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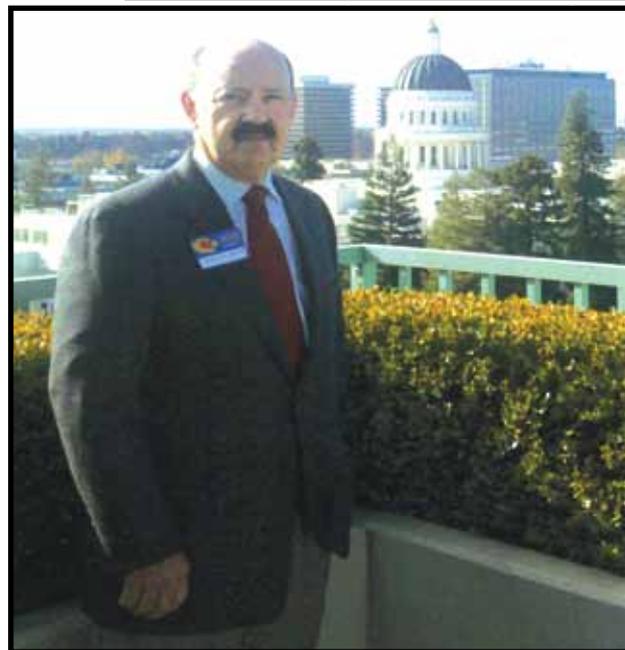
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Lobbyist's Legislative Report



by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

The Legislature's members will be back in their Districts recessing until August 21st. When they return, Climate Change – Cap & Trade Legislation is the big item the Legislature will be dealing with as the first part of the 2017-2018 session is winding down. Our Bills are moving through the process, as we maneuver through the various committees and both floors of the Assembly and the Senate.

AB 1027, by Assemblyman Dante Acosta (R – Santa Clarita), will allow already experienced, but unlicensed, riders to skip the 2 and 3 day instructional courses in order to instead take a CHP approved one-day/Intermediate course to get the DL 389 DMV test waiver. This allows them to omit taking the dreaded DMV “lollipop” riding test. It has passed the Senate and is now in process to be presented to Governor Brown – hopefully getting his signature.

Our other bill, SB 672 by Senator Jean Fuller (R – Bakersfield) will make permanent the requirement that ALL cities, counties and Caltrans

will have to install sensor devices that detect motorcycles and bicycles in intersections controlled by a traffic light when installing new ones or repairing them. Many motorcycle and bicycle riders have reported fewer intersections not detecting them since ABATE sponsored this pilot program bill 10 years ago.

The Off-Highway community has appreciated ABATE's support opposing SB 249 by Senator Ben Allen (D – Santa Monica) that will place extreme environmentalist roadblocks to the operation of California's OHV Program. The Program funding has been separated into another bill — SB 159, also by Allen, as the extreme environmental lobbying groups against us could not get the 2/3 vote threshold to pass even an already existing fee.

Along the way, Senators Bill Dodd (D – Napa), Senator (Retired Major General) Richard Roth (D – Riverside) and Assemblyman Rudy Salas (D – Bakersfield) Voted No on SB 249. Senators Mike McGuire (D – Healdsburg), Tony Mendoza (D – Artesia), and Assemblyman Todd Gloria (D – San Diego) abstained on SB 249, which is as good as a No Vote. This fight will be going on until the last day of the session, pitting Rural against Urban Democrats.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is reviewing the Red and Green sticker OHV Program for smog emissions from these types of vehicles. We have been monitoring all of the hearings and meetings of the stakeholders, which we are part of. At the last meeting in June, the CARB staff said they were also intending to look at OUR ROAD BIKE EMISSIONS AS WELL. So stay tuned, as this will continue until next year with a final decision possibly next February for tighter emission standards for both OHVs and Road Bikes!

Thanks to all of our members and Locals that contribute to the Dedicated Lobbyist Fund!



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What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization (not a club) dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road, with emphasis on education and safety. Our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety, and in supporting many types of charity events.

Included with an ABATE membership are a sew-on patch, membership card, and our monthly newsletter in the months that it is printed THE BAILING WIRE. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclists' rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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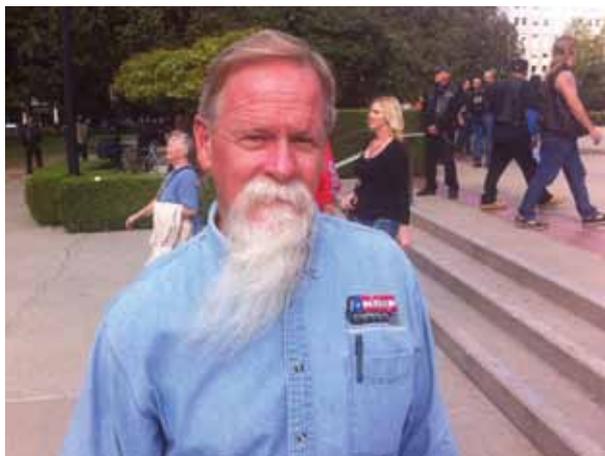
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Executive Director's Report



by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

ABATE of California will be holding our third quarter Board of Directors meeting on July 29th in Buena Park and I would like to invite everyone who reads this column to attend. By doing so, you get the opportunity to experience first-hand, and participate in, the decision making process used to guide and operate "your" ABATE.

As a voting member of your Board of Directors I always take into consideration my member's thoughts and comments on every subject the Board discusses and we strive to give you, our members present, time to share your feelings about agenda items before they are voted on. This is one of the reasons we say we are a "member-driven" organization - your input is re-

quested and taken under consideration.

By attending ABATE Board of Directors meetings, you keep up with current topics of discussion and also have an opportunity to influence the decision making process used to implement or deny those items into our organization's rules of conduct and daily operation. Use the opportunity afforded you to help your elected Board of Directors operate your ABATE the way our founders envisioned it to be operated. Very few organizations today are actually run from the "bottom up" like ours. So take advantage of your opportunity to help hold the handlebars and "steer" our ABATE down the road.

Participate, participate, participate - I can't stress those three words enough! Your participation and help keep us strong, focused, and successful in our quest for "Freedom of the Road". Be part of our success by offering your insight and wisdom to ensure we actually are making the best decisions possible at these meetings. All of us will go home with a deep seated feeling of accomplishment and an insatiable hunger to continue to do the best we possibly can for ABATE and our fellow riders of California. The meeting times and locations will be posted in this newsletter on the Event's Page, so make your travel plans now.

See you on July the 29th. Be there!

Pac/Treasurer's Report

by Dave Hastings, PAC Treasurer

Are you an active member of our ABATE PAC? Are you even an active member of ABATE of California? Active carries more responsibility than simply paying your annual membership dues and letting everyone else do the ABATE work that needs to be done. Come to a meeting, get involved, and volunteer your help where possible. That is what makes you an active member!

Are you a "Life Member" of this organization? If so, I would like to say "thank you" for your past and hopefully, current involvement and dedication to our motorcycle freedom in California. Some of you may even trace your roots back to the actual founding and early formative years of ABATE of California. If you are no longer involved with ABATE, what made you step back? Was run motorcycle it simply age, a loss of health, or a combination of both?

