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Bills at a Glance

AB-3195 Acosta (Sponsor) (R – Santa Clarita) DMV: licensing: motorcycle endorsement

This bill would, commencing July 1, 2019, require certificate to be submitted electronically to the Department of Motor Vehicles by the operator of an approved motorcyclist training program and would require the department to accept those electronic submissions. Passed out of Assembly Transportation Committee 4/9/18 13-0. Suspense Item, to be heard in Appropriations Committee late May.

AB-2972 Caballero (D – Salinas) Vehicles: enforcement: motorcycle profiling - SUPPORT

This bill would define the term “motorcycle profiling” as the illegal consideration of the fact that a person is riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle or motorcycle club-related clothing as a factor in enforcement decisions and would prohibit peace officers from engaging in motorcycle profiling. This bill would also provide a private right of action for persons who are subjected to motorcycle profiling in violation of the provisions of this bill. Floor Vote Ayes 21, Majority vote not secured – Reconsideration Vote Upcoming per Assemblymember’s Office

AB-2761 Obernolte (Cosponsor) (R – Big Bear Lake) Yield: inoperative traffic signal - SUPPORT

This bill would authorize the driver of a vehicle facing a traffic-actuated signal that displays a steady circular red indication or steady red arrow indication, and that subsequently fails to display a green indication within a reasonable period of time because of a signal malfunction or because the signal has failed to detect the presence of the driver or vehicle, to proceed with caution when it is safe to do so, after having stopped at the intersection, as specified. Heard in Transportation Committee 4/16/18. Informational Hearing Only

SB-1316 Glazer (D – Contra Costa/Alameda) OHV recreation: Carnegie SVRA: Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area. - **OPPOSE**

This bill would authorize the department to dispose of the portion of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area known as the “Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area” to permanently preserve that land for conservation purposes, as specified, if the department determines that disposing of the land is in the public interest. The bill would authorize the Director of General Services to transfer the land to a local agency for less than fair market value if the local agency agrees to use the land as a park or for another open-space purpose and would require the property interest to revert from the local agency to the state if the land is used for a different purpose during the 25 years after the transfer date. The bill would require any revenue from the disposition of the land to be deposited in the fund for the purchase of land for off-highway vehicle recreation by the department. It was scheduled to be Heard Senate Appropriations 05/14//2018, however Author put over Bill to be heard later in May.

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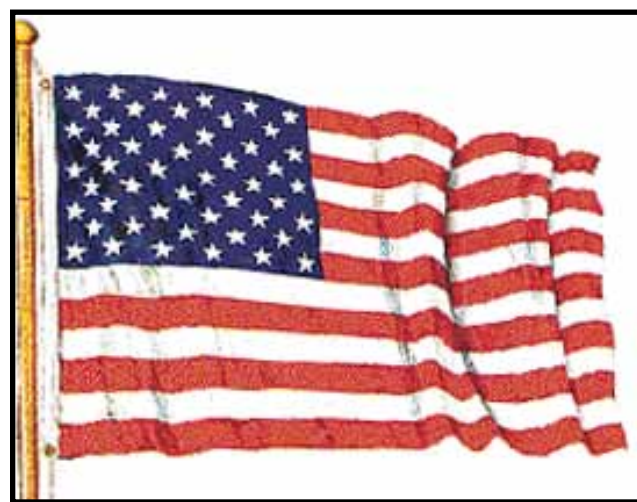


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What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road on or off with emphasis on education and safety. Although not a club, 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 motorcyclist's rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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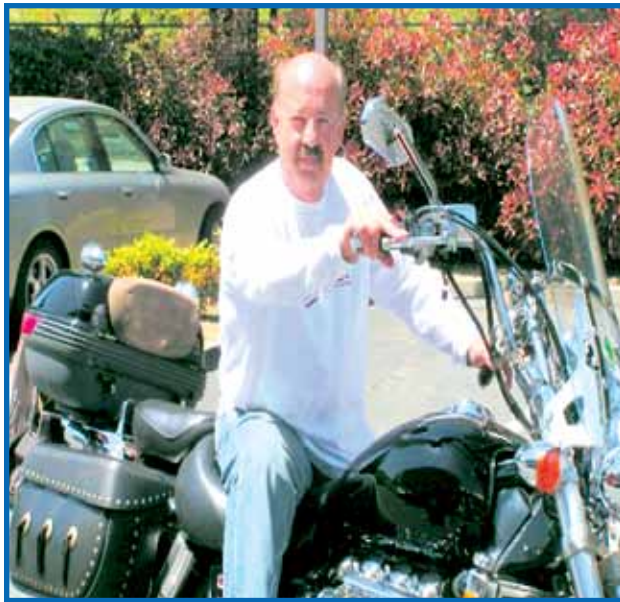
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May is Revised State Budget month. We have a June 1st Deadline to pass Bills out of Assembly and Senate - House where Bills were introduced.

June 5th is the California State Primary Election for US Senator Diane Feinstein and former President Pro Tempe of the

Senate Ken De Leon, the hotly contested Governor Race and the rest of the State-wide Offices: Lieutenant Governor/Treasurer/Controller/Secretary of State/Attorney General/State Board of Equalization and 20 State Senators and ALL 80 Assembly Races.

MORE CHAOS in Sacramento THAN THE USUAL!!!!

Our Bills are moving through the Legislative process. Check out our Bills at a Glance section in the Bailing Wire for all updates.

The Anti Profiling of Motorcyclists AB 2972 Caballero (D – Salinas) was taken up early in May and came up short of the simple Majority Vote (41/80) needed to pass the Assembly. It was moved to reconsideration. We have been working the Assembly Members to get to 41 to pass AB 2972 to the Senate!

Stay tuned for future alerts!!! Social Media, Instagram/Facebook/Twitter, [@abatecalifornia](https://www.facebook.com/abatecalifornia)

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

Executive Director's Report



by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

I just returned home from the ABATE of California State Board of Directors second quarter meeting in Fresno. The meeting was hosted by Local 24 and I would like to give you a quick update on the event. First, and sadly I have to say this, attendance at the meeting was very discouraging. Most of us travel long distances to attend these meetings and all of us pay our own expenses to do so. To give up my precious time for such a low membership turnout is unacceptable to me.

