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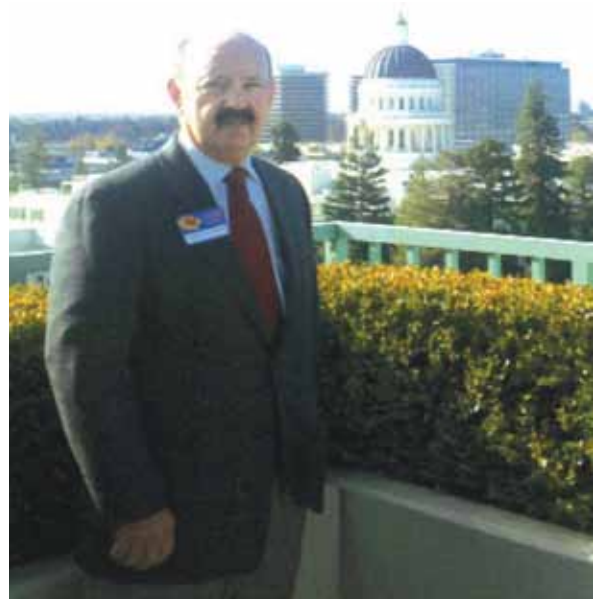
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Lobbyist's Legislative Report

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lative Committee and Lobbyists are working on your behalf to protect your Rights on the Road. Currently, an ABATE bill is with Legislative Counsel being drafted to exempt motorcycles from tolls on all toll roads in California. Stay tuned for the author's name.

Another bill that we are co-sponsoring will repeal AB 1824. This was a Budget Committee bill that removes the discretion of law enforcement officers to make a noise violation citation against automobiles and motorcycles a fix-it ticket. It had no public hearing in any committee at the direction of Governor Brown, who personally high-jacked this budget trailer bill, forcing the NEW penalties into it on the Senate floor. It then went directly to his desk where he promptly signed it into law - it went into effect that same day! He told his Department of Finance he was tired of being awakened in his downtown Sacramento condo at midnight and 4 am by the rapping of loud "Harley Pipes".

We are vigorously working to repeal this over-punitive law that will force ticketed riders to go to court to see if the state can prove their cited motorcycles exceed the state's noise limit.

Thank you to all the individuals and Locals who support the dedicated Lobbyist fund to keep The Lombardo Group in Sacramento fighting for Motorcyclists Rights & Freedoms!

by James Lombardo,
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The Legislature returned on January 7th, re-electing Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins (D - San Diego) and Assemblyman Anthony Rendon (D - SE Los Angeles) Speaker of the Assembly, while welcoming in the 40th Governor of the State of California, Gavin Newsom. Much fanfare and many events took place that first week, but now they are getting back to business and working the Legislative Calendar.

February 22nd is the deadline for bills to be introduced this year. ABATE's Legis-



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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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Executive Director Report Report

by Mark Loudermilk,
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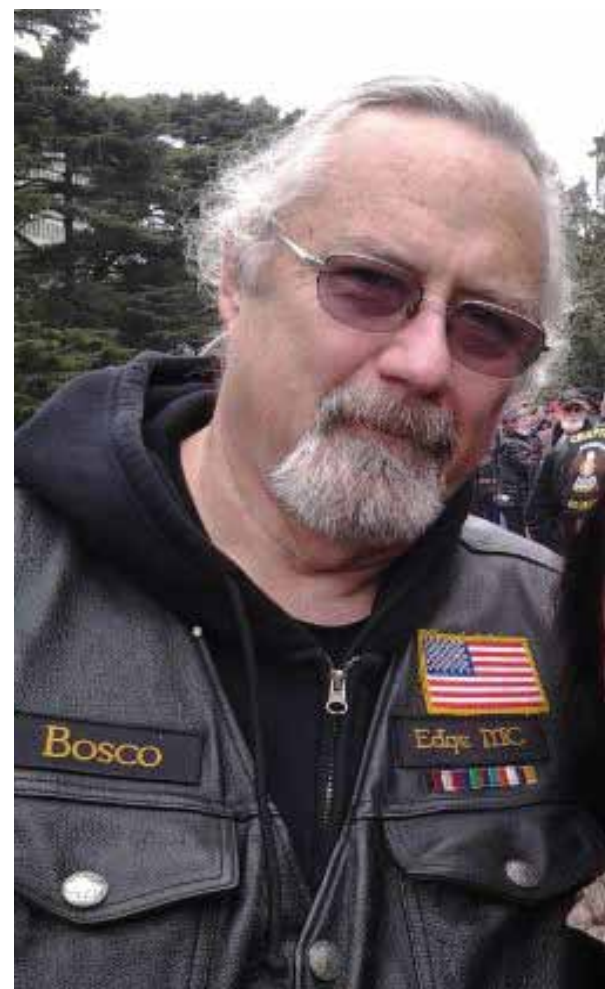
I hope everyone had a safe and Happy New Year!! Coming from Maryland where they have nearly a foot of snow on the ground, I have developed an appreciation for the Southern California winters.

We just had our first quarterly Board of Directors meeting in Cypress on January 12. A big thanks to Local 20 for hosting the meeting. Attendance was down a little due to the rain, but we had a good crowd with a spirited exchange of ideas. A big thank you for all that braved the elements to attend. And lastly thanks to the American Legion and the folks who run the kitchen for the meals they prepared.

The New Year has brought some changes to the State officers. Mark "Dogman" Castilero resigned as State Treasurer, has gotten married and moved to Spain. Dave Hastings has resigned as Executive Director and Board Member. Rumor has it he is planning on traveling and enjoying his retirement. Best wishes to you! To counter these changes Jody "Moonie" Maxwell of Local 20 has joined the Board of Directors and I, Mark "Bosco" Loudermilk of Local 23 have accepted the nomination to be your Executive Director. We still need a State Treasurer and one more Board member. If you are interested in taking on either of these positions, or want more info, contact the State office.

Attending a quarterly Board of Directors meeting is a way of keeping up on the planning and strategy of ABATE. It gives you an opportunity to present your ideas, thoughts, and opinions on the subjects under consideration and affect the outcome. Historically the meetings have alternated being held in either Cypress or Fresno. Depending on where you live it can be a long trip and expensive weekend to attend the meeting. To help lessen the time and expense and hopefully make the meeting available to participation by more members the next meeting on April 13 will be an online meeting. Once the details have been finalized, they will be announced, and we plan on having a "practice" meeting for members to familiarize themselves with how to access the meeting and how it functions. Without the burden of travel and expense I hope to see many more members participate in the shaping of the direction of ABATE.

Back in 1981, "Deacon" Dave Phillips broke away from the then already existing MMA in California. His vision was for an organization



that was run from the members up and ABATE of California was set up that way. Today, 38 years later, is a very different world. Marshall McLuhan was indeed correct in that we have become a global village. (Did I just date myself? LOL). I have always felt that good communication is one of the keys to any venture's success. Hopefully the online meeting will improve and expand our communication to the members and to each other.

The upcoming year is going to be a busy one for ABATE and its members. We have several legislative subjects already being strategized on how to approach as well as work within ABATE to address. I look forward to input from all members with their ideas and thoughts on these issues throughout the year. Participate in any way you can, be it working at events, attending events, volunteering to the operation of ABATE and/or providing financial support.

And lastly, thank you to all who volunteer in so many ways at both the State and Local level to keep ABATE moving forward and growing. We have a great year ahead of us!

