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Lobbyist's Legislative Report



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The California State Legislature returned January 6th to start work on over 600 bills that were held in 2019 and thus became “two year bills” as they are referred to in the Capitol. These bills have until the end of January to be heard in Committees and pass or they DIE for the year!

Governor Newsom delivered his State budget with an increase of state spending of 7 billion dollars over last year's approved 215 billion dollar budget. This is due to a thriving economy in California and the United States last year, which increased the states income in taxes tremendously. Should the economy decline this budget would require dramatic cuts - only time will tell as the budget will be negotiated between the Legislature, Governor over the next 6 months while

lobbyists track, monitor and amend along the process.

February 21st is Bill Introduction Deadline. On February 22nd we will see what bills have been introduced by Senators and Assemblymembers for this session and review in our March Bailing Wire article. As this is the end of the two year political cycle, expect even more ‘spot bills’ - empty placeholders that can be amended later on. With this being an election year, we can expect there to be many bills to contend with this year! So stay tuned for our Bills at a Glance update and Legislative Alerts!

The 2020 California Primary is the first Tuesday in March - earlier than in years past. It was moved from June so we could supposable impact the Democratic Presidential Selection of the candidate to oppose President Trump next November! This has been done several times in the past 30 years and it did little to effect the outcome! So get out and Vote on March 3rd.

Thanks to all that donate to the dedicated Lobbyist Fund to keep us Fighting for your Rights on the Road!

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

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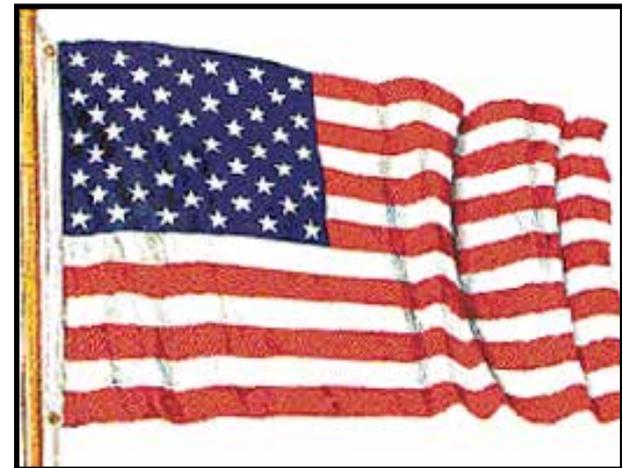


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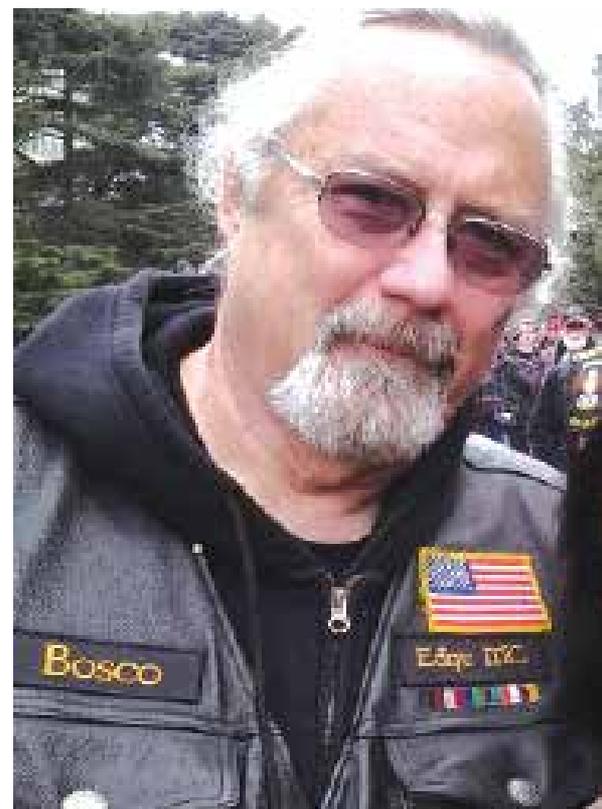
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Executive Director Report by Mark Loudermilk, Executive Director

Happy New Year everyone!! We are into a new year and a new decade. We just had our 1st Quarter Board of Directors meeting. Big thanks to Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys for sponsoring it and Local 8 for hosting. We had some folks step down from the positions they had held, and I want to thank each and every one of you for your years of commitment and service to ABATE, you have left big shoes to fill. At the same time, we have several new faces at the State and Local level. Thanks to you for choosing to increase your involvement in making ABATE a success. We still have a few positions open so please consider taking on one of these challenges.

The upcoming year is going to be a busy one. We have both national and local elections this year. There are many candidates and issues to consider. When we are past the primary elections, we will send our questionnaire regarding biker related issues to the final candidates. ABATE will provide members with a recommendation to support or oppose them based on their responses, how they have voted in the past, and the relationships ABATE members have formed with their local legislators.

Beyond the elections, we have the regular legislative session. Our lobbyist, The Lombardo Group, follows the happenings at the Capitol and advises us on what actions may be necessary. These often result in a "Call to Action" being issued to the members. These are made when an issue that affects motorcyclists is being considered and we need to make our representatives aware of the riders' support or opposition of an issue. A Call to Action can be a request to call, email, or visit you representative's offices.



ABATE is a bottom up organization. The members' participation determines whether we succeed or not. When we send out a Call to Action, we need you to respond. Remember that old saying, "the squeaky wheel gets the grease"? If we do not make our legislators know where we stand on the issue, we do not exist. Politicians want to get reelected. Letting them know, by responding to a Call to Action, where the riders in California stand on an issue can affect how they proceed. There were over 842,000 registered private motorcycles (AKA voters) in California in 2017. We have the numbers to affect who gets elected, what laws get passes or rejected.

So, as mentioned before, we have a busy year ahead. Step up your participation to the next level. If you are not sure what that entails, go to your Local meeting and ask your Local's President. Be part of the solution.

And lastly ride often and ride safe, we have a lot to do.

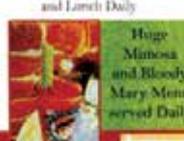
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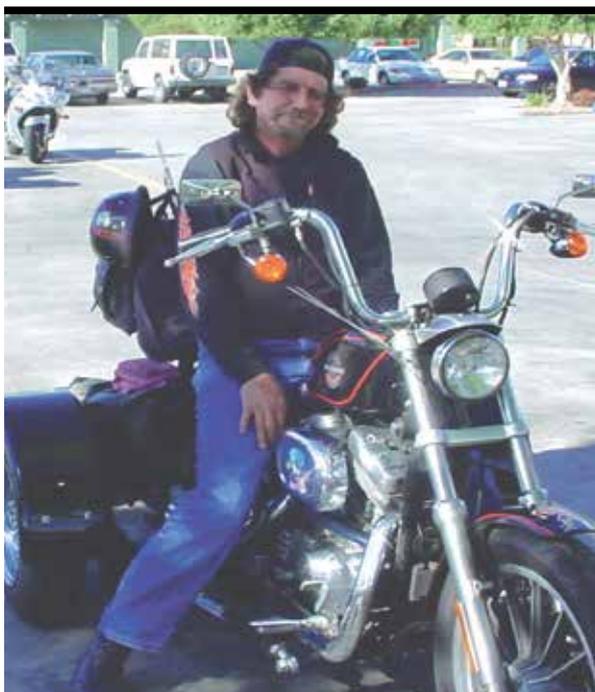
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Membership Report



by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Greetings all! The first 2020 ABATE Board of Directors meeting, which was sponsored by Russ Brown and hosted by ABATE Local 8, was on January 11th. We discussed membership. It is important to note that we are going to do a better job of keeping our renewals. It is the responsibility of each Local to do whatever

it takes to keep the renewals.

