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Lobbyist's Report

by James Lombardo, Sr, Lobbyist

The Lombardo Group - Government Relations

It appears that enough signatures have been gathered to put the Recall of Governor Newsom on the Ballot! The Democratically controlled Legislature is already investigating how they can prolong the Special Election Vote being taken - just as they did for Senator Josh Newman (D - Fullerton) when he was recalled in 2018 when Governor Brown was last in Office!

With Covid 19 protections/restrictions on attending in-person for Committee hearings, testifying by telephone etc, this recall has been adding to the chaos in the Capital! Add to this the demolition of the East Capital Building Annex and staff moving over into the new building before the Billion Dollar remodel upcoming. The building you have been in for the Transportation Committee hearings and to visit the Assembly/Senators is on schedule to be torn down July 1st, right before the Legislature returns for the final push of Bills in for August-September deadline to get Bills to the Governor's Desk

Stay tuned for an even more interesting year! Take a look at the Bills we are tracking in our "Bills At A Glance" Section.

Bills At A Glance will run from this issue all the way through October 2022, since this was the start of a new Two-Year Legislative Session.

To check who represents your area, and where their office is located, go to: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>

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Lobbyist's Legislative Report

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What is ABATE?

ABATE is a Motorcyclists' Rights Organization dedicated to preserving freedom of choice, 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, motorcycle safety and supporting charity events throughout the state. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclist's rights and safety through Membership.

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Bills At A Glance

AB 43 Friedman (D – Glendale, Chair of Assembly Transportation). **Traffic Safety:** This bill would require, beginning June 1, 2022, and every 6 months thereafter, Caltrans to convene a committee of external design experts to advise on revisions to the Highway Design Manual. This bill would extend the period of time a prima facie speed limit may be justified by an engineering and traffic survey, as specified, if a registered engineer evaluates the section of the highway and finds that there has been an increase in traffic-related crashes.

AB 122 Boerner Horvath (D – Oceanside) **Vehicles: required stops: bicycles:** This bill would require a person riding a bicycle, when approaching a stop sign at the entrance of an intersection, to yield the right-of-way to any vehicles that have stopped at the entrance of the intersection, have entered the intersection, or that are approaching on the intersecting highway close enough to constitute an immediate hazard, and shall continue to yield the right-of-way to those vehicles until reasonably safe to proceed.

AB 232 Gallagher (R – Yuba City) **Off-highway vehicles: reciprocity:** Existing law requires every off-highway motor vehicle that is not registered under the Vehicle Code to display an identification plate or device issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, with certain exceptions, including an off-highway motor vehicle with a currently valid identification or registration permit issued by another state. Except as otherwise specified, a violation of the Vehicle Code is punishable as an infraction. This bill would permit application of that exception only if the other state recognizes an identification plate or device issued by the department as valid for use in that state.

SB 66 Allen (D – Santa Monica) **California Council on the Future of Transportation: advisory committee: autonomous vehicle technology:** This bill would require the secretary to establish an advisory committee, the California Council on the Future of Transportation, which would require the council to gather public comment on issues and concerns related to autonomous vehicles and to submit, no later than January 1, 2024, a report to the Legislature with, among other things, recommendations for statewide policy changes and updates, and to continue to update the report, or submit a new report, of its recommendations biannually thereafter, or more frequently at the secretary's discretion.

SB 227 Jones (R – Santee) **Off-highway vehicles:** This bill would require, for the issuance or renewal of a competition identification, a specified configuration for the vehicle identification number and product identification number for an off-highway motor vehicle or ATV that is model year 2022 or later and is used solely for competition not on a public highway. The bill would impose restrictions on the operation of a competition motorcycle or ATV on public lands, including, among others, a requirement that a rider possess a current and valid competition card from a competition-sanctioning organization when practicing for a sanctioned event on public lands. Because operating a competition motorcycle or ATV on public lands in violation of those requirements would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

SB 799 Glazer (D – Orinda) **Off-highway vehicular recreation: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area: Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area:** This bill would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to preserve the portion of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area known as the "Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area" for conservation purposes, as specified. The bill would make implementation of this provision contingent upon at least \$9,000,000 being appropriated by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or another statute, transferred, or donated to the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund for its purposes.