Respectfully, Mark




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New 2019 Rules

New rules for criminal justice, restrictions on plastic straws and a new minimum age to buy a gun — all are part of a broad slate of state laws set to take effect next year. Some start Jan.1, others later in the year, but many have the potential to change your life in some way. Here are some of the notables:

Stricter gun laws Starting Jan.1 you'll have to be at least 21 to buy any gun in California. The state is raising the age limit to buy shotguns and rifles to 21, a rule that's already in place for handguns. The new law banning "long-gun" purchases won't extend to members of the military, police and licensed hunters. Beginning next year, anyone convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence will be banned for life from owning a gun. And Californians seeking concealed weapons permits now must complete at least eight hours of firearms safety training and pass a live fire shooting exam to demonstrate proficiency, following a state law that recently took effect.

Minimum wage California's minimum wage will increase from \$10.50 to \$n per hour at companies with 25 or fewer employees, and from \$11 to \$12 per hour at companies with 26 or more workers. Over the course of a year, those bumps could equate to between a \$1,040 or \$2,080 jump in base earnings for employees who work 40 hours per week.

Fewer plastic straws Full-service, dine-in restaurants won't provide plastic straws unless you ask. While the state law doesn't include fast-food restaurants and cafes, a Los Angeles ordinance that phases in next year does (though drive-thrus remain exempted). San Francisco, meanwhile, will ban plastic straws starting in July.

No more cash bail In 2019, California will be the first state to eliminate cash bail for suspects awaiting trial — a move aimed at making the system more equitable for low-income families. Cash bail will be replaced by a risk-assessment system that allows local courts to decide who can and can't get out of jail while awaiting trial. Most defendants accused of nonviolent misdemeanors would be out within 12 hours of booking without seeing a judge.

Legal street food California's vibrant street food culture will be legalized statewide in 2019, protecting street-side vendors who have long been a part of the local economy but who've run the risk of being shut down, jailed or even deported. A new state law stops local governments from cracking down on street sales of food and merchandise until municipalities implement licensing systems, something few cities have in place. The law also sets limits on what cities can regulate and reduces the penalties for street vendors. Under the new licensing systems, cities will be able to tax and create health regulations for street vendors. Still unknown: whether the new rules will raise the cost of doing business for the sidewalk hawkers.

Expunged pot charges Hundreds of thousands of old cannabis convictions could be expunged next year. In addition to legalizing recreational cannabis, Proposition 64, passed by voters two years ago, made it possible for people with past marijuana convictions to petition to have their criminal histories erased or reduced. But in the year that Proposition 64 has been in effect, few people have changed their records. The state estimates nearly 220,000 cases remain eligible for a new look. Starting next year, the burden to re-examine those old pot convictions will fall to the state. The California Department of Justice will have until July 1, 2019, to proactively identify cases where sentences are eligible to be diminished or dismissed. The state will then send those cases to local prosecutors, who will have the chance to challenge the new sentences by July 1, 2020.


Preventing #MeToo incidents Most employers in California will have to offer sexual harassment prevention training to all employees. Harassment training previously has been required of supervisors at companies with 50 or more workers, but by the end of next year the rules will extend to all employers with five or more workers. Also, the training will be required for all workers, not just supervisors, with courses repeated once every two years.

Happy Meal, no soda In an effort to curb childhood obesity, restaurants next year will no longer be allowed to automatically include soda, juice, or even chocolate milk as part of a kids' meal that feature a beverage. Instead, kids' meals will come with either milk or water unless the customer requests something else. Restaurants that don't comply could be fined up to \$500 by the third violation.

DUI penalties New DUI penalties will compel more offenders to install ignition interlocks in their cars, a device that requires drivers to pass a breathalyzer test each time they start their vehicle. First-time offenders whose drunken driving caused injuries will have to use the device for six months. Repeat offenders will be required to have the in-car apparatus for one to four years. The devices are in lieu of suspending offenders' licenses — a practice that authorities say was ineffective in deterring drunken driving.

Women on boards The boards of publicly traded California companies must include at least one woman by the end of 2019. Currently, more than a quarter of the largest California-based companies have no women serving on their boards, according to state data. By 2021, the requirements will become more stringent: corporation with five directors will need to have two women in the boardroom, and companies with six or more

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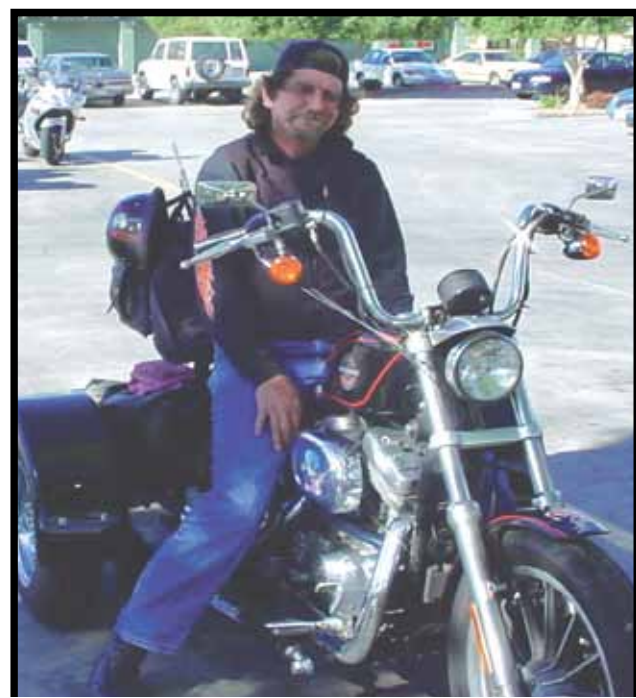
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Membership Report



by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Greetings to all ABATE members! If your ABATE membership is due for renewal, please renew! ABATE values your membership!

The winners of the 2108 Membership Drive are: Third place with 9 new members is Michelle Storelli, Local 24 in Fresno, Second place with 14.5 new members is Gill Mellen, Local 20 in Orange County, and First place with 15 new members is Glenn Phillips, Local 17 in Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano & Napa Counties. Congratulations to the winners and to all the ABATE members who signed-up new members during the 2018 Membership Drive!

The 2019 Membership Drive started on January 1st and will end on December 31st. Again we are selling Membership Funding raffle tickets. Hopefully ABATE Locals will be able to sell all their allotments of tickets. The sale of these tickets pays for the yearly Membership Drive. These Funding tickets have been given to your Local's president. So look for them at your next ABATE Local meeting.

Here is a hint on how to use some of the tickets. When you get a member's renewal, send them some tickets as a way of saying thank you for staying with ABATE and your Local.

We had a successful membership drive last year, but was your Local successful in keeping your renewals? Retention of the members in your Local is as important as signing new members. Membership chairmen do your best to keep in contact with the members of your Local and everyone support your business members!

Our office manager, Janet, is going to give me the emails for each of ABATE Local's membership chairmen. I will use this list only to send or discuss issues related to membership items. We will deal with ways to improve our membership program. Our main focus will be on retention of members. We can do great things, membership wise, if we put on our thinking caps and get busy – we have our work cut out for us.

Finally there is unity and strength in numbers of members. Attend your Local's meetings and attend ABATE events!

Sporty Milligan, ABATE Membership Chairman

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directors will need to have at least three women on their boards.

HOV lanes If you drive a zero-emission vehicle and use a high occupancy- vehicle-lane decal issued prior to 2017, you won't be able to drive solo in the HOV lane anymore. The state wants to unclog HOV lanes and, as part of that effort, is stripping the perk from more than 220,000 vehicles. Those drivers can't reapply for a new decal unless they get new cars.

Juvenile justice Defendants under the age of 16 no longer can be tried as an adult for any violent crime. Instead, they'll face limited incarceration in juvenile facilities but not time in prison. Similarly, children under age 12 no longer will be prosecuted at any level for crimes other than murder or rape. They'll instead be directed to counseling, dependency court or other services.