By making the membership feel welcome at your meetings you might get volunteers for your events, which is always a good thing – right?

As I have said before, I have an email tree and use it to help me keep the Local 1 membership informed about meetings and who is due for a renewal of their membership.

So with that being said I would like to remind you that new members are also important to the Locals' wellbeing. The 2020 membership drive goes from January 1st to December 31st.

We will be sending to the presidents of each Local the ever popular membership drive funding tickets. Depending on how many you get, you can use the tickets as trinkets when you get a renewal.

Finally the results of the 2019 drive: 3rd place is Sporty Milligan, Local 1, with 4 new members, 2nd is Gill Mellon, Local 20, with 13 new members and 1st place is Glen Phillips, Local 17, with 16 new members. Honorable mention goes to Brian Williams, Local 3/13, Ed Aranda, Local 38, and Karen Stanier, Local 40, who all got 2 new members for their Locals.

Ok folks, remember there is unity and strength in number of members!

Respectable submitted by Sporty, Membership Chairman

ABATE Membership Challenge

by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi all! We had a Board of Directors meeting January 11th and the idea of a membership challenge within each Local was brought up. I am going to go one step further. I challenge each of you in ABATE to get at least one new member. Good hunting!

ABATE presidents do you often wonder how you might improve your ABATE Local meetings? Are they getting stale? Hopefully we can correct this dilemma.

It needs to start with the president's ability to change the format so the members will come back for the meetings month after month. How do we accomplish this?

You accomplish this by getting the members involved. Develop goals for the members to accomplish such as one member can be on the phone tree or email tree or to alert the members when the meetings will be scheduled. Encourage the members to participate in your runs. Encourage them to volunteer for events.

Another way to get Local participation is by getting members of your Local involved in selling! Such as the annual special raffle tickets for the membership drive

There are many ways to improve the quality of your meetings. Perhaps plan an after meeting ride with some of your members who attended the meeting. Ask for suggestions for a route and destination.

Now there are some members who are not meeting savvy, but they are your members just the same, so you need to keep them informed about stuff regarding PAC issues and general items about the workings of ABATE.

ABATE Local 1 is having their 33rd annual Polar Bear run. I have been reaching out to the membership to help support this annual event as it is a fundraiser for the Local.

Sporty Milligan, Board of Directors member, Membership Chairman, President Local 1

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Thank YOU for your contributions in helping to preserve “Freedom of the Road” by supporting ABATE’s paid Lobbyist and the General Fund!!! Thank you to our Members that renew their Memberships and those that join us – that too helps in preserving and fighting for Motorcyclist’s Rights!! And of Course, the Locals that contribute to the funds regularly and when they do events. THANK YOU!! It’s a team effort, so thank you for being a part of the ABATE Team!

Local 2 2019 Holiday Party



ABATE of CA Open Positions

This year has been another one of great change. This means that we have some positions to fill. We need you! We need your fresh ideas and we need a bit of your time to continue to make ABATE the Motorcycle voice that it has always been.

Take a look at the positions below and if you think one of them is for you contact the State Office or any Board Member. We will need a short bio and a selfie sent to bailing.wire@abate.org.

Except for the Board position all jobs are appointed by the BOD. All candidates need to have been a member in good standing for at least 1 year.

If you ever thought you could do it better, now is the time to raise your hand. Let’s get into the conversation!

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The Editor shall be responsible for editing and publishing a monthly newsletter. The Editor has responsibility for the content, layout as well as the coordination of the printing in a timely manner. The Editor is assisted by other staff members and reports directly to the Board of Directors.

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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Greetings all! Because articles are due by the end of the 15th day of the month, this is what will happen at Local 1's meeting on Sunday, January 19th.

It starts out with the Pledge of Allegiance. Then I give the president's report that will consist of a summary of the first 2020 Board of Directors meeting.

Most of the meeting will be talk about the Polar Bear run that is happening February 23rd. If it is raining that day, the run will be on March 1st.

After that discussion will be the VP's report from Jim Nickla, and the run report. We will have members' input followed by a delicious breakfast, at a small cost, provided by the Elks Lodge staff.

Sporty reporting, President ABATE Local 1

Local #02 Simi Valley



Happy New Year from Local 2 to all the ABATE members out there! Let's make 2020 a great year by attending all 11 meetings and a great party for the 12th meeting. More of us should be participating in rides that go on at least once a month or more.

We do miss all who can't make it here, it's a once a month meeting and only 11 times a year. The meetings are very informative and educational. At Local 2 we strive to make our meetings fun and educating. Sharing a plethora of other things we talk about and/or do. We have the right tools for our meeting, #1 is the VFW where we hold our meetings, #2 we get to use their great BBQ and beautiful patio, #3 they have a great bar with great prices, and #4 the meeting room is big with A/C and heating. And all this means that we get to have great comradery before, during and after our meetings.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW POST 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Street in Simi Valley. We BBQ every month no matter the weather. Our delicious \$5.00 meal deal starts serving at 6:45 pm and the meeting starts at 7:30. There are cheese burgers and foot long wieners with all the fixin's you could want. The VFW's bar is on the other side of the wall and you can wet yer pallet while eating to your hearts content! A big thanks to our volunteer cooks, Pres Jim and Betty, our treasurer.

We opened the meeting with the Pledge of Alliance. Pres Jim talked to us about our annual

Sweaty Buns Run. We found out it's our 25th Sweaty Buns Run! We got into great discussions immediately! I guess the excitement of the longevity of our run is catching up to us and we are excited and ready to start planning our ride.

We went through all our officer's briefings. Then our meeting went into game mode and we had many prizes for our drawings. Pres Jim won our membership drawing!

Hope to see you all at our next meeting! We have a lot of planning to do for the 25th Sweaty Buns run, so come on down and join us!

Ride Safe, PTL norm e.

Local #08 Orange County



Howdy all! Just a quick blurb this month.

First off – Thanks to the American Legion and the Auxiliary for their hospitality during our first quarterly Board of Directors meeting. What a lunch!

Second – Local 8 is planning to have an information booth at the Co-Cal Cycle Show and Swap Meet on Sunday, January 28th. Come on out and see us!

All for now. Steve

Local #20 Orange County



21 members and 4 guests were at our December meeting. We had a very nice turnout for our traditional Christmas dinner, which Russ Brown paid for. Thank you Russ! Special guest, Shawn, from Russ Brown's office attended the party.

