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Diane Davis Local 19



2017 Membership Drive Winners

1st place Glenn Phillips L17

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3rd place Peggy Hall L44

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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.

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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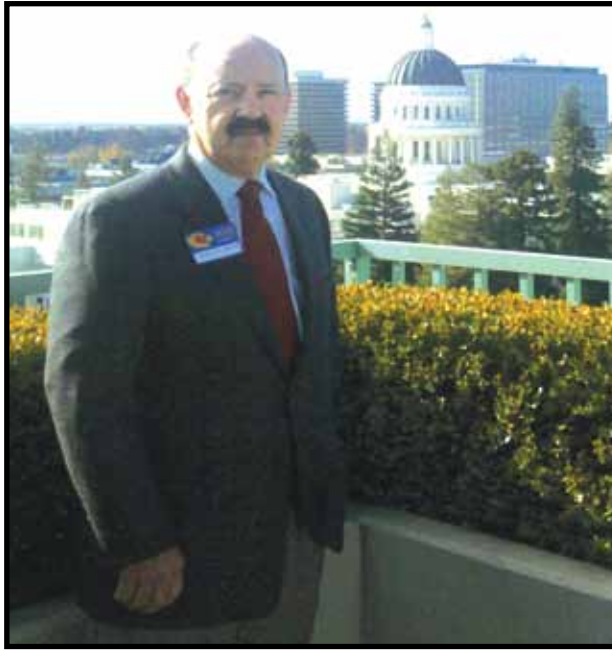
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Lobbyist's Legislative Report



The Legislature returned in January to start work on the 2018 Legislative Calendar and Election Year. Beginning with finishing up some of the 2-year bills, bills that were held in Committee left over from last year's session. For the past few months we have been meeting with legislators and staff at the Capitol on these Bills on behalf of ABATE in preparation for January Committee Hearings. All of the ones we were tracking were held in

Committee and did not pass.

This month, a slew of **NEW BILLS** will be introduced by the February 16th deadline. We will be scouring over thousands of newly Proposed Laws, reviewing them for the impacts on motorcycling and motorcycle riders. As ABATE's Lobbyist, we have a continual presence at the Capitol. One office reached out to us to let us know they are considering introducing a motorcycle Smog Check bill to get after the "NOISY PIPES" on motorcycles!!! We told them ABATE of California is **VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO ANY SMOG OR NOISE BILL!**

Stay tuned for our March report on what other **ANTI MOTORCYCLING BILLS ARE INTRODUCED THIS YEAR!** Instagram & Twitter [@abatecalifornia](https://www.instagram.com/abatecalifornia) and Facebook - ABATE of California.

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

The Lombardo Group

ABATE Events for 2018

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

February 25 – ABATE Local 1 – 31st Annual Polar Bear Run (see flyer this issue)

March 3 – ABATE Local 17 – Freeze Your Ass Off Run (see flyer this issue)

March 25 – ABATE Local 3/13 - Leather Weather Run (see flyer this issue)

April 14 – ABATE Local 17 – Spring Bingo Fun Run

April – ABATE Local 27 – BARE Necessities Run

May 5 – ABATE Local 17 – Texas Hold 'Em

May 19 – ABATE Board of Directors meeting - Piccadilly Inn, Fresno

June 3 – ABATE Local 17 – Ride In Bike Show and Bike Raffle Drawing (see flyer this issue)

July – ABATE Board of Directors meeting - southern Ca - time and date to be announced

July 21 – ABATE Local 17 – Summer Bingo Fun Run

August 25 – ABATE Local 17 – Sarah's Scholarship Run

October 7 or 13 – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo Fun Run

October 20 – ABATE Board of Directors meeting - Piccadilly Inn, Fresno

December 1 – ABATE Local 17 – Holiday Party

December 2 – ABATE Local 19 – 30th Annual Toy Run

December 2 – ABATE Local 17 – Toy Run

Bike Nites:

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

If you have a date for your event, and no details or flyer yet, you may still submit your dates so others can pencil it in on their social calendar. Then submit your flyer in time for the Bailing Wire and to be posted on ABATE's website.

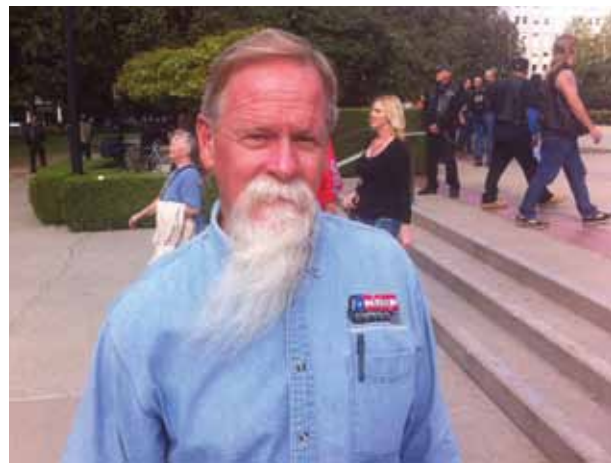
ALL ABATE Events must have event insurance

Contact the ABATE State office for information.

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.

Executive Director's Report



by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

We just held our first ABATE of California Board of Directors meeting of 2018. It was great to see and feel the enthusiasm and excitement of my fellow officers and our members who were present. Maybe it's because everyone was returning from the holiday break and we are gearing up for an election year, but the vibe in the air was present all day starting with the President's meeting, through the PAC meeting, and into the actual Board of Directors meeting held after the lunch break.

I would like to start this article by welcoming our new Board of Director members, "D-Man" and Keith Johnston and thank them both for volunteering in our organization. I feel both are going to be a great addition to our team and look forward to their fresh ideas and input during their term of office.

Our new social media programs are taking off and reaching out to riders we may have missed in the past with our printed materials. In addition, the Board voted to set up an exploratory committee to look into ways to redesign our Bailing Wire magazine to both modernize the magazine and lower our costs for production and distribution. As always, we are looking at ways to offer a better product while continuing to be very frugal with ABATE's, and ultimately our member's, hard earned money.

This being an election year, our PAC will be involved with many of the statewide candidates seeking office. We are already sending out new questionnaire forms to help us evaluate how "motorcycle friendly" the candidates are going to be. This process helps us decide who we will endorse and work with, or if needed, work against, in the upcoming elections. The non-partisan questionnaire is a sure-fire way to hold the candidates accountable and it allows us to quickly and effectively evaluate each candidate who chooses to respond.

If you have a personal relationship with a candidate, please contact Mark Loudermilk and assist us with delivery and follow-up with the candidate or their office staff. This saves everyone time and often the candidate will be more comfortable answering our questions if someone he or she knows personally presents and explains the purpose and use of our fact-finding piece of paper. Here is your chance to help our PAC help you and your candidate. Remember, we all win when we help elect motorcycle friendly candi-

dates into office!

Another item that was discussed quite thoroughly was the motorcycle profiling legislation we are hoping to get on the ballot this year. Chuck Pedersen, our Legislative Director, and many other organizations and individuals have put a tremendous amount of time and effort into finding a legislative author to carry a bill through the legislature and to the governor's desk.