Nonbinary driver's licenses The Department of Motor Vehicles will add a third gender identity option next year for driver's licenses and state identification cards. The new option will be "nonbinary" and will be denoted with an "X" next to the gender listing on the card.

Police transparency Police agencies will have to release more information — in the form of video footage and personnel records — about officers and deputies. Starting Tuesday, the personnel record disclosure rules will apply to officers who use deadly force, are accused of sexual assault or other misconduct. The body cam disclosure rule will be in effect! for any police shooting or any incident that involves the deadly use of force.

Bike helmet fix-it tickets Families of minors cited for riding their bikes without a helmet will be able to avoid paying a fine if they deliver proof within 120 days of the citation that the child has a proper helmet and has taken a safety class.

Pot parties A new law expands the types of venues that can host events where on-site cannabis sale and consumption is allowed. In the past, such events have been permitted only at county fairgrounds. Now, cities will have the power to determine which locations can host temporary marijuana events — making it possible they'll be held ! more regularly and in a greater variety of venues.

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Jody "Moonie" Maxwell is the newest volunteer member for the ABATE of California Board of Directors, accepting a one-year term. She has been an ABATE member for over 11 years and a motorcycle rider since the 1970's. Jody holds a liaison position in the Southern California Confederation of Clubs (COC) and is an officer in her ABATE Local 20. She enjoys participating in motorcycle rights rallies in Sacramento and talking with legislators during the Bikers Inside the Beltway annual event in Washington DC. She attends National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) informational conferences in various locations throughout the United States. Welcome Jody!



DMV Reminds Motorists of New 2019 Laws

Sacramento – With the New Year just around the corner, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) wants to inform the public about several new laws or changes to existing law that, unless otherwise noted, take effect January 1, 2019.

Temporary License Plate Program (AB 516, Mullin): This law requires licensed California dealers, of new and used vehicles to attach temporary paper license plates on a vehicle at the point of sale if that vehicle does not display license plates previously issued by the DMV. The temporary license plates contain a unique number and expiration date. No vehicle can be driven off the dealership lot without the temporary license plate affixed to it unless it already has issued plates. The intent of this new law is to reduce the number of toll violators and improve safety for law enforcement.

Gender Identity Female, Male, or Nonbinary (SB 179, Atkins): This law allows individuals applying for a California driver license or identification card to self-certify their chosen gender category of male, female or nonbinary in the application. Applicants who select nonbinary will receive a card with an “X” in the gender category.

Driving Under the Influence – Ignition Interlock Device (SB 1046, Hill): From January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2026, this law mandates repeat offenders for driving under the influence (DUI) and first DUI offenders whose violations resulted in injury, to install an ignition interlock device (IID) for a period ranging from 12 to 48 months. This law also allows those who receive a suspension under the Administrative Per Se law to obtain an IID-restricted driving privilege, and receive credit toward their required IID restriction period if they are later convicted of a DUI. These provisions apply to DUI violations that involve alcohol or the combined use of alcohol and drugs. They do not apply to drug-only violations. Additionally, courts have the discretion to order a non-injury first DUI offender to install an IID for a period of up to 6 months. If the court does not order IID installation, a non-injury first offender may apply for a driver license for IID restrictions or restrictions that allow them to drive to, from, and during their employment and to and from a DUI treatment program for 12 months. Previously, an IID pilot program was only in effect in Alameda, Los Angeles, Sacramento and Tulare counties.

Smog Check Changes and New Abatement Fees (AB 1274, O’Donnell): This law expands the existing smog check exemption to vehicles that are up to eight model years old, up from the current exemption of six model years. During the additional two years of exemption, these vehicles will pay an annual \$25 smog abatement fee. The current annual \$20 smog abatement fee for the first six years of exemption remains unchanged.

Driving Privilege for Minors (AB 2685, Lackey): This law repeals a juvenile court’s authority to suspend, restrict or delay the issuance of a driver license of a habitual truant or ward of the state for up to one year. The law clarifies that any suspensions or delays reported prior to January 1, 2019, remain in effect.

Motorized Scooters, (AB 2989, Flora): Bicycle helmets are no longer required for riders of motorized scooters who are age 18 or older. It also amends existing law to prohibit a person from operating a motorized scooter on a highway with a speed limit greater than 25 miles per hour, unless it is within a [Class IV bikeway as well as a Class II bikeway](#). However, it permits local authorities to authorize the operation of motorized scooters on roads with speed limits up to 35 miles per hour outside of a Class II or Class IV bikeway.

Unsafe, unsecured loads on vehicles (AB 1925, Choi): This law requires the DMV to include at least one question addressing laws pertaining to driving with an unsafe, unsecured load in at least 20 percent of the knowledge tests administered to driver license applicants. Unsecured loads, such as ladders, buckets and loose items in the back of pickup trucks, can be dangerous for motorists when they fall onto the road. Therefore, all vehicle loads must be covered or secured.

High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (AB 544, Bloom): As previously announced, AB 544 created a new program to grant low-emission vehicles and transitional zero-emission vehicles access to high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes for an approximate four-year period, regardless of the vehicle occupancy level. A green or white decal is valid until January 1, 2019 and vehicles displaying these decals no longer have access to HOV lanes. Vehicles that were issued a green or white decal between January 1, 2017 and March 1, 2018 are eligible to apply for a red decal that grants them access to HOV lanes until January 1, 2022. The DMV notified these customers of their eligibility by mail. The DMV will issue light purple decals in 2019 that will grant access to HOV lanes until January 1, 2023. Decals are available to applicants who have not applied for or received a consumer rebate pursuant to the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project, unless they meet annual income requirements. For more information or to apply, visit DMV’s [Clean Air Vehicle Decals](#) webpage. Visit the [California Air Resources Board](#) website for additional information on vehicle eligibility. ***Reminder***Green and White Clean Air Vehicle Valid Until January 1, 2019***

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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! At the ABATE Local 1 meeting on December 16 we talked about the fact that we made some money at the LA toy run from donations to defray the insurance costs. Talked briefly about the up-coming PAC issues and spent the balance of the meeting discussing the Polar Bear Run.

I gave the Local's members in attendance a scratcher card as my way of saying thanks for being a Local 1 member. We had a 50/50 raffle and a special drawing to see who will win a free breakfast.

Once again our January meeting will be after this report is due. Here's what's on the agenda. We will start with the Pledge of Allegiance. Then I will do a "welcome to the meeting" greeting and give my president's remarks, which will contain information regarding the January 12th Board of Directors and PAC meetings. I will also talk about the January 13th meeting we had at the VFW 2323 Post in Granada Hills that is officially the end spot for the 32nd Polar Bear run.

Most of the remainder of the meeting will address preparations for the Polar Bear run. Jim Nickla will talk about the Polar Bear tee shirts and other stuff. Glen Cheslock, our membership chairman, will address membership issues.

We will have our monthly 50/50 drawing, members chiming in portion of meeting, and monkey business followed by a nice breakfast for those who care to.

Next meeting February 17th at the Elks Lodge, 10137 Commerce Ave in Tujunga.

President Sporty reporting.

Local #02 Simi Valley



Happy New Year Local 2! Let's start 2019 by going to our meetings and participating in a great new year with your brothers and sisters who like you a lot! We do miss all who don't come to our meetings. It's a once a month meeting and only 11 times a year, so the only excuse is.....?

The meetings are very informative and educational. At Local 2 we strive to make our meetings fun, educating, sharing and a plethora of other things we talk about and or do.