What made you stop supporting the only membership riding organization in California? You worked hard in the beginning. You gave freely of your time and your wallet, and we, the younger members, respected and learned from you. You encouraged us, trained us in the battlefields of our state legislature and the courtrooms of California. You told us over and over that our freedom would never be lost unless we chose to give up the fight. Where are you now? Have you given up on the battle? Just because you may no longer ride doesn't mean you can't be an active

member. We still have riders looking for inspiration and wisdom learned from everyday life. Many are searching for a reason to continue the journey that you too were so deeply involved with in your younger days.

If you can step back, you can step forward also. I don't expect you to join us on the front lines of our battle for freedom, but we can still use your help. Show up at a Local meeting, reintroduce yourself, and offer your help in any way you possibly can. Nothing has changed from the early days when you were active and we are still looking for more volunteers. Your wisdom will always be valued and needed. Just like a good bottle of wine, some things just get better with age. If active volunteerism is not possible, then please open your wallet to our organization. Sadly that hasn't changed either. We are still scrambling for funds for our PAC, General, and Lobbyist accounts. Whether you are a retired member or hold a Lifetime membership we can always use your financial support in our fight for motorcycle rights.

Please consider my request because I'm rapidly becoming one of the "old guys" in this organization, too! I don't step forward nearly as fast as I used to, but I'm still trying to keep up and I could certainly use some help from some of you. Come on out and lend us a hand, or if that's not possible, open your wallet and do the best you can!

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

Mission Statement

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

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Business Memberships include two persons at the same mailing address, and a display plaque for the first year. Business cards need to be mailed to the ABATE State Office with membership application and appropriate fee.

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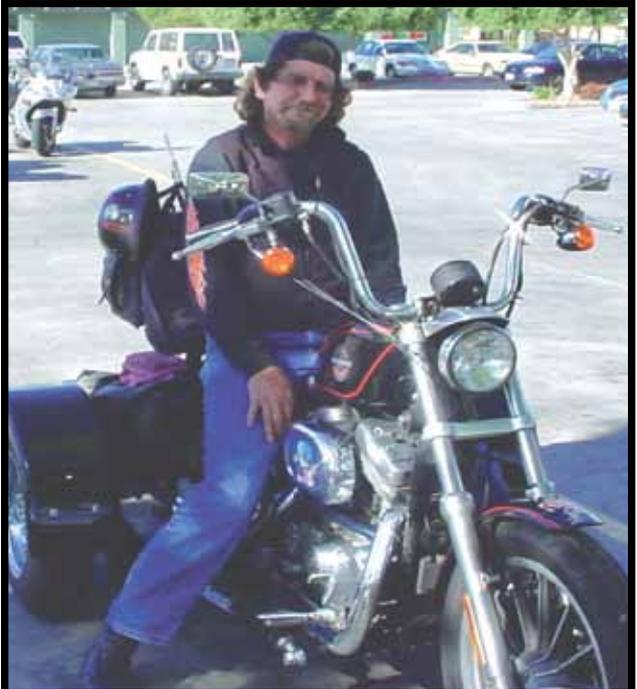
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PHOTOS

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

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi all! Once again it's time for the monthly Membership report. I have had some assistance from Janet in our state office. She has made it easier for the ABATE Local presidents and membership chairs to get copies of their Local members' roster. This will help keep you abreast of who is up for a renewal.

As of this writing we have done a great job of getting the allotment of Special

Raffle tickets sold. I still need to contact some of the folks that have outstanding tickets that haven't been turned in or sold, but this is one of the better years. We will cover our expenses and that will enable us to buy membership trinkets as my way of showing you my appreciation for being ABATE members.

Please continue to get new members for the Membership drive. Also try to set up booths at your local bike nights and runs. Carry ABATE membership cards and talk up our organization when you are around the motorcycle community.

Once again, if you have a better way of doing the Membership drive, please contact me by my email williammilligan285@yahoo.com.

Thanks for reading and congrats to the \$250.00 winner of the Special Raffle membership drive ticket drawing. Now go recruit some members for ABATE!

Regards, Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Our July meeting will be on July 16th. Hopefully we will have a fair turn out. There will be the usual discussions about political issues, possible group rides to ABATE events/runs and an invite to the 3rd quarterly Board of Directors meeting in Buena Park on July 29th.

We'll get information from VP Nickla and Membership chair Glen Cheslock. Members will get a chance to discuss their issues. We'll have a 50/50 raffle and some "Monkey Business".

Everyone will be invited to buy a good breakfast from the great cooks at the Elks Lodge!

Regards, Sparty, President ABATE Local 1

Local #02 Simi Valley



It's still summer time hot and again we had to shift our plans for our meeting. Construction is still happening at our regular meeting place, the VFW POST 10049. Lucky for us we had the meeting at Frank and Jane's house. They were really great hosts! Thanks!

If all things go right, then hopefully, we will be back at the VFW next month.

We served our famous \$5.00 BBQ meal deal, hamburgers and big hot dogs with all the fixin's you could want. Actually it's a great \$4.00 meal, the \$5.00 meal is a double-double type of burger! Great thanks to our volunteer cooks, Frank and Pattibock - they did great!

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW POST 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Street in Simi Valley. We serve our famous meals from 6:45 until 7:20 and our meetings start promptly at 7:30.

We started our meeting with the Pledge of Alliance and Pres Guy opened the meeting. This was our last meeting before our Sweaty Buns run on July 23rd.

Pres Guy talked in length about our Sweaty Buns run. We had a really good discussion to make sure this will be another positive run for ABATE. We have all things covered and we are just waiting for the ride to start.

It takes great effort from all of us - we are all volunteers for ABATE! We have a good number of supporters, businesses and individuals, who supplied us with gift donations for our raffles. A great big thanks to them ALL!

Our secretary, Jane, read the minutes, PR Norm talked about reading the Bailing Wire on line,

Frank, our membership coordinator, gave us his report and Pigface, our run coordinator, talked to us about our upcoming runs.

We are all excited about our upcoming Sweaty Buns run. We are looking forward to meeting all the riders, new and old! We hope to see all who couldn't make this meeting there as well. Many thanks in advance to all that attended!

Ride safe and stay cool. Ride with respect and safety in mind. Remember people notice you and we are diplomats of freedom of the road.

How's your tire pressure? PTL norm e.

Local #08 Orange County



Summer has Local 8 hopping! We are in full swing for our annual Sale and Outreach at the SoCal Cycle Swap Meet in Long Beach on July 30th. Thank you Topping Events for your generous donation of space at the swap meet. Come out and support our Local in getting the word out and who knows what treasure you might come home with.

We at Local 8 are excited to be opening our meeting home to the 3rd quarterly Board of Directors meeting on July 29th in Buena Park. Welcome Board Members!

During our meeting in July, Steve stressed the point that we all need to sign up for Legislative alerts on the ABATE website and staying informed and armed with knowledge.

We are happy to report that our Local has sold all their membership raffle tickets and the monies and tickets have been received by the state office. Way to go Local 8!

Sadly Jeff was not at the meeting for July, so his share of the opportunity drawing will roll over to August. It "pays" to always attend the meetings. Maybe next time, Jeff.

Remember with the weather becoming increasingly hot, hydrate yourself well and take frequent breaks on hot days. Motorcycles don't come with air conditioners other than the condition of the air. Ride smart. Take good care and be safe out there.