Doreen thanked a wonderful group of volunteers for their great contributions to the community. They are: Michele & Michael, Dogg, Nery & Kevin, David & Melissa. A gift and Home Depot gift card were given to them. Gill was gifted with a huge mug! Thank you again for all that everyone does.

Raffle prizes were donated by Gill, Melissa, Spike and Russ Brown. The winners: \$25 Target card/Spike, Beauty Gift Box/No Name, Russ Brown charger/Nery and the Ride Free Or Die poster & camera/Squirt.

Spike won the \$72 50/50. Shim won \$174 membership drawing, of which he donated a big chunk of change back to ABATE. Spike won the \$100 that he donated back to ABATE.

Non Politically Correct Gill/Squirt wish you a Happy New Year 2020!

January meeting: Rick is the new President and Shim is the new VP. Other officers are the same.

We need to act on Call to Actions, petitions, ways to boost membership and keep members active.

I would like input for events, etc and tie in ABATE. Spoke of changing meeting night to Wednesday or Thursday. Get involved. Hoping to have a speaker or two for the next meeting. Open to any and all suggestions.

Gill is the 2019 Freedom Fighter of the Year. Well deserved Gill. Cheers!

MPP (Motorcycle Profile Project) questions are changed every year, takes 5 minutes to fill out. Send to family and friends, too. 2019 had only 7K responses. Make 2020 over 10K. Stats are important. Any suggestions for new questions, etc are welcome.

Spike and Gill to see Quirk-Silva soon. Gill says Russ Brown pays for event flyers, so send Russ a picture of his banner at an event.

On the REAL ID CDL, you can handle the voter registration at DMV.

Rick/sb

Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the November 21st meeting to order at 7:00. There were 2 members attending. Jessie from Local 33 was our guest.

Lil'David reviewed the minutes of the last state Board of Directors meeting.. Tom Lubbers passed away. Glenn Phillips is stepping down from his position.

Up-coming toy runs were talked about. We ended the meeting by filling out our ballots for 2019 Freedom Fighter.

Lil' David called the December 19th meeting to order at 7:00. We used the flag on JR's vest for the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 12 members attending. David Battles recently renewed – thank you!

We have a little money in our treasury, enough to send checks to headquarters for the general fund and PAC.

There was some discussion about the fake news going around about a unification rally.

Joe Rendon received some negative feedback about his picture in the Bailing Wire because of the noose. Joe is from the Placerville area that used to be called "Hangtown" that proudly displays a dummy dangling from a noose on Main St.

Lil'David made a motion to continue with the same officers into 2020. The motion was seconded and carried.

Gill sent out PAC information that included the number of registered vehicles in each county, which a few members examined.

It was mentioned that Marysville has a big motorcycle awareness event each May. This could be a chance to use the drunk driving goggles. We could set up a booth and a game that includes the goggles.

On February 1st there is a crab feed at the American Legion Hall in Placerville and a spaghetti feed at the Valencia Club.

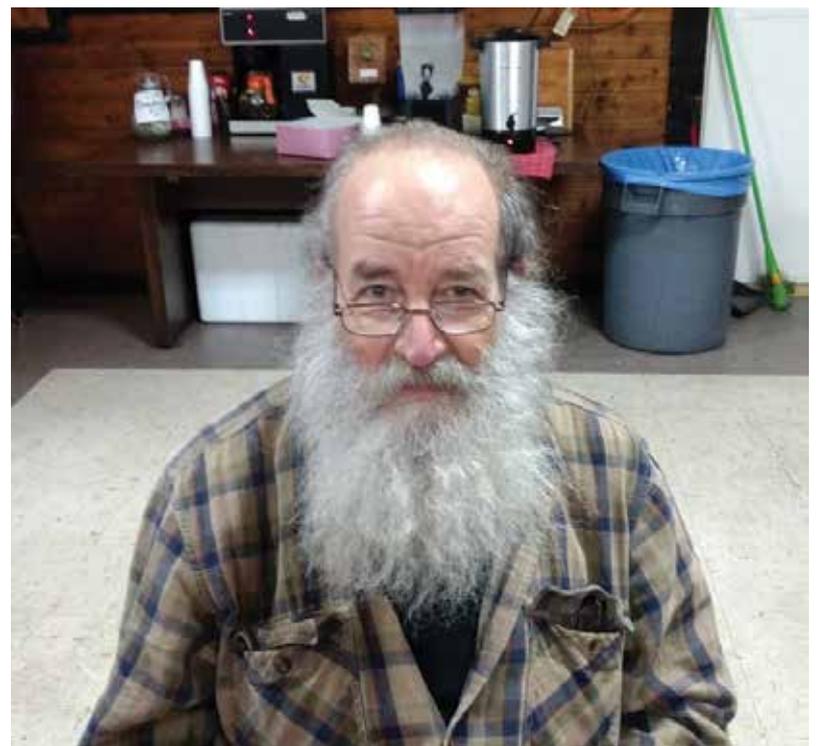
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DMV News

DMV Reminds Californians of REAL ID Enforcement and New Laws for 2020

REAL ID:

With 2020 just beginning, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is reminding Californians of the upcoming federal enforcement date for REAL ID.

Starting October 1, 2020, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will require a valid US Passport or other federally approved document, like a REAL ID driver license or identification card, to board flights within the United States and access secure federal facilities and military bases.

“We urge Californians to apply for their REAL ID at the time of their renewal or their earliest convenience – so they are fully prepared by October 1, 2020,” DMV Director Steve Gordon said.

To apply for a REAL ID, Californians must visit a DMV office and bring the following documents:

1. An identity document such as a valid passport or original birth certificate. If you’ve changed your name, legal name change document(s) might be required.

2. A document with the entire Social Security number visible, such as an original Social Security card or W-2 form.

3. Two hard copy documents showing California residency, such as a utility or cell phone bill, bank statement, or mortgage bill.

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NEW CALIFORNIA LAWS:

Along with the upcoming REAL ID federal enforcement, the DMV wants to inform Californians about several new state laws or changes to existing law that take effect January 1, 2020.

Ban on Selling DMV Appointments (AB 317, Diep): Makes it unlawful for any person to sell, or offer for sale, an appointment with the DMV.

Clean Air Vehicle Decals for Low-Income Californians (SB 957, Lara – 2018): Allows certain used vehicles that were previously issued a green or white clean air vehicle decal to receive another clean air vehicle decal, granting access to high occupancy vehicle lanes until January 1, 2024. To qualify, the vehicle must have a new owner whose income is 80 percent or less than the statewide medium income.

Repeal of Driver License Actions Based on Non-Driving Offenses (SB 485, Beall): Eliminates courts’ authority to suspend, revoke, restrict or order the DMV to delay the driving privilege of a person convicted of prostitution, vandalism or other non-driving offenses.

Extension of Pilot Program for Registration Alternatives (AB 1614, Gipson): Extends the pilot program evaluating the use of alternatives to license plates and registration cards until January 1, 2021.