We have the right tools for our meeting. #1 is the VFW where we hold our meetings. #2 is we get to use their bitchen BBQ and beauti-

ful patio. #3 they have a great bar with great prices. #4 the meeting room is big and A/C and heating. And all this means is that we get to have great comradery before during and after our meetings.

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 delicious \$5 BBQ meal deal, cheese burgers and fat footlongs and all the fixin's you could want. We also have access to their bar and they do serve great drinks!

Thanks to our volunteer cooks, Guy and Jim, good job! Our first meeting of the year and the new officers are all present. VP Scott opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pres Jim talked about profiling.

We have cancelled our Frosty Buns fundraiser for the present. Pres Jim talked about the Board of Directors meeting coming up and other things.

Jane, our secretary, read the minutes; Betty, our treasurer, gave us the report; PR Norm talked about the new crap bike from Harley; Pigface talked about the up-coming runs.

We had a good time tonight, it was the first meeting in a long time that we had a new president to open up. We're saying good bye to ex Pres Guy real soon, retirement has finally caught him!

We are doing something a little different this year to change up a few things. You gotta be here to know what's new! It's kinda like what happens at the VFW, stays at the VFW! Ride Safe, PTL norm e.

Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks & Ventura County



We are excited for what this New Year will bring. We have a new slate of Officers for 2019, with Chuck "Chief" Pedersen continuing another year as President, and Tasha "Cookie" Nesbitt newly elected Vice President (Yes, a woman VP.) Watch for upcoming date in early spring for our annual Leather Weather Run. Planning continues for the upcoming year's activities, with fun rides and runs, as well as sustaining our important mission of working on legislation, including an Anti-Profiling bill to be presented to the 2019 State legislative calendar, further protecting our motorcycle riding rights.

The comradery and the interest in our mission is contagious! Our Local 3/13 continues

to grow and evolve. We've been riding with and making new friends in other clubs and groups, spreading the word that ABATE's legislative activities help all riders. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations!

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 ABATE's California State Legislative Director, Chuck "Chief" Pedersen, continues to network with various other groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. Issues we are currently working on include the "Anti-Profiling" bill.

We are a group that is making things happen being involved in Lane Splitting last year, and now the Anti-Profiling Bill this year! Join us to be an effective voice in matters of motorcycling rights!

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming new members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month, 7 pm, at Azar's Sport's 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 second Sunday (all year, weather permitting).

Come join us to any or all of our events and bring your friends. Check us out on Facebook at www.Facebook/ABATE313 to follow our events and issues. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups & organizations!

Ride Free! Kathleen "MamaBear" Scribe & P.R., Local 3/13

Local #08 Orange County



Howdy all from Local 8! We had our first meeting of 2019 last week and held our election of officers. It's pretty much the same faces though there was some shuffling of positions. At the meeting we discussed activities for the coming year and voted to have a booth at the So Cal Cycle Show and Swap Meet at Long Beach Veterans Stadium this summer. This has become 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, though the venues are undecided.

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It was great to see everyone at the Board of Directors meeting in Cypress this weekend. Also, congratulations and thanks to Mark Loudermilk for taking on the Executive Director position and congrats to Keith on his winning the Freedom Fighter of the Year award!

I hope to see lots of Local 8 members at our next meeting on Monday, February 11, 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 #17 Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano & Napa Counties



Greetings from Local 17! Our 31st toy run that we joined up with BRO for was a blast with good weather adding to the day! Over 110 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 Local 17's first event - our 31st Annual Freeze Your Ass Off run starting at Miss Darla's, 110 Peabody Road, with sign-ins starting at 9:30 am. See flyer in this issue. We will finish up at the Moose Lodge, 6585 Gibson Canyon Road, with a BBQ, drinks, DJ and raffle/50-50. This will be on Saturday, March 2nd, rain or shine.

Next will be our Spring Bingo Fun Run on Saturday, April 20th. Watch us for more info on this and more runs coming up. May 4th will be our 8th 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 that also 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 to Local 17's Board Sal De Renzi – Vice President (replacing Mike Todd), Bill Hines – Run Coordinator, and Doreen Soltys – Newsletter Editor (replacing Geno Hamrick).

Many thanks to Mike and Geno for their service. Thanks to Jan Landers who stepped away from Merchandise Coordinator.

Thanks also go to Dave Allen for his Webmaster services! Please welcome Dee Dee Linderer who stepped into our Webmaster position.

It's the volunteers that keep us going. We still desperately need a Raffle Coordinator and a Merchandise 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 and I will see you around the next corner. Glenn

Local #20 Orange County New ABATE Members from LA Harley, Jared Kaesuta, Manager & Bruno Sandoval



Happy New Year 2019. 21 members and 1 guest were at the first meeting of the year. We won't be charged for the room. Please bring raffle prizes to our meetings. Everyone seems to enjoy them. A number of new laws went into effect on 1 Jan 2019. Gill sent out an e-mail regarding them or go the DMV website (www.dmv.ca.gov).

Spike spoke of the meetings he attended and speaking with politicians, Profiling Bill and various other topics. You need to fill out the Motorcycle Profiling Survey and pass it on to your family and friends. We are short 1K as only 5K bikers filled them out.

Jerry of the Messengers MC works at LAHD. The new owner is very biker and club color friendly. All are welcome. Come see me for anything you may need. Thinking about starting up a bike night there and that would really be nice to have again.

Doreen, vets, church volunteers, Doug Dog (BWSP) and others help clean up yards, make necessary repairs to houses, etc for the seniors. It was a great success. Jeff (BFC MC) won the \$25 gift card. Doug Dog won the emergency battery charger. Sky would've won the \$14 but she's in AL. Suzanne Palmiere, if you had come to the meeting, you would've won the \$56 which rolls to next month.

Non Politically Correct Gill/Squirt Secretary

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members and Friends! The 27th annual ABATE Local 38 Los Ninos Toy run is in the books! First off, Bob and Alicia Brown do an excellent job organizing this events – thank you!

It was a cool morning and about 70 motorcycles were in attendance. We had Santa leading the procession of motorcycles to the Betty Jo Mcneec receiving home, which was formally called Los Ninos.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered, attended and donated to this event. I want to thank our host Lucky's Supermarket. For the first time we had Imperial Valley Auto donate the use of one of their new GM pickups to load the toys into, plus they provided their own driver, how cool is that!

We would also like to thank, Autozone Stores both El Centro locations, Bobby's Territorial Harley-Davidson, Burger's & Beers. Chabelas Restaurant. El Cajon Harley-Davidson, El Centro Motors Supercenter, Greens Jewelry, La Bella Beauty Shop, Lee's Tire Shop. Ricochet Raceway, Salazar's Cycles, Starbucks Coffee IV Mall location, and Tractor Supply Co.

At our last meeting we elected the same officers with a few changes: President Ed Aranda, Vice President Fred Bryant, Secretary Deborah Kensler, Treasurer Barbara Mcpheron, and our Board Members are Steve Mitosinka, Bob Brown, Kulhdeep Sandhu, and Rocio Green.

I hope everyone's Holidays were good, bye for now.

Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38

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To take the National Survey click here: <http://www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com/national-motorcycle-profiling-survey/>

“Annual Ride Ensures No Table Goes Without a Turkey”

A huge procession of motorcycles thundered down Pico Avenue in El Centro on Nov. 17 announcing to the residents of the Posada del Sol apartments that Thanksgiving’s most recognizable icon—turkey—would be on everybody’s table.

The riders were members of the club known as ABATE No. 38. They were assisting 12 local charities in delivering about 400 turkeys to the needy in the 21st annual Turkey Run.

ABATE, the acronym for American Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education, is a nationwide motorcycle-rights organization. El Centro resident Eddie Aranda, president of the No. 38 chapter, explained why the turkey run was started so many years ago.