Local 8's very own Hawgette

Local #11 North San Diego County



Dan Buse started us off with the Pledge of Allegiance. We discussed the ABATE of PA MPP article regarding profiling and Dan read the letter from that state's coordinator. Dogman informed the group that not all of the

facts were available at this time and that their board was addressing the situation and would send out a statement soon.

We had the treasurer's report and a discussion of fund raising ideas. Then passed a motion to have an Ice Chest with Booze raffle. Regional rep Dave Connors brought raffle prizes and turned in money for ABATE.

The Local 38 president was in attendance. He contributed to discussions and reminded us that Local 38 has their Turkey run shirts from last year on sale now.

Tim Clark read a very good article on how a high speed wobble and weave can develop, how to prevent it with good maintenance, especially on steering head and swing arm bearings, proper weight distribution, and what to do about it. Basically ways to slow down as speed really matters.

Please do check out our Facebook page [ABATE of California North San Diego County Local 11](#).

Dogman

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

Greetings! We had a tremendous turnout with our 20th Annual Hot Rod and 23rd Annual Ride-In Bike show, Hot Rods and Harley's, this year! The weather was good. There were plenty of vendors with great food and refreshments. There was also lots of merchandise vendors. Terry Sheets opened with the National Anthem in one of their last appearances and then continued to play their great rockin' country throughout the afternoon. Thanks Terry and team!

A special and dear thanks to the Iron Steed staff and event crew! We couldn't do this as effectively and efficiently, without them. Thanks Aubree, Danielle, Dave, Vanessa and Jenna. Also deserving great thanks is the Officers and Volunteers of our Local - hope I get them all here - Bill and Paula McBride, Bill Hines, Brian Hamlet (Parking Chairman), Teasa Gonzales, Cathy O'Connell, Mike Todd, Jim Schlachter, Marshall and Fran Johnson, Dan Fitzgerald, Lee Beaman, Bob Luna, Mike Southward, Chuck Moore, Dee Dee Linderer, Gilbert Camou, Margaret Shook, Jay Russell, Linda Molina, Mike Landers, Shirley Johnson, Sam Fernandez, Geno Hamrick and Connie Watson. I am a very lucky President to have everyone's support year after year. Congratulations to all the show winners and to the Best in Show winners. Please see photos this edition.

Our Summer Bingo Run is on July 22nd and we hope to have a fun day. October 1st we will have our Local 17 Memorial Run. We will ride to a local business member to remember our members who have left us. The following weekend we will have our Fall Bingo Run on October 7th.

August 26th is the 18th Annual Sarah Renee Phillips Memorial Scholarship run. Thanks to ABATE Local 17 for their continued support. Without the volunteers that help out year

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after year, I could not pull this off. Please mark your calendars and come have a fun day. We end at the Vacaville Moose with The Blue Crew (featuring members of Savannah Blue) providing our live music. Thanks again to Miss Darla's for providing a starting location and more! We will then hit Sarah's Garden for a prayer, Rockville Inn, Turtle Rock and then to the Moose for a great BBQ, raffle, 50/50 and remembering. There will be some of the past scholarship winners attending too! All our events are open to all forms of transportation and riders.

Thanks to all our members who continually renew and keep us the largest local in California. Elections are coming up for 2018. Step up and volunteer. Training and mentoring are given and we will be thankful for your desire to help.

See you at the next meetings and around the next corner. Glenn

Local #20 Orange County



We had 24 members and 2 guests, Dave from what used to be Local 9 & Eagles M/C.

Gill talked about the Board meeting on the 29th of July. Spike talked about the profiling bill and a Unification rally in January. They have some good ideas to make it work.

Lorri, Spikes girlfriend, got to ride her new bike to the meeting - another new rider dollar. Drawing was missed by George Osborne. \$80.00 + rides over to next month.

Thanks to all of you who came to the meeting. Non politically correct gill

Local# 38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members, with the heat I'm spending more time at the house by Alpine. Attended Local 11's monthly meeting, we discussed fundraising Ideas, I suggested doing the Ice Chest Raffle, that we have had success with. As for our local we'll have our July Meeting and not have an August Meeting. Regroup for the September meeting to work on the upcoming 20th Annual Turkey Run and 26th Annual Los Ninos Toy Run. It's hard to believe that the Turkey Run is going on 20 years. Well try to stay cool and we'll see you down the road. C-YA.

Ed Aranda
Prez Local #38

"You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it."

Dr. Adrian Rogers quoting Gerald K Smith 1984



Local #01 Yard Sale

by Sporty Milligan

Hi All! Thanks to the following members of Local 1 who donated stuff for the yard sale: Glen Cheslock, Debra Dunn, Shelia Lindsey, Dale Ferrans, Pete Haffey, Jim Nickla, and Mike Sherry who donated an expensive piece of exercise equipment.

Because of the stuff I received from those individuals, and the addition of my stuff, we were able to raise a bit more than 2 months of Local 1's monthly contribution of \$72 to the lobbyist fund.

Extra special thanks goes to Pete Haffey for his extra \$30 donation to the

lobbyist fund. Not a bad day!

Sometimes you have to put your nose to the grindstone and come up with ways to help keep your Local's treasury funded.

The rest of Local 1 members, near and far, are as equally important because year after year they renew their memberships. Like CT's Motorcycle Tires in Reseda who recently renewed their business membership – thanks! Staying in the fold contributes to ABATE's well-being.

Again, THANKS to everyone!

Regards, Sporty Milligan, ABATE Local 1 President

Local 17 and Iron Steed HD 20th Annual American Hot Rod & 23rd Annual Ride In Motorcycle Show



SB What? AB Where?

Want more details about a bill? Whether it's in the Senate or Assembly in Sacramento go to:

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>

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2018-2019 ABATE Board Elections

It is getting to be that time again... This is YOUR organization and your time to have a say in who runs the ship. Have ideas you want to put into play? Put those ideas to work by running for our Board of Directors. Any current Member may nominate another member to be placed on the Election Ballot. The nomination must be seconded by another ABATE Member in good standing. These nominations should be made at any local meeting preceding the cutoff date of September 15, 2017. All candidates are encouraged to submit a biography and picture of themselves to be published in the October issue of the Bailing Wire

2017 ABATE of CA Freedom Fighter Nominations

Know someone that goes above and beyond for the organization? Nominate them for the 2017 Freedom Fighter award. Candidates for the ABATE of California **Freedom Fighter for 2017** need to be emailed in by September 15th 2017. Please write something about your nominee describing their contributions to promoting ABATE's aims and purposes along with a photo in .jpg format. Email your nomination to bailing.wire@abate.org.

