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A Union of Motorcyclists Dedicated to Freedom of the Road Bills at a Glance

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SB-1024 Jones Off-highway vehicles: This bill would exempt specially constructed motor vehicles operated solely in organized racing or competitive events upon a closed course from the identification device requirement for motor vehicles operated exclusively off the highways. The bill would repeal provisions relating to special transportation identification devices for motorcycles and corresponding fees and would make other related conforming changes. The bill would additionally provide that competition all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are not exempt from identification. *Senate Appropriations*

***SB-1147 Glazer State park system: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area:** This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would preserve the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area for conservation purposes. *Gut & Amend Candidate like 2019, which we defeated last time*

***SB-1032 Allen State parks: Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission:** This bill would make the creation of the commission permanent by deleting the January 1, 2023, repeal date. The bill would require the commission members to instead have expertise in and represent off-highway vehicle recreation, environmental protection, motorized access to nonmotorized recreation, law enforcement, environmental restoration, public health and safety, rural landowners and residents, biological or soil specialization, or the public at-large. *Trailer Bill Candidate, August Budget Revise. Protecting makeup of Commission to be Rider Friendly*

SB-1351 Beall Department of Transportation: state highways (Amended) Planning: This bill would prohibit the director from approving an allocation of an amount greater than 5% of a transportation planning agency's annual revenue. Existing law authorizes certain statutorily created transportation planning agencies to allocate up to 3% of their annual revenues for transportation planning and programming processes, and alternatively authorizes the allocation of a greater amount upon approval by the Director of Transportation. This bill would require those rules and regulations to be updated at least every 4 calendar years to reflect changes to the operators' transfer policies, payment methods, and any other relevant policy changes. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above. *Currently on Senate Floor*

AB-1964 Frazier Autonomous vehicles: This bill would expand the definition of the term "autonomous vehicle" to also include a remotely operated vehicle, defined as a specified type of vehicle that is capable of being operated by a driver or operator that is not inside of the vehicle. The bill would instead specify that a vehicle is not an autonomous vehicle if it is equipped with a collision avoidance system that is not capable of driving the vehicle without the active control or monitoring of a human operator that is seated in the driver's seat of the vehicle. *Trailer Bill Candidate, August Budget Revise*

AB-2121 Friedman 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. *Trailer Bill Candidate, August Budget Revise*

AB-2225 Grayson Smog check: exemption: historic vehicles: This bill would exempt motor vehicles that have been issued with the specialty plate described above from the requirement that it be inspected biennially upon registration. *Trailer Bill Candidate, August Budget Revise*

***AB-2551 Bauer-Kahan Off-highway vehicular recreation: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area: Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area:** This bill would authorize the department to dispose of the portion of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area known as the "Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area" to permanently preserve that land for conservation purposes, as specified, if the department determines that disposing of the land is in the public interest. *Gut & Amend Candidate like 2019, which we defeated by Lobbying Governor*

***AB-2761 Gallagher Off-highway vehicles: reciprocity:** 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. By narrowing the exception, the bill would expand the scope of an existing crime and would therefore impose a state-mandated local program. *Trailer Bill Candidate, August Budget Revision*

***AB-2785 Cervantes Vehicles: off-highway vehicles (Spot):** This bill would delete obsolete provisions relating to the report, and would make other technical, non-substantive changes. *Gut & Amend Candidate*

AB-3311 Grayson Vehicles: insurance: This bill would increase the amount of liability insurance coverage an owner or operator of a motor vehicle is required to maintain to \$30,000 for bodily injury or death of one person, \$60,000 for bodily injury or death of all persons, and \$25,000 for damage to the property of others as a result of any one accident. This bill would make conforming changes to the definition of "proof of financial responsibility" for purposes of the provisions described above. *Trailer Bill Candidate, August Budget Revise*

To check who represents your area, and where their office is located, go to:

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

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

*Protect Motorcycle Safety Fund and Off-Highway Vehicle from Trailer Bills/August Revise (After Taxes are Collected July 15 since April Deadline was postponed). We protected the Accounts so far through June Budget Vote – no money was stolen or defunded!

American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education



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What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road on or off with emphasis on education and safety. Although not a club, our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety and in supporting many types of charity events. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclist's rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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by Mark Loudermilk, Executive Director

Welcome to July!!! I am going to be a slacker this month. I am out of the country on vacation relaxing so my words are going to be short. Usually my thoughts here are motorcycle related, but today a little deviation.