“There are a lot of charities who get little or no funding. We wanted to find a way to give back to the community and ride motorcycles,” he said.

The event has grown sizably over the years from a small gathering of riding buddies to a veritable army of the Imperial Valley’s and Arizona’s finest service-oriented men and women.

“Our first year 11 riders showed up and donated 26 turkeys to three charities,” Aranda added. “This year we had over 100 riders.”

Besides donating their time for delivery, each rider contributed \$10 and a turkey to the cause.

The run would not be possible without support of local donors and businesses, organiz-

ers said. Starbucks donated coffee, Wal-Mart helped with supplies for the riders and El Centro Motors donated the use of two full-sized trucks to haul the turkeys since cargo transport is not conducive to motorcycle riding.

The riders assembled at the Wal-Mart parking lot in El Centro at 10 a.m. on Nov. 17 and then navigated a circuitous route delivering turkeys to five locations. The first stop was the House of Hope shelter in El Centro.

The second stop was the Neighborhood House in Calexico where the group enjoyed homemade menudo and burritos for lunch.

After lunch, the convoy rode north on Highway 111 to St. Margret Mary Catholic Church in Brawley followed by a stop at Faith Assembly church in Imperial. The last leg of the run had the riders arriving at the Sister Evelyn Mourey Center charity in the Posada del Sol complex at 2 p.m.

Danny Collins rode from Yuma with 20 fellow members of the Arizona ABATE to participate in this year’s Turkey Run. After helping unload turkeys from trucks at Posada del Sol he said his favorite part of the ride was, “handing turkeys out to people and getting to see their faces. You know the work you are doing goes to a good cause.”

When the bikers showed up at Evelyn Mourey residents started forming a line with their turkey-vouchers in hand.

Susan Chasang, charity executive director, explained, “ABATE tells us how many turkeys they will be donating beforehand.

We made 125 vouchers to give to residents for turkeys. Our center is the last stop on the ride and if they run out of turkeys some families might go home empty handed.”

Thanks to ABATE’s unrelenting efforts, that was not an issue this year.

Gabina Tadeo said she has been a resident of Posada del Sol for more than 30 years and remembers when Sister Evelyn Mourey, the charity’s founder, first arrived in El Centro.

“I am grateful for this Thanksgiving and time to spend with my family. They (Mourey Center) help me with everything, like food, clothes and even a turkey,” Tadeo said.

The dependability of the ABATE’s turkey run makes a powerful impact on the community, Tadeo added, saying, “They help me with a turkey every year. They even help my family with gifts for Christmas.”

Aranda said, “If you do this ride once, it could become your favorite ride of the year because you get to see everyone you help.”

Even the toughest-looking riders struggled to hold back tears at the end of the run. As the bikers rode off Posada del Sol residents who had waited in line to get turkeys jumped, waived and offered thanks.

Information about next year’s turkey run will be available at abate.org.

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Local 3/13

Traffic Stops and Profiling

In my last column, I left off at the necessity to support anti-profiling legislation. It is important we support this legislation, as the insignia we wear is often a trigger to law enforcement to devise a pretext to initiate a traffic stop. Let's take a brief look at your Constitutional Rights that are implicated in a traffic stop

We'll start with the Fourth Amendment, which reads “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”

As I like to say, the Fourth Amendment has gone in my lifetime from “Probable Cause” to “Reasonable Suspicion” to “Because My Dog Said So” to “There's an App for That”.

When you leave your house, you open yourself to all kinds of abuses of this amendment, because the courts have allowed them to continue. What can you do to protect yourself? A little, it is all in the details.

First, they can and will search you, and they'll be protected by qualified immunity. Have no contraband on your person or in your vehicle (be it a motorcycle, car, boat, snow mobile or hot air balloon). The reason they devised a pretext in the first place is so they COULD search you. Make your objection known, calmly, in a nonthreatening manner. “I do not consent to

this search”. Every verbal escalation moves them closer to a pretext for arresting you. The presence of contraband also can and will lead to impound-



ing your vehicle and/or civil forfeiture. Do not fall into this trap

The other Constitutional Right implicated during a stop is the Fifth Amendment. It is true that the police do not have to inform you of your Miranda rights unless you are in custody. However, the Fifth Amendment states in part, “nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself”. This means that at any time during interaction with the police, you have the right to remain silent. Present identification, registration and insurance documents when requested. Police are trained in techniques to elicit incriminating information, the most popular technique used on the side of the road is verbal judo. Do not engage in any conversation with them. You have the right to not answer questions. Remain silent.

Any answer you give is a wedge in verbal judo, which they will use to crack you open.

Remember, the pretext they used to stop you was an excuse to go fishing. Don't take the bait. Keep on your legislators to pass anti-profiling legislation to reduce the number of bogus traffic stops. This is really important for us, and our future freedoms.

I am not a lawyer, and this does not constitute legal advice. I am merely pointing out the protections you do and don't have under the interpretation of the Constitution as the Supreme Court has fixed it at this time.

As always, I welcome comment and suggestions for future articles. I can be contacted at docsfoundersrepublic@gmail.com

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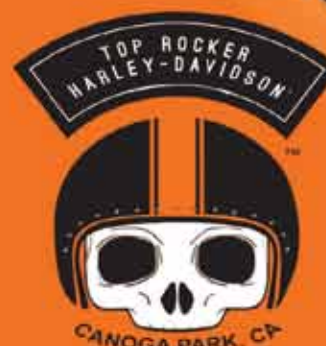
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- March 31st** – ABATE 3/13 – Leather Weather Run
- April 13th** – ABATE 2nd Quarterly Board Meeting (Tentatively On-Line)
- April 14th** – ABATE 27 – 17th Annual Bare Necessities Run
- April 20th** – ABATE 17 – Spring Bingo Fun Run
- May 4th** – ABATE 17 – 8th Annual Texas Hold-Em (see flyer this issue)
- May 4th** – ABATE 38 – Cinco De Mayo and Annual Ice Chest Run
- May 11th** – ABATE 23 – Box of Love
- May 20th** – May 21st – MRF Bikers Inside the Beltway, Falls Church VA & Washington DC
- June 2nd** – ABATE 17 – 25th Annual Ride-In Bike and Car Show
- July 13th** – ABATE 3rd Quarterly Board Meeting Elks Lodge Thousand Oaks
- July 20th** – ABATE 17 – Summer Bingo
- August 24th** – ABATE 17 – 20th Annual Sarah's Memorial Run
- October 6th** – ABATE 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo
- October 19** - ABATE 4th Quarterly Board

- Meeting (Location to be announced)
- October** – ABATE 3/13 – 11th Annual Biker Trivia Run
- November 10th – 29th** Annual One More From The Heart, Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital
- November** – ABATE 11 – Ice Chest Raffle
- November** – ABATE 24 – 29th Annual Turkey Run
- November** – ABATE 38 – 22nd Annual Turkey Run
- December** – ABATE 1 – 32nd Annual LA Toy Run with Glendale Harley-Davidson
- December** – ABATE 19 – 31st Annual Toy Run
- December** – ABATE 38 – Imperial Valley Los Ninos Toy Run
- December 14th** – ABATE 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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As defined by the Congressional resolutions, "motorcycle profiling" means "the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States."

Concerned riders are now urged to contact their Congressional delegations in the U.S. House of Representatives and encourage them to join their Senate colleagues by likewise passing House Resolution 318.