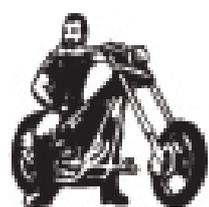
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Local 44 at Victorville Harley Bike Night June 30th 2017



Sarah Renee Phillips



18th Annual Memorial Run

Saturday, August 26th, 2017

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110 Peabody Rd., Vacaville

Ride through Sarah's Garden

2nd Stop: Rockville Inn

3rd Stop: Turtle Rock



Sarah ~ 6/8/86 to 4/6/00

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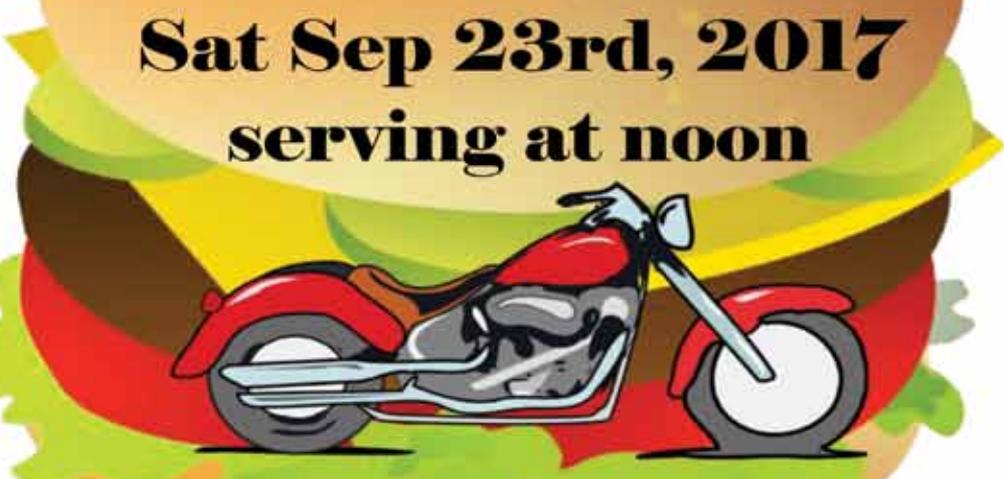
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MILLENNIALS ARE NEGATIVELY IMPACTING MOTORCYCLING

U.S. motorcycle sales for Harley-Davidson, which represents about half of America's big-bike market, were down 3.9% last year, and investment management firm Alliance Bernstein recently downgraded the Motor Company's rating while citing the millennial generation as a key contributor in the brand's downturn.

"Our data suggests the younger Gen Y population is adopting motorcycling at a far lower rate than prior generations," AB analyst David Beckel told AOL's Business Insider. "Gen Y's are aging into the important 'pre-family' cohort of riders and Boomers are increasingly handing over their keys to the smaller Gen X population."

Millennials have surpassed Baby Boomers in numbers to become the largest generation pool in the United States, and these 18 to 35-year-olds grew up during a recession, which has impacted their spending habits.

"I think we have got a very significant psychological scar from this great recession," according to Morgan Stanley analyst Kimberly Greenberger. "One in every five households at the time were severely negatively impacted by that event. And, if you think about the children in that house and how the length and depth of that recession really impacted people, I think you have an entire generation with permanently changed spending habits."

BIKE-TO-VEHICLE (B2V) TECHNOLOGY TO PREVENT MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS

Drivers involved in an accident with a motorcycle often claim they didn't see the bike. Their smaller size, quickness and maneuverability makes motorcycles more difficult to identify in traffic. Autotalks, the world leader in V2X (Vehicle-to-Everything) communication solutions, is launching its bike-to-vehicle (B2V) solution, a technology for the prevention of motorcycle accidents. The solution is based on the B2X (Bike-to-Everything) chipset developed by the Israeli company.

Research conducted by Bosch, a leading global supplier of technology and services, finds that motorcycle-to-car communication could prevent almost one third of motorcycle related accidents, which has encouraged the German company to develop what they call a "digital protective shield" for riders. Digital visibility would warn

the driver of a car about a motorcycle's close presence, even when it's not visible to the human eye.

The goal of the new technology is to prevent accidents from occurring, by providing warning notices on dashboards. The data would be exchanged by vehicle transmitters through public WLAN and ITS-G5. Potential hazards and nearby motorcycles would then show up on satellite navigation, including direction of travel, position, speed, acceleration, and vehicle type.

Advantages of the Autotalks' B2V solution include simple integration, low power consumption, the smallest form factor, highest range of operating temperature and smallest physical size, which results in its resistance to the strong vibration and challenging environmental conditions of motorcycles.

OREGON ENACTS R-O-W LAW TO PROTECT MOTORCYCLISTS

A "Right-of-Way" or R-O-W law has been enacted in Oregon, as House Bill 2598 was signed by Governor Kate Brown on June 20, 2017. The bill also known as the "Milkman Mike Act" or the "Driver Responsibility Bill" will become law on January 1, 2018 and expands the offense of vehicular assault to include contact with motorcycle, motorcycle operator or motorcycle passenger that causes physical injury.

"This means that if a reckless driver injures a motorcycle rider or their passenger, the driver can be charged with vehicular assault and will be a Class A Misdemeanor," reports the Oregon Confederation of Clubs. The punishment can be doing time up to one year in prison and a maximum fine up to a \$6,250.

"This is a great win for Oregon riders!!," states the Oregon COC on their website (www.oregoncoc.org). "Now we have something that has some teeth in it to punish drivers who are determined to be 'reckless'. We have had too many brothers and sisters run down by car drivers getting a ticket for nominal money or no ticket at all. At best they get a slight bump in their insurance rates. And in the case of no ticket, their insurance company never really has a clue they have a high risk client on their hands.

"All it took was a sharp attorney (Oregon A.I.M. Attorney Christopher Slater) to do a very simple thing. He had the great idea to look to see if there is existing legislation. He found legislation that covered bicyclists and pedestrians (ORS 811.060). From there it was easy to add a few words... 'motorcycle rider and passenger.' It was so simple it was brilliant. Much thanks to Christopher and his efforts. Many thanks to BikePac of Oregon and ABATE of Oregon who also worked hard to make this bill a reality.

"And may Milkman Mike rest in peace forever. This legislation is something he worked hard to achieve for many years. He was unable to see it done due to a health issue and we lost him several years ago. Mike was constantly working within the motorcycle rights community. He also worked as the coordinator for the Coalition of Independent Riders (COIR). He spent a great amount of time adding non affiliated and independent riders to his communication roster."

NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE DRIVER INSTRUCTION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STOPS

Similar to a measure recently adopted in Louisiana to teach new licensees how to interact with police during traffic stops, House Bill 21 "Driver Instruction/Law Enforcement Stops" has been approved unanimously by the North Carolina legislature and signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper on July 12, 2017.

HB 21 provides that "The Division, in consultation with the State Highway Patrol, the North Carolina Sheriff's Association, and the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, shall include in the driver license handbook a descrip-

tion of law enforcement procedures during traffic stops and the actions that a motorist should take during a traffic stop, including appropriate interactions with law enforcement officers."

OHIO 'DEAD RED' LAW AMENDED FOR BICYCLES ONLY

During a lame-duck legislative session ending last December, the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 154, commonly referred to as a "Dead Red" law, allowing all vehicles and bicycles to treat a malfunctioning traffic signal as a stop sign and to proceed through a red light after a reasonable time has elapsed, as long as the intersection is clear and you must yield to oncoming traffic with the right of way. Signed by the governor, the new law was to take effect in March, but an amendment was introduced and fast-tracked as an emergency measure to remove all motor vehicles (cars, trucks and motorcycles) from the law, and House Bill 9 amended the red light section to apply to bicycles only.

