewer chemicals and oils than cars. And motorcycles produced today are 90% cleaner in California than they were 30 years ago. Note to MythBusters: How about a cradle-

WEIRD NEWS: MOTORBIKERS TAKE undisclosed vehicles through a 30-minute, 20- BITE OUT OF APPLE: Just like in the movies, mile real-world course, 75% of it consisting of seven motorbike riders carrying passengers wearing full face helmets recently conducted Savage drove all three cars while an early-morning "smash-and-grab" robbery DOWN: A motorcycle is stolen every 9.5 determine each vehicle's fuel economy and the International Business Times, calling this one "primarily an Apple case".

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Just because you from their 2007 total. There were 65,678 and emitted 30% less of the greenhouse Pericles (c. 495 – 429 BC), Greek Statesman









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Mail IN Ballot for 2012-2013 ABATE Board of Director's & Freedom Fighter for 2011 in this issue.

Your ABATE Membership must be current for your vote to count. Mark your ballot, write your name legibly and/or Membership Number; mail it in – postmark deadline is December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

ABATE Local 22 – Debt Buster Raffle – Contact a Member of Local 22 for your ticket, or attend their meeting first Tuesday of the month; 7:00pm at the Chowder Barge; 611 N Henry Ford Ave; Wilmington, 90744. Drawing will be held January 14, 2012 – Winner need not be present to win!

**November 13** – One More From the Heart – benefits the Totally Kids Specialty Health Care Center. Kick Stands UP from the Choppper

Place @ 10:00 am Sharp 4791 Doane Glendale H-D 24th Annual Skid Row Ave; Riverside, Ca 92505 or arrive at Ride (See flyer this issue for details.) the Center 1720 Mountain View Ave; Loma Linda, CA by 10:45 am For additional Info contact HR-wolfe@att.net or call **after** 11:30 am 951/279-4370.

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; (See Flyer this issue for details.)

December 8 – BALLOT for 2012-2013 ABATE Board of Directors & 2011 Freedom Fighter Postmark

December 11 – ABATE Local 1 &

# **2012 Events**

January 8, 2012 - First ABATE Quarterly Meeting for the Year -Sacramento – Details TBA

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

January 14, 2012 – Local 22 Debt Buster Raffle Drawing -

February 26, 2012 – ABATE Local 1 – 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Bear Run (see flyer this issue for details.)

Please email your ABATE Event information (in Microsoft word document) and Flyers (in a JPG file) to <a href="mailto:bailing.wire@abate.org">bailing.wire@abate.org</a> by the 15th of the month to be listed in the next issue. Your flyers MUST be in a jpg file to be used in the Bailing Wire.

# Be Ready for That!

by John Del Santo

the motorcyclists injured in a multi-vehicle crash Sun- tragedy. The CHP Officer mentioned that the tice some emergency stops, or even to check out day afternoon has died from his injuries. A rider from motorcyclist "locked up his rear brakes in San Diego was riding his Harley Davidson on Route trying to stop". If so, why so? During a hard 66 about 3 pm when an SUV tried to make a left turn, stop most of the weight is thrown towards the but stopped in the middle of the road to avoid hitting front of the bike, and so the front brake does a bicycle, a California Highway Patrol Officer said. The driver of a white car braked hard to avoid hitting the SUV and the motorcycle rider "locked up his rear brakes in trying to stop", the CHP officer said. The motorcyclist hit the back of the car and was thrown over it and into the back of another SUV.

The rider was airlifted to a hospital and, despite aggressive efforts to resuscitate him, was pronounced dead about 90 minutes after arriving, the Medical Ex-

AN ANALYSIS OF THAT: It is such a common mistake for car drivers to start a left turn, and then stop because they see a pedestrian, bicycle, or high curb that they did not notice when preparing for their left-turn. This is a very common mistake, you see it every day. Be ready for it! Don't assume that the left-turner is going to do the right thing.

This motorcyclist did not hit the car making the left, but instead hit the car that stopped trying to avoid

the left-turner. A 2 or 3 second following dis- a lot of the stopping, and the rear brake does less. FROM A RECENT NEWS ARTICLE: One of tance would probably have helped avoid this This would be a good weekend to go out and prac-

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# Membership Report

# by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan, **Membership Chairman**

Hi all! Here's the monthly membership report from the desk of Sporty Milligan. We still have a tight economy and I think that has not been too kind to our membership. I still need you to try to get new members and retain your

At my Local 1 meeting in October I am asking the members to get at least one new member by the end of the year. In the agenda I provide I have included a membership card and ask the members that show up to get a new member or business member by the end of the year. Local 1 has a booth at the Love Run in Castaic on October 23, so I hope we can get members from that as well.