Driver License Extension for Members of U.S. Foreign Service and Spouse (SB 267, Wieckowski): Extends the validity of a driver license for a person in the United States Foreign Service or their spouse for the period of their service and up to 30 days following their return to California.

Operation of Motorized Scooters (AB 1810, Committee on Transportation): Removes motorized scooters from the list of vehicles requiring a Class M2 driver license or permit, thus allowing a person with a valid driver license or permit of any class to operate a motorized scooter.

Rules for Passing Waste Service Vehicles (AB 2115, Santiago – 2018): Requires a driver approaching or passing a stopped waste service vehicle to make a lane change into an available lane adjacent to the waste service vehicle and pass at a safe distance, with due regard for safety and traffic conditions, except as specified.

Reminder: New Color for Clean Air Vehicle Decals (AB 544, Bloom – 2017): As previously announced, AB 544 created a new program to grant low-emission vehicles and transitional zero-emission vehicles access to high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes for an approximate four-year period, regardless of the vehicle occupancy level. The DMV will issue orange decals in 2020 that grant access to HOV lanes until January 1, 2024.

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New California laws 2020

ABC Channel 7 News
By Juan Carlos Guerrero

SAN FRANCISCO -- While internet companies have prospered with little oversight in the past decade, 2020 ushers in a new era California with more protections for internet users and the rising number of gig workers. Here is a list of the new state laws that will take effect on January 1, 2020.

WORKPLACE

SB 3: Minimum wage
Another pay hike is on the way for minimum wage workers. The minimum wage in California goes up by one dollar to \$12 an hour for workers at companies with 25 or fewer employees and to \$13 an hour for workers at larger companies.

AB 5: Independent workers
While aimed directly at gig workers, this new law may also apply to many more contract or independent worker in California. Under AB-5, workers would be considered employees and not independent contractors if the employer controls the work, directs them in the course of their work or if the worker's job is part of a company's core business. Uber and several other businesses are [suing to stop Assembly Bill 5](#).

SB 188: Hairstyles
California becomes the first state to ban workplace and school discrimination based on a person's natural hairstyle or hair texture, with the [Crown Law](#). Protected hairstyles include braids, twists and locks.

SB 142: Lactation accommodations
While California has had a law requiring employers to provide breaks for nursing mothers, many were forced to express breast milk in a bathroom stall or office closet. This new law requires companies to provide appropriate lactation accommodations that is close to the employee's work area, has electrical plugs and is free of intrusion.

AB 51: Arbitration agreements
Starting January 1, workers can't be forced into mandatory arbitration by an employer. The law bans mandatory arbitration agreements with employees. The law does not apply to arbitration agreements entered into prior to January 1, 2020.

SB 1343: Sexual harassment
Requires businesses with at least five employees to provide sexual harassment training to its employees within six months of being hired, and every two years after that.

SB 83: Paid family leave
New parents will have more time to care for their child. Benefits under Paid Family Leave will increase from six weeks to eight weeks starting on July 1, 2020.

HOUSING

AB 1482: Rent control
Communities without their own rent control laws will now be covered by statewide rent control protections. The law limits rent increases to 5 percent each year plus inflation, but never above 10 percent total. The law does not apply to housing built in the 15 years prior. The limit is a rolling number so the date housing is excluded changes every year.

AB 652: Religious displays
You have more protections to display religious items like menorahs or crosses outside your home. The law prohibits landlords and homeowner associations from banning the display of religious items on entry doors or doorframes. The items cannot be larger than 26 by 12 inches.

SB 222: Housing discrimination
This law expands existing law to protect veterans and military personnel against housing discrimination.

PRIVACY

AB 375: Online privacy
Want to know what information companies like Facebook or Google are collecting about you. The California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) gives internet users more control over their data. Among other things, the law gives users the right to know what data is collected, the right to reject the sale of your information and the right to delete your data.

MARRIAGE

SB 30: Domestic partners
What's good for same-sex couples is good for heterosexual couples. This [law allows heterosexual couples to register as domestic partners](#) instead of getting married. Currently, only heterosexual couples age 62 or older were allowed to register as domestic partners because of social security benefits. The new law could help couples with combined higher incomes avoid the federal marriage tax penalty.

EDUCATION

SB 419: School suspensions
Students in elementary school can't be so easily suspended for causing trouble at school. The law bans schools from suspending students in grades 4-8 for disrupting school activities or defying teachers and administrators. Students in grades K-3 already have this protection. High school students must wait until 2025 for the same benefit.

HEALTHCARE

SB 104: Healthcare for undocumented immigrants
California becomes the first state in the nation to offer government-subsidized health benefits to young adults living in the country illegally. The law expands the Medicaid program to include low-income adults age 25 or younger regardless of their immigration status.

AB 2119: Transgender youth
Transgender youth in the foster care system will get appropriate health care. The law is the first in the country to include access to gender-affirming medical services, mental health counseling, hormone therapy and surgery.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

SB 273: Statute of limitations
Extends statute of limitations for domestic violence felonies from three to five years.

SB 439: Juvenile hall
This law changes the age that a minor can be sent to juvenile hall. Minors under 12 who commit non-violent crimes would be released to his or her parent or legal guardian instead of being sent to juvenile hall. The law does not apply to minors who commit murder, rape, or great bodily harm.

SB 970: Human trafficking
Operators of motels and hotels in California must provide training to teach its staff how to identify victims of human trafficking.

ANIMALS

SB 1249: Animal testing
Prohibits the sale of cosmetic products with ingredients that were tested on animals after January 1, 2020. The law does not affect products sold globally where animal testing is required by law.

AB 1762: Dog areas
The California Department of Parks and Recreation has until July 1, 2020 to establish a comprehensive list of state parks that allow dogs, including the specific areas that allow dogs and the total miles of trails that are open to dogs.

WILDFIRES

SB 167: Public safety power shutoffs
Requires utilities like PG&E to devise plans on reducing the negative impact of planned power shutoffs to first responders and people with disabilities.

AB 247: Tree trimming
Gives the California Public Utilities Commission more oversight over tree trimming efforts by utilities. Power companies would have to submit timely reports on their brush and tree trimming work.

SB 209: Wildfire warning center
Establishes a wildfire warning center to broaden the state's ability to predict and prepare for wildfire. The center would rely on a state-wide network of automated weather stations and fire detection cameras.

TECHNOLOGY

AB 1707: Smartphones in polling places
Voters may use handheld electronic devices to help them cast their ballots at polling places, as long as they don't violate other election laws.

For further information on this article click here: <https://abc7.com/politics/new-california-laws-in-2020/5750088/>

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Annual ABATE Local #38 Turkey Run

by Ed Aranda, President Local 38

Hello ABATE Members and Friends! The 22nd annual ABATE Local 38 Turkey run was a huge success! We collected 465 frozen turkeys that we donated to charities around the Imperial Valley. It never gets old to say we achieved our goal. Actually, we surpassed our goal, Wow!

This would not have been possible without the donations of a lot of people and businesses. First off, our host, the El Centro Walmart Supercenter, and El Centro Motors for donating the use of two Super Duty Trucks to haul the turkeys.