Under the language of HB 154, if drivers think they have waited long enough at a red light, they can go through it, explained Representative Kyle Koehler (R-Springfield), primary sponsor of the amendment bill HB 9 "To amend section 4511.132 of the Revised Code to specify that the alternative protocol for proceeding into an intersection with malfunctioning traffic lights due to a failure of a vehicle detector applies only to bicycles, and to declare an emergency."

Unlike when a stoplight is out or blinking because of a mechanical failure, there is no way for a driver to know for sure if an otherwise functioning light has been signaled to change, so legislators worried that the law would allow motor vehicle drivers to treat intersections like stop signs. Lawmakers rushed to fix the law, and HB 154 passed both chambers unanimously and was signed into law as an emergency measure by Gov. John Kasich, taking effect right away.

While ABATE of Ohio maintains that all Traffic Control Devices should be in good working order at all times and is working with the Ohio Department of Transportation to report/repair malfunctioning devices (Red Light Hotline ([614-387-0722](tel:614-387-0722) or biker.report@dot.state.oh.us), the organization reports that "Legislation granting motorcycles the ability to treat a malfunctioning traffic signal as a stop sign is planned for the future."

Basically, "Dead Red" laws allow a motorcyclist stopped at an intersection who has not been detected by a traffic signal sensor to run the light legally, when done so safely. Currently, 20 states have enacted such laws, varying in specificity from 45 seconds to 3 minutes, or 1-2 cycles of the light, or "when safe": AR, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, MN, MO, NV, NC, OK, OR, NJ, PA, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WY.

NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES VETERAN RIDERS

On Thursday, June 22, 2017 the New Jersey Senate and the Assembly voted unanimously to pass Senate Bill No. 1750, and Assembly Bill No. 2729, to create a Veteran license plate for motorcycles.

This establishes "U.S. VET" plates for any honorably discharged Veteran. There will be an annual \$10 charge for these plates and all monies collected will be deposited in a fund to be used by the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for the support of programs benefiting New Jersey military veterans. "When the Governor signs this legislation, it will end an over eight year campaign by ABATE for these plates," announced Frank C. Maimone of ABATE of the Garden State.

HAWAII GOVERNOR VETOES BILL FOR MOTORCYCLISTS TO USE SHOULDER LANES

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Legislation to allow motorcyclists to travel on shoulder lanes in congested traffic passed through the Hawaii legislature but was vetoed by Governor David Ige on July 11.

House Bill 727, introduced by Representative Henry J.C. Aquino (D-Waipahu), passed both the House and Senate with only two 'No' votes, and would "authorize the operator of a motorcycle or motor scooter to proceed cautiously upon the shoulder of the roadway, in the same direction at a reduced rate of speed of no more than ten miles per hour" until the adjacent lane cleared.

The intent of the measure was to alleviate congestion and reduce the risk of injury or loss of life, but in his veto message, Gov. Ige countered that "There is concern that this will compromise road safety. The shoulder lane is designed to accommodate stopped vehicles and emergency vehicles on highways, and bicycles on arterial roadways. While the intent of the bill is to reduce risk or injury or loss of life, there is concern that allowing shoulder lane use to these types of vehicles will instead create more danger for the operators of these vehicles."

VIETNAM TO BAN MOTORCYCLES IN CAPITAL CITY

The city of Hanoi, capital of Vietnam, has over 7.5 million inhabitants, and between them these citizens own more than 5 million motorcycles and half a million cars. In addition to the city progressively developing public transportation and banning certain vehicles from certain locations at certain times to combat congestion and pollution, Hanoi has stated intentions to ban all motorcycles in 2030.

INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE BANS COMING FROM EUROPE, ASIA

A growing list of countries plan to ban conventional vehicles running on gasoline, diesel or other fossil fuels. Several European and Asian countries have already laid out ambitious plans to eliminate fossil fuel-powered vehicles:

- Norway & The Netherlands have designed the most aggressive plans, wanting to switch to electric vehicles by 2025.

- India wants to get all of its vehicles switched to battery power by 2030, not only ending the sale of internal combustion vehicles, but will convert or replace all vehicles on the road.

- France announced plans coinciding with the G20 summit to have 80% of its fleet electrified by 2023.

- Germany is pushing to end sales of gas and diesel cars by 2030.

- China is increasing sales of so-called New Energy Vehicles by putting strict limits on the number of new vehicles that can be registered in major cities, exempting NEV models.

Sales of all battery-based vehicles dipped globally in 2016, and in the U.S. sales of hybrids, plug-ins, and BEVs (Battery Electric Vehicles) collectively accounted for barely 3% of the overall new vehicle market.

WHAT IF 10% OF DRIVERS SWITCHED TO MOTORCYCLES?

In recognition of Ride to Work Day in June, the Motorcycle Industry Association in the U.K. released figures highlighting the benefits for everyone if just 10% of car drivers made the switch to two wheels -- including a 20% increase in parking spaces, a 40% reduction in road congestion and financial savings from less cars on the road.

The figures come from a Belgian study, which modeled traffic for one of Europe's congested roads and found that if 10% of car drivers swapped four wheels for two, congestion for all road users went down by 40%. If 25% of drivers rode, congestion was completely eliminated.

The INRIX Global Traffic Scorecard calculated the cost of congestion to the economy at around £30 billion a year (\$39 billion USD) – a figure that would reduce if more people switched to two wheels. Drivers could gain up to the equivalent of four days (32 hours) annually stuck in traffic.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The most difficult thing is the decision to act. The rest is merely tenacity."

~ Amelia Earhart (1897 - ?), American aviation heroine

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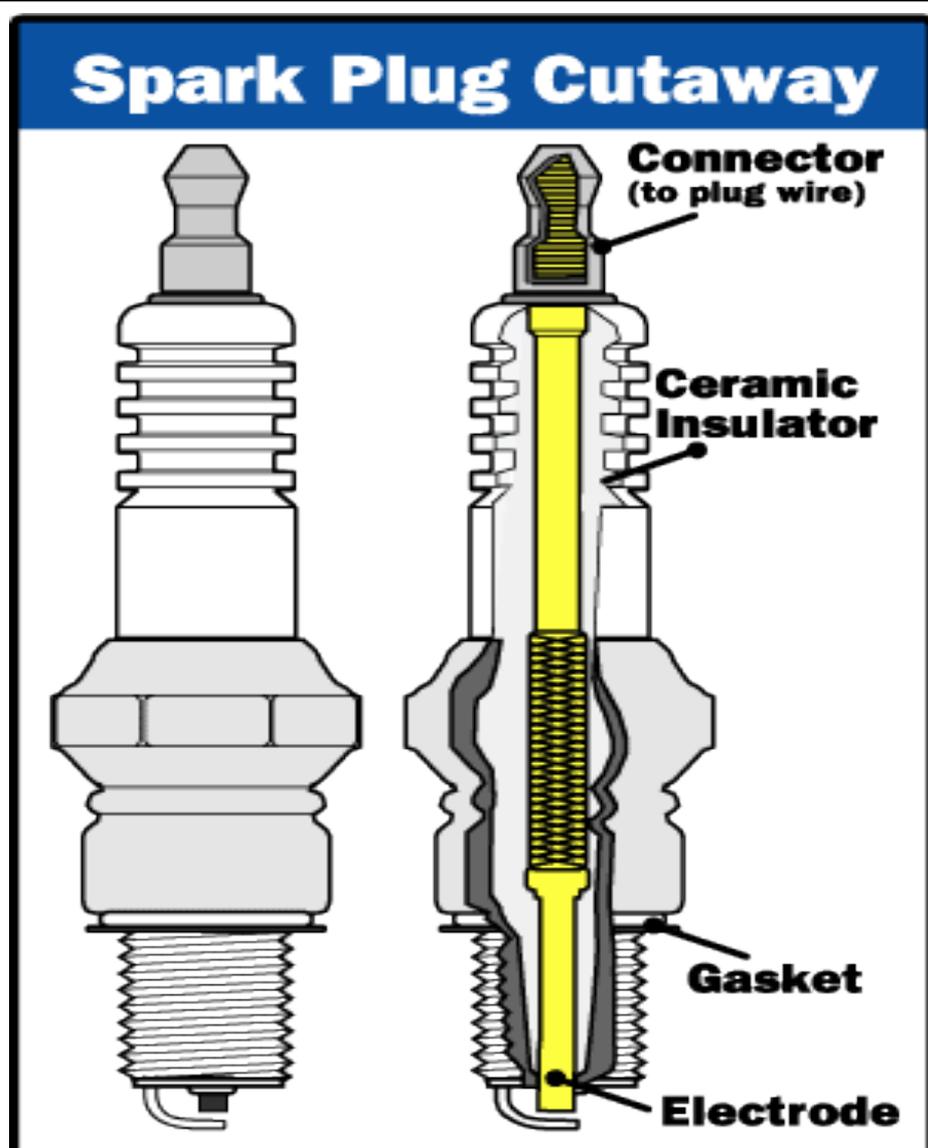
Spark Plugs