GOVERNMENT WINS FIRST ROUND IN TRIAL TO SEIZE MONGOLS PATCH: For over a decade, federal law enforcement authorities have been testing a unique legal tactic to take down the Mongols Motorcycle Club by seizing their trademarked logo under asset forfeiture laws, and now a federal jury in Santa Ana, California has found the Mongols guilty of racketeering and conspiracy, setting up a second phase of the trial during which the government will seek to seize control of the club's "intellectual property" and thereby ban members from wearing their unifying "colors" or patches.

Federal prosecutors will ask the judge to fine the Mongol Nation -- the West Covina, CA entity that legally owns the club trademark -- and order it to forfeit rights to the identifying logo worn on the bikers' vests.

Since the case is focused on the Mongols organization, no specific individuals are facing jail or prison time, but the government's attempt to defrock club members is aimed at dismantling the club by destroying their identity and thus its allure.

During the five-week trial that ended Thursday, December 13, 2018, prosecutors testified that the Mongols were a violent criminal enterprise. According to the Associated Press, in finding the Mongols guilty of racketeering, jurors decided that the motorcycle club itself is a criminal organization.

The Mongols have denied that they are a criminal enterprise, arguing that the organization itself isn't responsible for crimes committed by individual members or in self-defense.

Defense attorney Joseph A. Yanny argued that individual club members may have committed criminal acts but the club is blameless and kicks out members under a "zero-tolerance" policy for such activity.

"They won the battle, but they did not win the war," David Santillan, the current president of the Mongols, said of the government after the jury verdict.

In 2008, dozens of members were charged with racketeering based on an investigation in which agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives infiltrated the club, and a judge ruled that they should

forfeit the Mongols trademark but later reversed the decision. The new case was filed in 2013, and it was thrown out two years later by U.S. District Judge David O. Carter, but he was overruled on appeal.

Now, the same jury will return to court January 8th, as the focus of the trial shifts to potential seizures from the Mongols. Judge Carter, who is presiding over the trial, will make the final ruling on exactly what will be seized. If the judge ultimately approves the seizure of the trademark, he would also determine exactly what the government could do with it, including whether they could literally take the Mongols jackets off members' backs.

Motorcycle clubs across the country are watching this test case closely. "They take our patch," Santillan told the New York Times, "and then they take all the clubs' patches."

NCOM CONVENTION TO ADDRESS BIKERS' RIGHTS ISSUES: Topics such as Motorcycle Profiling and "Save the Patch" will be among the many issues of concern to our nation's motorcycle community that will be addressed during the upcoming 34th annual NCOM Convention, to be held Mother's Day weekend, May 10-12, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Orlando, Florida. Hundreds of bikers' rights activists from the ranks of motorcycle rights organizations (MROs) and Confederations of Clubs (COCs), as well as independents and other allied riders will gather to discuss the concerns of all riders.

Agenda items will cover various legal and legislative issues, with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting. Additional seminars will be conducted regarding Restoration of Rights, Leadership 101 and "Share the Road" Motorcycle Safety.

All motorcyclists are welcome, and to pre-register for the 2019 NCOM Convention contact the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

CELL PHONE BANS ARE SAVING MOTORCYCLISTS' LIVES: Laws to ban or curb drivers' use of cell phones and other handheld devices have greatly reduced the rate of fatalities for motorcyclists, according to a new study by faculty at Florida Atlantic University and the University of Miami. The study's findings, recently published in Social Science & Medicine, show that states with moderate to strong bans have motorcycle fatality rates that differ by as much as 11% compared to states with no bans.

The study originally intended to focus on overall traffic fatality rates involving cell

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phone use while driving. When it comes to car vs. car crashes, it's not clear that partial or total bans on phone use while driving has had any effect on fatalities, due largely to the high level of crash safety built into modern cars. Such is not the case when it comes to motorcycles, however. To the researchers' surprise, data from the study reflects that states that have either a partial or total ban on cell phone use while driving have a lower number of motorcycle fatalities compared to states with no ban at all.

The researchers of this study argue that policymakers should consider strengthening texting and handheld cell phone bans, as well as enforcement, to improve safety and save motorcyclist lives. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, using a hand-held cell phone while driving is illegal in just sixteen states plus Washington, D.C.

"In the case of motorcycles, these laws seem to be effective," said study co-author Gulcin Gumus, Ph.D., an associate professor in health administration in the Department of Management Programs at FAU's College of Business. "While it's not clear that these laws have had an impact on reducing the overall number of traffic fatalities, when we focus specifically on motorcycles, we find that these laws are having a major impact in reducing deaths among motorcycle riders."

RECORD NUMBERS OF WOMEN ARE RIDING MOTORCYCLES: More and more women are moving from the back seat of a motorcycle to behind the handlebars, with the number of female riders doubling over the past decade from one in ten in 2009 to one in five today.

A study by the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) found that women now make up 19% of motorcycle owners, with even greater ownership among younger generations. The survey found that among Millennials (Generation Y, born from 1985-2004), 26% of motorcycle owners were women. Among Gen X (those born 1965-1984), 22% were women.

"As the number of Boomers and mature motorcyclists shrink and are replaced by newer riders, we could soon be looking at a solid 25% of motorcycle owners being

female," said Andria Yu, MIC director of communications.

The MIC polled 2,472 adults nationwide for the 2018 Motorcycle/ATV Owner Survey. For decades, the MIC says its surveys have served as the census of motorcycling, and have tracked a steady growth in the percentage of women who own bikes.

The MIC says the 2018 owner survey also found that women motorcycle owners spend, on average, \$574 a year on tires, routine repairs, maintenance, replacement parts, and accessories and modifying equipment, compared with \$497 by men.

Motorcycling has grown in popularity and acceptance in American culture in recent decades, which the MIC says is reflected in their survey. It found that 66% of women motorcycle owners say their family and friends would have a positive attitude toward motorcycles and scooters.

However, total ridership is struggling according to USA Today, and overall new motorcycle sales have been stagnant in the U.S. since the Great Recession, with annual sales peaking in 2006.

LONDON MOTORCYCLISTS FACE SURCHARGES: In a bid to improve air quality, the ULEZ (Ultra Low Emission Zone) will launch April 8, 2019, and drivers or riders of older vehicles in London's central congestion zone will thereon face a round-the-clock charge of £12.50 per day (\$15.80 USD).

ULEZ has been described as the world's most radical crackdown on vehicle emissions, and will apply to motorcycles that fail to meet "Euro 4" standards (those registered before 2007).

The rider group We Ride London is campaigning against this unfair and counter-intuitive tax, stating that "Motorcycles and scooters are part of the solution to reducing pollution, congestion and overcrowding but we continue to be ignored."

The charge will apply 24/7 and in October 2021 will be extended to the area inside the North and South Circular roads – multiplying the charge zone by 28 times.

MAN CLAIMS DISCRIMINATION IN CANADA'S HELMET EXEMPTION LAW: Earlier this year, the province of Alberta in Canada became the third province

to pass a law exempting the Sikh community from wearing motorcycle helmets - north of the U.S. border, helmets are mandatory on a motorcycle. One Albertan, however, strongly believes the exemption is discriminatory and that if Sikhs don't have to wear a helmet, neither should he.

Troy Fandruck from Medicine Hat, Alberta, believes that the exemption granted earlier this year is discriminatory. As a non Sikh, he is forced by law to wear a helmet and his claim is that if a small percentage of the population is allowed to ride without a helmet, everyone else should be allowed as well.

Fandruck explains that his issue doesn't lie in the fact that Sikhs have been granted the exemption: his main complaint is "why them and not me"? He points a finger at Transport Canada for imposing a rule that doesn't apply to everyone and that in this case, he is being denied equal rights.

"The sole distinction in the law is racial and ethnic in nature. There's no additional qualification," Fandruck told Medicine Hat News, claiming that he has already been pulled over - and fined - three times because he wasn't wearing a helmet.