Additionally, Calexico Neighborhood House, Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church, and the Sister Evelyn Mourey Center for providing food and drinks for the participants

along the way and at the end of the turkey run's route.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered, donated, and participated in the event. It didn't matter if your donation was small or large; it was very much appreciated and collectively made a significant impact to the families that received the donation of turkeys.

The following are the people and businesses that made our event a success: ABATE Local 6 San Diego, ABATE Local 11 North County, Allstate Insurance Julie Oliver Agent, Autozone Stores (Adams Avenue, 4th Street in El Centro, the Imperial & Brawley locations), Bob & Alicia Brown Rental, Bobby's Territorial Harley-Davidson in Yuma, Blue Knights California X, Citi Dental in El Cajon, CooperWest Insurance in Holtville,

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Last, but not least, I want to thank the motorcycling community for their continued support of our annual event.

Sincerely, Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38

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ABATE Events for 2020

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

February 23rd – ABATE 1 – 33rd Annual Polar Bear Run (see flyer this issue)

March 7th – ABATE 17 – 32nd Annual FYAO Run (see flyer this issue)

March – ABATE Local 3/13 – Leather Weather Run

April 11th – 2nd Quarter Board Meeting On-Line (see flyer this issue)

April – ABATE Local 24 – 21st Annual Ammo Run

April – ABATE Local 17 – Spring Bingo Fun Run

May 2nd – ABATE 17 – 9th Annual Texas Hold 'em Tournament (see flyer this issue)

May 8th - 9th – NCOM Convention Indianapolis (see flyer this issue)

May 19th – MRF Bikers in the Beltway DC (see flyer this issue)

May – ABATE Local 38 – Cinco De Mayo & Annual Ice Chest Run

May – ABATE Local 23 – 3rd Annual Box of Love

June – ABATE Local 17 – 25th Annual Ride in Bike & Car Show

July 11th – 2nd Quarter Board Meeting Piccadilly Inn Fresno CA

July – ABATE Local 17 – Summer Bingo

July – ABATE Local 2 – 25th Annual Sweaty Buns Run

August – ABATE Local 17 – 21st Annual Sarah's Memorial Run

September – MRF Meeting of the Minds

October 10th – 4th Quarter Board Meeting On-Line

October – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo

October – ABATE Local 3/13 – 12th Annual Biker Trivia Run

November – ABATE Local 24 – 30th Annual Turkey Run

November – ABATE Local 11 – Ice Chest Raffle

November – ABATE Local 38 – 23rd Annual Turkey Run

November – 30th Annual One More from the Heart

December 25th – ABATE Local 6 – Santa with the Kids

December – ABATE Local 19 – 32nd Annual Toy Run

December – ABATE Local 1 – 33rd Annual LA Toy Run with Glendale HD

December – ABATE Local 38 – Imperial Valley Los Ninos Toy Run

Bike Nites:

ABATE Local 3/13 – 1st Thursday of the month (See flyer in this issue for details.)

If you have a date for your event, and no details or flyer yet, you may still submit your dates, so others can pencil it in on their social calendar. Then submit your flyer in time for the Bailing Wire and to be posted on ABATE's website.

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MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES DECLINE, DESPITE INCREASED OWNERSHIP: For the second straight year, nationwide motorcycle fatalities declined, in spite of a record number of motorcycles in usage across the United States.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recently released their 2018 motor vehicle fatality report, reflecting a 4.7% reduction in motorcyclist deaths from 2017 to 2018.

Meanwhile, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC), a record 12,231,000 motorcycles were in use in the U.S., up more than 2 million from 2014, the last year of their ownership survey, and that American households owning motorcycles rose from 6.94% in 2014 to a record 8.02% last year (10,124,400 homes), an increase of more than 1.5 million homes.

Overall, motor vehicle crashes went down 2.4%, though vehicle miles traveled (VMT) were up.

PETITION DRIVE TO BAN BLINDING HEADLIGHTS: A "Ban Blinding Headlights and Save Lives" online petition (Change.org) has been set up by the National Motorists Association (NMA) to lobby the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, its parent organization, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Congress to "ban all blue-light technologies on vehicles and to keep tail-lights, brake-lights and turn signals to a maximum brightness no greater than that allowed for traffic signals."

POW/MIA FLAG ACT SIGNED INTO LAW: On November 8, 2019, just in time for Veterans Day, President Donald Trump signed the National POW/MIA Flag Act into law; a bipartisan bill to require the POW/MIA Flag be displayed whenever the American flag is displayed on prominent federal properties to honor the more than 82,000 Americans who are listed as Prisoners of War (POW), Missing in Action (MIA), or otherwise unaccounted for from our nation's past wars and conflicts.

BIPARTISAN HOUSE BILL WOULD RE-AUTHORIZE MOTORCYCLIST ADVISORY

COUNCIL: "Motorcycles require specific-and in some cases different-requirements of roads, and we need an open dialogue between the motorcycle community, infrastructure experts, and the federal government to discuss these challenges," said U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) upon sponsoring the bipartisan Motorcycle Advisory Council Reauthorization Act, H.R. 5234.

Rep. Gallagher, alongside Reps. Chris Pappas (D-NH), Troy Balderson (R-OH), and Harley Rouda (D-CA), introduced H.R. 5234 in the U.S. House of Representatives on November 21, 2019 to direct the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to reauthorize the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for six years. The MAC, whose authorization under the FAST Act of 2015 expires along with surface transportation programs in FY2021, provides DOT with critical firsthand knowledge on infrastructure and road safety measures and serves as the only official forum for motorcyclists to discuss motorcycle issues with the federal government.

H.R. 5234, if enacted, would require the volunteer body to submit reports to DOT every two years. DOT then would have 60 days to review the council's recommendations and submit a report to Congress.

The measure would also clarify the membership of MAC "to include 12 members, including 5 highway engineering experts from state or local governments, 1 state or local traffic safety engineer who is a motorcyclist, one roadway safety data expert on crash testing and analysis, and 1 representative from each of the following groups: a national association of State transportation officials, a national motorcyclist foundation, a national motorcyclist association, a national motorcycle manufacturing association, and a national safety organization."

CONGRESS CONSIDERS CAPPING ETHANOL CONTENT OF U.S. FUEL SUPPLY: U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) and U.S. Representative Peter Welch (D-VT) introduced companion bills in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives on November 14, 2019 "to reform the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) by mitigating harmful environmental impacts of the corn ethanol mandate and advancing the next generation of biofuels that actually reduce greenhouse gas emissions," according to a press release issued by Sen. Udall's office.

The GREENER Fuels Act (Growing Renewable Energy through Existing and New Environmentally Responsible Fuels Act) would phase out the corn ethanol mandate and immediately reduce the amount of ethanol in fuel by as much as 1 billion gallons by capping the amount of ethanol that can be blended into conventional gasoline at 9.7 percent.

