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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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Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by Jim Lombardo Sr., Lobbyist

The Lombardo Group - Government Relations

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It's that time again - June Primary Elections and June Bill Deadline's. The Legislature is moving fast on bills now that the June Primary is over, the Deadlines for bills passing their house of Origin (Senate or Assembly Introduction) to stay alive is June 30th!

Be aware of the Noise and Exhaust Bills to catch US doing both are moving through the Legislative process! The Speed Camera Bill was held in Committee, but we are tracking it these next few months in case they amend it into another Bill. Check out "Bills at a Glance" section for details on Bills.

We have met with both Assembly Member Petrie Norris AB 2496 (and her punitive exhaust bill) expressing our Opposition and Senator Portantino on SB 1079 roadside noise testing. Both are "ONLY" Pilot Program bills but can be amended anywhere along the process and have them apply STATEWIDE! We will keep you appraised when we will do an ALERT to CALL/WRITE EMAILS and act when the time comes! Stay Tuned ON ALERT!

Also included in this newsletter is a Candidates list of recommended Motorcycle Friendly Candidate's for the June Primary! We will update you as well in the Fall for the November 2022 General Election!

Thanks again to Members, Local Chapters & Businesses' continuing financial support to keep us in the Capital fighting for Motorcycle Rights and FREEDOMS!

ATTENTION ABATE MEMBERS

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Thank you,

Sporty Milligan Chairman of the Board

Politics – Legislative: Bills At A Glance

Presented by The Lombardo Group, ABATE Lobbyist

SB-1079 Portantino (D – Glendale)

Vehicles: sound-activated enforcement devices

This bill would authorize local jurisdictions to use sound-activated enforcement devices to capture vehicle noise levels that exceed the legal limits described below. Existing law further prohibits the modification of an exhaust system of a motor vehicle in a manner that will amplify or increase the noise emitted by the motor of the vehicle so that the vehicle exceeds existing noise limits when tested in accordance with specified standards. (Oppose – Senate Floor)

AB-2496 Petrie Norris (D - Huntington Beach)

Vehicles: exhaust systems

Existing law requires every motor vehicle subject to registration to be equipped with an adequate muffler in constant operation and properly maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise and prohibits a muffler or exhaust system from being equipped with a cutout, bypass, or similar device. This bill would require a court to require a certificate of compliance for a violation of the requirements mentioned above. The bill would require the court to notify the Department of Motor Vehicles to place a hold on the vehicle registration until the certificate of compliance is received by the court if the certificate is not provided to the court within 3 months of the violation date. The provisions of the bill would become operative on January 1, 2027. (Oppose – Assembly Floor)

AB 2125 Fong (R – Bakersfield) Driver's licenses: motorcycle licensing pilot program

This bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish a pilot program in order to evaluate the efficiency and safety, among other things, of using motorcycle safety program service providers and grant recipients to administer the driving demonstration portion of an exam to receive a license to drive a motorcycle, as specified. The bill would require the program to last 5 years and require a minimum of 25% of motorcycle safety program service providers and grant recipient sites to participate in the program. (Support – Assembly Floor)

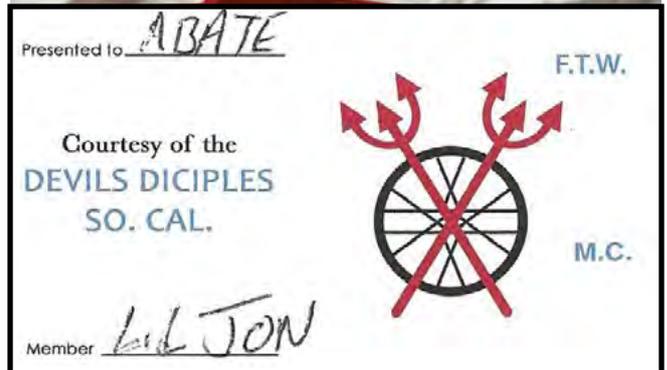
SB 894 Jones (R – San Diego) Off-Highway Vehicles

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. This bill would require that a competition motorcycle display that identification plate or device on the left side of the motorcycle, commencing January 1, 2024. (Support – Senate Floor)

SB What? AB Where?