Want more details on a bill? <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov>



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

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If you have any photos of ABATE events, please send them to us. They will be returned if requested. Please include name of event, date, captions, etc. They must be received by the deadline in order to be published in the next issue. You can email pictures in (.jpg) or (.tiff) to bailing.wire@abate.org. All content is subject to approval by the Editor.

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Executive Director Report

written by Hessian Spike

Rick Robison, Executive Director

During these tough times, the restraints inflicted upon us due to the Covid situation has really jeopardized and restricted the operation of ABATE Locals, their events, gatherings, funding and general operation. Hopefully, we are at the dawn of reopening and getting back to a workable environment. My own Local 20, with Rick at the helm, has been fortunate in having a place to meet now in person and we are striving to regain momentum.

The strength of the biker community, in my opinion, relies on unity of all biker groups working together and unifying our efforts at local, state and federal levels. Three of us, members of ABATE Local 20, recently partook in a National Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) biker event and Rick asked me to write on the event and some of my thoughts.

Our newly appointed ABATE of California Executive Director, Rick Robinson, Humper Jeff and myself, recently represented California at a National meeting of bikers, from around the country, in Gulfport, Mississippi. The event was the Council of Clubs semi-annual meeting, where bikers were invited to unite and share many profiling and legislative issues and discuss problems that might need the groups' attention and voice with organizations, establishments or anyone tampering with bikers' rights. Many bikers attended and those that could not, were able to join in via Zoom, a good alternative for sharing other than in person.

The meeting, for the most part, was comprised of patch holders, many representing their clubs and other MRO's such as ABATE. A special invitation was sent out to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), the first motorcyclists' rights advocacy organization with a full-time legislative and political presence in our nation's capital. The only Washington voice devoted exclusively to you, the street rider. The MRF function is very similar to that of ABATE's but operates at the Federal level as opposed to ABATE at the State level, indeed the MRF is comprised of a great cross-section of all riders from independents to club patch holders, but the prevalent group are ABATE members from all over the United States.

The event, entitled, "Bridging the Gap," was to discuss opportunities for the motorcycle club community to work in partnership with the MRF on national legislation. The MRF gave two presentations, the first on our 2021 legislative agenda and the second on the outlook for motorcycling going forward. The unity and cooperation of the groups proved a great success.

I feel it is imperative to pool our resources as a biker community, to communicate and join together across the spectrum in our legislative efforts, preserving and developing our rights and freedoms. I want to thank all members for their support, attendance and ask you all to do your best to help increase our income flow while your Board of Directors does its best to keep the operating expenses of your organization as low as possible. We have a financial obligation to cover for legislative representative in the form of a 'Lobbyist' and operation of our State office. This Board is committed wholeheartedly to fulfilling our obligations to our members and the riders of California.

Help us reach our goal of representing every rider in California, not just our members. Please support and attend ABATE events, sign-up new members, contribute your time, funds and let's get back on track for the rest of 2021.

Membership Report

Hi all! The membership drive is in full swing. This includes the sale of special raffle membership funding tickets. The sale of these tickets helps fund the drive in its entirety. So, ABATE Presidents have been given an allotment of tickets to sell. You have to be creative and sell these tickets quickly!

So here is my suggestion to help sell your ticket allotments.

Give your members who renew during the period we are selling the tickets some raffle tickets as a way of thanking your members for renewing their memberships. Carry some in your pockets so that way you can always have them with you. You can sell them at dealerships or the local biker hang outs such as The Rock Store or Cooks Corner.

Once you get a new member you have to have ways to keep that member. How do you do that? Well one way is to put together a list of your member's emails then you send out emails in BCC format. This procedure has been successful for my Local. The amount of email addresses you can put in one group setting is 99. I have over 100 emails that I send out so I have to have two group lists.

The point I am making is this - keeping your members should be a priority for your Local, because the Local with no Local members stops being a Local. I know it's tough, but do your best to keep your Locals intact.

Now that things are opening up, do ABATE Locals' runs. Try to get new members! There is unity and strength in numbers of members. Membership Chairman Sporty Milligan reporting



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In addition to AB 2761, Abate of California is proposing two other bills for our elected officials to consider this year. Our first bill would require DMV to allow rider's to take both the M/C skill's test and their DMV written exam during their CHP certified M/C training classes. After a rider successfully completes and passes both tests the school would submit the information to DMV and they would issue a valid M/C endorsement card by mail to the rider that is valid for the duration of their current California drivers license. Upon license renewal the M/C endorsement would then be added to their new license thereby saving the student the time and expense associated with visiting and testing at their local DMV office.