Such legislation is important to motorcycle riders, in particular, because none of the nation's 22 million motorcycles and ATVs are certified by the EPA to operate on gasoline that contains more than 10% ethanol (E10), and using fuel containing greater than 10% ethanol can damage fuel systems and violate manufacturers' warranties.

MOTORCYCLING GOOD FOR MIND AND BODY: In a fresh take on a previous UCLA study we reported on earlier this year, visordown.com reports that "A study conducted by the Institute of Neuroscience and Human Behavior (INHB) has concluded that motorcyclists are less stressed and more fulfilled than their four-wheeled counterparts," adding that "The study originally set about

trying to find out if bikers were constantly riding in fear of being involved in an accident, but inadvertently proved the opposite! The results center around a certain hormone called cortisol that is released in the brain when we become anxious. Scientists found that bikers would produce 28% less cortisol during testing than drivers on the same course."

The study was conducted by the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at the University of California, Los Angeles, in a controlled manner, with 50 motorcyclists and 50 car drivers making their way around a closed course for 20-minutes. During this time, the team measured the user's heart rate, cortisol, and adrenaline levels, as well as the user's brain activity, and it's here where the most interesting results came from: "The results found that when riding, the subjects experienced increased sensory focus and resilience to distraction. Riding also produced an increase in adrenaline levels and heart rate, and a decrease in cortisol levels -- the kind of results you often get after a light exercise session, which also is a stress reducer."

Concluding that motorcycles are better for you physically, as well as mentally, visordown.com claims; "The news regarding the mental well-being of motorcyclists goes hand-in-hand with a study that found that riding a motorcycle can burn anywhere between 170-600 calories an hour. As much as some people can burn in an hour at the gym."

NEW YORK POTHOLE MEASURE VETOED: Despite passing both chambers of the New York State legislature, including a unanimous 62-0 vote in the state Senate, Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) has vetoed a measure that would have provided strong incentives for more prompt repairs of road defects by expanding the state's liability for damages suffered by road users due to roadway defects, if the state Department of Transportation was notified of the defect and failed to repair it.

Under current law, motorists who suffer damage due to defects on local roads may pursue damages against the locality at any time during the year so long as the municipality had advance notice of the defect, but those who suffer damages due to defects on state roads may pursue these damages against the state only if the incident occurred between May 15 and November 15. A.1235, sponsored by Assemblyman Thomas J. Abinanti (D- Westchester County), and S.5422, sponsored by state Sen. Timothy M. Kennedy (D- Buffalo), would have expanded state liability for potholes on state highways year-round.

Potholes and roadway defects can not only be dangerous to drivers but can prove deadly for motorcyclists, but Gov. Cuomo, who rides and has promoted state tourism aboard his Harley-Davidson, vetoed the legislation on November 25, 2019. Similar measures, endorsed by the Automobile Association of America and the state Trial Lawyers Association, were proposed in 2014, 2015-16 and 2017-18, but never made it out of committee.

ANOTHER STATE INSTITUTES THREE-WHEEL "AUTOCYCLE" RECLASSIFICATION: A new "Autocycle" classification will allow consumers to operate a Polaris Slingshot with a standard driver's license in the state of Wisconsin. Residents of Wisconsin can now operate the three-wheeled Slingshot with a standard driver's license, rather than the previously required motor-

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cycle license or endorsement. The reclassification will take effect immediately.

With a steering wheel and side-by-side seating, state policymakers recognize Slingshot's operator skills mirror those required for a valid state driver's license rather than a motorcycle license and as such, the need for the unique Autocycle classification.

The Slingshot is now classified as an Autocycle in 44 states, including all states bordering Wisconsin. Three states classify the Slingshot as a motorcycle, which requires a motorcycle endorsement or license; Alaska, Massachusetts and New York.

MINNESOTA CITY SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT TO RIDE AN ATV ON CITY STREETS: The Superior, Minnesota city council is considering a referendum on ATV use, and is seeking public input to determine whether or not it should be legal for ATVs and side-by-sides in the city.

According to a report on SuperiorTelegram.com, a council member has "introduced a resolution that would place an advisory referendum on the April 7, 2020 ballot to gauge public sentiment for allowing ATVs and UTVs to use any city street except those deemed exempt because of state and local laws or safety concerns," and may let voters decide if all city streets and alleys could be open to use by all-terrain and utility-task vehicles.

The Superior City Council wouldn't be bound to act based on the outcome of the election, but if the measure is well-supported by the public, the councilman would introduce an ordinance to that effect.

NEW HAMPSHIRE RESISTS EXIT RENUMBERING: United States highways have been switching to one consistent exit numbering system over the years, and in most states exits now share their number with their closest mile marker, making it simpler for travelers to locate their position and estimate distances between where they are and where they're going, though admittedly, this has become less of an issue now that most vehicles, even motorcycles, have GPS capability and can make better decisions based on better information.

A few northeastern states have been slow to switch, however, and New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu (R) believes that holding onto the old sequential exit numbers for the sake of tradition is more important than progress and consistency.

But the renumbering decision isn't entirely up to the individual states, as the federal government

has threatened to withhold federal highway funding from states that do not comply with the directive to reassign exit numbers by mileage.

On Twitter, Governor Sununu said, "Exit numbers are a point of pride for some of us in NH -- and we shouldn't let Washington bureaucrats threaten to take that away!"

TASMANIA BANS THE WEARING OF "OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANG" INSIGNIAS: Laws banning the wearing of insignias of five "Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMCG)" has gone into force in Tasmania (an island state of Australia), and their majority Liberal Government "makes no apologies for being tough on criminals and is delivering on our strong plan to keep Tasmania safer from organized crime."

The legislation "applies to an organization that displays prohibited insignias that causes the public to feel intimidated and threatened," and their new laws relate to five OMCGs -- Bandidos, Outlaws, Devils Henchmen, Black Uhlans and Rebels, which officials say "sends a clear message that crime gangs are not welcome in Tasmania."

ROYALS POSE ON A MOTORCYCLE FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS CARD: The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton and Prince William, along with their three children, Prince George, Prince Louis and Princess Charlotte, casually posed on a motorcycle for their 2019 Christmas card, in stark contrast to last year's more traditional family photo!

The Cambridge Household's Holiday card features all five aboard a British-brand motorbike with a sidecar and the salutation; "Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and New Year". Prince William, a longtime motorcycle aficionado, is second in line to the throne behind his father Prince Charles.