This legislation is designed to prohibit profiling and harassment of motorcycle riders who have not broken any laws, but are still targeted simply because they (you) are riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle related clothing. This issue sounds like it should be a "no-brainer", but in reality it has been an uphill battle and everyone involved has worked diligently to get a bill into the legislative pipeline in 2018. Let's all keep our fingers crossed and give them our support and thanks while we wait for an update on this item that effects every rider in California in one way or another!

So as you can see, we had a very busy and productive meeting agenda to start our new year. The excitement is back, we are making plans and progress on many of our issues and I expect 2018 to be a good year for ABATE of California and the motorcycle riders of our state.

Get involved, help out where you can, and let's all make sure we move the pendulum a little farther toward the "FREEDOM" side of the board this year. Keep abreast of our progress, ride safe, ride often, and I hope to see you somewhere down the road in 2018!

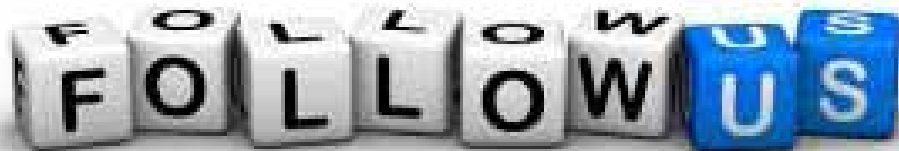
Bailing Wire Update from Dave Hastings, Executive Director

As everyone knows our bi-monthly ABATE of California Bailing Wire magazine has continuously suffered from a financial loss every time we go to print. We are not unique in this aspect, as most other printed magazines are also suffering from a loss of revenue. Because of these losses we have seen many of our favorite printed magazines simply close down and go out of business.

ABATE of California realizes that many of our members and friends look forward to our printed edition of the Bailing Wire and we have done our best to ensure that we continue to make it available to our readers. Unfortunately ABATE of California has reached a point where we cannot continue to indefinitely absorb the loss associated with the printing and delivery of our magazine.

At our January Board of Directors meeting we voted to set up a new committee to examine ways to modernize our magazine. Our goal is to improve the magazine for our readers while increasing our advertising partnerships and associated revenues to help us offset our losses. In the short term we will be going to a quarterly printing schedule immediately. Please remember we will still post an electronic copy of the Bailing Wire each month on our web site - <http://www.abate.org> so you can read the latest magazine edition on your smart phone, computer, or tablet and review prior monthly editions at your convenience.

We will keep you updated on recommended improvements to our magazine and also implement those ideas as quickly as possible. Thank you for your understanding and patience while we work to modernize and implement improvements to our beloved Bailing Wire.



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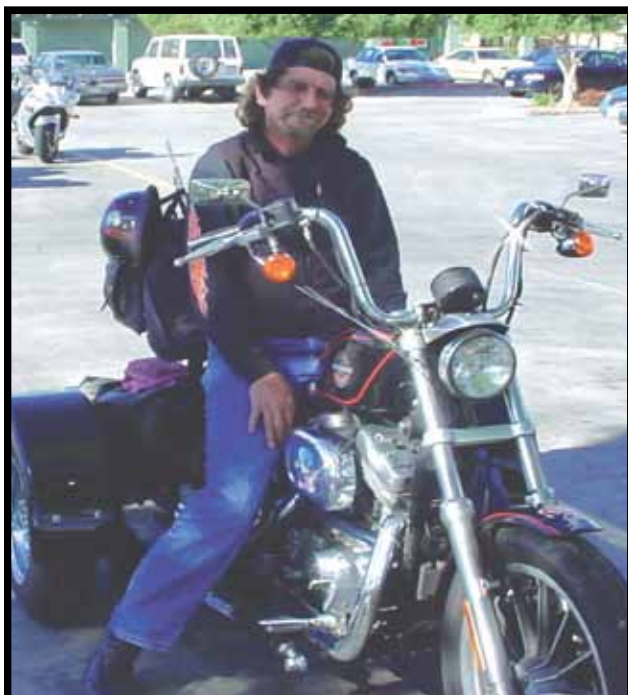
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PHOTOS

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

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Ok folks, we're starting the year 2018 off with a bang. At our first Board of Directors meeting I announced the winners for the 2017 Membership drive: Third place \$100 goes to Local 44 member Peggy Hall! Second place \$200 goes to Local 20 member Gill Mellen! First place \$300 goes to Local 17 member Glen Phillips! Thanks to all the rest of you who signed-up new members this past year.

Since I have not had any requests to change the format of the drive, the 2018 drive will be essentially the same as it was last year except for one

change – we're starting the funding portion of the drive a couple of months earlier. This is due to the fact that we're also doing a motorcycle raffle.

I handed out the special membership funding tickets at the Board meeting on January 13th to the Locals that were attending. We sold all the tickets sent out last year – that was a first! Let's do it again this year!

Ok, some quick reminders:

1. Do your best to keep your Local's renewals.
2. Make your members feel welcome at your meetings.
3. Be sure to include all your Local members on your Local's email list.
4. Do ABATE events and have a membership booth at your event, if that is possible.

5. This year reward your long standing members' renewals with a raffle ticket for the Membership drive or perhaps a ticket for our motorcycle raffle. They will be thrilled to get your special trinket and it will show that you care about them as ABATE Local members.

Ok, the Membership drive is just starting, so get busy and sign-up new members.

Finally, once again, if you have any brilliant ideas on how to better the Membership program, email your suggestions to either the state office or me. My email is williammilligan285@yahoo.com.

Remember there is unity and strength in numbers of members.

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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Greetings all you ABATE members! Since our last report to the Bailing Wire on the workings of ABATE Local 1, we had our December meeting, which was a small turn out. The members who attended were treated by me to lottery scratchers.

We had our annual request for changes in the leadership of ABATE Local 1. President – Sporty, VP – Jim Nickla, Treasurer – Sporty and Membership chair – Glen Cheslock.

Our members brought can goods and toys for the needy families of Tujunga. We discussed the past legislative bills.

Our main focus for the next two months is the Polar Bear run. That will be happening on Sunday, February 25th. So we used the balance of the meeting to discuss what we have to do in order to make this run a success. Items such as run pins, run insurance, start and ending locations and the poker route were discussed. With that said we finally talked about money that will be needed to cover our expenses. Our toy run was a success so we have money to cover our expenses.

Our January meeting, which is January 21st will cover much of the same items. I hope to have a run route done by then. So as you can see we have a lot of stuff going on in Local 1 at the start of the year.

Also after the first quarterly Board of Directors meeting on January 13th we will have discussions on the upcoming legislative agenda for the year and possible candidates for us to consider.

At the end of each meeting we settle down for a nice breakfast at a reasonable cost.

Sporty, President ABATE Local 1 reporting

Local #02 Simi Valley



Our first meeting of the year! It's a nice day for a meeting of the minds of Local 2 and figure out what's up for the New Year that's in front of us.

First order of the day is to thank our volunteer cooks, Steve and Jim! We still serve a great \$5.00 meal, BBQ burgers and footlongs, with all the fixin's one needs and the VFW's bar is on the other side of the wall!

This is how we roll at Local 2's meeting: We start serving our famous BBQ dinner at 6:45 until 7:20 and our meeting promptly starts at 7:30. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month (our officers' meeting is the first week of the month, at a pre-determined location, usually at Pat's or Jane's house). We meet at VFW POST 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Street for our monthly meeting.