Our second bill would seek to exempt all M/C riders and especially our Military Veteran riders from being assessed a toll fee when traveling on a toll road within the state of California.

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I have used Debra for my flyer printing needs. So, if you need graphic art supplies or printing, look her up. Debra's email is debra@reprographicsupply.com. Her phone number is (818) 771-9066. I highly recommend her shop!

That's a snapshot of one of ABATE Local 1's Business Members.

All Business members are in the Bailing Wire with their business card. That's where you can get their contact information! Hopefully in the months to come some other Locals will write about their Business Members. Show your support for your Local's Business Members and join the fun of showcasing them! I did! How about you?

Sporty Milligan, President ABATE Local 1

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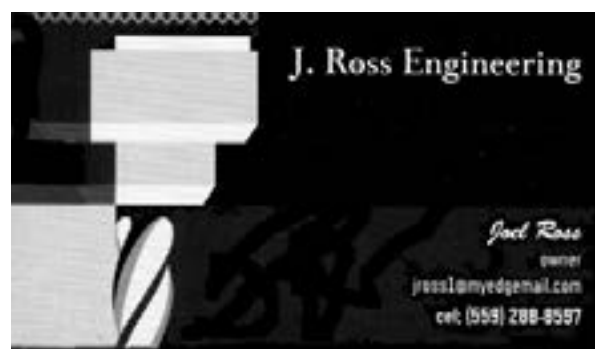
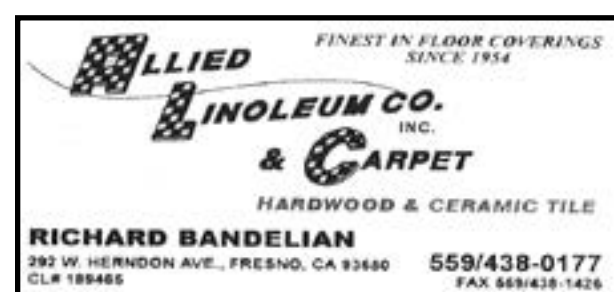
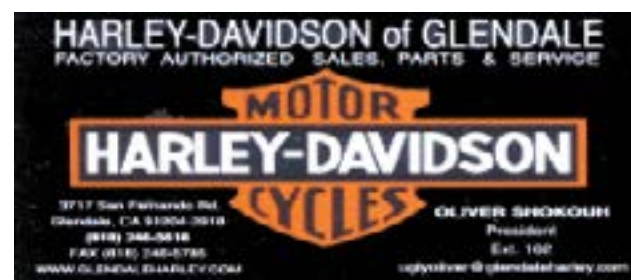
- April 10 & 11 ABATE Local 24 – 22nd Annual AMMO Run *(see flyer this issue)*
- April 17th ABATE 2nd Quarterly PAC/ Presidents/Board Meeting Online *(see flyer this issue)*
- May 1st ABATE Local 17 Bike and Hot Rod Show *(see flyer this issue)*
- May 1st ABATE Local 38 Stimulus Fun Run *(see flyer this issue)*
- May 8th ABATE Local 23 – Box of Love *(see flyer this issue)*
- May 18th – MRF Bikers in the Beltway *(see flyer this issue)*

Bike Nights:

- April 17th ABATE Local 23
Hosted by Hell Fighters *details to follow*
- ABATE Local 3/13 1st Thursday of the month
(See flyer in this issue)

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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ABATE Presidents/Officers/Board Meeting: Immediately after Break

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Sporty's Rides

Hello All! It's time to do the monthly review of my life, yes Sporty Milligan. I begin by saying we just completed the covid-19 polar bear go for a ride March 7th. It was the first fund raiser that abate locals have done in a while. it was the hope that by doing this run event it may spur other locals to attempt to do, the same. WE were successful and made much needed funds for the Local which helps benefit abate as a whole. I will go into detail of how we accomplished this feat.

But first my pre ride rant. The organization's goal is to help prevent tooth decay aka bad laws against motorcyclists. We're in the business to protect your right to ride and we do this with the help of our lobbyists, James Lombardo working along with his son. James Jr. The pandemic has caused the inability to do the events that helps meet our monthly financial commitments. So, donations at this time would help, just help when you can.