When I volunteered for this position I made a commitment to fulfill my duties of office. You as an Officer, and you as a Member, should also honor your commitment to our organization. Apathy is unacceptable and it will destroy ABATE of California and you on a personal level, if you allow it too. Follow through on your obligations as an Officer and a Member. We need your help to succeed, this is not something we can simply do by ourselves. This is supposed to be a "membership run" organization, so attend the Board of Directors meetings and help us run it!

We had 8 of our 11 Board of Director members present with 3 excused absences. In addition 11 of our 18 Locals were represented at the meeting.

Unfortunately we did need to hold a "Moment of Silence" at this meeting due to the loss of Phil Hohman, Local 33, and Glenda Ross of Local 24. Bless both of

them and if you knew either one personally, let their families and friends know they will always be in our thoughts.

Mark "Dogman" Castellero gave us an update on the various State Fund Accounts and our operating expenses. I then gave an update on the Lobbyist and PAC Funds and urged every member to attend the upcoming Orange County information con Board of Directors meeting in July for more cerning our 2019 outlook.

On a lighter note, Sporty Milligan, our Membership Chairperson, informed us we have gotten 44 new members so far through our membership drive.

Keith Johnston and his wife are still riding back to California from their Washington D.C. meetings so "Spike" gave us a brief review of what they accomplished and his opinion of what a great job they are performing in their new position for our organization – MRF Liaison. Again, we will receive a complete and thorough update from Keith at the upcoming Orange County meeting in July.

Glenn Philipps then gave us an update on our motorcycle raffle and was very happy to announce that we now have enough funds to pay for the bike and all tickets sold from now to the raffle date will be used to benefit ABATE of California. He was excited and very relieved to know we will turn some kind of profit

from this raffle. The Board of Directors thanked him, his Local members, and every member statewide that has helped make this raffle a success. Now, get out there and sell your remaining tickets and get them turned in on time to guarantee the ticket you sold has a chance to be the winning one!

At the conclusion of the meeting we held a raffle to help off-set the cost of our meeting room and Mark Loudermilk donated back his 50/50 winnings to help us reach that goal. I guess that's why we can do what we do - we have members like him that always seem to put ABATE in front of their own needs. Thank you Mark! That money could have stayed in your pocket to help you off-set your own travel expenses!

Our next scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be held in Orange County on July 14, 2018. Please try to have a representative from your Local in attendance as we will be examining our 2018 financial statements closely and preparing a plan of action for 2019 at that meeting.

See you down the road!

**"THANKS TO ALL THAT DO,
AND TO THOSE THAT DON'T,
PLEASE TRY TO!"**



Call To Action

SUPPORT AB2972

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**CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLE
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END MOTORCYCLE PROFILING

AB2972 was heard on the Assembly floor on April 19 and failed to pass. We have until the end of May to bring it to vote again. We need you to contact the 29 legislators that did not vote on April 19th.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO HELP

In order to stop the profiling of motorcyclists, we need you to contact these 29 legislators who did not vote on April 19th. Be respectful and ask them to vote YES for AB2972 at the Reconsideration hearing to stop the unconstitutional act of profiling innocent people. Let them know that passing this law will in no way prevent law enforcement from doing their job nor will it cost the taxpayers any money.

Listed with the legislator's name are two email contacts and a phone number. The one in blue is the contact on their website. The one in red is the office email. The Other email may ask you for a zip code so they see you are in their district. If so use the one listed with the name.

If you have time, both email and call.

For additional information or questions contact us at: antiprofilingbill@abate.org

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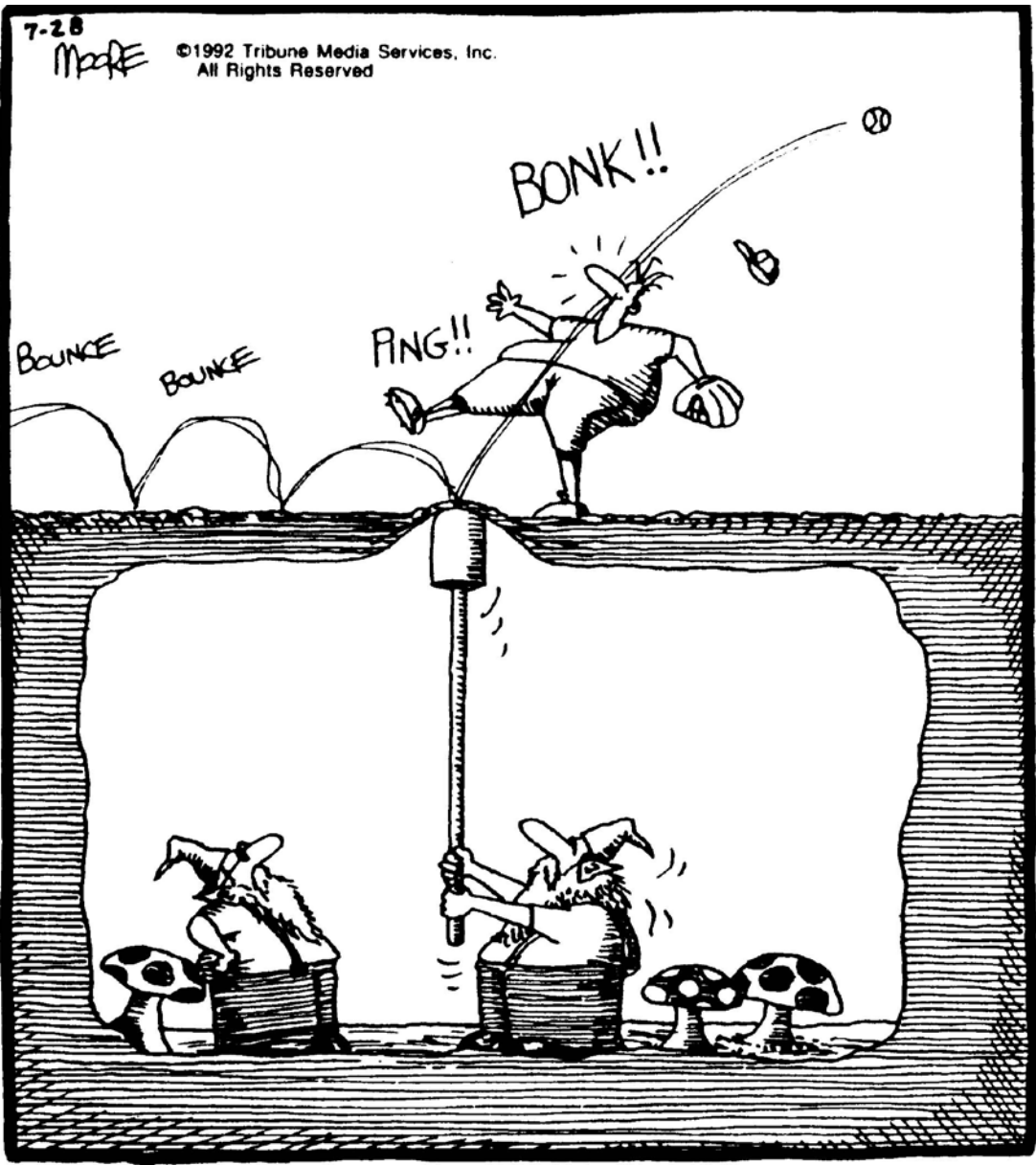
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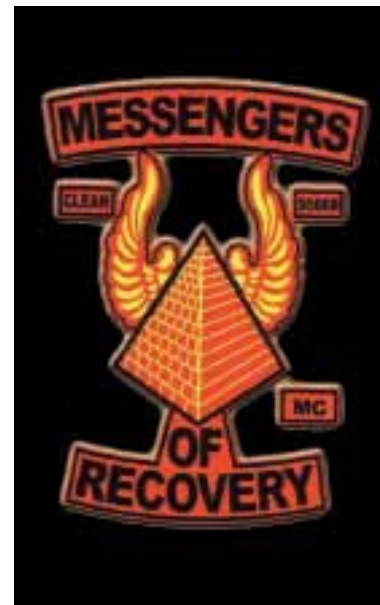