SAVE THE DATE - 2020 NCOM CONVENTION IN CIRCLE CITY: Mark your calendar for May 8-10, 2020 and plan on joining hundreds of fellow bikers' rights activists at the 35th annual NCOM Convention at the Marriott Indianapolis East (7202 East 21st Street) in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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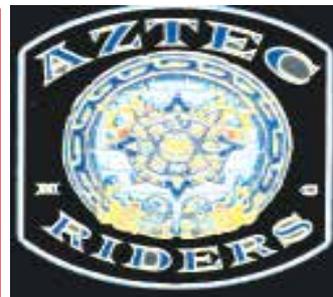
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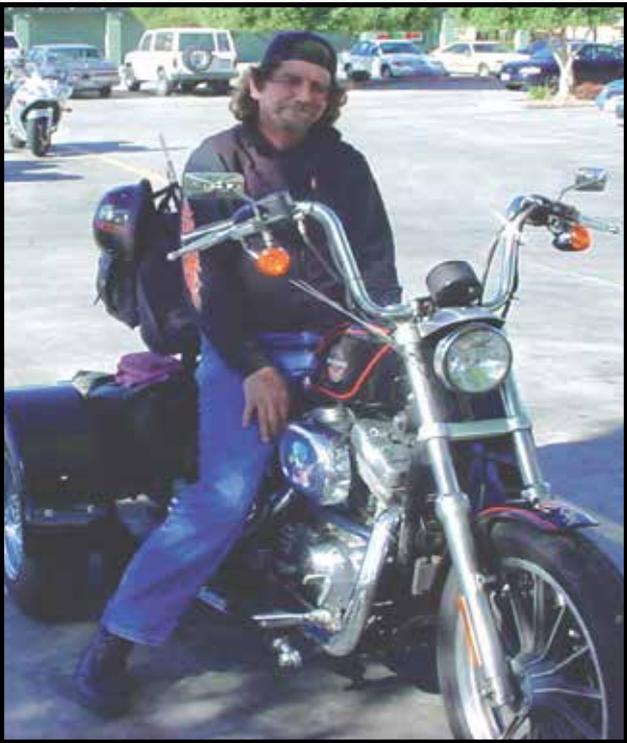
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Sporty's Rides



by Sporty Milligan

Hi all! It's been a while since I last spoke to you, so we're going to do bit of catching up. I have been busy with ABATE and making preparations for Local 1's 33rd annual Polar Bear run.

However I will start in December with the ABATE Local 19's Toy run that took place December 1st in Ontario at American Legion Hall Post 112 off West Emporia Street. Prior to the actual event we had a meeting at the Legion Hall and it was the night they cook food. So I had a great salad and we discussed the ins-and-outs of the toy run.

On the morning of the run, I had to get to the Legion Hall by 7:30 am. My job at this toy run was to work the ABATE booth. The ride down to the Legion Hall was cold. I noticed a temperature sign showing 45 degrees!

I did not sign-up any new members, but gave out a lot of ABATE information. So that was a good thing.

The run was a success and they got 127 new bicycles to give the Santa Claus Lanes Children's charity. I had another cold ride home on the bike to my house in San Fernando, with a coffee break at the Mobile station on Lake Ave off the 210 fwy in Pasadena.

December 14th was the Glendale HOG Chapter 235 Christmas party at the Elks Lodge in Burbank. I rode my bike and the event was really good. I had fun doing this Christmas HOG Chapter dinner.

The weather on December 15th for the LA Toy run was windy and because of this the crowd size was not as good as in previous years. I should note that doing a toy run in the winter months can sometimes be challenging.

Moving on, December 21st was the Shaggers Christmas party at Willow Springs Raceway. I was to meet the guys who were riding to the event at the clubhouse. Before I started to the clubhouse, I stopped at Santa Clarita HD to use my rewards points' card. Got some nice CE gloves and a wonderful neck warmer. I had to make time to meet the guys at the clubhouse. We took off to Willow Springs, which is in the Antelope Valley just north of Lancaster. The Shaggers had a big spread of things to eat and I won a set of screwdrivers. Nice present. After staying for a good while, I needed to get home so I bundled up and rode home stopping for gas in Santa Clarita. It was a good experience, good food, and good fellowship.

The next day was the Boozefighters MC

Chapter 101 Toy run. It started at Santa Clarita HD and went to a Children's house in Pasadena. I brought some nice raffle prizes. It was an emotional experience.

Christmas Eve was our traditional prime rib dinner. Christmas day was good.

The following weekend there were events at my AA hall. The AA hall was open till 1 am on New Year's Eve. The next day we did our first ride of the year to the Rock Store. About 30 riders participated. It was a good ride and fun fellowship.

Finally I have secured the start and end spots for our 33rd annual Polar Bear run. Now I just need to draw the route.

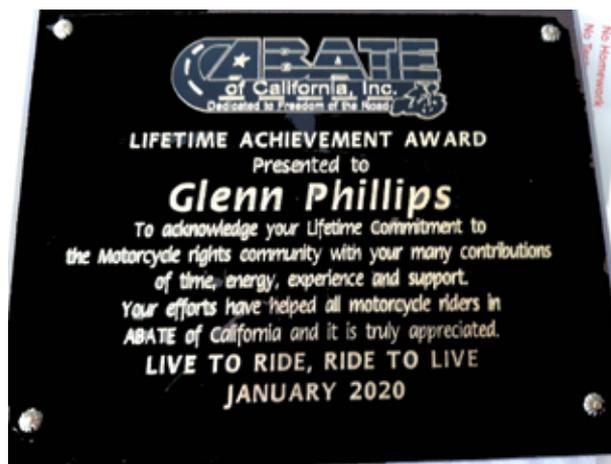
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Motorcycle Safety Report



Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger. Safety Officer

It's 20/20

It's 2020 for the first time in history! We made it! Albeit that some of us barely made it. Some of us never had a chance. Some of us were afflicted and some of us unscathed. Depending on our age, death looms over us and for some it started way earlier than you would have ever thought. Death is not a penalty in life, living is. You will pay until you get to that finite nap you were thinking about. Death is the end and for some they hope to be living forever in heaven! I hope to be a cantankerous old man, a pain in the ass to my children and grandchildren, they will wipe my butt for as long as I had to wipe theirs! Okay I'm dreaming, but for some they will get their chance.

So Santa forgot, yet again, my new 2016 Road Glide (I don't want a new, new one. I want a dated new one). I coulda sworn I was a good boy in 2019. I paid attention to life and all the crap that was thrown at me. Maybe I cursed a little bit when I had to have another operation in another December, an angioplasty (old person's disease I guess). Never-the-less I crawled into 2020. I thought it was going to happen considering I had an operation last December and no new Road Glide was under my Christmas tree then. So it's a tie score for me.

Seven operations in the last seven years and no new old Road Glide. I'm hoping that I'll be operation free till I hit a solid 100! Then I'll be happy to take that nap I've been missing my whole life! I like to tell people I'm new at getting old and I'm doing whatever I can do to get older. I have to take into account that I'm responsible for me alone, don't get me wrong, help from a loved one really helps, but it's still you alone.

We have to pay attention to our health conditions every time we go out for an extended day of riding. We bring our pill boxes or you take your medications before you go out and/or when you come back - it's true! I'm a professional pill head as I take 14 meds a day. Sometimes I rattle when I walk - go figure.

So how do we want to start off the New Year? All I know is that there's blue skies and cool temperatures and that makes for a great day of

riding. We get a few clouds, but it's nothing to worry about, all it means is that - hopefully - it's raining somewhere else!