Okay on to the fun stuff. In order to do a run or event it takes a lot of work. Volunteers are necessary in order to help make your event successful. I had to make the route and make it I did. The route took two attempts to get it right. I did not want too much freeway and accomplished that.

The day of the run it was kinda overcast. When I arrived at the Moose Lodge in Reseda, the Mended sisters were there to do the sign-in and this was a big help. They got the riders signed up and the Moose Lodge provided breakfast burritos, which were good. Some of the riders that took part were the Messengers of Recovery members, Soldiers of Jesus Northside Chapter, our ABATE state office manager, Janet, her small group, Rick Robison, ABATE's Executive Director, and The ABATE Local 8 crowd. The riders that did the route were treated to a good 92 mile run. I wrote about the route in last's month's Sporty's Rides. When I arrived at the end spot, the Devils Disciples club house, they were cooking the hot dogs that they promised to provide. My club brothers, the Shaggers, arrived straight from their monthly meeting. Because this was a covid-19 style Polar Bear run, you got a run pin and a chance to win money in a 50/50 raffle drawing.

When all said and done, Abate Local 1 pulled The Polar Bear run off with the help of the Mended sisters, the Moose Lodge, Reseda Chapter and the Devils Disciples, North Hollywood Chapter, President Little John presiding. A big, big Local 1 thanks to all who helped make this event happen.

Back tracking a bit: On Saturday, February 27th, the Shaggers were invited to the Devil's Disciples anniversary party that was happening in Bellflower. I had arranged to meet my brothers at the Mobile station and the 405. The only problem was that it was really windy - 30 plus mile per hour windy. We jumped on the freeway and were jamming along in the carpool lane. I got behind and when the guys cut over to the 10 East, I kept going straight. I figured I was lost when I got to Torrance. I got off at the Crenshaw exit. Windy and dusty. I texted the guys, aborted and went to an AA meeting. I learned a big lesson! Know where you're going, so if you fall behind, you will get there eventually. Lesson learned.

Another event occurred on March 13th. It was the Glendale HOG Chapter monthly meeting. I did my morning walk, did some other stuff, had a meeting on Zoom and finally left for the dealership. They were going to Ojai for their after meeting run and lunch. I backed out and had some time to kill. Hung around the dealership and checked out the bikes. I would like a new bike, but that's not in the cards at this time. Then went to the Elks Lodge for their fish and chips luncheon.

A side note: the HOG Chapter I belong to had collected mileage for my two bikes and recently got mileage pins and patches which equaled 250,000 miles for both bikes. Currently the 2002 883/1200 has over 137,000 miles on the speedo and my 2007 1200L has over 130,000 miles thus the mileage pins.

The final trek for this month's adventures was the March 14th ride to the Rock Store to get a delicious breakfast burrito - yummy. It was breezy, so bundled myself up and off I went. Stopped at a gas station in Calabasas. Well, there was a decent crowd at the Rock Store. The food was great. I sat at the Russ Brown table and sold tickets and - surprise - sold 28 more membership raffle tickets. Yes baby.

After being at the Rock Store for several hours, I left and took Mulholland Hwy to Kanan Dune Road to Latigo Canyon to PCH. I stopped in Malibu for coffee then went up Malibu Canyon Road. When I got to Puma turned right. went all the Schueren Road the stopping at 3 points. Then after resting 10 minutes took Saddle Peak Road to Tuna Canyon and followed it down to PCH. Left turn on PCH to Hwy 27, which takes you through Topanga Canyon. At the top of Topanga, I stopped and - bam! I realized I needed to hustle to make my 5 pm Sunday AA meeting in 20 minutes. I was late, but - wow - had a good day.

That's all folks! Sell the membership raffle tickets, if you have any left to sell and do ABATE runs when you can.

Till next time, Scribe Sporty out.



Our 23rd Annual Membership Raffle
has begun. Reach out to your
Local Presidents or
Regional Reps to buy your tickets.

LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles

Hi All! The meeting this month on March 21st is going to be at the Devils Disciples’ club house. After the meeting I, and hopefully some of the members, will ride to the Elks Lodge for breakfast.

ABATE Local 1 is alive and well and doing live meetings.As my club, the Shaggers, say,
“See you down the road!”