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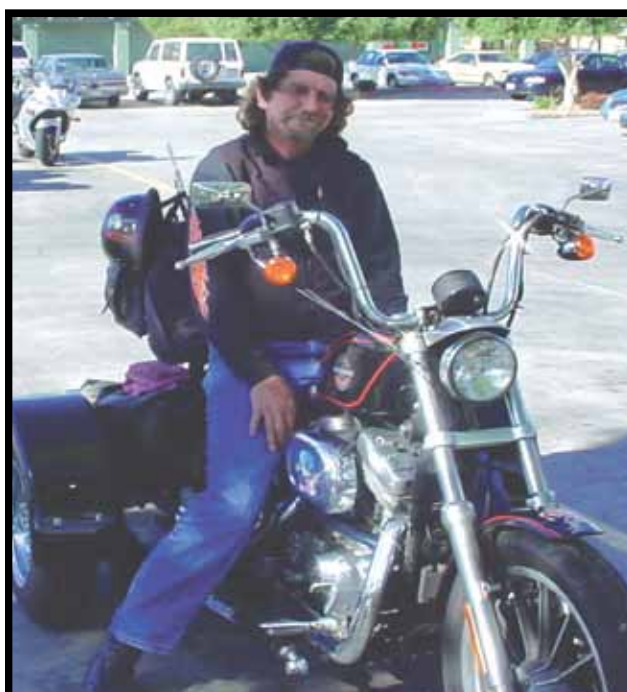
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi all! It's late spring and, yes, the bike nights have started. Attend because it's a great way to get folks to think about joining ABATE.

Be sure to sell those special membership funding raffle tickets. Most tickets sold winner of \$250

will be drawn at the July Board of Directors meeting. Use the tickets as thank you trinkets when your members renew their memberships.

Again, I can't help but ask for ideas to improve the membership program. If you get a membership idea, send it to me – my email is williammilligan285@yahoo.com.

So in closing, keep your renewals, support your business members and do ABATE events. Also be sure to carry membership cards with you so you can sign up members for the membership drive.

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Sporty Milligan, ABATE Membership Chairman



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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! NEWS FLASH: Local 1 will be playing hooky instead of meeting on May 20th. Reason: members who regularly attend our meetings like to go on the Guide Dog ride for the International Guide Dog office in Sylmar. This run is on our May meeting day.

I, as president of Local 1, am sending out a "meeting" via email packed with stuff Local 1 members need to be aware of.

We will return to the Elks Lodge at 10137 Commerce Ave in Tujunga for our monthly meeting the third Sunday in June. Meeting will begin at 9 am. Try to make it, if you can.

As usual, report submitted by Sporty, President, ABATE Local 1.

Local #02 Simi Valley



ABATE Local 2 is rockin out! BBQ burgers and footlongs cooked the way you like'em. We serve a great \$5 meal, with your choice of meats and all the fixin's to make a great dinner. With the VFW's bar and beautiful patio, we have it pretty good for a meeting and some comradery. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW POST 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Street in Simi Valley. We start serving our famous dinner at 6:45 until 7:20 then our meeting starts promptly at 7:30.

We are blessed by the VFW for being gracious hosts for not only us at Local 2 but for all ABATE! We can't thank them enough!

VP Jim opened our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and then Pres Guy opened up the meeting talking about May being Motorcycle Awareness month. We have a proclamation from the city of Simi Valley. We then honored the VFW and gave our proclamation to Commander Wayne of POST 10049.

We had a guest from Local 1, Sporty Milligan! He talked about where the anti-profiling bill is at, at this present time and other stuff as well as the success his Local had with their last run. Sporty also was selling raffle tickets tonight.

Norm filled in for Jane with the secretary report, Pres Guy filled in for Frank and gave the membership report, PR Norm talked about social media and the mainstream issues with differences amongst the different generations and attitudes of all - and it was an eye opener!

Pres Guy talked about our up-coming Sweaty

Buns run in July. We have been getting everything ready. We still need prize donations and business ad spaces to sell. We talked about a new shirt design and the volunteers to do this again. We are using the band, The Original Gumball Factory, again. We are still moving forward with our run.