I would like to thank in advance POST 10049 for being a gracious host for ABATE. Two volunteer organizations bent on freedom, what a concept! They have been blessed with new construction/remodeling

and we have a beautiful place for our meetings.

We started with the Pledge of Alliance and then Pres Guy opened the meeting. He talked about our near future and what ABATE is doing this year. We have many upcoming runs and events that will unfold as the year progresses. VP Jim's report is that he's officially engaged!

Guest Keith from Local 3/13 talked about what the MRF is doing for 2018. They will continue to monitor new Bills and other political stuff. Great report Keith! You had to be there to enjoy his report!

Our secretary Jane read the minutes, treasurer Pat gave us her report – we're doing good, PR Norm talked about new technology in our autos and where they're at with autonomous vehicles, Frank, our membership officer, was out sick and nothing has changed since last December, and group ride guy, Pigface, talked about last month's surprise ride and this month's ride as well as other rides in the near future.

We had a good number of gifts for our raffles tonight and the membership drawing was won by our secretary, Jane! This was a good meeting tonight, filled with valid questions and answers. We miss all who couldn't be here tonight and hope to see all at our next meeting.

Ride safe! We are having great weather, so there's no excuse - even I will scoot! Just remember, check your tire pressure ASAP! It's important and easy to do! During these harsh winter days of 60 plus degrees our tire pressure fluctuates more than you know. PTL norm e.

Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks & Ventura County



Happy New Year to our ABATE Family & Friends! In December, we enjoyed our annual Christmas Party and the installation of 2018 officers. Outgoing President, Tim "Tiny" Suffolk, thanked the group for a great year and then announced the new 2018 officer line up, as follows: Chuck "Chief" Pedersen returning for another year as President, Keith "Solo" Johnston as Vice President, John "J-Dub" Warner as Sgt. at Arms, Brian "Shadow" Williams, returning as Treasurer and Kathlean "Mama Bear" Butcher as Scribe and continuing with Public Relations.

As President this coming year, after concurring with his elected officers, Chuck announced the names of those who will serve in other appointed positions: Sharon Johnston as Membership Chair, Roy Nesbitt as Road Captain & Safety Officer, Tasha Nesbitt as Run Coordinator, and Keith Johnston will serve as 'pro-tem' Merchandise Coordinator, until another person can be named.

Chuck expressed his appreciation for those that stepped up to accept officer positions. He also conveyed his enthusiasm for the upcoming year and working with everyone to further promote and sponsor motorcycle riding rights, while enjoying rides and events with our ABATE family and friends.

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

Our President and Vice President, along with some of our officers, continue to network with various

other groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. Issues we are working on include an "Anti-Profiling" bill.

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

Mark your calendars for our next major event, planned for March 25th, our Leather-Weather Poker run ride. Starting with sign-ups at 8:30 to 10:00 am at Azar's Sports Bar in Newbury Park. It will be a fun ride around the local areas, with card-draw stops along the way and a great after party with cash prizes, food and fun!

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

It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations! Ride Free! Here's to a fun and effective year! Kathlean "MamaBear" Scribe & P.R., Local 3/13

Local #08 Orange County



Howdy All from Local 8! We had our first meeting of 2018 last week. Unfortunately it was also the first rainy night in about ten months, so many of us opted to stay warm and dry at home. Those who did make the meeting voted to postpone the election of 2018 officers until February when we hope to have a bigger turn out.

At the meeting activities for next year were discussed and we voted to have a booth at the So Cal Cycle Show and Swap Meet at Long Beach Veterans Stadium this summer. This is becoming a signature event for Local 8. We have had a booth the last few years in a row, having fun, meeting new people, and of course making money for the lobbyist fund. We also plan to do some Bike Nights this year, possibly with Lifestyle Cycles and with Cycle Gear.

It was great to go to the Board of Directors meeting in Buena Park this weekend and see a Local 8 member, D-Man, on the Board! Thanks for stepping up, D-Man! Also, congratulations to Mark on winning the Freedom Fighter of the Year award!

I hope to see lots of Local 8 members at our next meeting on Monday, February 12th at the usual time and place. Also looking forward to seeing a lot of folks at the Polar Bear run in February.

Well, that's all for now, Steve

Local # 11 North San Diego County



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After dealing with fires and surviving evacuation, power loss, cell phones down and road closures we were still able to meet for breakfast at the Moose Lodge in Escondido and then have our meeting in the park there.

We discussed the upcoming possible bills, Hi-Vis vests, and the MRF petition to "Let Riders Speak".

Dan Buse talked about how we had a good promotional booth at Harley Davidson dealership events and not only sold raffle tickets, but also got people interested in membership, donations and had good discussions.

VP went over the various local toy runs and the treasurer talked about our Loaded Booze Ice Chest Raffle sales.

We had a discussion and then voted to go ahead and pay twice the normal amount to the lobbyist fund as we had missed a month. Since we had agreed to commit ourselves to contributing to the fund every month, we felt morally that a good faith gesture to catch up was appropriate though it would deplete our funds soon.

Regional rep, Dave Connors, gave us a very heartfelt Christmas poem that he wrote.

I gave a brief account of my motorcycle tour in New Zealand.

Dogman Mark Castellero

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



Greetings from Local 17! Happy New Year to All! Our 2017 Road Glide raffle is moving right along. 3990 tickets are distributed out of 5000 - so go get yours today! Odds are better than the State Lottery. See flyer in this issue. Tickets are available through ABATE Locals 1, 8, 11, 3/13, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 31 and 44/47. Please contact us for more details and we will gladly get tickets sent to you. Awards will be given to the top three individuals selling the most tickets. Thanks to all as we have paid a good chunk towards the bike! Every member should buy at least one ticket. Drawing will be held on June 3rd at Iron Steed Harley-Davidson in Vacaville, CA. Need not be present to win so call me (Glenn) at 707-624-6310 for your ticket.

For our 30th toy run we joined up with BRO. It was a blast with good weather adding to the day! Over 115 new bicycles and hundreds of toys went right to kids who were lined up in the parking lot with joyous faces. A heartwarming day! Good job to BRO and Local clubs and Organizations for a great event.

It is time to start the run season so check ABATE17.org, ABATE.org and now through Twitter @[ABATECalifornia](https://twitter.com/ABATECalifornia), Instagram @[abatecalifornia](https://www.instagram.com/abatecalifornia) and of course Facebook.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 3rd, (rain or shine) for our 30th Annual Freeze Your Ass Off run. Starting at Miss Darla's and finishing up at the Moose Lodge with a BBQ, drinks, DJ and raffle/50-50. See flyer in this issue.

Next will be our Spring Bingo Fun Run on Saturday, April 14th. Watch us for more info on this and more runs coming up. May 5th will be our 7th Annual Texas Hold-Em.

Please come to our meetings for important info and also to volunteer to help. It is important to bring a worthy raffle prize also that enters you in a drawing for free attendance to the event you donate to. For our members that cannot attend any of our events, please

send a donation as we need them to continue to be successful.