ABATE Local 1 President, Sporty, reporting

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MRF Riding Free From DC

Biker Bulletin from Inside the Beltway

Last weekend members of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) attended a meeting of the National Council of Clubs in Gulfport, Mississippi. The MRF was invited to the event, entitled “Bridging the Gap,” to discuss opportunities for the motorcycle club community to work in partnership with the MRF on national legislation. The MRF gave two presentations, the first on our 2021 legislative agenda and the second on the outlook for motorcycling going forward.

The MRF was represented by Kirk “Hardtail” Willard (MRF President), Jay Jackson (MRF Vice President), Fred Harrell (Director of Conference & Events), Todd Riba (MRF Members Representative), Russell Radke (Director of Sustaining Member Motorcycle Clubs) and Rocky Fox (Government Relations). The weekend in Gulfport was the culmination of years of work by the MRF and clubs to find common ground on issues of importance to all motorcyclists. Specifically, Russell Radke should be applauded for his efforts to help foster lines of communication and collaboration between clubs and independents. Russell has spent countless hours spreading the word about the MRF and this weekend was a product of his hard work.

Thank you to the National Council of Clubs for the invitation to Gulfport and thank you to all those who fight for bikers’ rights nationwide.



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ARE GAS-POWERED VEHICLES ENDANGERED?: More than three years after President Trump pulled the U.S. out of the Paris climate agreement, we're back in. On Biden's first day in office on January 20th, one of his first priorities was to sign an executive order to re-enter the global pact to slow climate change. Rejoining the accord was simple; the next step gets harder: How can the world's second-largest polluter shrink emissions 45-50% by the end of this decade to comply with the deal? One of Joe Biden's campaign promises was to "Transition away from oil" and create a "carbon pollution-free power sector" by 2035, as part of a \$2 trillion investment to build back the economy by investing in green infrastructure.

The Paris Agreement does not prescribe exact methods for eliminating emissions behind global warming, but establishes binding targets for avoiding worrisome temperature thresholds. Research conducted by the German Aerospace Centre, says that passenger car engines as we know it need to be completely phased out from new sales before the end of the next decade in order for Europe to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, the most ambitious part of the Paris pact's "well below 2 degrees Celsius" overall aim. More than 14 countries and over 20 cities around the world have proposed banning the sale of fossil fuel vehicles at some time in the near future.



GM SETS 2035 TARGET TO PHASE OUT GAS-, DIESEL-POWERED VEHICLES GLOBALLY: General Motors has set a 2035 target date for phasing out gasoline and diesel powered vehicles from its showrooms globally, among the first major auto makers to put a timeline on transitioning to a fully electric lineup. One of the world's largest automakers, GM wants to end sales of combustion engine vehicles by 2035 as part of a broader pledge to become carbon neutral by 2040. Other car companies committed to the climate pledge include BMW, Ford, Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen and Volvo.

DOUBLE-DIGIT MOTORCYCLE SALES INCREASE DURING WORST YEAR THIS CENTURY: In spite of the economic and health uncertainty posed by the Coronavirus pandemic for the bulk of 2020, the powersports sector experienced an 18.4% increase in sales for the year. The double-digit growth was owed largely to a big bump in off-highway bikes and ATVs, which jumped 46.5% & 33.8% respectively, but new-model motorcycle and scooter sales were also up 11.4% over 2019, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council Retail Sales Report.

"Overall, the industry had a good year under difficult circumstances," noted Erik Pritchard, president and CEO of the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC), stating; "The COVID-19 pandemic forced all of us to be nimble and to make the changes we needed to survive. In the end, many in the industry saw strong growth, and now our opportunity is to keep all of these new riders riding and to inspire even more people to join us on two, three, and four wheels."

This positive turn after years of dwindling sales figures, with the industry as a whole reaching in every possible direction to inspire a new generation of dedicated riders, is quite encouraging, and hopefully the trend will continue into the future.

ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE BUYERS GET A U.S. TAX CREDIT THROUGH 2021: If you're thinking about buying a new electric motorcycle this year, and you live in the USA, here's some good news: the federal tax credit that went into effect for new electric bike models at the end of 2019 has been extended until January 1, 2022.

Any electric motorcycle that can go at least 45 mph is eligible for a 10% tax credit, up to \$2,500. Electric motorcycle owners new and old should also know that, at the same time that electric motorcycle credit got extended, the 30% EV charger installation credit was re-upped by the federal government as well. For 2021, you're eligible for a credit up to \$1,000 for home installations and up to \$30,000 for business installations on new EV chargers.