Run Coordinator Pigface talked about the next ride, maybe a pre-ride for our Sweaty Buns run to map out the run and talked about Top Rocker's Bike night.

We had our membership drawing which could have been won by Denny, but he was not present, so it rolls over to next month.

We had a good meeting tonight and we miss all those who couldn't make it. Ride safe and see yah next month, PTL norm e.

Local #08 Orange County



Howdy all from Local 8! We just had our May meeting last night and the Bailing Wire article deadline is upon us!

We are very happy to announce that Local 8 will have a booth at the So-Cal Cycle swap meet on July 29, 2018. Just as a reminder the Swap Meet is held at Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, CA 90808 and the hours are 7:00 to 1:00.

Just like every other year, we are asking for donations from anyone who has cycle related items they no longer want, but in a new twist, we will attempt to pick up anything that is donated in the Southern California area. Please call Steve at 562-298-6236.

Since last year's Swap Meet was so good for providing new contacts we have set aside the regular July meeting agenda, just to focus on new member strategy. We have also decided that although we would like to have everyone join Local 8, the attendance at the Swap Meet is so geographically diverse, that we will attempt to direct anyone we recruit to the Local that is most appropriate for them.

Local 8's next monthly meeting is on Monday, June 11, 7:30 pm, at the American Legion Hall in Buena Park. Come join us!

Steve

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



Greetings from Local 17! Our 2017 Road Glide raffle is drawing to a close - so go get your ticket

today! Odds are better than the State Lottery. See flyer in this issue. Tickets are available through ABATE Locals 1, 8, 11, 3, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 31 and 44. 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 who have bought tickets! Every member should buy at least one ticket. Drawing will be held on June 3rd at Iron Steed Harley-Davidson in Vacaville at our 24th Annual Hot Rod & Harley Show. Need not be present to win. This event draws up to 3000 people and is family friendly so come on out on June 3rd.

May 5th was our 7th Annual Texas Hold-Em at the Moose Lodge in Vacaville. A great time was had with a great raffle, 50-50 and of course the poker tournament. We had over 30 players that helped our cause to raise money towards the fight for motorcycle rights. Casino Party 2 U did an excellent job at the tables. A warm thanks to Norm and all the dealers for their organization and work! Tom, a Moose member, kept us fed with great burgers and dogs - Thanks Buddy - and Traci kept the cocktails flowing. As the tables thinned down nearly four hours later we got our 3rd place winner Josh Brannigan with a prize of \$100 and an engraved poker set. 2nd place went to Tom Borrough with a \$200 prize and poker set. Last man standing was Matt Perkes with another poker set and a \$400 prize. Tim won the 50/50 for \$130. A sincere thanks to all the players for their support - many of them year after year.

July 21st will be our Summer Bingo run starting at Vacaville Buckhorn BBQ at 9 am for sign-in and 10 am for first game. We will have 5 stops with a game at each stop where a prize will be won. \$5 per bingo card and if you join ABATE the day of the event you get a free card at each stop.

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. Always 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.

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

Local #20 Orange County



Great turnout out at the May meeting - 30 members and 2 guests! Welcome to our newest member, Cuffs of Po Bob's MC.

Spike introduced Randall of Guerilla.com that is making the video. Wow, was it an eye opener! A portion showed Gregg and Pauly's stop which was dismissed. Good job Azraels MC.

Spike spoke of AB 2972 (profiling) which didn't pass. A list of the 29 people that didn't vote

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was handed out. Please make the calls and tell them to support this bill. Send letters to wake them up, too.

Other topics were discussed. Last month's bike night raised over \$800 for Totally Kids garden. Thanks to Token, his wife and Doreen. They paired up and all proceeds go to the Richard Breunig Foundation. June's bike night will be for this foundation. Doreen said that in the AVAG News is many resources that can be used.

Michele Ferguson lost out on the \$33.

Non Politically Correct Gill/Secretary Squirt

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE members and friends! I won't keep you in suspense, K Acosta won our Party on Wheels at our Cinco de Mayo run. The ticket was sold to her by Deborah Kensler. When she was called she told us it would take her 30 minutes because she lived in Calexico. She must have flown, because she arrived in 15 to 20 minutes. She was so excited to have won, that she didn't care about going over the list of what she won, just loaded it up and away she went.

We had 20 riders sign up for the Cinco de Mayo run. It was cool in the morning to start the run and it warmed up to 103 degrees at the end.

I want to thank our Host Coyne Powersports, our run stops, Kennedy's Market in Heber, Costales Bar in Holtville, Salazar's Cycle in Westmoreland, and our end location Pentagonal Brewery in Imperial.

We had a few members from Local 11, Dogman and Tim and Cheryl Clark. Tim was hoping to win the ice chest back for Local 11. We had the barmaid pull the winning ticket.

I want to thank everyone who sold tickets, helped and attended the run. The proceeds from this run will help pay our portion of the lobbyist fund.

That's all for now, ride safe and try to stay cool. Oh, by the way, I really liked the front cover of the May Bailing Wire!

Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38

ABATE Events for 2018

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

- June 3 – ABATE Local 17 – Hot Rods N Harleys Ride-In Bike Show and Bike Raffle Drawing (see flyers this issue)
- July 14 – ABATE Board of Directors meeting - southern Ca - time and date to be announced
- July 21 – ABATE Local 17 – Summer Bingo Fun Run (see flyer this issue)
- July 21 & 22 – ABATE Local 24 – Tahoe Run
- July 22 – ABATE Local 2 – 23rd Sweaty Buns Run (see flyer this issue)
- July 29 – ABATE Local 8 – So Cal Cycle Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium 7am – 1pm
- August 25 – ABATE Local 17 – Sarah's Scholarship Run (see flyer this issue)
- October 6 – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo Fun Run
- October 6 – ABATE Local 24 – End of Summer Run
- October 20 – ABATE Board of Directors meeting - Piccadilly Inn, Fresno
- November 3 – ABATE Local 24 – Turkey Run
- 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.