Please welcome both Steve Fox – Membership replacing Teasa Gonzales and Jan Landers – Merchandise replacing Jim Schlachter to Local 17's board! Many thanks to Teasa and Jim for their service. It is the volunteers that keep us going. We still desperately need a Raffle Coordinator and a Run/Event Coordinator, so please come to a meeting on the 3rd Sunday at Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon at 10 am to volunteer.

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

Local #20 Orange County



Happy New Year! We had a nice turnout - 18 members and 2 guests - for the first meeting of 2018. Spike covered what's going on in Waco. You can follow at www.wacotrib.com.

A third Motorcycle Profiling Survey will be sent out to you once Gill gets it. It only takes a few minutes to fill out and doesn't ask for any personal information. We have a wide unification of bikers across the nation. The RFID CA driver's license will be mandatory in 2019-2020.

Bike night starts up in April, 1st Wednesday, and runs through October 2018. Robert Carson lost out on \$10.

Non Politically Correct Gill/Secretary Squirt

Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the meeting to order at 7:00. There were 5 members present and no visitors. Copies of the last meeting minutes were distributed. Lil' David updated us on our financial situation and gave our secretary a copy of our membership list and requested that he contact new members and personally invite them to our meeting.

ABATE will be doing a voter guide for the mid-term elections. There are four- or five Legislators looking for donations, they are all on transportation committees.

We all purchased raffle tickets to support membership activities. The group agreed to skip the December meeting due to legislative recess and the holidays.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Local # 27 Riverside



Allow me to introduce myself, I am Bob Marshall. I have been elected President of Local 27 for the 2018 calendar year. I have been a member of this Local for almost 10 years and have served as the Safety Officer several years back. I am a motorcycle racer, wrencher, junkie and rebuilder. I do a lot of miles every year for some of the most unpopular motorcycle racing available including Landspeed Racing, Little Bike Racing, Cross Country Racing and Cross Country Chopper Racing to name a few. I am honored to serve as this Local's President.

We have some exciting new endeavors for our Local including sponsoring Racers, moving our meeting formats around, posting our meeting minutes on our Facebook group page and implementing a large social media push. Find us on Facebook at ABATE of California - Riverside - Local 27. Also on Instagram as abatelocal27.

Keep up with us if ya can, Bob Marshall, President Local 27, Flying Marshall Racing

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE members! WOW! We collected 490 turkeys that were donated to a dozen charities around the Imperial Valley. We had about 90 sign-ups and 70 motorcycles. The 20th annual ABATE Local 38 Turkey Run exceeded my expectation! I guess we need to add more charities!

I want to thank our host the Wal-Mart Supercenter in El Centro. Besides letting us have our event there, they also donated about 32 turkeys. Then for the second year in a row Ormat Geothermal donated \$500 to buy turkeys. Through fundraisers, T-shirt sponsorships and donations our Local bought \$2000 worth of turkeys which was about 207 more.

To load all those birds, El Centro Motors donated the use of 2 Super Duty Ford F-250 Trucks. I want to thank Raul and Kenny for stepping in and driving them.

A special "Thanks" goes out to everyone who volunteered, donated, or attended this event. Because without any of you this would not be possible.

Here's a list of sponsors that helped make this possible: ABATE Locals 6 San Diego and 11 North County, Allstate Insurance Julie Oliver Agent, Autozone Stores, both El Centro locations, Imperial, Brawley, and Holtville locations, The Biker Shack in Alpine, Bob and Alicia Brown Rentals, Bobby's Territorial Harley-Davidson Yuma AZ, Burgers & Beers, California Correctional Peace Officers Association Centinella and Calipatria Chapters, Chicano Correctional Workers Association, Centinella Chapter, Costco, CVS Pharmacy, David Hussey, El Cajon Harley-Davidson, El Centro Motors, Escobedo's Body Shop, Faith Assembly, FIRE Group, Imperial Valley Chargers Fan Club, Jim Earnest, Johnny's Burrito's, Jones Brothers Glass, La Fonda Restaurant, Law Tigers, Lerma Transports Yuma AZ, Mitosinka, Barros & Sharp, Ormat, Pat Urena, Pro-Train, United States Gypsum Plaster City, Rogers & Rogers Dealerships, Salazar's Cycles Westmoreland, Starbucks Coffee Imperial Ave and I V Mall Locations, Sunrunners Car Club, and the Yuma AZ H.O.G. Chapter 0104. Thank You All!

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



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DATE SET FOR RETRIAL OF TWIN PEAKS

CASE: After a mistrial was declared in the first Twin Peaks case to go to trial in over two years, a spring 2018 trial date has been set for the first defendant to go back on trial in the deadly shootout. The retrial date for Christopher "Jake" Carrizal, 36, will be April 2nd, the court coordinator for Waco's 54th District Court determined.

A mistrial was declared in the case after the jury couldn't come to any agreement on the three gang-related charges on which Carrizal was indicted in connection with the 2015 shootout involving police and bikers at Waco's Twin Peaks restaurant.

"At the end of the day they couldn't, there wasn't enough evidence that the Dallas Chapter (of the Bandidos MC), and specifically Jake Carrizal, had committed any violence against any person that wasn't self-defense," defense attorney Casie Gotro said in response to the ruling.

When leaving the McLennan County Courthouse after the hung jury resulted in mistrial, Carrizal said he knew his battle was only beginning. "We'll fight it another day," he said.

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES NEW TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP:

In a partnership that will raise the profile of behavioral traffic safety, the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) has announced the launch of a new forum for collaborative research through the Behavioral Traffic Safety Cooperative Research Program (BTSCRCP).

Through funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the BTSCRCP will conduct research projects proposed and selected by State Highway Safety Offices to provide actionable solutions that will save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce the costs of traffic crashes associated with unsafe behaviors. BTSCRCP is jointly managed by NHTSA and GHSA and executed by the Transportation Research Board (TRB), which is part of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

As TRB Executive Director Neil Pedersen ex-

plains, "Traffic safety has long been one of TRB's highest priorities. The vast majority of traffic crashes result from human error, so a research program that focuses on human behavior is critical. We look forward to working closely with GHSA and NHTSA in finding new ways to reduce crashes related to behavioral issues."

For each BTSCRCP research project, TRB will assemble a panel of subject matter experts to provide guidance throughout its full lifecycle, from problem statement development through final product delivery.

GHSA Research Committee Chair Thomas Glass states, "This is exciting for GHSA members and anyone working in the highway safety field. The panels can include members from law enforcement, prosecution, treatment and many other professional fields that do not work directly for an SHSO. We are benefiting not only by the collaboration of TRB, but also by the widening circle of experts that we will become active participants in highway safety research."

Information on GHSA's current research projects can be found at www.ghsa.org/resources/BTSCRCP

SAVE MOTORCYCLING: As a devastated motorcycle industry slowly recovered from the big recession nine years ago that decimated domestic sales, it was hit hard by an aging demographic. Reports of declining motorcycles sales blame an aging baby boomer generation, disinterested millennials, unaffordable prices, limited choices for new riders, licensing requirements, closures of off-road riding areas, insurance and registration costs, and a nervous overall economy.

Whatever the reason, the situation has reached so dire a point that a group of industry insiders, veteran riders, marketers and moto-journalists convened at the recent International Motorcycle Show (IMS) in Long Beach to discuss matters and come up with some solutions to save motorcycling from the steady decline it's been experiencing in the United States.