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

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For Those Members who want to help or hold office contact your Presidents or Board Members (see page 3)

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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 through political and legislative action. ABATE promotes motorcycle safety through education, training and public awareness.

Membership Report

by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi All! It's almost summer time and better riding weather. So, whenever the mood hits you, do a bike night booth to try and attract new members. ABATE Local 1 tried a new approach, which was to invite folks and club members to their ABATE Local 1's monthly meetings. The hope was to attract new members and put out the word about the issues that we're fighting for. Plus, we had a barbeque to boot. We had a fair turn out and did sign-up one new member. The political issues were talked about. Hopefully the attendees will contact their Assemblymember and State Senator about the bills we're supporting or not supporting and get them to see things our way.

Exactly what does this meeting/barbeque mean? It means that there are many ways to get new members, you just have to apply yourself. So, this month's approach to getting new members is to apply yourself. Have your pitch ready to go when you meet your prospects and if your approach is successful - wonderful! Now Presidents, do your best to keep your Local's members. Keeping them informed will help you to make sure they will renew their memberships. To review: look for new ways to attract prospective members, keep your Local's renewals and, finally, attend ABATE events

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District 30 Bob Archuleta, Democrat
District 32 Kelly Seyarto, Republican

State Assembly

District 6, Josh Pane, Democrat
District 22 Chad Condit, Democrat
District 67 Sharon Quirk-Silva, Democrat

Locals Report

Local #01 Los Angeles

Hello All! Local 1 is still doing meetings and events. We did a barbeque for our May meeting. It was fairly successful and that's what it's all about.

We're making our monthly commitments and that's positive.

I am working on keeping the renewals and that can be quite taxing at times, but I am pushing forward.

I will be trying to get the Local to see the big picture on the bills we're seeing with our lobbyists help.

Till next time, see the big picture!

Sporty Milligan, President, ABATE Local 1

Local #19 Pomona Valley

ABATE of California, Local 19, Kicks Off the Biggest, Oldest, Cross Country Motorcycle Event, Run For The Wall 2022!

At this year's send off for Run For The Wall, Local 19 had a good showing that included one of our newest members, Mike, and two of his Padrinoz brothers. We also had Tom & Carol, Mark & Kay, our secretary/treasurer Diane, Sharon, Gloria, Gayle, one of our Local founding members Bill, and of course my wife Gailyn the Brew Mistress and I.

We provided about 36 gallons of coffee, going through over 500 cups, as well as filling many containers the riders had. Unfortunately, they were consuming faster than we could brew, so, if we could have kept up, we could have probably done another four gallons. More supplies have already been purchased to be sure this does not happen next year. We also went through 30 dozen doughnuts, and a couple boxes of doughnut holes.

In appreciation for our continued support, RFTW even gave us a nice plaque.

Local #25 Sacramento

Lil' David called the meeting to order at 7:00. There were nine members attending including our newest members, Spit Shine and Christy. We also had two renewals.

PAC Report: We discussed a number of Bills - AB 958, 2336, 2125, SB 894, 1079 & 66. SR-41 Motorcycle Profiling passed Senate Floor.

We talked about several upcoming runs and events in our area, President Biden's emergency waiver for the sale of E15, the 2022 National Motorcycle Profiling Survey and the ABATE 2nd quarter Board of Directors meeting.

Details and links were sent out to all members after the meeting.

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members! Our ABATE Local 38 Stimulus Run is in the books. We had 46 riders show up including Sporty Milligan from Local 1 and Gabriel Aragon of the Law Tiger's.

Gabriel had a Law Tiger's booth there. Gabriel and Sporty joined Richard Hernandez, my sweep rider, and did the run.

It was a beautiful day and the sun was shining. Our end was at the Inferno Restaurant at the Imperial Valley Mall where we gave away a total of a thousand dollars to: Barbara Bentley \$500, Jeanette Chen \$200, Pete Guillen \$150, Peggy Price \$100, and Tracy Raybon \$50. Peggy Price and Tracy Raybon donated their winnings back to ABATE Local 38 - Thank You!

I want to thank our stops Lazy Lizard Saloon, Face Off Sports and the Pilot Truck Stop as well as everyone who sold tickets, donated and volunteered.

Especially want to thank all the Local 38 members and Ivamoto.com for an excellent job.

Well, it's been fun. See you down the road. Stay safe.