I just want to say to those road dogs that ride year-round, yer so lucky. I can't even do that and I'm retired! If yer a willing participant, even if you are a part time rider, then get out there and be envious of a lot of people that don't know the joys of riding. But life does get in the way. For some they have to let it go completely. For some it's calculated limited riding. A lot are the weekend warriors that are good for 20-30+ weekends a year. Who are you?

The month of January has become the first good month of the year to start your riding cycle down here in the southland. I'm pretty sure it's like that here and there from coast to coast. It's about what you can tolerate. And that leads me to this: Preparation. It's the key to a successful ride, hot or cold temps. If you prepare yourself properly then you can have fun and ride till it hurts!

Last year I dabbled in the new technologies and let me say this as per one of my articles, I'm still getting use to my haptic steering wheel. I figured out on winding roads it really messes with you - it literally works against you because the car sees the road lines and thinks you are going to cross them so your car makes the judgement call and reacts accordingly to what it sees and not what you see. So now I drive ready to wrestle my steering wheel on any given turn.

This is the time of the year that you should review your motorcycle insurance. You have to talk to your agent about changes in your life and find out if anything has changed within your policy. This is really important because in the insurance world you gotta watch out for changes made by the state or federal laws that could very well change your policy. You know it's about the money and how they can get more. If you watch TV, you will experience this mild sensation that's been on too many times already. It's them idiot TV commercials zeroing in on vehicle insurance. You might hear you only pay for what you need. What does that mean?

For me it's about getting the cheapest insurance allowed by law! So now you are not only at risk of an accident, but you are at the risk of being in an accident with the cheapest insurance available. This does mean a lot. Not because you can't sue, but what are you suing? A limited amount of coverage doesn't go far. Your insurance will pay for your medical bills, but that's about it. Just think about this, people who can barely afford insurance will definitely not be able to afford a house or something that has a monetary value that you can sue against and win. It's one of the ugly truths about insurance. I know this to be true. I've been there with a person who still lived with their parents who was as poor as was their old son.

If you really care about how you spend your money, ask your agent this, "what does my insurance policy cover?" You might be in for a big surprise. They will rattle you numbers hoping you're not paying that much attention trying to calculate what pays for what. Ask your agent about how you will be covered in the event you're in an accident that's your fault. Then ask the same question if the other person was at fault. Ask by law who is responsible for

payment for any medical bills and other costs. This is important, especially if you're on a fixed income, etc.

There are many ways the insurance companies make money on you. By being cheap they get rich and you are still a paying customer. You'll find this out if you ask questions. They have spent millions of dollars to get even more millions by being cheap on you and now you are the one at risk. They are selling insurance to people left and right without the customer knowing what coverage they have as long as they have the basics because that's all they are concerned with (the general public). I'm not berating poor people or people just getting by and are responsible enough to pay their bills etc. This is not a new problem either. It's been going on a long time, even before it became a mandatory law.

Because of pressure, California had to enforce laws of non-insurance riders and/or drivers and it was a country wide problem. One short example: People would get a 3 month or less policy just to register their vehicle and then cancel out insurance for the rest of the year. This alone amounts to billions lost over the decades. So now we are forced into getting insurance (boo-hoo) because they are re-cooping money that was potentially theirs. That's my thought.

Just remember this, everyone on this planet depends on insurance. How do you think they got all of them skyscrapers all over America? Your money! Just like Vegas! Them casinos didn't build themselves, they were built by nothing more than losers! Get used to it. It's a formula that works well to help in deception!

Since we are responsible adults, we do our research from a little to a lot. Our research will help us understand what choices we have and what we must do to be protected as well as offering protection by buying insurance for ourselves. This is what it boils down to, ask about getting the best coverage versus the cheapest. Find out what your coverage is. This is the most important question for them, ask them what happens outside of what a lawyer would ask. Ask if you can have a full coverage policy just for your motorcycle and you and not for a car as a package deal, unless you want full coverage for all your vehicles. I say this because motorcyclists that are involved in an accident with a 4 wheel cage usually loses and by that I'm saying that we don't have doors or seatbelts! And so we will have higher medical bills, and if it's a serious accident, months of therapy, surgery or surgeries, etc.

Okay, just remember this, ride safe and, if your bike has been in jail (hibernation), take the time you need to get re-acquainted with it. We have the weather to ride year round. Let's do it and enjoy riding as much as possible for 2020. Besides it being a New Year, it's the start of the greatest decade!

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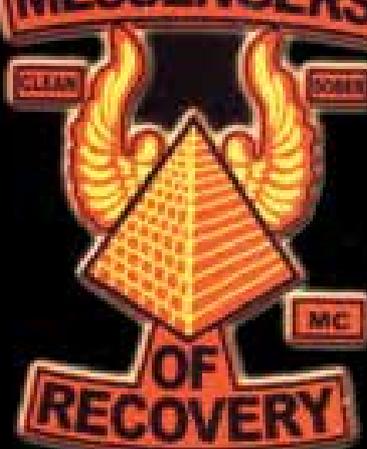
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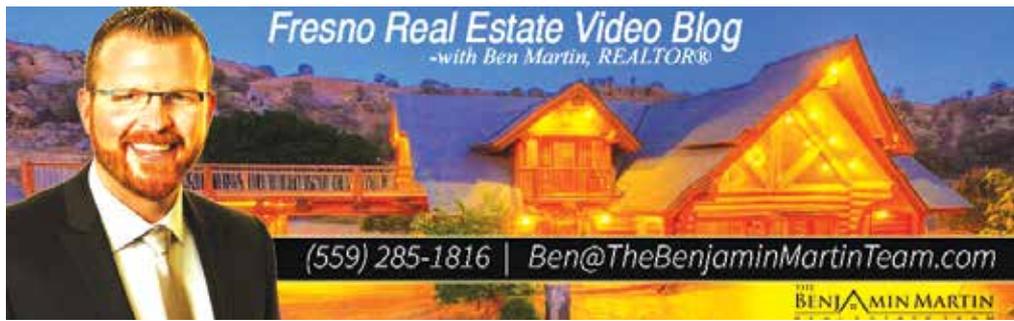
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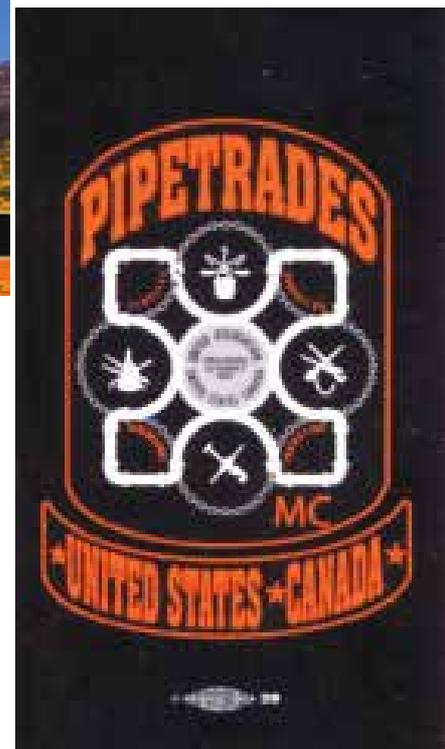


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