Former Indian Motorcycle executive Robert Pandya formed the 'Give A Shift' group this fall, beginning with a written survey which included 300 participants, and proceeded to a roundtable discussion in Long Beach on November 16th with 25 of the most ardent influencers.

Their key findings and comments, made anonymously for fear of offending employers and business associates, paint a bleak picture:

- Sales are flat or falling in almost every area.
- Baby boomer buyers, the most consistent motorcycle consumers, are aging out of the industry fast.
- The industry has failed to increase sales by making new riders out of women, minorities and millennials.
- The old dealership model is outmoded and unimaginative.
- The arrival of autonomous vehicles may push motorcycles off the road entirely.

"The message is, 'We are in trouble, and there is no silver bullet,'" Pandya said. The consortium called on the power sports industry collectively and riders individually to self-correct, self-police and work together to improve motorcycling's image and prospects.

In summary, the panel's report identifies five major areas that participants felt the motorcycle industry should focus on over the next three years:

1. Improving the desirability of motorcycles
2. Ensuring motorcycles are not forgotten amid

the autonomous car boom

3. Increasing female ridership
4. The importance of self promotion
5. Improving the dealership experience

"There has never been a more compelling and interesting time in motorcycling," the report states, with consensus centering on attracting new riders in a shrinking market.

NEW STUDY FORECASTS STRONG GLOBAL ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE GROWTH:

A recent study by Infiniti Research Ltd predicts that the electric motorcycle market will grow 42% in the next five years. Reported on military-technologies.net, the detailed analysis includes all major global markets, and identifies marketing strategies and market trends through 2021.

"One trend in the market is development of long-mile range motorcycles," said one analyst on the study team. "Hence, OEMs are continuously working toward the development of battery technology so the mile-range bridge between these motorcycles and ICE (internal combustion) counterparts is reduced."

The report concludes that the most prominent driver in the market is decreasing battery prices, which allows OEMs to push cost benefit toward customers. The market is facing continuous improvement in battery technology, which has the strongest effect on both profitability and adoption rate.

The report also states that high purchase prices remain the most challenging prospect for high-performance electric motorcycles. Although while the initial cost of electric motorcycles is higher than equivalent internal combustion powered bikes, the total cost of ownership is less than that of IC-powered bikes due to the latter's higher fuel and maintenance costs.

FULL MOON LINKED TO MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES:

A Canadian research study published in the British Medical Journal recently found that "distracted drivers, like those who text behind the wheel, are a danger to themselves and to others. Even a brief, momentary glance away from the road can result in life-threatening consequences."

Motorcycle riders can testify to that, but the research identifies one fatal attraction for motorists that shows up 12 times a year – the full moon.

"The researchers found that on nights illuminated by a full moon, fatal motorcycle accidents increased by 5% compared to nights without a full moon," the report concludes. "On evenings when the supermoon decorated the sky, this increased to 32%."

The study included 40 years worth of data from the United States, as well as records from the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia.

After analyzing data from the official United States registry of motor vehicle crashes from 1975 to 2014, during which time 494 full moons and 65 supermoons appeared, researchers calculated the number of fatal crashes on full moon nights compared to nights with a quarter moon (one week before and after the full moon).

They found 4,994 fatal crashes occurred on the nights with a full moon, which is equal to 9.10 crashes per night. In contrast, a total of 8.64 fatal crashes per night occurred on nights without a full moon. Fatalities increased further under a super-

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moon, amounting to a total of 703 fatal crashes, or 10.82 fatal crashes per night. This means that for every two full moon nights, there was one additional fatal crash. Under the supermoon, this increased to two additional deaths.

Authors of the study believe there are at least three potential explanations for the link between motorcycle deaths and full moons, including lighting effects produced by the moon that may cause riders to misjudge their speed, or that a full moon means more riders -- or other traffic -- might take to the roads. "A different possibility is this idea of distraction -- that glancing up at a full moon takes the rider's gaze off the road and creates a moment of inattention that can lead to a loss of control," according to the report.

OKLAHOMA TO ENFORCE "MOVE RIGHT" LAW:

On November 1st, the Oklahoma State Law went into effect penalizing motorists driving in the left lane, especially if they are identified by police as impeding traffic. According to a report given by Tiger Mike Revere, Liaison to the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs at a recent NCOM Board Meeting in Oklahoma City; "Law Enforcement WILL issue tickets, especially since it's probably going to constitute a Revenue Generation Tool to help with the State's budgetary shortfall (fines are estimated at \$285), and given that we don't have an Anti-Profiling law on the books, you can probably expect police to pull over any bikers on a Pack

Ride if they're staying in the left lane, and especially if they're not passing slower traffic."

Isolated reports of this happening have been circulating already, said Revere, advising riders in the Sooner State to be careful and observant!

ARIZONA CONSIDERS LEGALIZING LANE SPLITTING:

Arizona State Senator David Farnsworth (R-Mesa) has introduced a bill that would make lane splitting legal in the state, making Arizona more like neighboring California and many European and Asian countries that allow the practice, also referred to as lane filtering.

Sen. Farnsworth recently introduced the bill for the coming legislative session, which begins in January. The bill, SB 1007, strikes out the clauses in statute that make lane-splitting illegal. If the bill becomes law, it would allow motorcyclists to "overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken," and also would allow motorcycles to operate "between the lanes of traffic or between adjacent rows of vehicles."

Bob Eberhardt, chair of the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (ACMC), said he "absolutely" thought lane-splitting should be legal -- for safety reasons. Lane-splitting would likely "greatly reduce" rear-end collisions of motorcycles, he said. But he acknowledged it might take some getting used to by other motorists "until the public was aware that it was legal," Eberhardt said.

SAUDI WOMEN TO BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE MOTORCYCLES:

Saudi Arabian women will be able to drive

trucks and motorcycles, officials have said after the kingdom announced a historic decision to end a ban on women driving. In September, King Salman issued a decree saying women will be able to drive beginning next June 2018 as part of an ambitious reform push in the conservative kingdom.

"Yes, we will authorize women to drive motorcycles" as well as trucks, said the Saudi General Directorate of Traffic, adding that the royal decree stipulates that the law on driving will be "equal" for both men and women.

There will be no special license plate numbers for female-driven cars, officials said, but women involved in road accidents or who commit traffic violations will be dealt with at special centers that will be established and run by women.