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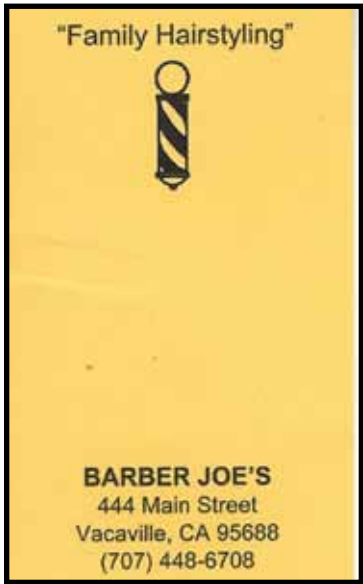
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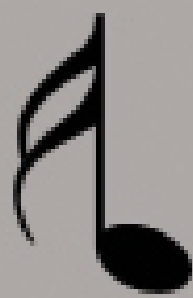
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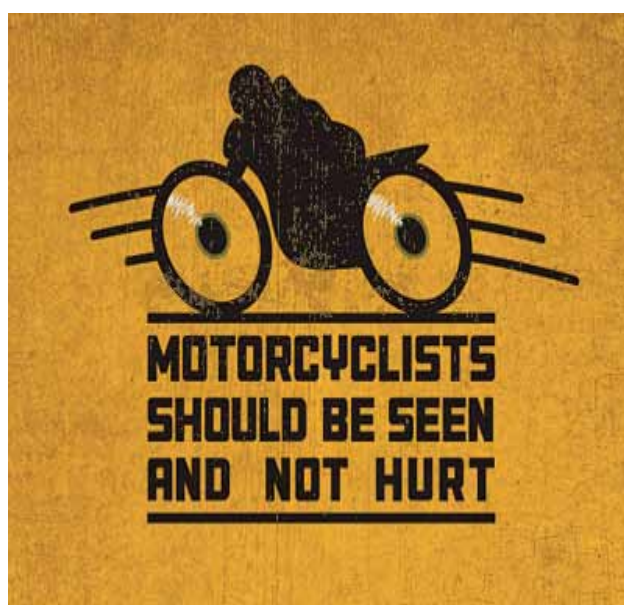
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CONGRESSIONAL ETHANOL BILL WOULD LIMIT E-15 FUEL: A measure to limit proliferation of E-15 fuel (gasoline containing 15% ethanol) has been introduced in the U.S. Congress. The "Growing Renewable Energy through Existing and New Environmentally Responsible Fuels Act" has been introduced in the U.S. House (H.R. 5212) by U.S. Rep. Peter Welch (D-VT) and in the Senate (S. 2519) by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM).

This proposed legislation intends to cap mandated ethanol content in the nation's fuel supply at 9.7% and would stop the federal government from forcing E15 fuel into the market. Capping the ethanol mandate would ensure continued availability of fuels deemed safe for motorcycles, such as E-10, since E-15 fuel is not approved for use in motorcycles and can damage fuel systems and void manufacturers' warranties.

HARLEY GETS REPRIEVE AS EUROPE EXEMPTED FROM TRUMP TARIFFS: Harley-Davidson is breathing a sigh of relief at news that the European Union will be temporarily exempted from America's new tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. European ministers had specifically named the Motor Company, along with Levi's jeans and Jack Daniels whiskey, as a target for punitive European import duties in retaliation against President Trump's announced 25% tariff on imported steel and 10% tariff on foreign aluminum.

At least for now, the EU, along with Argentina, Brazil, Australia and South Korea, has been temporarily exempted from the U.S. tariffs, giving those countries time to try to negotiate permanent exemptions. For other countries including Russia and Japan, the tariffs are set to go into effect.

Despite the exemptions, prices may still be driven up by the additional costs that Harley, and other American manufacturers, will encounter

due to the new American import tariffs.

APPEALS COURT STRIKES DOWN GAG ORDER IN WACO CASE: A Texas appeals court has struck down a gag order issued in a case arising from the 2015 shootout involving motorcycle clubs and police outside a Waco restaurant that left nine bikers dead and dozens more injured.

In a six-page opinion issued Wednesday, March 21, a three-judge panel of the 10th Texas Court of Appeals ruled that the McLennan County District Attorney's Office had failed to make a case for the order.

State District Judge Doug Shaver of Houston had issued the order at District Attorney Abel Reyna's request in the case of Matthew Clendennen, one of 154 motorcyclists indicted after the shootout. The order prevented prosecutors, attorneys and investigators from commenting publicly on the case.

Clendennen's attorney appealed, supported by media groups that included The Associated Press, arguing the order was overly broad and unconstitutional.

DEADWOOD CASINOS TO IMPLEMENT 'NO COLORS' DURING STURGIS RALLY:

Following a February 16 request from law enforcement for the South Dakota Commission on Gaming to ban colors in casinos during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, the commission put the onus on the city of Deadwood and the individual gaming properties in coming up with a solution, tasking them with "taking the lead" to implement policies to monitor potential increased bike gang presence during Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Deadwood Gaming Association (DGA) Executive Director Mike Rodman briefed the commission on the industry's response plan at the April 3 gaming commission meeting in Deadwood. "We believe that the best path forward to keep Deadwood safe is for each individual property to have their security and management teams work with the city of Deadwood and its safety officials on proper safety planning that takes their unique properties into consideration. We do not believe there is a 'one solution fits all' approach that would be effective overall," said Rodman in a letter to South Dakota Commission on Gaming Executive Director Larry Eliason.

The letter was drafted in response to correspondence from Eliason requesting proposals from the city and the industry as to how they would proceed to comply with the commission's directive.

The commission asked for a list of DGA member casinos that will and won't allow colors during the Rally.

OREGON GOVERNOR KATE BROWN SIGNS DRIVER ACCOUNTABILITY LAW:

Oregon Governor Kate Brown formally signed House Bill 2598, the Driver Accountability bill, into law on February 28, 2018, providing some relief for riders who are victims of reckless drivers.

"HB 2598 makes it a crime for a driver who recklessly injures a motorcyclist," explains the Oregon Confederation of Clubs website, www.oregoncoc.com. "This law also covers the pas-

senger on a motorcycle. If convicted, the reckless driver can be charged with vehicular assault and will have a Class A Misdemeanor on their record. The punishment can be doing time up to one year in prison with a maximum fine up to \$6,250."