"I just want equal rights," says Fandruck, who is currently gathering funding via a GoFundMe page to enlist the services of a lawyer interested in taking on his cause.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Every man is guilty of all the good he didn't do." ~ Voltaire (1694-1778), French historian and philosopher



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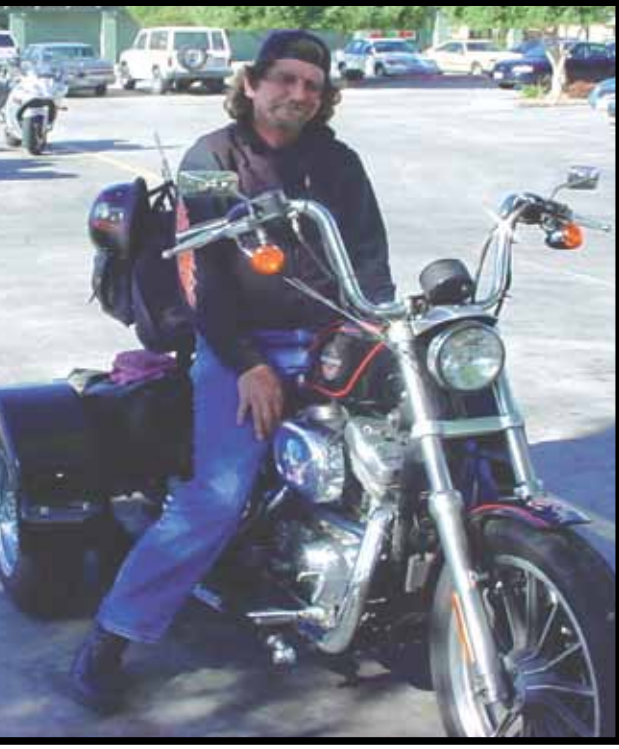
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Sporty's Rides



by Sporty Milligan

Hello, hello, hello! Just like the start of three of my favorite comedy heroes - the Three Stooges. I just discovered on YouTube one of my favorite TV series, Combat. It was in the '60s on channel 7 and was on for 5 years. My favorite one is titled The Little Carousel. I am digressing...

The elections were a bust and it seemed that all the hard work on the campaign to repeal the gas tax went for naught as it lost 55% to 45%. Is that going to stop us from trying to change things for the better? No! We will press on to the next adventure in political land - getting an anti-profiling bill passed. It seems like it is making some head way at the federal level. See MRF reports on anti-profiling resolutions in the House and Senate for details. We in California still have our work cut out for us.

Thanksgiving I spent the day at my sister's house in Santa Barbara. My sister is an ABATE member. She doesn't ride, but supports the causes we keep near and dear to our hearts. She took over from the membership I had given my mom. I drove my little truck that could. It was running okay except it would occasionally slip out of gear. I spent a great day with my sister, her kids and friends. When I left to go home, my truck began to slip out of gear more and more. I made it home but had to wait until after the Thanksgiving holiday to put it in the shop. When I finally got the truck into the shop it needed a complete trans rebuild. Going to be \$\$\$!

I am the Regional Director for Local 19. On November 28th I attended their meeting in Ontario. I brought more raffle prizes to the meeting for their toy run on December 2nd. I am working the ABATE booth at the toy run - sweet!

December 2nd I had to get up at 5 am so I could leave by quarter to 6 to make it to the American Legion Lodge in Ontario by 7 am to help set up the booths and everything else I was asked to do. It was 41 degrees when I arrived at the American Legion Lodge. Burr and more Burr. I had a great time with Janet, ABATE's state office "do every-

thing" lady, helping me out in the ABATE booth. In fact we signed-up a gentleman to become an ABATE member of Local 19 - sweet. Also there was a prospect for a business member. It was another great Holiday toy run put on by ABATE Local 19 and the American Legion Lodge. Thanks for all the good Holiday cheer! We will do it again next year!

December 7th I had an appointment with my hearing aid specialist, Brian. He usually checks the devices out and replaces the hearing tubes as they get unusable after a month. I cut short my chit-chat portion of the monthly check up so I could zip down to Glendale HD and help put up the no parking signs for the toy run on the various streets near Glendale HD. So Jim Nickla and I did Cerritos Street. After we completed our task, I ran into Larry Meyer and he had \$100 dollars in \$20s that he gave me. I would use \$50 of the money for the lobbyists fund and \$50 for toys for the kids. It was requested that we buy board games for the older kids. So we did that.

I forgot to mention that I had requested Polar Bear flyer cards. Recently I got a box load of the flyers, just in time for the toy run. I had some with me so I stopped at Big Jim's and dropped some off at the bar and main restaurant. Then stopped at Target and got the board games. I dropped them off at Glendale HD the next day as I had a load of stuff to bring on my bike Sunday.

December 9th was a bit overcast in San Fernando. I got up at 5 am although I had been awake since 3:30 am. I left the house by 5:45 am, got to Glendale HD by 6:20 am. I had the booth set up by 7 am and by 8 am the folks that had volunteered to help collect sign-in signatures had shown up. Buffy, Gloria and Sharon manned the booth signing up the stragglers - those that the clip board groups missed. Buffy, Gloria and Sharon always do a great job! The clip board folks were Glen Cheslock and Jim Nickla. Glen and Jim also always do a great job! I can't say enough about the folks that year in and year out help make our sign-in portion of an event work out as well as it does. It's a combined effort, which all that are mentioned perform well.

Kick stands up at 10:45 am to leave by 11:00 am. I stayed behind to collect up the booth belongs and was told the end was wonderfully without incident. A wonderful day put on by Glendale HD, the Glendale HOG Chapter, volunteer coordinator Richard Wagner and ABATE Local 1.

The run was a success as announced by Oliver, the owner of Glendale HD. ABATE pays the insurance for the run provided by the AMA. We make sure the riders sign the waiver sheets. Local 1 made money to bank roll the Polar Bear run, which is February 24th. The rain date is March 3rd.

Thanks go to all who made this year's LA toy run a great success. Yea baby!

The preparation for Local 1's Polar Bear run is under way. I still have to create a route for the run. Weather might be a factor, but I am hopeful we can persevere as we did last year.

The last December event I attended was the ABATE Local 2's monthly meeting/Christmas party. It was held at their meeting spot, VFW Post #10049 on East Los Angeles Street in Simi Valley. We had a gift exchange plus dinner with sides that everyone brought. I brought

KFC Tenders and fries. The food was very good.

ABATE Local 2 has a good core of members and they are hardworking and dedicated to ABATE causes. I enjoy my visits to their meetings. At the Christmas portion of the meeting we played some games such as guess the Christmas song, draw a Christmas movie to guess what it is, and a corn hole bean bag throw. It was all good fun and I enjoyed it very much. Thanks to ABATE Local 2 for a fun meeting. I wished their out-going president, Guy Corrigan, well in his new life chapter. Local 2 will carry on in his honor.

Well I have been writing this column for a long time. We just had our first quarterly Board of Directors meeting of 2019. It was a very good meeting. The PAC portion of the meetings had a new twist; we dialed our cell phones with a number given to us by PAC leader Chuck Pedersen. This connected us to our Lobbyist, James Lombardo. This saved ABATE his round trip plane fare. So we had a PAC meeting via a phone line. It went surprisingly well. When a "call for action" comes, please act.

Our main focus this year will be another attempt at an anti-profiling bill. This will require a group effort to insure its passage. So the first idea is to inquire from your state Senator and Assembly person if they would support anti-profiling legislation. It's about time we had a bill that would stop law enforcement from profiling bikers just because they wear motorcycle attire.