Saudi Arabia was the only country in the world to impose a ban on women driving and its maintenance was seen around the world as a symbol of repression in the Gulf kingdom. The Saudis enforce some of the world's tightest restrictions on women, so its historic decision to allow women to drive has been cheered inside the kingdom and abroad -- and comes after decades of resistance from female activists, many of whom were jailed for flouting the ban.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Use the talents you possess, for the woods would be a very silent place if no birds sang except the best." ~ Henry van Dyke, poet (1852-1933)



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Glendale HD owner Oliver Shokouh has to be commended for doing the LA Toy run for the past 30 years. The staff and Oliver have good hearts and it shows by the way this event goes so

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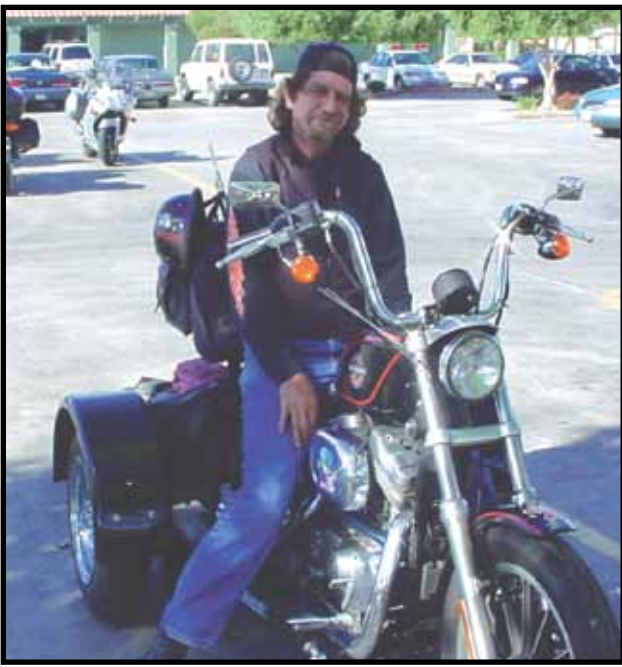
I would be remiss in my column if I failed to mention the hard work that Richard Wagner does in helping me get the insurance obtained from the Glendale city hall. It's all a team effort and went without a hitch. My sincere thanks!

I also attended the Glendale and Top Rocker HOG Chapters' Christmas dinners. They were both fun events and I ate well. Thanks to you guys and gals in both HOG Chapters for putting on pleasant events

Ok so we're doing the 31st annual Polar Bear run. Of course I have to set up the route. So January 10th I took a ride out on part of the proposed route to see if the recent rain I talked about in the first part of my column has effected riding conditions. So far so good in the middle part of the route.

This upcoming weekend is our first quarterly Board of Directors meeting at Local 20's location in Cypress. Hopefully we will have a decent turnout. More on that as things develop.

So at this point I am going to end the column for this month's installment. As always do ABATE events and find members for the 2018 Membership drive



by Sporty Milligan

Well as I sit down to start writing Sporty's Rides the weather has taken a turn for the worse. Yes, we're finally getting some needed rain. What that will do to the route for the 31st annual Polar Bear run is anyone's guess. It's been pretty dry lately, but this week, January 8th - 10th we're going to get heavy rain on Tuesday.

Ok, Sporty, what does this have to do with the Sporty's Rides article? Well, what it means is that it might be a bit challenging to figure out this year's Polar Bear route. That's what it means.

As I write a portion of this copy for the Bailing Wire, it was being written after my morning walk. The day was cool, but dry as the sun has come out today and will be around for a few days. I stopped writing my Sporty's Rides column as I felt I should write my Membership column before I get into the teeth of this column. Sometimes I don't know where this column will go, but I have the liberty to take it any way I see fit.

Since the last time I engaged you in my writing we have had two runs which were in early December. December 2nd was Local 19's toy run that took place at the American Legion Hall in Ontario. Rode to the location from my house in San Fernando. I worked in the Local 19 ABATE booth and we sold raffle tickets for the 2017 Harley Davidson Street Glide motorcycle that we have been pushing. We also got a nice number of signatures for the petitions to fight the gas tax. Jeff Bassler Local 19 President set this up. I worked in the booth with Local 19 member Cherry Bomb. Diane Davis, Local 19 secretary and membership person, was in the raffle booth signing up folks at the entrance with Local 19 member, Sharon Anderson, and her friend. This was a nice Legion Hall to have the event at and the children will benefit from the bikers generosity. Toward the end of the event there was an announcement about some sport bike riders doing pony tricks on the 10 fwy towards the 15 fwy and that was causing police activity. That's a shame because that reflects on all motorcyclists.





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Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger

2018 Let's Ride!

We are having our typical start of the New Year and after a little rain, let's ride! We are having a great start of this New Year and getting on the road is a must. The weather has and will be continuously great in January, I hope. Anybody get a new ride from Santa? I sure didn't! I'll suffer with my softail, not!

We are truly blessed with pretty much year-round riding and we don't have the excuse of hibernating our bikes, but for some they do, albeit a short one. So, the next step for restarting our riding cycle will be - you know this - setting up your bike for year-round riding.

During the winter holidays is when I like to go through my bike in detail. A slow kind of examination of critical and non-critical things that are pretty much preventive maintenance oriented. I like to call it a major detailing of my bike, including mechanical work done by others or wrenching it myself, from the ground up to the tippy tops of my ape hangers. I have no time frame for doing this, it's working off a checklist and making my bike safe. I truly believe that if your bike is in top running condition, it's as safe as the rider or I should really say, it's safe to ride! Getting to know your bike has always been important to me, that's why I do the major detailing at least twice a year, about 6 months or so apart.

Inspecting while cleaning my bike is very important to me because it always leads to fixing and or replacing minor stuff. Stuff you have to order, tires and brakes are the first priority, including the ever-hard thing to do that is checking your tire pressure! Just remember, low tire pressure is the leading cause of an accident when your bike or vehicle goes out of control, period! It's very important this time of the year because of the different temperatures on the roads of riding, and wet roads and low tire pressure can put you into trouble real fast.

I like to pop off my gas tanks to inspect all the wiring and gas and oil lines etc. How old are your cables? All of them? This is also important to me, removing your seat and waxing that one spot under it.

I learned preventative maintenance while in the Army and let me be the first to tell you, it's important and can save your life every time you go out for a scoot. We all have different or similar attitudes towards our bike. Some people like a shop to do their work for them and others, like me, do it because we can. It's a love affair you have with your bike and whatever works is always a good thing. I like my bike to have that worn look, runs great, but not polished (remember I clean my bike twice a year or less). No matter if it's shiny or dirty, it's about if it's safe to ride, period!

During this New Year we will all get a year older and - this is the truth - it sucks and is great at the same time! Time is our natural enemy and when you get to a certain age, time is showing you how you are going to live, how lucky we are, or are we? Health and age become more of a priority than ever before. In your 50s you are already on a path of fixing the interior parts of your body either with surgery or medication(s) and or both (that's me). We are all different and we all have multiple situations within ourselves



that continually progress. It won't stop, we will just find another way to stay healthy so we can enjoy our riding freedoms even if it against doctor's orders (that's me, again, and don't squeal on me).

For me as well as many, many others, medication(s) is the new dance we are forced into. I don't mind it, because the alternative it pushing up daisies! It took me awhile to figure out my health and what direction I need to go in. Seriously, I'm so grateful to be over 60 and still waking up. You know the best thing about waking up is waking up! I will tell anyone that when you hit 60 you will be into daily maintenance for yourself and not your bike. All of the things you did earlier in life will come back, and for some, it will haunt them, for others we will take a multitude of medications just to feel somewhat normal, it's true. High blood pressure, blood thinners, diabetic medicines, pain relief medication, thyroid issues, bad back syndrome, eyesight issues, surgeries, permanent medical issues that required removal of something, and this list can go on and on.