Great thanks to Oregon Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) attorney Christopher Slater, "who took a brilliantly simple idea and seeing that concept to its very end and conclusion."

This will be a powerful tool to punish those who violate a biker's right of way or otherwise injures a rider due to a driver's recklessness. "Too often drivers have crashed into a motorcyclist getting away without even a ticket. With this law, there will finally be some teeth in ensuring that reckless drivers who injure riders or their passengers will be convicted of a crime," wrote Mike of the Oregon COC on their website.

Much thanks to BikePac and ABATE of Oregon for their skillful efforts of organizing the hearing testimony, and great appreciation for the riders that testified.

FEMALE RIDERS WORLDWIDE TO RIDE IN UNISON FOR 'FEMALE RIDE DAY':

Lady bikers around the globe will take to their motorcycles on Saturday, May 5th for the 12th edition of International Female Ride Day (IFRD). Celebrations will be hosted in countries worldwide by women's clubs, foundations and individuals, and the organization will host an open house at SF Moto in San Francisco featuring guest speakers, test rides and some of the latest motorcycle products designed for female motorcyclists.

Created in 2007 by Vicki Gray, a Toronto-based road and race instructor, IFRD's purpose was to highlight and celebrate the tens of thousands of women who ride globally. The event takes place annually on the first Saturday of May each year.

Other countries taking part in the 2018 event include Canada, the USA, Iceland, India, Australia, South Africa, Brazil, the Caribbean, Germany, the Netherlands, Czech Republic, Hungary, Russia, Japan, China, and Israel.

SIKHS IN ALBERTA EXEMPTED FROM HELMET LAW:

Turban-wearing Sikhs in Alberta, Canada will be allowed to ride motorcycles without a helmet starting April 12, joining the Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia in granting the exemption. For decades, the Sikh community in North America has been fighting to pass a legal exemption that would allow members of the religion to legally ride a motorcycle while wearing a turban, and not a helmet.

The exemption to the vehicle equipment regulation in the Traffic Safety Act was amended by an order from Transportation Minister Brian Mason, the provincial government announced March 29th. Mason told CBC News that the province's Sikh community has requested the exemption for the past 30 years, which applies to drivers and passengers over the age of 18 who are practicing members of the Sikh religion.

Mason said the exemption was granted at the request of the Sikh community as recognition of their civil and religious rights.

The Sikh Motorcycle Club of Edmonton says the law change is a "milestone and memorable

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day" in Alberta history, adding "This change will bring some new opportunities/businesses to bike repair shops/aftermarket accessories shops and Motorcycle Dealerships etc."

Back in 2014 this issue came up in Ontario, Canada where lawmakers, after careful and calculated consideration, denied the request to allow the exemption.

THREE-WHEEL 'AUTOCYCLES' DON'T REQUIRE MOTORCYCLE LICENSE: More and more states are adjusting their regulations towards three-wheelers that aren't quite cars and aren't quite motorcycles; like the Polaris Slingshot. The latest state to do so is Mississippi, where all you need to drive a Slingshot is a regular driver's license with no motorcycle endorsement necessary.

The new vehicle classification means residents of the Magnolia State can now legally drive "autocycles" sans motorcycle endorsement, thanks to three-wheelers that have traditionally been classified as motorcycles being re-designated as "autocycles." This makes Mississippi the 43rd U.S. state where driving an autocycle only necessitates a class C license, but you do need to follow the state's motorcycle helmet laws if you want to drive a Slingshot.

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SCRAP OLDER BIKES: Riders in Far East countries such as Singapore will be offered cash incentives if they de-register bikes that are more than 15 years old in an attempt to cut emissions and traffic congestion. Motorcyclists who registered their vehicles before July 1, 2003 will receive cash incentives of up to S\$3,500 (USD\$2,650) to owners who will de-register their pre-2003 registered motorcycles over the next five years, on or before April 5, 2023.

In justifying the new regulations, Singapore's National Environment Agency (NEA) said in a statement that older motorcycles are more pollutive; "Those registered before July 1, 2003 - before the introduction of Euro I emission standards for motorcycles - emit up to about 10 times more CO and 30 times more hydrocarbons compared to a Euro IV motorcycle today," it said.

After the incentive scheme ends on Apr 6, 2023, NEA will tighten the in-use emission standards of such older motorcycles. After 2028, these motorcycles will not be allowed on the roads.


APPEALS COURT SIDES WITH COPS USING BIKER PHOTOS TO LOBBY: Fighting a bill that would have allowed Floridians to openly carry guns, two Orange County sheriff's deputies in 2011 moved forward with a plan to give lawmakers a glimpse of some people who might be able to pack heat publicly; such as outlaw bikers.

The deputies pulled together booking or driver's license photos of "one percenters" -- members of outlaw motorcycle clubs -- who might be able to openly carry guns, and provided the photos to the Senate Judiciary Committee in opposition to the measure.


In the end, lawmakers did not approve a broad open-carry proposal for people with concealed-weapons licenses, but their use of the photos led to a lawsuit that resulted in a federal appeals court rejecting arguments by three members of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club that the officers had violated a privacy law in using the photos without their knowledge or permission.

The civil case focused heavily on whether the officers violated a federal law known as the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, but the ruling by a three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sided with the officers, upholding a lower-court ruling that an exception to the federal privacy law covered lobbying, and additionally that the officers were entitled to "qualified immunity".

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The secret of Happiness is Freedom; the secret of Freedom is Courage." ~ Thucydides (460-395 BC), Greek historian



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On April 14th the Fire Hogs M/C held their general membership meeting at the LAFD Fire Museum in Hollywood before heading off for a run in Santa Clarita.

The fire hogs are a group of professional firefighters both active and retired. The club was founded in 1991. To date they have donated over \$350,000 to charities including the Children’s Hospital and the Widows Orphans and Disabled Fireman Fund.

The LAFD Fire Museum is on Cahuenga Blvd in Hollywood just south of Sunset blvd. It’s open on Saturday and it’s free to enter. If you have a child or grandchild they will thoroughly enjoy it (and you probably will also).