Ed Aranda, President, ABATE Local 38

Janet Thomas



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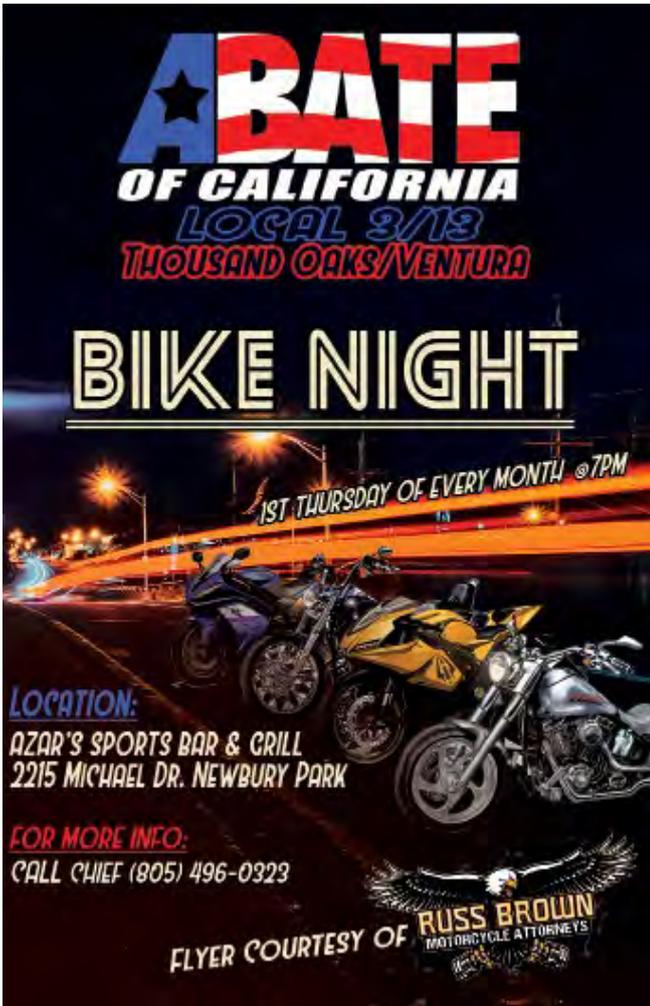
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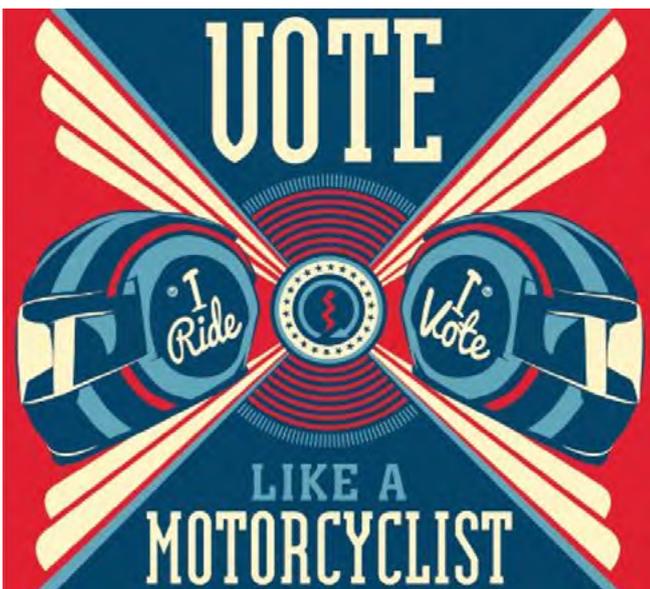
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Sporty's Rides

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by Sporty Milligan

Hello All! Another installment in the annals of your favorite biker scribe, Sporty Milligan. It's been a decent affair so far as I have just completed our barbeque, with a political kick to it, at the meeting of ABATE Local 1.

Hopefully we can accomplish our goals. And make some headway with the political issues we're involved with. There is one other thing, great things may happen if we trudge the road of happy destiny, if we respond to our calls to action, and talk to our state senators and assembly members. By being a political pain in the arse, we will develop and conquer our goals by again getting our issues solved. Remember be vigilant in your efforts. Just do it.