I used to think spark plugs were the most over changed maintenance part on the bike. My thought on this changed after I chased a misfire issue for several hours. I would pull the plugs and ground them, crank the engine over and observe a nice bright blue spark. After I would re-install them and start the engine, the same cylinder would go cold. Finally after repeating this process several times and ruling out all other issues, the answer revealed itself almost by accident. After removing the plug for the last time, the insulator crumbled in my hand and I noticed the electrode inside the plug was severely corroded. On the outside the plug looked good. Coincidentally, every time I installed the plug the electrode would break continuity and go dead. Every time I pulled the plug and grounded it to the head it would fire, a result of disrupting the rusty electrode pieces inside the plug.

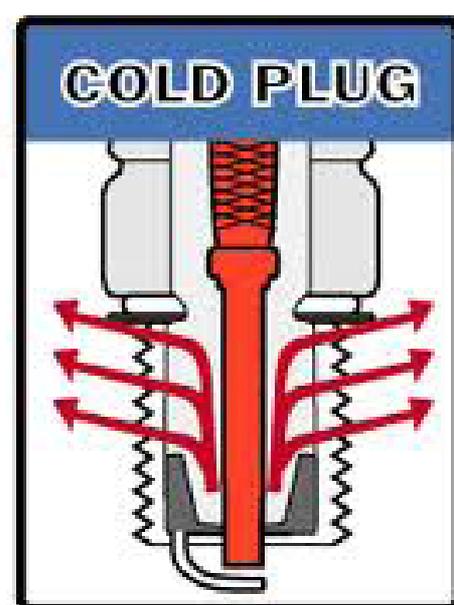
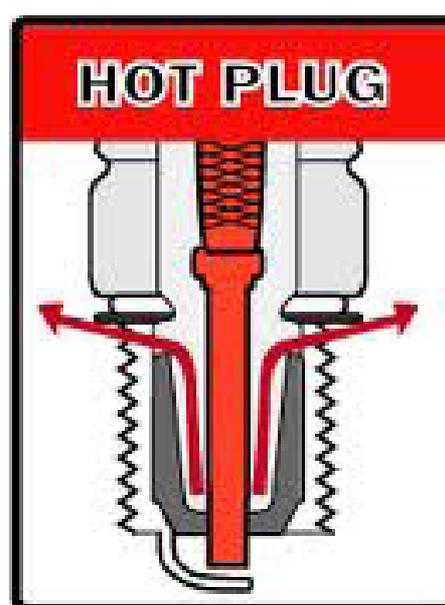
The spark plug is simple in theory: It forces electricity to arc across a gap, just like a bolt of lightning. The voltage must be very high in order to travel across the gap and create a good spark. Voltage at the spark plug can be anywhere from 20,000 to 80,000 volts depending on the vehicle/ignition system.

The spark plug must have an insulated passageway for this high voltage to travel down to the electrode, where it can jump the gap and, from there, be conducted into the engine block and grounded. The plug also has to withstand the extreme heat and pressure inside the cylinder, and must be designed so that deposits from fuel additives do not build up on the plug.

Spark plugs use a ceramic insulator to isolate the high voltage at the electrode, ensuring that the spark occurs at the tip of the electrode and not anywhere else on the plug; this insulator does double-duty by helping to burn off deposits. Ceramic is a fairly poor heat conductor, so the material gets very hot during operation. This heat helps to burn off deposits from the electrode.



A common misconception is how heat range is defined. The “hot” and “cold” in plug vernacular has nothing to do with the spark. Some bikes require a hot plug. This type of plug is designed with a ceramic insert that has a smaller contact area with the metal part of the plug. This reduces the heat transfer from the ceramic, making it run hotter and thus burn away more deposits. Cold plugs are designed with more contact area, so they run cooler.



The bike manufacturer will select the right temperature plug. Bikes with high-performance engines can generate more heat, so in some cases may need colder plugs. If the spark plug gets too hot, it could ignite the fuel before the spark fires (pre-ignition); too cold and its ability to burn off deposits is diminished, which can lead to fouling. It is important to stick with the right type of plug for your bike.

Next month we'll look at reading plugs for diagnostics. Ride safe!

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July 30 – ABATE Local 08 – Swap Meet at the So Cal Cycle Swap Meet

August 26 – ABATE Local 17 – Sarah Renee Phillips Run

October 7 – ABATE Local 17 – Fall Bingo

October 21 – ABATE of CA. 4th Quarterly Meetings – Fresno – Piccadilly Inn Airport

November 18 – ABATE Local 38 – Turkey Run

December 2 – ABATE Local 17 – Christmas Party

December 3 – ABATE Local 17 – 30th Annual Toy Run

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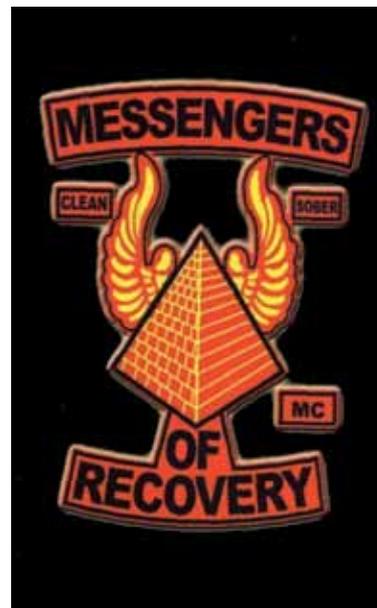


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meeting starting time. So I called the president of Local 19 and was told I was a week to soon. Yeaks! Getting older! Hopefully this is not going to be a habit. What a goof.