Robert Nadler
Abate Local 1



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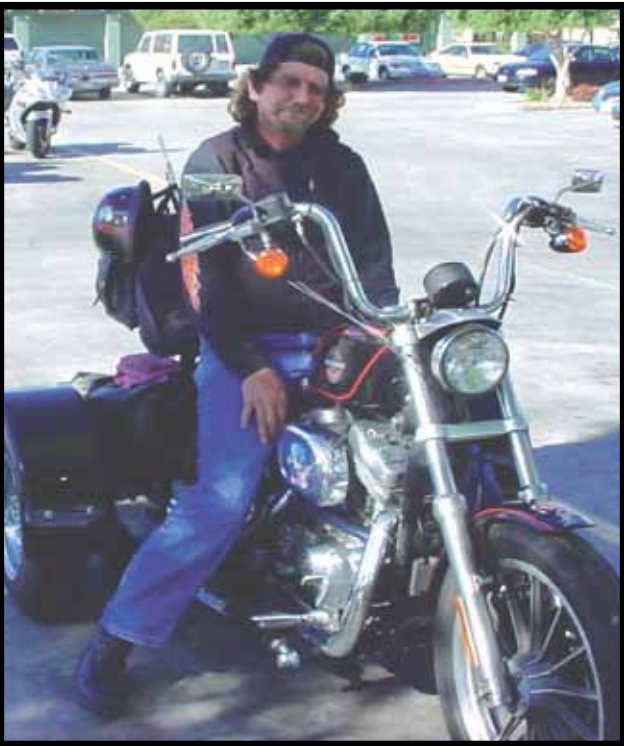


May 5th 2018 Local 17 Texas Hold 'Em Winners

1st Place Matt Perkes
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50/50 Tim



Sporty's Rides



by Sporty Milligan

Hello all! I have been a pretty busy with the anti-profiling bill, especially since we have to get a reconsideration vote. This means that I had to email all the members of the Assembly that did not vote on April 19th. I am hopeful that we can be successful and finally get rid of unnecessary profiling of bikers just because we're bikers

Also I had to get flyers out to as many shops as possible so I had to meet up with Rags from the anti-profiling project on May 3rd and get more flyers. He lives in Harbor City. I got directions to get to his house, but as usual I got kinda misdirected and almost did not

meet up with him. Never-the-less I finally got to where he could get with me. I made a hasty acknowledgement of my misdirection and all was forgiven.

I headed to Bartels but stopped off at a 7 Eleven to get a cup of decaf because Bartels doesn't have decaf. I am now taking a breather and passing out flyers to those who are there requesting them to help support the email and calling efforts. I then put more flyers in the shop. I went to Glendale HD on the way home. They have a coffee machine that serves decaf. I left flyers in their flyer area. Also got a few folks to commit to helping us out by giving flyers to them personally.

The next day I attended the Top Rocker HOG Chapter meeting where Jim Nickla, Glen Cheslock and myself got a chance to speak. Of course I talked up the anti-profiling bill and got the members in attendance to help us out by doing calls and emails. Jim talked about a run our ABATE Local 1 meeting location is doing on June 24th. It's a run to benefit veterans that the Tujunga Elks Lodge is doing. Glen Cheslock talked about another item to put out information to get folks to support a candidate running for election in the Simi Valley area. We were also treated to another safety practice by Officer Danny of the Desoto CHP. He gives lessons on safety issues and parking lot demonstrations.

Ok so from there I went to Top Rocker where I put out flyers for the bill. I also pushed the bike raffle tickets and sold 3 at the dealership. So at this point I had 11 tickets left to sell. I

hope to sell some at the Top Rocker bike night, which will be on May 17th after this column is due.

May 8th I made a surprise visit to Local 2's meeting. I especially like the folks in this Local. I had an opportunity to talk up the anti-profiling bill and got commitments from those in attendance to do what is requested on the flyer, which is call and email the Assembly members who did not vote for the bill April 19th. Local 2 is planning for their Sweaty Buns run and Pigface sent me a flyer so I made some copies to pass around to the shops.

Oh I forgot to mention that May 6th was the Shaggers monthly meeting at their club house in Lancaster. I was there to talk about the anti-profiling bill as it effects all folks who wear motorcycle attire. They committed to doing what was requested.

From there I went to Lancaster HD and dropped off flyers and chatted with Kat. I knew Kat when she worked at the old Van Nuys HD. From there I went to Crazy Otto's in Acton. Had a good breakfast. Final stop was Old Road HD in Santa Clarita to drop off flyers. Final stop was AA hall in Sylmar for a comedy planning committee meeting.

May 10th I went to visit my friend Diane who is in an assisted living facility. When I go there I bring her a cup of decaf that I bring on my bike. I will be seeing her again on May 14th. I will again bring her a cup of decaf and we will chat for a few hours. When we get older we enjoy life's little pleasures.

I am busy this week and will be doing the coffee and donuts gig for the riders who are going off to The Run For The Wall that is on Memorial Day weekend in DC. The kick-off location is the Ontario convention center area D. So May 15th I will be in bed by 8 pm so I can get up by 2 am to leave by 3 am for Ontario and be there by 4.30 am. We will serve coffee and donuts and be done by 8 am. Rest of the morning I will drop off flyers for the bill to local shops.

Well that's it for now. Attend ABATE runs, signup new members and go to your Local's meetings.

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Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer

Starting Line of Summer

It's that time of the year! We're frothing at the bit, eager to hit the roads of life and whatever ails us physically or mentally will disappear as the miles accumulate. We kind of live two lives, on the bike and off the bike. Both with mind boggling memories and both with daily life and all that is thrown at you.

Out here in SoCal we pretty much ride year-round. The weather is the only worry of the day during winter and that only means how much clothing I gotta wear and or bring because we could have up to 4 seasons a day - no lie, just an observation.

This is the time of the year that many riders are just beginning to put some miles on their bikes, kind of like a series of shakedown runs, you know, blowing out the carbs, burn some rubber here and there, getting reacquainted with your bike, physically and soulfully. There are as many reasons for getting out there on the roads as there are riders! For some it's a sprint, high rpm riding through the canyons and flying on them country roads making your bike get worse gas mileage than a 1970 Cadillac! And then there's me now, the cruiser of today, the sprinter of yesterday!