Saturday, May 14th, I did the Kings Hwy HOG Chapter meeting in Canoga Park - donuts and coffee. Passed out flyers. Then went to Glendale HD and passed out flyers for our Local 1 meeting event - barbeque with a political twist.

At this point I have to close with an "Attaboy" for Local 1's VP, Jim Nickla. His help with the meeting setup and program agenda was a valuable asset for the event. Thanks buddy!

This concludes Sporty Rides for this month. As always, look for new members, keep your Local's renewals and attend ABATE events.

Scribe Sporty Milligan, ABATE Local 1

And now I start with the runs portion of my column. My trek began with a good adventure to the ABATE Local 38 Stimulus Run. The good folks of Local 38 are located in El Central, CA. It's about 250 miles to get there, so this trip consists of a night stay in the Motel 6 at the end of the ride. I got really lucky, I stayed in a handicap room. That's good for helping me not to fall down.

About the ride down there; I took the 210 Fwy to the 10 Fwy - that's where it starts to get windy in spots like Banning - then south on Hwy 86. Also windy in sections near the Salton Sea. Otherwise, a great pleasant ride.

The next day I arrived at Coyne's Powersports. Of course, they were glad to see me! They served breakfast burritos that were delicious and free. I don't know the El Central area that well so I tagged along with the sweeps guy who is Local 38's VP. All the stops were nice and the ride was enjoyable. At the end spot they called out the ticket numbers for the \$1000. \$500 for first place the rest of the money was divided into \$200, \$150, \$100 and \$50.

By then it was time to head home as it was getting windy in spots on Hwy 86 blowing sand across the roadway. And it was blowing hard in Palm Springs. As I got closer to home, I had to stop and put on my jacket.

Thanks to President Ed Aranda and the Local 38 crew for a really bitchen ride and event.

In order to get the best attendance for your event you have to get out and drop off flyers to locations around town such as the Rock Store, Bartels HD, Glendale HD and Santa Clarita HD. It's kinda like making sure your event is covered.

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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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U.S. PRESIDENT RECOGNIZES MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

As the month of May kickstarts the riding season around the country, and Motorcycle Awareness Month reminds drivers to watch out for us riders, so comes a welcome acknowledgement of our safety concerns by none other than the President of the United States, who himself has been spotted aboard a Suzuki Hayabusa and a Harley or two.

"My Administration remains committed to ensuring the safety of everyone who rides a motorcycle and all who travel across our Nation," President Joe Biden wrote in a letter dated May 1, 2022.

The acknowledgment comes on the heels of the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, intended to benefit and modernize America's highways, roads, and bridges. "All of us who travel America's roads have an important role in securing a safe motorcycle-riding environment," added Biden.

"The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) has worked closely with the Department of Transportation (DoT) and the Biden administration to bring issues facing motorcyclists to the forefront," commented Scott Schloegel, senior vice president of government relations for MSF.

"This administration has placed a priority on reducing highway deaths and on educating the motoring public," Schloegel continued, "and we appreciate that this presidential recognition is one of many ways they are working to accomplish that goal."

TRAFFIC DEATHS TOP 16 YEAR HIGH

Traffic fatality figures for 2021 were the highest in 16 years, with nearly 43,000 people killed last year as Americans returned to the roadways following the coronavirus lockdowns and travel restrictions.

A 10.5% jump over 2020 numbers was the largest percentage increase since the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) began its fatality data collection system in 1975.

"Exacerbating the problem was a persistence of risky driving behaviors during the pandemic, such as speeding and less frequent use of seat belts, as people began to venture out more in 2021 for out-of-state and other road trips," analysts told the Associated Press (AP) in a May 18th report.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said America faces a crisis on its roads, and urged state and local governments, drivers and safety advocates to join in an effort to reverse the trend.

Preliminary figures recently released by the agency show that 42,915 people died in traffic crashes last year, up from 38,824 in 2020. Final figures will be released in the fall.

Forty-four states as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico had increases in traffic deaths in 2021 compared with the previous year, led by Texas, California and Florida. Posting declines were Wyoming, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Maryland and Maine.

Americans drove about 325 billion more miles last year, 11.2% higher than in 2020, which contributed to the increase.

EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLISTS FIGHT TO PROTECT RIDER DATA

Envisioning a world where your motorcycle tracks, records, and reports your departure and arrival time, speed, and GPS location, the Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations (FEMA) is taking proactive steps to address the potential issues at stake.