This year we celebrate the 244th Birthday of our Republic. We have rights here other people around the world only dream of. ABATE works every day to protect your rights as a motorcyclist. Remember, your rights are inherent to you not granted by government. Government can only restrict or take those rights from you. ABATE works to protect those rights and help prevent the government from taking them. It's that simple.

So, I want to encourage you to appreciate and celebrate what is inherently yours. Help us protect what is ours with your time, skills, and funding.

We live in the greatest country on earth. Yes, we have our problems, but there is no place better. Please join me in wishing our Country a Happy Birthday and I wish every one of you a safe and Happy 4th of July!!

Respectfully, Mark

Executive Director Report



Lobbyist's Report

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The Legislature has passed the 2020-21 State Budget by the June 15th deadline. (Oh, and that means they get paid)! Many years ago voters passed a proposition reducing from a 2/3 vote to a simple 41 vote majority with the caveat was if the Budget was not passed by June 15th the Legislators would not be paid - so far it has passed every June 15th deadline since.

The biggest fight is when will the drastic cuts to this year's Budget take effect? The Governor wants them by July, the Legislature delayed the cuts until, and if, the Federal Government does not do a third Bailout bill for States.

Later this July, after the postponed State income taxes are filed, the Legislature will once again take up numerous Budget Trailer Bills, which we are tracking, and through these Bills who knows what will end up in them – we will keep your Board of Directors & Presidents up-to-date as things get Amended!

ABATE Motorcyclists, remember the Governor Jerry Brown last minute and late-night Trailer Bill where all vehicles had the noise fix-it ticket option removed? This

took us a whole year afterwards to get corrected by working with the billion-dollar specialty equipment manufacturers!

After passing the Budget June 15th the Assembly approved over 20 Spot Trailer Bills to be amended into anything at any time between now and Sept 1st when they adjourn!

Good News: SB 1024 Jones (R - San Diego) will allow for off-road racers and upcoming competition racers to be able to go to their local dealership and purchase a race motorcycle to use in California OHV Parks, Bureau Land Management and US Forestry Land. It will be moving through Senate Approbations and onto the Senate Floor. It still has the pass the Assembly in July to get to the Governor's Desk.,

We appreciate all your faith and support through these past difficult months. To those that have, and continue to, support the separate ABATE Lobbyist account keeping us in Sacramento Capitol fighting for Motorcyclists Rights with the Government - We Thank You!

Ride Safe, enjoy summer and we look forward to connecting with you all soon.

Jim Lombardo Sr.



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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.



ABATE of California Inc. neither endorses nor promotes the services of any particular Law Firm. We are committed to working with all MROs including NCOM, MRF, AMA, MMA, BOLT and any other motorcycle rights organization that strengthens our lobby on legislative issues and on motorcycle safety.

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(Ads & Flyers subject to approval by Editor)
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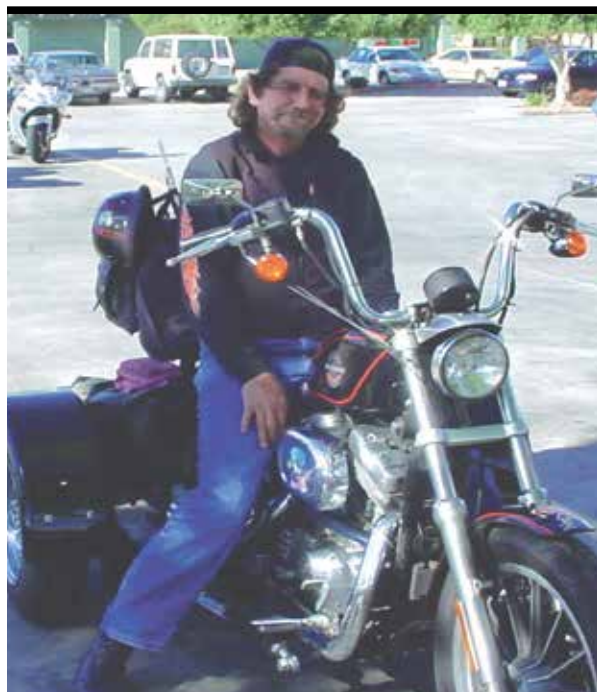
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Membership Report



**by Sporty Milligan,
Membership Chairman**

Hi all! Here is the Membership Report for July. As always please encourage your member to renew.

Keep on the look-out for new members. There are many places you can get this accomplished. Places you ride to like the Rock Store in my neck of the woods. The Harley dealerships are good places to find new members, see old members and just associate with bikers who might be like minded folks. So do the political biker thing.