I've been on many highways and mountain roads and, at my age, I'm trying to see what I missed. Everything was a blur when I was young and now I'm recapturing my youth by seeing what I missed! Drugs and booze wasn't the problem (really!), speed was (not the drug!), besting your riding buddies was the high we were looking for as motivation every weekend. I still ride today because every time I fell down I got back up, fortunately for me nothing serious ever. Yes, I'm lucky but I think most are anyway. I will never have the skills that some of my buds have, but I have had the luck they never had!

We all have that moment, when, what part of the year do we want to get into the riding habit that will dominate the mileage during summer our favorite and most popular riding times of the year. Because of this great weather state, we don't have to go through what the back east people do; bring your bike out of hibernation and coercing it back to life. What a drag that must be, but getting out and riding is the most important thing to do. For those of you who get to ride year-round you're blessed. Most riders have to catch up and start where they left off, whether it's been weeks or months.

It's time to shake of the dust and hit the road. We all pretty much know what to do with our bikes to get them road worthy and up to date with all the service requirements the bike needs and any other preventative maintenance needed. That's a given for seasoned riders, but what about your head? Are you mentally in it? I think when once we get seated it all comes back and you check yourself with little puts here and there and then you say, Let's Ride!

Okay so you are out of your driveway and the plethora of intersections of all types will cross your path everywhere you ride, and we



all know that intersections can be the devil! Out of nowhere he comes and in a split second, bam! Just like an accident, what was looking very promising could become very deadly, that fast. Accidents in intersections are very violent, from 60 to zero in less than a second, or any speed for that matter, the main thing is zero! That could be you, usually zero means blunt force trauma and that's not good, that injury kills more than head injuries do, it's a bad statistic but it's true.

Now here's the real deal, when entering any intersection, it's up to the rider to become defensive prior to arriving at the intersection, this is where most accidents occur, albeit cars vs. cars or motorcycle vs. cars. The first and most important thing we can do is be visible! You have to move towards the center of the road to be most visible (past the oil slick build up at intersections). If you have two lanes then be more towards the center of both lanes, this should be a natural operation with experienced riders. Being visible will save your life. Don't ride next to the left turn lane when entering an intersection, especially if there are multiple cars waiting to turn left. You will surprise the other person turning left in front of you, they might stop as they are turning, but you could clip them enough to get airborne, and that's not good.

The second most important thing is the speed in which we travel. Most drivers of cars turning left or right guess our speed and then make their move or they wait, but if we change our speed by going faster to get through the intersection then this in fact can produce a dangerous situation and the consequences could be fatal! The resulting reasoning from car drivers is "I" didn't see them! Or, the motorcyclist was going too fast and I misjudged their speed! It doesn't matter whether they are right or wrong after the collision, because the probabilities of that person getting injured in a car versus motorcycle is far less than what could happen to a motorcyclist. This is an un-intentional meeting of vehicles, whereas a person running a red light or stop sign is an intentional meeting because of the failure to be a responsible driver or rider. This sad fact happens all day, every day 24/7. Just remember this: Upon entering an intersection we should evaluate the traffic conditions and apply any and all safety measures to include an escape route. A well-trained rider does this automatically. One

of the most important things I do when I'm riding by myself especially, is flick my high beams a few times when entering an intersection. Hopefully this alerts the drivers that are facing me, remember, visibility!

I know some people disagree about flicking their lights while riding through an intersection, but I do this when the mood dictates. Sometimes it's better to be extra safe than sorry, after all, we are human and stuff happens.

Okay, here's a little re-write from way back when - this is really good and important stuff I'm sharing. This is from watching David Letterman back in the day with his Top Ten lists (if you've seen his show then you'll know what I'm talking about). You also could make your own list as well! This is my Top 11 list.

Norms Top Eleven Nuisances of the Riding World:

11. This is new because of the new laws, and we get to add; watch out for stoners on the road, driving and or riding, with the new laws we get to worry about stoners and drunks while riding!

10. People driving really slowly, whether they are lost or they are window shopping from their cars. Should I pass them? This is not just old people or foreigners.

9. People eating while driving and using their knees to steer. I've been a pro at this all my life, in fact I'm a great multitasker because I can also talk on my cell phone at the same time, true! Avoid these lane drifters.

8. People who flick their cigarette butts out the window without looking at who's behind them. They are worse than the left turn signalers for life.

7. Tailgaters. What can you say? They make life uneasy for all and, if you are one of them, then don't complain, just remember, everyone tailgates!

6. Making sure you're visible while stopped at an intersection so you don't get rear ended by a zit faced teen searching for a song on his stereo.

5. Having to smell and or taste the fine mist of an overheating radiator, to include the fresh air scent of a diesel engine, especially a really old one.

4. Looking and hearing the one biker hot-dogging it and freaking out car drivers, thus giving us bikers a bad name for all.

3. People who turn on their windshield wipers cleaning their windows, this is hazardous and could lead to road rage.

2. People talking on the cell phone or frigin texting. The law does not seem to apply to everyone as I see it, still as common as before. I think if you get caught it's around \$350 plus or minus \$\$\$\$. Whether talking or texting, stay clear of these people, they are not focused. It's the new fad on how to kill or get maimed for life because I'm stupid with technology!

#1. When there is a CHP driving on the freeway and is doing the speed limit or driving slower than the posted speed. This is the number one reason for brake light city and disrupts the flow of traffic!

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Recently the off-road community was caught totally off guard by the passage of Assembly Bill 1595 that severely impacts the ability to modify and use "upgraded" off-highway side-by-side vehicles.

AB 1595 prohibits the use of (approved/sanctioned racing style) seat belt harnesses, prohibits the addition of full roll cages, and requires mandatory helmet use in these and ONLY these vehicles.

Portions of this law went into effect on January 1, 2013 and all parts of the law were enforced on July 1, 2013. AB 1595 had an immediate and very negative impact on side-by-side safety and prevents the use of many of these family recreational vehicles that have been upgraded with additional safety equipment.

Please join ABATE of California in our quest to repeal this poorly written legislation and help us restore the rights of side-by-side owners statewide who use these vehicles for safe and responsible family off-road recreation.

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