Far from fantasy, automotive manufacturers and legislators are actively considering privacy bills to protect vehicle owners' data from misuse, as autonomous, vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V), and vehicle-to-everything (V2X) advancing

technologies allow manufacturers and consumers to turn over more of the driving responsibilities to computers.

To combat misuse, several states in the U.S., including California, Virginia, and Colorado, have introduced bills regulating the collection and use of such data, but FEMA wants to get ahead of the curve internationally when it comes to motorcycles.

On one hand, autonomous motorcycles may be a long way off, but V2V and V2X tech would certainly improve a motorcyclist's visibility to fellow motorists, greatly enhancing safety, but while such future technologies present clear benefits, the privacy issues may be a deal-breaker for some riders. In a prepared statement, FEMA explained that, "The owner of the motorcycle must be in control of the data and be able to decide who gets access to it."

For those familiar with computers or smart devices, this type of permissions-based check is the norm. Whether collecting browser cookies or accessing your phone's photo gallery, firms must ask for the user's approval before gathering data. FEMA recently sent a letter to the European Commission (EC) expressing that the same standard should apply to your vehicle's data.

NEW HAMPSHIRE OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE PROFILING

It is now illegal in New Hampshire for law enforcement to pull over, search or arrest anyone simply because that person "rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related paraphernalia."

Governor Chris Sununu signed House Bill 1000 into law on Friday, May 20, 2022, making New Hampshire the fifth state to prohibit the discriminatory practice behind Washington (2011), Maryland (2016), Louisiana (2019) and Idaho (2020).

Co-sponsored by longtime bikers' rights leader Sherman Packard, House

Speaker representing Londonderry, the bill prohibits law enforcement agencies from engaging in motorcycle profiling, and states: “No state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency shall engage in motorcycle profiling. In this section, ‘motorcycle profiling’ shall mean use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related paraphernalia as a basis for deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle under the United States Constitution or the New Hampshire constitution.”

Packard, an original member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Legislative Task Force, testified before the House Transportation Committee that a previous encounter with a local police officer convinced him New Hampshire still has a “small problem” with some profiling of motorcyclists; “This is a problem, not as major in New Hampshire as it is in some other states, but I have personally been a victim of it.”

According to the text of HB 1000, “This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.”

SEEKING SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL ANTI-PROFILING MEASURE

Congressman Tim Walberg (R-MI) has sent a “Dear Colleague Letter” to all members of the U.S. House of Representatives on May 4, 2022 asking his fellow Representatives to cosponsor H. Res. 366 to prevent the discriminatory profiling of motorcycle riders by law enforcement.

As the co-chair of the House Motorcycle Caucus, Rep. Walberg wrote to each of the 434 House members on behalf of America’s 10 million motorcyclists during Motorcycle Awareness Month; “Motorcycles and motorcyclists not only represent an important part of our transportation network but are also an iconic part of the fabric of Americana. Over the years numerous motorcyclists have reached out to my office and others to discuss their concerns over the profiling of motorcyclists.”

He goes on to say that, “In response to these concerns, myself, Congressman Burgess (TX), Congresswoman Bustos (IL) and Congressman Pocan (WI) introduced H. Res. 366 a resolution that promotes awareness of motorcyclist profiling

and encourages collaboration between the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling.”

As of his writing, 90 bipartisan members of the House had cosponsored the resolution including at least one member from 34 different states. In December of 2018, the U.S. Senate passed a nearly identical resolution on this topic. “I am hopeful we in the House can do the same.”

Please contact your state’s congressional delegation by calling the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask them to join Rep. Walberg in cosponsoring H. Res. 366 “and support the thousands of bikers back home in your district.”

CALIFORNIA MAY ESTABLISH PILOT NOISE CAMERA PROGRAM

In mid-May, 2022, the California state legislature passed a bill that would create a pilot “noise camera” program to target excessively loud motorcycles and cars. The bill now goes to Governor Gavin Newsom for his signature -- and if he signs it into law, the pilot program will officially go into effect on January 1, 2023 and run through December 31, 2027, after which point it will be repealed.