Well a week went by and I went to the meeting for Local 19 at Round Table pizza. Small meeting, but informative and I am doing my job as Regional Director for Locals 19 and 1.

Friday, June 30th, I went to Bob's Big Boy in Toluca Lake. I usually go there to check out the cars and bikes. I got a royal treat when I spotted a mint 1963 Dodge Dart GT. My father, William Milligan Jr, had one when I was growing up in Northridge. This one was the same color, red, with a white convertible top and push button trans on the dash. Just seeing this vehicle bought back memories about my dad and I got watery eyes. Of course I took pictures from my phone and sent it to my brothers and sister. This ends the month of June.

July 1st I went to Top Rocker, our Local 1 business member, and the HOG chapter was serving hot dogs. So, of course, I had one. Then about 12:30 pm they had an announcement for a five minute hot dog eating contest. I was not going to enter the contest, but they offered a \$50 gift certificate. So I entered the contest. Had to fill out a health waiver. Ok, Sporty, the results? I ate 6 of the hot dogs, but ate only 4 and a half of the buns. The other competitor ate 5 complete hot dogs. He was declared the winner. Too much sodium, but I am still alive. I stayed till about 2 pm, then left to go to Glendale HD. On the way there, driving on the 134 fwy by the Griffith Park exit, an SUV lost his load of surf boards and I had to serve away from it in order not to be hit. Shaken, but not broken, I got to Glendale HD and had a nice couple of hours.

The final installment of this month's tales was the Top Rocker monthly meeting at the Elks Lodge in Canoga Park. I have been attending their monthly meetings as they let me inform them about ABATE and the political issues. They have a nice breakfast served by the Elks Lodge ladies. There was not too much to talk about ABATE wise, so I ate breakfast and they had their meeting. After the meeting some of the members went on a ride to Santa Barbara.

But I went with my friend and ABATE member, Jim Nickla, to Top Rocker where he bought a battery and I hung out. He left at about 1 pm to fix his other bike with the battery.

I decided to go on a ride through Old Topanga to see if they had done weed clearance at the water tank sites. Yes, they had done their work.

I continued to PCH and went south with my ultimate goal being Bartels HD. I stayed there for a couple of hours.

When I left I took a route through Culver City then turned north on La Brea to head home through Hollywood. I went up Highland till I reached the Mulholland Hwy. I had not done this road completely, so I took Mulholland Hwy until I could go no further as it ended on a dirt trail. I had to turn around and take another road down to Encino. This road is really steep and there are recommended use of low gears signs posted. Eventually I wound out onto Hayvenhurst Ave, which led to the 101 fwy south. From the 101 fwy, I took the 405 fwy to the 118 fwy and exited at San Fernando Road. Then home.

So there you have it! Another column of the fun adventures of your pal Sporty. Till next time be safe and attend ABATE activities.

Regards, Sport Milligan

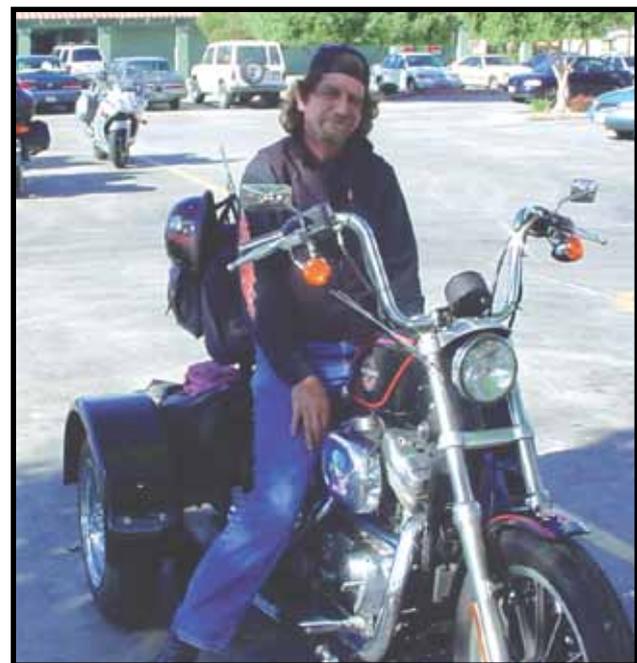
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by Sporty Milligan

Hi all! In my last column I wrote about some repairs on my 2002 883/1200 Sporty. I also said that the cost was going to be in the neighborhood of \$1,700.00. Well it only cost \$1,351.00! When I picked up my bike, I purchased 3 quarts of oil and a black oil filter for my 2007 1200 L Sporty, had a couple of cups of coffee, and a conversation with a nice gentleman who was waiting for his bike to be done. I got the bike, paid the bill with my credit card and proceeded to go home. I got on the 118 freeway and exited the freeway at the Sepulveda exit. Half way down the exit ramp the sifter bolt fell out of the bike and I was stuck in second gear. I went through the intersection and pulled over. This guy pulled over to lend assistance. Nice! He helped me Jerry rig the sifter so it would not drag on the road. I got home safely and replaced the missing bolt. If it's not one thing it's another.

June 15th I attended the Top Rocker bike night from 6 pm to 9 pm. It was their usual monthly affair, but this time there was a dog cart to serve all the goodies for hot dogs, polish dogs etc. They also had a small music group that played songs that most folks liked. They had the usual raffle prizes as well. I had a good time!

Wednesday, June 21st, I rode to Round Table, the pizza joint, in Ontario for Local 19's meeting. When I got there was no one around. It was beginning to get about close to 7 pm, the

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Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger

ALL Things Matter

In our lives we have constant change. It happens because it's a positive forward motion that we endure whether created by man or nature. Some changes are really small and some are way huge - like if Harley Davidson went out of business! Where would I be able to buy anymore black HD t-shirts?

Don't get mad at me for saying this, laws change for the better. I'm sort of brainwashed for saying this but I do see their point and although I don't agree 100%. It's because of the policies we created over the years and they will forever change. If you don't believe me, ask a great, great, great, grandparent, they know.

I do recommend that as a responsible rider and/or driver of the roads these days that you visit the DMV's website and read their handbook. It's free and you also can read about new laws or amended laws. It's a good read, and in my opinion, a must read.

Riding a motorized bike is a skill. You develop your skill levels over the years, trial-by-error is a good thing, as long as it isn't devastating. I've always promoted dirt bike riding from youths to adults. It's a great way to learn all the skills you need on an asphalt road. You don't have to worry about the traffic of cages, and when you have a mishap, damage to you and/or your bike is usually minimal. Dirt bike riding helped me focus on riding and developing skills that are easily transferred to street riding. It's about how to handle your bike no matter what you ride or where you ride. I learned how to power brake, do controlled skids, gas out of a situation, avoid last second objects or different change of conditions. It goes on and on. I'm not saying you have to do this but, for me and many others it was a great education as well as being really fun.

How many of you out there test your brakes while riding? I learned this a long time ago and it really does matter. Practice hard braking from slower speeds and graduate up to speeds that you travel at. It's good to start at slow speeds so you can feel your bike and how it handles. I've also practiced locking my rear brake at low speeds to see and feel how my bike re-acts. I also increased the speed up to the point where I count on hard braking rather than a panicked foot to the metal stomp till myer stopped. Locking your rear brake will not help you stop faster or in a shorter stopping distance, only aggressive hard braking will. I know and understand you get panicked and react when someone pulls out in front of you, but if you get training or practice braking, it will become second nature to you. You can re-act correctly and not get into a situation where you could lose control. Practice braking often. You have nothing to lose, and you can talk about near misses rather than...you know.