I like to tell people I'm new at getting old and I'm doing whatever I can do to get older. I have to take into account that I'm responsible for me alone, help from a loved one really helps, don't get me wrong, but it's still you alone. We have to pay attention to our health conditions every time we go out for an extended day of riding, we bring our pill boxes or you take your medications before you go out and or when you come back, it's true, this is how we senior riders roll!

I am totally down with this, riding is worth fighting for, and for health, whether it be mental or physical issues. It's very possible we can have one or more of these issues, and to have one or more is the reason we need to ride. I think of it because I have to live with everything on my plate and it is full, but the need to ride is strong inside me. I realized that my youth left me for somebody else and I am who I got stuck with. Staying healthy physically and mentally is a priority of mine, yours too as well I hope. All the medications I take along with a plethora of vitamins and herbs equal's around 22 pills everyday 24/7. It's hard I must admit, but I'm feeling good about myself and I'm healthy for my age. After losing almost a 100 pounds (still going for 20 more) and changing my lifestyle, I got control of my life back, outside of a few major issues I've had over the last few years. I still ride, just not like I used to. It's more of a health issue versus age issue for me and I bet, it's true for many oth-

ers that love to ride. I found a secret that I would like to share, I wear compression clothing when I ride. I discovered this a while back and was very interested in why it benefits me while I ride. I usually wear compression socks and tee shirt and gloves, you can get full legs or underpants styles as well.

Two things happened at the same time, my doctor told me that because I have type 2 diabetes I should consider wearing compression clothing especially full-length socks and to check into it. So I did and here's a mini report in short: Compression clothing helps circulation and keeps your body fresh and helps in recovery of physical activities. I saw all these pro sports persons wearing all kinds of compression clothing before and during the game they played. I was convinced to give it a try and it works for me. I do recommend wearing at least socks, tee shirt and gloves. I wear the pants version when I do long trips as well, it keeps the jiggling of the body under control, unless you're way fat.

I was researching all these things to help me feel better, get healthier, and to help me to continue to ride and do things I want to do besides riding. Everything is manageable and it's not a big production kind of thing, it's about being responsible for you, you alone.

The last thing I would like to bring up is mental health. How are you doing today? Will you go out for a ride this weekend? Do you need to mentally prepare yourself to ride or do you just hop and go? Are your medications depressing you? How about other drugs or even alcohol? At our age our minds can play tricks on us and it could change your mood for the day and, if that happens, you could be at risk. So if you feel unsure about the day, then play it safe and take the day off. There are many other days you can enjoy. It's important to be able to stay focused and have a good time, especially in today's high tech world.

I've ridden in every decade since the late 60s and it's in my blood, but life got in the way here and there. Although I'm slower, full of meds and vitamins, I still ride. That's what this is all about, overcoming life's obstacles to do what you love to do and that's riding the super highways of life!

Let's all make 2018 a fun filled year with many adventures. Know your limitations and don't worry about what other people might say about you, because it's up to you and you alone. As Gunny Highway would say, "You've got to improvise, adapt and overcome!" No matter how you ride or what you ride, do it before you can't ride anymore. Stay fresh with new adventures and rides that will be memorable.



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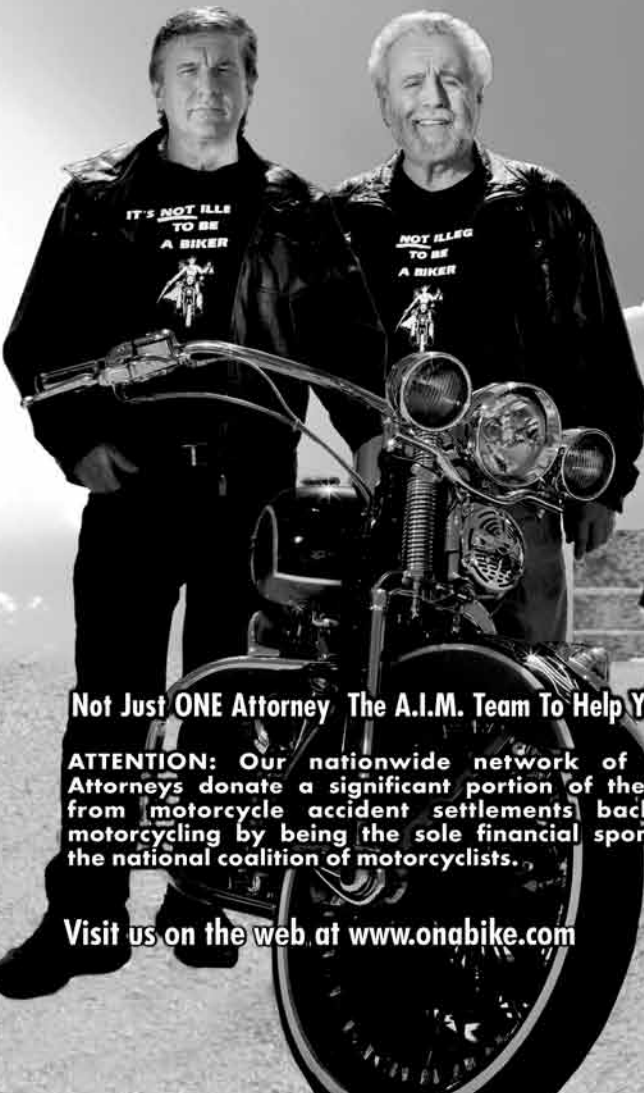
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DMV Reminds Motorists of New 2018 Laws

Sacramento – With the new year just around the corner, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) wants to inform the public of several new laws or changes to existing law that, unless otherwise noted, take effect January 1, 2018.

Cannabis Use in Vehicles (SB 65, Hill): This law prohibits smoking or ingesting marijuana or marijuana products while driving or riding as a passenger in a vehicle. The DMV will assign negligent operator point counts for this violation. In addition to the California Driver Handbook, the DMV also will revise the Motorcycle Handbook and the DMV's website to include information relating to marijuana violations.

Buses and Seatbelts (SB 20, Hill): Beginning July 1, 2018, this law requires a passenger on a bus equipped with seat belts to be properly restrained by a safety belt. This law also prohibits a parent, legal guardian, or chartering party to transport on a bus, or permit to be transported on a bus, a child who is at least 8 years of age, but under 16 years of age, unless they are properly restrained by a safety belt or an appropriate child passenger restraint system that meets federal safety standards. A violation of these provisions is an infraction punishable by a fine.

DUI – Passenger for Hire (AB 2687, Achadjian): Beginning July 1, 2018, this law makes it unlawful for a person to operate a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.04 percent or more when a passenger for hire is in the vehicle at the time of the offense. This will mean that drivers of passenger for hire, in their personal vehicles, will be held to a higher standard of safety while transporting people. The DMV will suspend a person's driver license if a conviction is added to their record. Commercial driver license holders will receive a disqualification.

Parking Violations for Registration or Driver License Renewal (AB 503, Lackey): This law makes changes to a requirement under which vehicle registration renewal and driver license issuance or renewal is not granted for having unpaid parking penalties and fees. The law creates a process for low-income Californians with outstanding parking violations to repay their fines and penalties prior to the parking violation being reported to the DMV. The law also allows the registered owner of a vehicle to file for Planned Non-Operation status when unpaid parking penalties are on the vehicle's record. It also allows for someone with outstanding parking penalties and fees, to obtain or renew a driver license.