Under the language of SB-1079 as passed, a total of six yet-to-be-determined cities across California would implement a pilot program, using automated, so-called ‘noise cameras’ to ‘capture vehicle noise levels that exceed the legal sound limit.’

Complicating matters, the legal sound limits for cars and motorcycles in California have been in place for years, and are inexplicably different, with a limit of 95 decibels for cars and 80 for motorcycles built after 1985.

Noise cameras have been used in Europe and came to the United States last fall when New York began piloting their use. Earlier this year, Knoxville, Tenn., also began testing a noise camera, and Newark, NJ is currently exploring their use.

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The 37th annual NCOM Convention in Nashville, Tennessee will draw hundreds of bikers’ rights activists from across America to “Music City, USA” from June

17-19 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Nashville Airport, 10 Century Blvd. (615-871-0033 for room reservations), to discuss and develop legal and legislative strategies regarding issues of concern to all riders.

For more information, or to pre-register (by June 10), call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com. ALL motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend!

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “When all’s said and done, all roads lead to the same end. So it’s not so much which road you take, as how you take it.”

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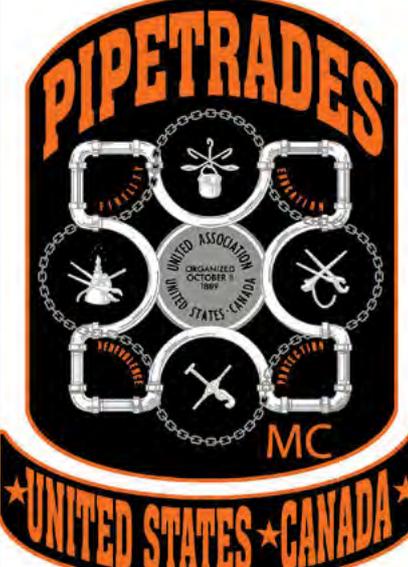
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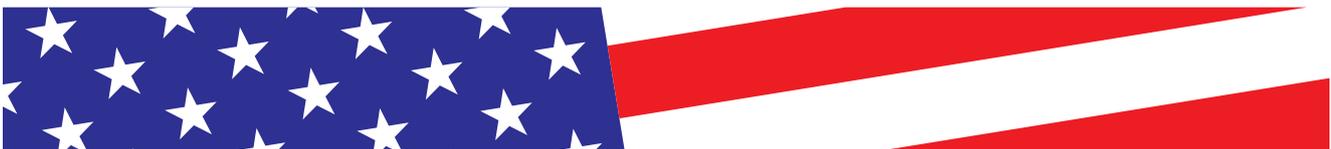
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This and That...

By Norm E. Newiger

The great month of May is upon us, yay! So close to summer, but still with doses of spring. I'm hoping that the weather becomes more predictable and not too much of the April cycle of hot one day and cold the next.

As I'm writing this article, I'm also in the garage getting my bike ready for a carefree summer of riding and riding some more. I like to go over my bike and touch all the nuts and bolts to make sure they won't be an issue later. Vibrations is the heart beat of a Harley, and with that comes loose anything, chrome disappears, a nut here, a bolt there, it just sheds iron parts as you ride.

You'd be surprised to see what's loose and what's rock steady. You will definitely find out as you do this more often. There are many bolts/nuts that are not affected by vibrations, but still need to be inspected. I'm in no hurry, this could take 2 or 3 days to complete because I detail my bike as much as possible, which allows me to closely examine it.

I like to inspect all my cables and the wiring system under the seat and gas tank. It takes a little time to take off the seat and tank, but I also get to clean under them and this only happens once or twice a year. May is my pre-season, the whole month I concentrate on what I need to do to ride and work on getting my bike set for the summer while also taking rides to make sure what I'm doing is a good thing. It's like a chef that tastes his food before serving; we take rides to make sure our bikes are tight and ready to roll.

As the weather beacons call, we have to answer, and the only correct answer is, "Yes, I'm riding!" Even though we have excellent year-round weather, sometimes we have to wait a whole week in-between rains and we know how devastating that can be! Remember spring has sprung, and so should your kickstands, be sprung that is! The person that prepares for the riding season will most likely be able to enjoy the season without any type of mishaps or plastic chrome pieces (made in China) flying off yer bike while doing 65 mph and never to be seen again! It's true! I pretty much have had all my BS China chrome gone missing. I have tried, with no luck, to find them and my only conclusion is that they are with my missing socks, never to be found.