If you have a membership plan that has worked for your Local that has gained new members and helped you keep the renewals, by all means share it with the other Locals. Submit your ideas to me at sportymilligan@yahoo.com.

ABATE Freedom Fighters - we still have to strive to keep this organization alive and the membership is the lifeline of the organization. So again I ask you to get new members and keep the

Remember there is strength and unity in numbers of members. Regards, Sporty Milligan





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# In Memory of Gary "Herald" **Shanks**



ABATE Local 2 has recently lost a member of the biker community as well as a dear friend and great family man. Gary Herald Shanks! When I got the call late that afternoon (Sunday, September 18th) I freaked out. The night before he asked me if I wanted to ride with him and I declined because of my bad back issues. Gary, the President of the Live Riders MM and other riders went on a fellowship ride in the mountains of Pine Mountain summit. The group was riding on Hwy 33 while descending from the top, enjoying the ride while cruising at 35mph. Denny Allman,

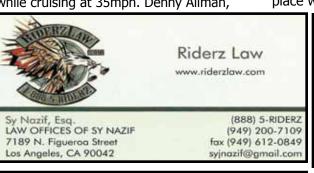
Local 2 member, was riding behind Gary and the Live Riders and continued on while Gary and the group pulled off the road for a few minutes. While riding down the mountain Denny saw a group of riders on metric sportbikes coming up the mountain real fast, so fast that Denny remarked to his rear passenger, "They're going so fast they are going to kill someone." While still descending a few minutes later he saw CHP and other emergency vehicles going up the mountain, unaware of what had happened.

This is what happened, the metric riders were coming up the road so fast that the lead rider lost control and swerved into the middle of the oncoming lane before hitting Gary head on. This happened so fast, neither one had time to brake, and there were no skid marks (the report said the metric rider was doing over 60mph), the metric bike burst into flames and the other metric bike (#2) hit my good friends Tudy and Bonnie Lara. They suffered moderate injuries as well. Gary died shortly after at the scene and the metric rider died later that day. The metric rider was a 19 year old kid on a bike that was just too much for him to handle. How much experience could this kid have had? The CHP stated that this highway is a popular place where motorcyclists ride because of

the winding roads and beautiful scenery, and they had stepped up patrolling in this area because of the recent accidents. I rode with Gary and we put on a lot of miles over the years, I know that Gary loved to ride, and he had vacations that only included himself and his bike! On some vacations Gary put on more miles than most riders put on in a year. Gary was a well educated, experienced rider.

I know that metric riders get a bad rap because of accidents like this one, but where do they get educated? Should there be mandatory riding schools for these types of bikes when purchased? We're talking about a lot of horsepower on two wheels, on a bike that's made to go real fast! I hardly ever see any sport bike riders at ABATE functions, let alone younger riders, who seem to favor this type of bike. Talk about a group of riders that needs ABATE. How does an old man like me approach a 19 year old kid and talk to him about ABATE and getting rider's training? I guess I'm going to have to figure this out soon. I am hoping to prevent as many accidents as I can, using ABATE as a platform, rather than using my own negativity against someone else merely because this person rides a different type of bike than I do.