The next item on the agenda politically will be an attempt to get a bill passed that would allow motorcyclists to use toll roads without having to pay a toll fee. This is mainly for the Orange County and the Bay area where there is a lot of toll road activity.

Thursday, January 17th, the Glendale HOG Chapter is doing a fundraiser at Shakey's Pizza in Burbank. I will invite the Chapter to attend Local 1's Polar Bear run. Then two days later I will attend the COC run at the VFW in Anaheim - hopefully on the bike as it isn't supposed to be raining. Also have to start hitting the shops for raffle prizes. As you can see busy, busy, very busy. Finally Sunday, January 20th, is Local 1's monthly meeting.

Okay that's all folks! Keep doing ABATE events, sign-up new members and just ride!

Scribe Sporty reporting.

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Motorcycle Safety Report



by **Norm e. Newiger,**
Safety Officer

Happy 2019!

Happy New Years to ALL! It's great to see 2019, not from a chair, sofa or looking out yer window, but breathing, feeling and experiencing the outdoors! 2018 pretty much zoomed past me so fast I don't remember half of it, aside from medical issues and major healing time. I'm looking forward to more riding time than my "getting older medical issues" allowed in the last 2 years.

The love of riding is first, then number two is what you ride. We all have preferences on what to ride but the choice is ours. All I know is that I pretty much rode them all here and there and my choice is the American made V twin by HD.

I don't care what you ride as long as you ride! Some bike models go fast and can zoom like no other but they are just motorized bikes. The V twin is a life style and with that comes a serious responsibility - you say "What?" and I say it's about you expressing your lifestyle so that others would follow suit and understand the need for that V twin. We are a different type. After working 40 and dealing with the week we need a quick fixer up in two days or less to repeat the previous week, so we can do it again and again until we do it again!

Taking a scoot, whether it's a day long ride or a few hours, can be very mind altering and relaxing. Not because of a bar hopping route or smoking yer bud on top of the mountain, but because when you're riding thru the country everything becomes open to your mind. All the pressures of the week are gone and the thrill and dangers overcomes your thoughts of distress of the previous week. The freedom of the road does something to us and we have to make sure we get to enjoy this as often as we please. Sometimes midweek I'd call a bud and plan out a ride because I can feel the heat of the week coming to a head and I know what a ride can do for me. So, my thoughts for 2019 is to stay healthy physically and mentally to the best of my abilities. I hope we all get to enjoy this year without fault or stupid excuses.

The big news for a lot of us is HD's newest bike, the LiveWire! The electric generation versus the V twin, for Harley it's the best of both

worlds. If you believe in change, then don't cry all you die hard gas burning bikers of old. We or they have arrived and they want a quiet bike, so quiet you couldn't wake up a speed freak from a nap! It was only a matter of time when we would be confronted with this new type of motorcycle - should we call it a motorcycle? I mean vegans eat grass that they call a vegan burger, so what is this? A sewing machine with wheels?

I am concerned about this new type of vehicle they're introducing this fall. On paper it's a great invention but in the hands of humans, what do we expect? I've been riding since around 1968, and all I know is the sound my bike makes. It lets me know when to shift, to high of rpms, how fast I'm going etc. I rely on how my bike sounds while I'm riding, it's a sweet vibrating sound only a V twin can make. To me an electric motorcycle has no heartbeat, just a brrrrrrrrrrrrrr.

HD says they created this bike in 2014 and had over 12,000 people worldwide riding these bikes for their research information. HD hasn't been too liberal on the information for this bike, hopefully they'll push it as fall gets closer. I have many questions of safety and mobility and everything that involves riding on two wheels. I hope that I'm not one sided but I'm old school. I know there will be a major learning curve while adjusting to the difference and sensation from what we also ride or rode. It's not a complicated thing for an experienced rider to be befuddled with, it will be a trial by error thing and a cautious adventure until you figure it out or not.

It's a fast bike, 0-60 in less than 3.5 seconds and that is very fast and dangerous at first. To be propelled that fast I'm sure a lot of people could be thrown off, if not properly secured with the bike. Just think how fast 3.5 seconds is and how far you traveled to attain 60 mph. You're doing this while not making any noise and objects in front of you get there faster and now you're flying over the car you rear ended. So do you get bucked off the bike and or do you experienced flying for the first time? That's how I see it and possibly getting worse accident wise.

I have another issue - they say no clutch or shifting required, that it's basically an automatic transmission. So they are marketing to new riders who don't want to learn how to use the clutch and shifting to go. They want to market this bike as a suburbs type of motorcycle with an approximate range of 110 miles (they say, depending on the weather and how you ride). I wouldn't take this too far out of town anyway.

We love the mountains in California and let me tell yah, when I'm cutting through the canyons, I depend on hearing my engine! I don't really look at my speedometer, only a glance here and there, because I'm using the sound of my engine to gas it or shift or downshifting rather than braking. Can you do it in total engine silence?

Another question I have for them is while descending down a mountain, and you're pushing the corners, when you let off the throttle does the bike slow down like down shifting? Because around the next corner you want to gas it and roll off the throttle without losing your

riding stance - yes riding stance! This is what I mean, on a real bike if you hit a turn too fast or too slow your bike can lose its stance and get heavy really quick. That's where your engine tells you what to do. I'm telling this because I've done it before and many more have and will. It's about misjudging your speed going down or up. When you're going up a mountain hitting a bend with really low rpms you will be holding in your clutch while braking to regain proper bike stance and then you have to quickly downshift to find your proper speed, just a simple downshift action is all it takes. What could happen in this scenario is you cross the traffic lines and could hit a vehicle head on or you go off the road and hope it's not too sandy or down a cliff. Powering out of a turn is important, it helps you stay in your lane with enough room for minor adjustments. When you are banking left make sure that your rpm level is high so you can cut through the turn with ease and then power out of it. I've had friends not really paying attention and be in the wrong gear (low rpms) while banking and the bike does not respond and gets heavy and you have to pull in yer clutch and break hard while steering through the turn and what usually happens is that you hit the loose dirt and go off the road and dump your bike. Sometimes you get lucky and manage the turn and recuperate really quickly. It's really about how fast you recover from your mistakes.

The way I ride, going downhill is more fun than going uphill. With that, staying in high rpms is a must. Just backing off your throttle should be sufficient braking for the experienced rider. You will have the same heavy bike in the turns going downhill as well. These bikes have a very heavy center of gravity and they need to be propelled so as not to lose control around the turns. Have you ever coasted doing around 30 plus miles per hour? You can feel how heavy your bike is, especially if you have turns to negotiate even though you're going downhill, you will think about wrestling your bike to keep control and hopefully you'll be able to make that turn without fault.

When you're riding through the mountains, back country, or hill country, and it's new to you, you have to stay within your own riding abilities. Being cautious is OK! Get to know the roads and pay attention to the road signs. If someone tries to make you a laughing stock because of the way you ride, just ignore them - it's better to be safe than sorry, which it would be far worse for you. You have to stay focused while riding on uncharted roads. If more experienced brothers or sisters zoom by you while cutting through the canyons, don't try to up your level to theirs right then. To up your level of riding, do it gradually, until you understand how your bike reacts to the way you ride - it's simple as that. I've seen too many people go down because they pushed it just a little too far. Know your limitations and stay humble, you have many great riding days ahead of you to explore your skill level while riding.

So let's enjoy this year with fun and unlimited adventures. Make 2019 memorable and positive. Be the good teacher and share your experiences with the new riders of 2019 - even if you didn't hear them pull up!



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The tickets are \$1.00 each and the winner will receive \$250 whether they are present at the drawing or not. The tickets are not just limited to ABATE members. Anyone can participate.

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