One thing I have noticed lately, because I'm curious, is how dirty it is at most major intersections with red lights, mainly at the cross-walk area. The amount of oil and antifreeze is amazing, if not mesmerizing. We know how it gets there. I just don't know why it can't be cleaned by the city or county or state. Besides stinking, it's downright dangerous for us 2 wheelers. I've seen riders slide right through it while braking and go down faster than Curly Howard! I have seen me bros put their foot in it while stopped and slip while their bikes dropped and I also saw one whose bike was imitating a fish out of the water flopping until it died - true story. It's a very easy fix, just avoid it while stopped or riding - you know it's there. When it's hot, it gets loose and slippery. Just make a habit of not riding through it while going through the intersection.

Another pet peeve of mine is them exits that have bushes, block walls or trees blocking your vision of oncoming traffic. I know of a few that I avoid because they dump you onto a 45 mph speed limit street. You practically have to enter the oncoming lane to see. We can't jam it into reverse quickly like you can do in a car, so it's deemed dangerous. The one way that I know how to address this is bring your bike to at least a 45 degree angle where you stopped, so you can get a better view of the oncoming traffic and you can inch your way closer to the road if necessary, so that your front tire doesn't stick out into the lane. Luckily some of these roads have bike lanes and that's a saving grace for us.

Okay I gotta get this off my chest; what happened to them electric supposedly motorcycles? I really haven't seen any ads for them. I know there's a really big push on electric cars, but motorcycles? I wouldn't buy one period. I'll buy a rice rocket before I buy one them. I don't even want to call them motorcycles, to me they are fancy overpriced adult sized electric scooters with brand names on them.

For my mindset I think noise is a safety device for us real motorcycle riders - Harley noise that is! I remember pulling into a parking lot and parking next to an old lady who was getting out of her car. She said my bike was very loud! I smiled and said that's how you know that I'm near you, to alert you of my presence (besides sounding bitchen) - another true story.

I have seen people riding electric bikes or scooters and the only noise you get out them is tire noise, you can't even hear them when they come towards you. You wanna ride an electric scooterbike (remember they're not motorcycles)? You wanna know why I think they're dangerous? It's if you're riding on the freeway, let's say, and it's kind of packed and you're just cruising minding your own business, but you're quiet! Nobody can hear you. They can only see you if they look for you. So that person in the lane next to you doesn't acknowledge you and turns into your lane and boom! Just like that you made the 4:00 o'clock news. You should buy an electric bicycle or scooter and see if that's the sound you like, tire noise that is. Do this before spending way too much money for an adult toy!

May is a good time to tune up on your riding skills. The first one I practice around the neighborhood is how slow I can travel without putting my feet down for at least a block or two and turning left and right. It's fairly easy at certain speeds, but try it under 10 mph. If you wanna look good in front of people, master it, and you know people are watching you. This might be more difficult with a passenger.

I've said this before and I'll say it again, for me it's gotta be a natural instinct reaction. I'm talking about braking practice. First and most importantly it lets you know how your bike is reacting to your locked rear tire. Do you have control while the rear tire is locked? Can you counter act to what your bike is doing and get out of it safely? Sometimes it could feel like sand on asphalt, it's that slippery, and sliding is not an option. When I start, I'm like at 20 mph and then I lock my rear tire and see what's my bike's doing. Then I do it again and react to what I felt previously, gathering information for my brain hoping that I don't ever have to use that

little bit of knowledge my brain is holding. Buttz! I have done it enough that I can control my bike, in an instant, while the rear tire is locked.

I had the benefit of learning how to brake while I was a kid on a dirt bike. I was taught how to do brodies (remember that term ya old farts!) at all speeds and I kind of mastered it without any injuries - thank God.

Last, but not least, the good ole check your tire pressure routine. Good tire pressure gives you the best gas mileage, not much, but you can count on it. You also get better braking and let me tell ya, hard braking is about inches! You also get better handling and that's big especially if yer up in mountains and love to carve the corners.

Motorcycle safety is about having trouble free fun, not breaking down on the 138 highway at 1:30 in the hot afternoon because the bolt or nut you didn't check out just drained yer oil for 2 miles before you realize it.

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