"The electric motorcycle industry is rapidly responding to our country's need for affordable and environmentally responsible transportation," said Zero Motorcycles' CEO Sam Paschel, adding that "These tax credits represent an investment in a cleaner energy future, and also effectively create jobs in the ever-growing electric vehicle industry."

Details are still being hammered out, but other concurrent federal government plans include additional federal tax incentives to get everyday people to switch from gas to EV, though it's unknown at this time how those will specifically affect the electric motorcycle industry.

DAYTONA BIKE WEEK IS A 'GO': By a 6-1 vote on January 20th, the Daytona Beach city commission endorsed plans for the 80th annual bike rally, scheduled for March 5th – 14th. Daytona Bike Week's organizers feared they might have to pull the plug on the 2021 rally, due to a resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the event is a huge economic driver for the region, and with this year being the 80th anniversary, businesses were especially looking forward to the needed financial boost.

Masks, hand sanitizer stations, temperature checks, signs and social distancing come with the commission's new rules, and most bars, restaurants and other businesses will be required to limit occupancy to 60%, but otherwise Daytona Bike Week went on as scheduled!"

AMERICAIDE POSTPONED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS: This year's Americade Motorcycle Touring Rally, typically held in June in Lake George, N.Y. each year since 1983, has been rescheduled to September 21st – 25th due to Coronavirus concerns. Last year's Americade was first postponed to July before being canceled altogether because of the global pandemic.

BILL COMMEMORATES ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL: Federal legislation was signed into law on December 23, 2020 to establish a commission to recommend ways to commemorate Route 66's upcoming 100th anniversary. The first all-paved U.S. highway was completed in 1926 and ran from Chicago to Los Angeles.

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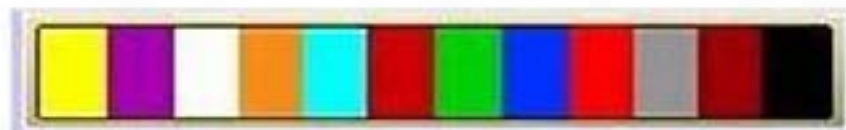
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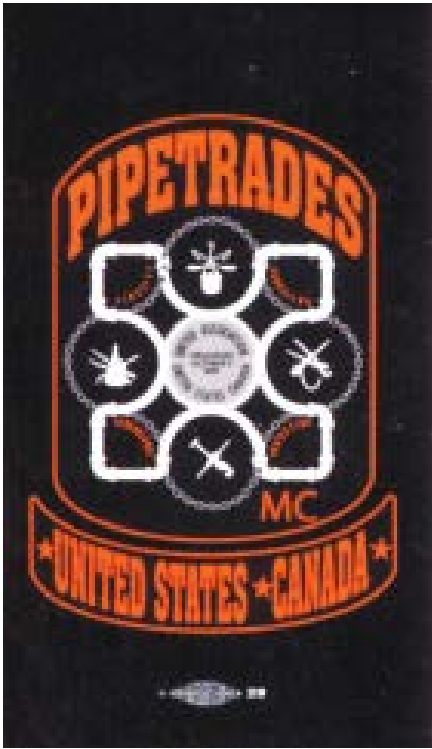
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ABATE MEETINGS

Los Angeles County - Local #01

Sporty Milligan 3rd Sun - 9AM

818/361-8800

Simi Valley - Local #02

Jim Kibbe 2nd Tues 7:30PM

VFW Post #10049

4242 E Los Angeles Ave.

jimkibbe53@gmail

Thousand Oaks/Ventura Local#03-13

Chuck Pederson 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM

kath55344@gmail.com

San Diego County Local #06

Snowman 1st Sun - 12 Noon

P O Box 501946 Kate Sessions Park

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Orange County Local #08

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Daniel Pfaffly 2nd Mon.7:30PM

714/365-5907 dpfaffly@gmail.com

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

Sal De Renzi 3rd Sunday - 10:00 AM

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Pomona Valley Local #19

Jeff Bassler 4th Wed - 7:00 PM

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Rick Robison 2nd Mon. - 7:00 PM

714-315-1150 American Legion Post 132

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Fresno - Local#24

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Bob Marshall 1st Tues - 7:00 PM

drbobmarshall@yahoo.com @ abatelocal27

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Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 6:30 PM

Call Ed for meeting info 1-760-554-8843

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Bakersfield - Local#40

Robert Northam 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM

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