Another thing about brakes, ABS will not stop any vehicle faster than a standard braking system (except of course, the Fred Flintstone Braking System!), ABS was designed to make



your brakes not lock up and lose control. After a study in 1996, the NHTSA announced it dropped the federal safety standard requirement for ABS because there was 0% decrease in the overall number of accidents when comparing ABS vehicles with standard braking vehicles.

One more thing: How's your tire pressure? Having low tire pressure could be disastrous if you're braking hard, period!

The natural change of seasons causes us to change our mindset while riding. My favorite seasons to ride are fall and spring. Summer and winter have their moments of good and bad riding because it's either too hot or too cold. Riding in the spring can be more of a hassle because if you are sensitive to allergies, then it could wreck a good day of riding.

I was born with really sensitive nostrils and let me tell you it spreads all the pollens, dust, and whatever is floating in the air into my head. My allergies affect my head space and timing in my brain and my eyes get so watery that it feels like my eyes are broken sprinklers while I'm riding. It impairs my riding and my eyes make me look like a stoner from the 70s. I just tilt my head up and blow dry my eyes, true story. What matters to me is getting relief during my ride, taking a hay fever pill and washing my face helps out a lot. I love riding the back roads of orchards and farms, the pleasant smell of plant life is abundant, but with it comes pollen up the cazoozee!

Riding in summer is life for a lot of us, but when the temperature is above 90, then you have to re-think a lot of things, especially if you are older and take medications. If you have other bodily issues like diabetes, then you really have to pay attention to your body. Stuff happens really fast and being prepared is important. Do you discuss your health concerns with other people you ride with? Do you ask others to watch over you because you're a diabetic with high blood pressure etc.? It was blazing here for a couple of weeks where the temperature were over a 100, and let me tell you, it could be really dangerous for some people, like me. When you are riding with other riders, you should be open to them and let them know of your conditions. In reality, everyone should look after one another, period!

Have you ever ridden on a favorite road and

one day it changed? Construction happens. Sometimes our roads get re-engineered or upgraded because of a new tax funding. This happens more than you think. Accidents, unfortunately, dictate dangerous situations that officials address for our safety as well. It's not big news because re-doing a road is not interesting.

What matters is that you ride with confidence and not thinking everything is Jim Dandy. Washouts happen, debris can be anywhere and then there's animal life. If you know there is some kind of road construction on the road you travel, be prepared to not ride that area thinking nothing changed. More stuff happens than you know.

I love riding the high deserts and those two-lane highways are very dangerous. If you think about it you are approximately 4-6 feet away from the oncoming traveling vehicles. You can feel the wind pressure hit you as you pass each other and an 18-wheeler pushes wind gusts against you. When I ride in these types of conditions I use my lane to change positions in my lane. I give an extra few feet of my lane just in case someone is looking to pass and my speed also changes as well. It really matters to me because I think about how in an instant your life could change. We all know about tailgaters, the faster you go, the faster the person behind you wants to go. If you're in a tight group of vehicles doing let's say 65 mph the person in the lead could cause a chain reaction accident by venturing too close to opposing traffic. You read about this all the time, and if you're on a motorcycle in this group of vehicles, it could be very costly to you.

I love riding the 138 highway and let me tell you there are as many 18-wheelers as cars sometimes. Cars are always passing the trucks in both directions. It gets hairy sometimes because you want to pass that truck as bad as the next persons in both directions! In my opinion, it's safer to ride these roads at night rather than in daylight, but the bugs may change your mind! Seeing headlights at night can help you judge how far away the oncoming traffic is versus the daylight when vehicles disappear when they are in a Whoop De Do a quarter of a mile away. Sometimes when I get to my destination in Apple Valley (family) I'm stressed out because I'm an aggressive rider and fast is my middle name - it used to be nincompoop (true)!

Another thing that really matters is the condition of your bike. Being a responsible rider is one thing, getting there safely is another. I always talk about going through your bike while cleaning or detailing it. Mechanical failures happens all the time and they are very unpredictable. What we don't know is the casualty rate that happens because of these failures. They aren't intended, they just happen. The more you reduce your liabilities, the safer you'll ride. It matters if you return home with great memories rather than "what the heck happened!" Everything matters at the start and end of a road trip, period! Ride with knowledge and understanding. How's your tire pressure?

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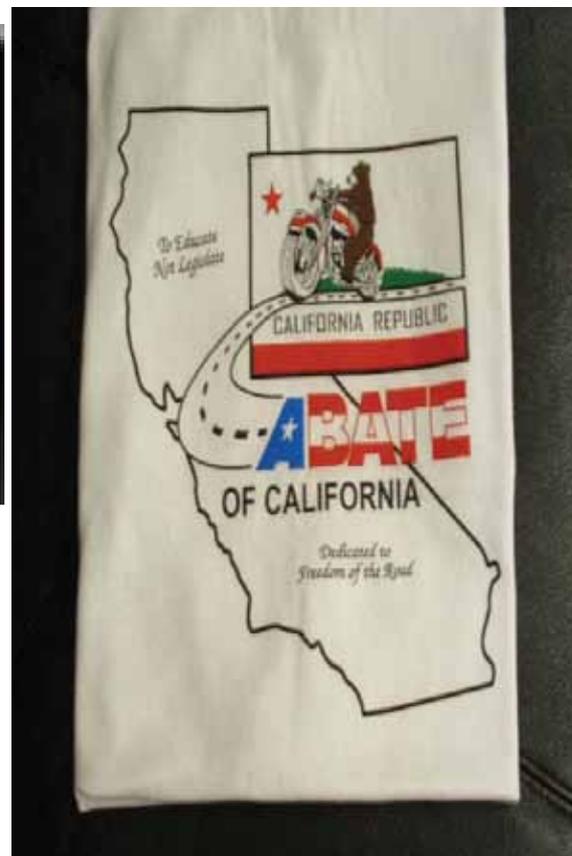
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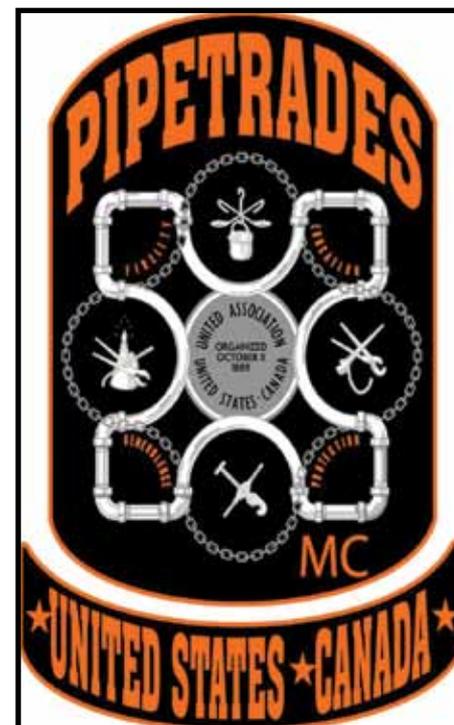
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