RIP Gary "Herald" Shanks!! Farewell to my Bro, PTL Norm e. New, ABATE Local 2

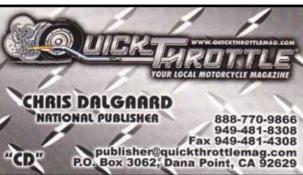
















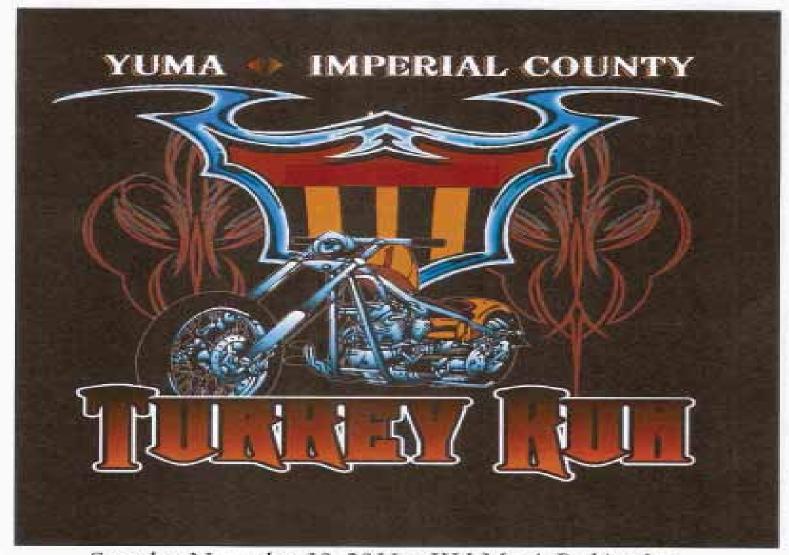
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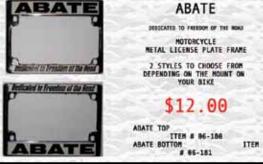
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# **Tech Tips** by Craig Griswold

**Pre-Ride Inspection** 



It's safe to say that more than a few of us tend to jump on the scoot and blast down the road with not much more than a glimpse at the bike's condition. A full-on axle to axle safety inspection probably isn't practical before every ride. That type of detail could be saved for, and should be conducted with, every service. That said, a cursory look around the bike can reveal potential problems.

look at the brakes. How are the pads? Any fluid leaks? Take a few seconds now and then to just the periodic torque check of critical fasteners, but you'd be surprised how often you'll catch a loose



axle cap nut or shift lever fastener. Always better to find it on the bike.

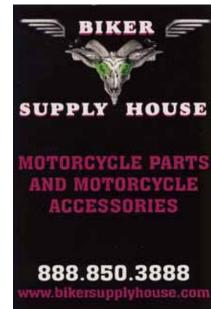
Check the oil level, AFTER the bike is warmed up. The oil level will typically read lower when the engine is cold. There are two reasons for this. The oil will expand as it is heated and displace more volume. Secondly, some oil may sump into the lower end, especially after the bike sits for prolonged periods. This is more common with the pre-Twin Cam oil pumps on models with the oil tank above the bottom end of the engine (Softails, older FLTs, etc.). Once the bike is started, that oil is scavenged back into the tank. If you add oil and then start and warm up the bike, the overfilled system has little to no room for venting, and that will almost always end up on the outside of the bike. We covered tires. So what's left? Take a quick Also remember that some models require the bike to be level, while others on the kickstand.

Whether you're conducting a quick look-see grab and twist fasteners. This is no substitute for or a full blown safety inspection, you'll benefit greatly by keeping a copy of the maintenance checklist that's in the front of the service manual.

This check list outlines all the items that are covered for every mileage based service. If you do your own maintenance, this will help you catch some of the most overlooked maintenance checks like lubing clutch and throttle cables and checking spokes. Even if you don't spin your own wrenches, ask your shop for a copy of that list. It's good info to have handy.

Ride safe!

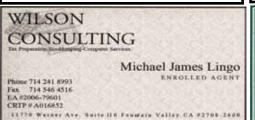
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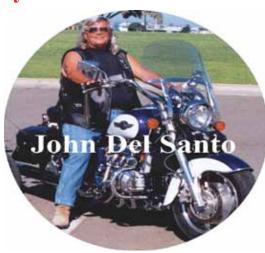






# **Planning That Big Trip**

by John Del Santo



It's finally time to start out on that long awaited vacation! Be it summer in the mountains, fall in the desert or winter at the resorts, we need to prepare our bikes - checking hoses and wires for chafing and wear, check tire pressure and tread wear, how old is that battery?

Look up some different routes. If you're traveling in California, you can call 800 427-7623 to find out road conditions and construction areas. Sometimes the destination you want to reach is far away, and it's not the best idea to

# by John Del Santo

The bad guys have you surrounded! The Crusher on the left will try to put you in traction and a neck brace, the Butcher on the right is setting you up for a long hospital stay, the Mangler closing in behind you will try to kill you it's time to ESCAPE! If you start looking for an escape route now, it may already be too late.