HOV Decal Program (AB 544 Bloom): Beginning January 1, 2019, this law creates a new decal program to allow certain low emission vehicles to access high-occupancy vehicle lanes, regardless of vehicle occupancy level, for a four-year term. Access to high-occupancy vehicle lanes for vehicles with green and white decals will expire January 1, 2019. Vehicles issued a green or white decal in 2017 or 2018 will be eligible to reapply for a decal in 2019 granting them access to high-occupancy toll lanes until January 1, 2022.

Disabled Person Parking Placards and Plates (SB 611, Hill): This law makes changes to the administration of the Disabled Person Parking Placard and Disabled Person License Plate Program, including requiring applicants to provide proof of true full name and birthdate. The law also will limit the number of replacement disabled person parking placards an applicant can request without obtaining a medical certification to four in two years. It also requires the DMV to establish a renewal process that requires applicants to return a renewal notice by mail every six years. Currently, all permanent disabled placards expire in June 2019 and they are automatically renewed every two years. The placards expiring in June 2023 will be the first batch of placards subject to renewal. Applicants will not be required to obtain a medical certification as part of the renewal process. For more information about the new law effecting Disabled Person Placard and Plates, visit the DMV website.

Motorcycle Training Courses (AB 1027, Acosta): This law authorizes the DMV to accept a certificate of satisfactory completion of any motorcyclist-training program approved by the California Highway Patrol in lieu of the required motorcycle skills test. Applicants for an original motorcycle license or motorcycle endorsement under 21 years of age continue to be required to complete a novice motorcyclist-training program.

Firefighter License Plate Program for Surviving Family Member (AB 1338, Low): This law allows a surviving spouse, domestic partner, or child of a deceased firefighter or deceased retired firefighter to independently apply for and receive a California Firefighter Special License Plate for their vehicle.

Private Carriers of Passengers (SB 19, Hill): Beginning July 1, 2018, this law transfers regulatory authority over private carriers of passengers (such as church and youth buses) from the California Public Utilities Commission to the DMV.

Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program (SB 1, Beall): Beginning January 1, 2018, the DMV is required to begin collecting at the time of registration or renewal the Transportation Improvement Fee (TIF) ranging from \$25 - \$175, based on the vehicle's current value. The law also requires the department, beginning July 1, 2020, to collect a Road Improvement Fee for zero-emission vehicles with a model year of 2020 or later.

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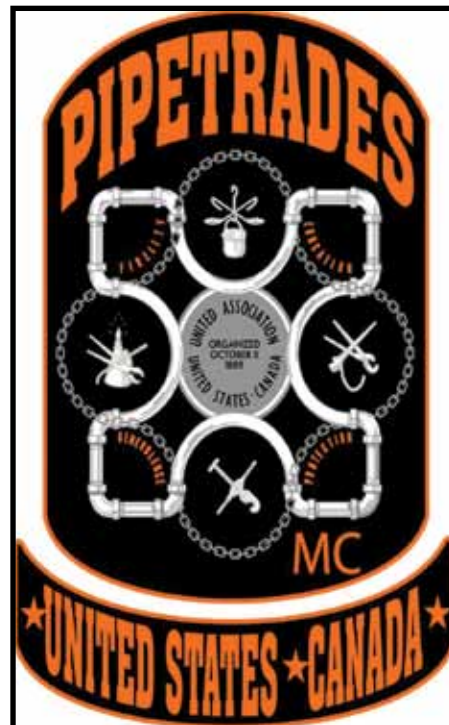
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Sporty Milligan 3rd Sun - 9 AM
 1616 4th St Elks Lodge
 San Fernando 101347 E. Commerce
 818/ 361-8800 Tujunga, CA 91042

Simi Valley - Local #02-Reg#7

Guy Corrigan 2nd Tues 7:30 PM
 805/796-6328 VFW Post#10049
 4242 E Los Angeles Ave.
 Simi Valley 93063
 Crashman1@sbcglobal.net



ABATE MEETINGS

High Desert Local 44/47-Reg #13

Cindy Demel 2nd Sat. 9:30 am
 C.demel@Eagles Order #4181
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 Hesperia 92345

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Thousand Oaks/Ventura Local#03/13-Reg#7

Chuck Pedersen 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
 805/496-0323 Elks Lodge
 Chuck Pedersen@ 158 N Conejo School
 gmail.com Thousand Oaks
 91362

Orange County - Local #20-Reg#11

Gill Mellen 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
 2104 Continental Ave. American Legion
 Costa Mesa 92627 5646 Corporate Ave.
 949/632-9787 Cypress CA 90630

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Region 2: Regional Representative Vacant 25, 31, 33 & 52.
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 Region 8: Regional Representative Sporty Milligan 1 & 19.
 Region 9: Regional Representative Mark Loudermilk 23, & 27
 Region 11: Regional Representative D-Man 8, & 20.
 Region 12 Regional Representative Dave Connors Locals 6, 11 & 38
 Region 13: Regional Representative Yermo Eddy 44/47.

San Diego County - Local #06-Reg#12

Snowman 1st Sun - 12 Noon
 C/O Boozefighters M/C Kate Sessions Park
 P O Box 501946 Pacific Beach
 San Diego CA 92150 92109
 619/855-9981

San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9

Ron Morris 1st Sun 9:00 AM
 909/794-6563 Vicky's Restaurant
 502 S Waterman Ave
 San Bernardino CA 92408

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Ed Rogers 1st Tues. 7:00 PM
 559/264-2891 High Sierra Grill House
 www.abatelocal24.org 2003 W Bullard Ave.
 Fresno 93711

Orange County - Local #08-Reg#11

Steve Howe 2nd Mon.7:30PM
 PO Box 5473 American Legion #354
 Buena Park, CA 90622 8071 Whitaker
 562/298-6236 Buena Park
 santabeard@yahoo.com 90621

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Lil' David Morena 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
 916/616-9605 Denny's
 3520 Auburn Blvd.
 Sacramento 95821

Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9

Bob Marshall 1st Tues - 7:00 PM
 I.G@ abatelocal27 American Legion
 2979 Dexter Dr.
 (in Fairmont Park)
 Riverside, CA 92501
 drbobmarshall@yahoo.com

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Dan Buse 2nd Sun - 11 AM
 buse13@att.net Escondido Moose Lodge
 760/807-7294 25721 Jesmond Dene Rd
 Escondido 92026

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Larry James 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
 Panighetti's
 2760 Esplanade
 Chico 95973

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 P O Box 148 Judy's Wild
 Vacaville 95696 Wrangler Saloon
 707/624-6310 4826 Midway Rd.
 Vacaville CA 95688

Yuba City - Local#33-Reg#2

Gary Wright 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
 530/742-5992 American Legion
 5477 Feather River Blvd
 Olivehurst 95961

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12

Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 6:30 PM
 Edward_A12@yahoo.com
 La Fonda Bar & Grill
 1950 South 4th St.
 El Centro, CA 92243

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 Rancho Cucamonga 1020 N Mountain
 91730 Ontario, CA 91729
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Robert Northam 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM
 Kilroy16@yahoo.com Rusty's Pizza
 5430 Olive Dr
 Bakersfield 93308

