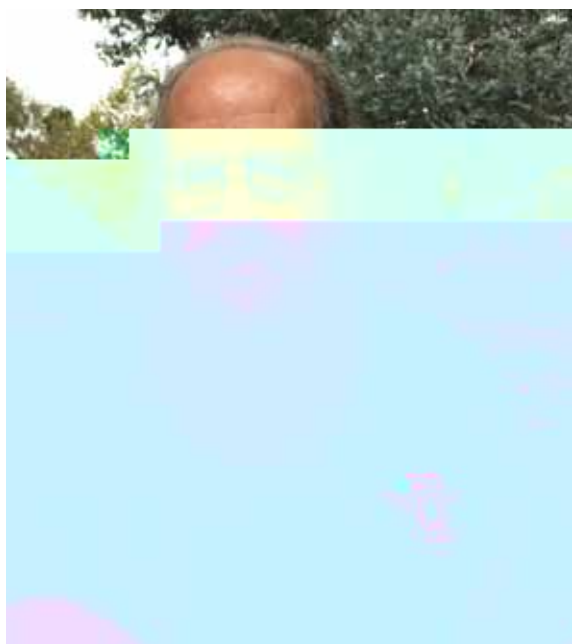


2017 Freedom Fighter Nominations

Nomination of Steve Howe, Local #08, by Dan & Linda Kelly



Steve Howe has been an ABATE of California member for 7 years, and has shown his determination and commitment to spreading awareness of ABATE's mission and ideals.

Steve first joined ABATE as a member of Local 22. With his relocation to the Buena Park area he attended Local 8's meeting in October 2013 where he became involved and jumped in, attending Board meetings and rallies and continued to demonstrate his leadership capabilities by being elected Local 8's President the following year.

By his attendance at the state quarterly meetings he is also a PAC member.

Increasing membership and promoting awareness of issues relevant to the motorcycling community, he galvanized Local 8's members to reach out and develop a forward-thinking, inclusive atmosphere by engaging local and state politicians, business partners and other diverse riding groups. Adhering to the ideas of donating "a penny a mile" ridden and "found money" make him a consistent contributor to ABATE's funding.

Freedom Fighters are those individuals who are on the front line. That is Steve Howe.

Nomination of Jim Schlachter, Local #17, by Glenn Phillips



It gives me great pleasure to nominate Jim for the 2017 Freedom Fighter award. Jim has been a dedicated member of ABATE for over 14 years, serving not only as a Local Officer but on the State Board for a time. Jim is currently serving as the Merchandise Officer for our Local and has served as Vice President and Treasurer in the past. He has been an inspiration to me and continues to do so. He is a great example of what being a member is all about-PARTICIPATION.

Jim gives 110 percent. He was a driving leader in our 2013 Bike Raffle serving as Chairman for the process. The work required, along with the stress, was tremendous. He ran a tight ship and the result was a huge success for the entire organization of ABATE! He set the platform which we are using for our upcoming bike raffle. Jim volunteers when he can at anything we ask.

Jim was also instrumental in restoring our Local after a mismanagement period and gaining back our membership as the largest Local in California. He is a dear friend and riding partner to many throughout the Local. Please support me and vote for Jim Schlachter for ABATE of California Freedom Fighter of the Year.

Nomination of Mark Loudermilk, Local #23/27, by Dave Hastings



I would like to nominate Mark Loudermilk of Local 23/27 for Freedom Fighter of the Year. Mark has been a member of ABATE since 2009. Many members wear multiple hats with ABATE and Mark has taken many roles. In 2014 seeing a vacancy in the Board and Region 9, his region, he volunteered and filled those positions.

Having a computer degree, in 2015 he approached Carol Cromwell about assisting with the webpage and eventually took over as the webmaster and still does that job. He also setup and administers, with others, the Facebook pages for both Locals 23 and 27.

In 2015 he became Vice president of Local 23 and Treasurer of Local 27 and in 2016 Membership Officer of Local 27. He is also PAC Rep and Safety Officer for both Locals.

In 2016 he worked with Nick Benson and Chuck Pederson in distributing and tabulating the questionnaires sent to candidates and is currently preparing the database for the 2018 election. Recently he was made Assistant to the Legislative Director to aid with communications.

Lastly, when we learned that Deacon was seriously ill and Kay was hoping to find a last ride for him, Mark reached out to people and organizations in Oregon and at this time has two people committed to giving that ride and others offering to visit in support.

He still does ALL 9 jobs, helping to keep the ABATE wheels turning.

2017 Freedom Fighter Ballot

Local # _____ Member # _____

Name #1 _____

Name #2 _____
(If couple)

Vote #1

Vote #2
(If couple)

Steve Howe

Mark Loudermilk

Jim Schlachter

Ballots will NOT be counted if

- They are Anonymous
- Member is not current at time of tally (Dec 2017)
- Ballot is not legible

Ballots must be received or postmarked NO later than December 9th 2017

- Mail to 20355 Murieta St Apple Valley CA 92307-9223
- Scan and email to info@abate.org (write "Ballot" in the subject line)
- Fax to 1.760.956.6519 (no cover page needed)