Knees in the breeze! It's nice to imagine a nice ride along the highways and byways, concentrating on the sights, checking out the trees and mountains, the sunset, and the sweet thing in the convertible in the next lane, and letting the other traffic worry about itself. Yeah it's nice to imagine that, but if we ride in that state of mind we better have our papers in order and be holding a really fat health insurance policy.

As we are riding, we need to constantly survey the traffic moving around us. Are you in the blind spot of the guy in the next lane? Or is he in yours? Move up or back a little bit (escape route). Are you in heavy traffic and have a tailgater hanging on your back? Come off the throttle for about two seconds that'll open up some following distance in front of you (escape route) and will encourage the tailgater to go somewhere else. A glance in the mirror shows a small pickup, three cars back, approaching WAY too fast! If he hits the red car, will the red car be knocked into your lane? It's time to shift

push yourself too many hours and miles at a time for the first couple of days. That's not the most pleasant type of riding, and tired riders tend to miss seeing important parts of the road. There's a lot of nice stuff to see and enjoy along the way.

Pack a light set of rain gear; doing that will almost guarantee that you won't run into any rain on the trip. Sometimes we get high in the mountains; traveling in higher altitudes than we live in can cause a change in equilibrium, balance and temperament, be ready to recognize that. When we ride in hot weather, stripping down to a t-shirt will allow our body moisture to just fly away. Drink a lot more than you think you need, and if you get to a stop and don't need to use the restroom, then you're not drinking enough. Hydrate! When traveling in cold weather we need to avoid hypothermia. Your MPH combined with how low the temperature is can create a really low wind-chill factor. Getting sleepy can be a tip-off that hypothermia is sneaking up. Getting sleepy while riding in very hot or very cold weather is a BAD sign of things to come, and "falling" asleep has a whole different meaning when we're on a motorcycle. If you are riding with friends, ride your own ride and know when it's time to take a break. A good time to stop is in that little town to buy whatever is that you forgot to pack.

If you are planning a trip through different places that you have not been, ask someone who has been there before. Find out what special things you might need to prepare for. My wife was getting ready to wander up the West Coast and through Canada and Alaska. She wanted to stick to the small roads wherever possible. Our friend and mentor, an Alaskan named Kent, had her load up her bike with a hundred pounds of camping and traveling gear, and then they went up into the southern California mountains and out into the back-country to find the roughest, most rugged unpaved roads for her to practice on. She made arrangements with a motorcycle dealer in Alaska to have a set of tires and a chain for her bike on hand waiting for her.

Gasoline, the lifeblood of our traveling, can be tricky to find sometimes. The gas station in that next little town may close at 5 pm or be closed on Sunday. Some stations take debit cards, but not credit cards. Our pal Gary has three rules that he swears by when traveling: (1) Stay on the road, (2) Never pass up a perfectly good gas station, and (3) Never pass up a perfectly good restroom.

So ride, ride, ride! Get out there and do it, ride smart, and enjoy it! Because on a bike, the trip is the destination!

# The Great Escape

into another lane now, before it happens (escape route).

While waiting in a line of traffic at a traffic light, a good position is to be close to the side of the lane, with your front wheel pointing a bit towards open space, so if you hear a screech of brakes coming in behind you, you're ready to move (escape route). There's a heavy stripe of grease in the middle of the roadway near intersections, so we approach intersections in the tire-track that decreases your stopping distance. And a good, healthy following distance is an escape route. Does the driver in the car at the next stop sign see us? Can you make eye contact? Are you ready to swerve or gas or brake if the guy makes a sudden left across your nose? (Escape route). A mile up the road we see brake lights piling up, squeeze your brake now to flash your brake light and wake up the dude behind you, and check out the best lane to be in before you get to the trouble spot (escape route).

So as we ride along, we make it a game! If that guy on the car phone does this, where do I go? (Escape route). The driver in that car next to me just glanced at his mirror, but I'm in his blind spot, should I give him a honk on my horn to make sure he's aware that I'm here? (Escape route). If that traffic that is building in front of me comes to a sudden terrible stop, do I have enough stopping distance to stop before I reach the vehicles stopped in front of me? Enough stopping

distance to stop smoothly enough so the guy behind me doesn't plow into me? (Escape route). By playing the game, constantly assessing the developing situations and preparing your possible escape routes, and then with a certain amount of luck you'll be ready to escape when the real killer situation erupts.

Whew! That sucker almost had me! But we were ready, we made the great escape.







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