We are going to draw the winning number in the Membership Special Raffle at the Board of Directors meeting in October. Once again, we have sold enough tickets to cover our expenses for the drive. It was a struggle, but thanks to the salesmanship of ABATE Local 17 member Glen Phillips (he sold 600 tickets) we will make some money for the state office to cover our expenses. Thanks Glen! You are one dedicated individual.

To sum this up, please try to do my Sporty's Challenge and sign-up at least one new member.

A final reminder, keep in touch with your Local's members up for renewal and sign-up a new member or two.

Regards, Sporty Milligan, ABATE Membership Chairman.

Lacey would like you to visit www.abate.org to join or donate to the ABATE Lobbyist or General Fund. Thank you!



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DATE _____

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Latest Legislative Information From ABATE



California has always allowed valid "out of state" OHV registered vehicles to use our public lands. It has come to our attention that some of our neighboring states have recently implemented a "non-resident" fee for OHV's being operated in their state. By no longer honoring our California registration these states are reneging on a long standing tradition in the OHV community. These new regulations will be expensive and prove onerous to every legally licensed OHV owner that travels and recreates in other states. Our ABATE OHV Division is asking for your help and financial support in fighting this type of legislation. Assembly Bill 2761 sponsored by Assemblyman Gallagher (Republican—Yuba City) seeks to remedy this issue of reciprocity and ABATE of California is asking you to help the OHV communities of our states restore equal access to OHV areas for all legally licensed users.

In addition to AB 2761, Abate of California is proposing two other bills for our elected official's 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 accessed a toll fee when traveling on a toll road within the state of California.

Please help us help you by either joining or making a contribution to ABATE today to help protect your right to ride!

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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! Local 1 is still in business. We paid our contributions to the state office today, so we are good.

We have our monthly meeting the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga. So drop on by!

The meeting goes like this: Pledge of Allegiance, opening remarks by President Sporty, Treasurer's report by Sporty and VP reports by Jim Nickla. Then input from the membership followed by monkey business!

Sporty, President ABATE Local #01

Local #08 Orange County



Hello from Local 8! Once again, we were able to have a very successful and productive teleconference meeting! This virtual meeting not only allowed us to get together with our members, but include visitors from Local 1. It's a win-win for all involved!

We are very excited to welcome our newest member, Josette Neal, to ABATE Local 8! Josette has proudly displayed her ABATE membership card and patch on her Facebook page and is ready to ride! We also want to thank The Horsemen and Russ Brown for their help and continued dedication to support this Local!

The challenge of the present day cancellation of many events and closures has led to a rearranging of plans for our annual Long Beach Cycle Swap meet fundraiser, which was tentatively scheduled for this month. BUT.... Don't stop stocking up all the good stuff you have to donate!! All proceeds go directly back to ABATE!! We expect to be getting the word out to all in a few weeks on the details of "Where and When"....

Local 8 is very proud to say that we have been able, through our fundraising efforts, to fulfill our financial obligation to ABATE of California! Despite setbacks, we plan on rallying to meet our goal next year.

On a legislature note, Local 8's membership reaches over six Congressional Districts. We plan to contact those members of Congress to support HR255 Anti-Profiling Bill.

There are currently four states that have passed their version of the bill. Let's help make California the fifth. Please take the survey on the ABATE website for National Motorcycle Profiling Bill.

Ride free! Be safe out there and stay well!

Local 8's The Kellys



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 22, 2020

DMV Further Extends Expiring Drivers Licenses

*Licenses for drivers 70 and older that expire in June or July are extended 120 days
Expiring licenses for drivers 69 and younger are now valid through July
Extensions provided to eligible drivers automatically*

Sacramento – The California Department of Motor Vehicles today is offering additional extensions to noncommercial driver licenses and permits so Californians can delay or avoid a DMV office visit during the COVID-19 pandemic. The DMV has alerted California law enforcement of the new extensions. Californians with a suspended license are not eligible.

Drivers age 70 and older with a noncommercial license that expires in June or July will receive a 120-day temporary extension. The DMV had previously announced a 120-day extension for licenses expiring in March, April and May, and the DMV is further extending licenses expiring in March to be valid through July 31, 2020. California law requires drivers age 70 and older to visit a DMV field office to renew their license but gives the DMV authority to issue extensions. No individual action is required as eligible drivers will receive a paper license extension in the mail.

Drivers age 69 and younger with a noncommercial license that expires between March and July will receive a temporary extension through July 31, 2020. In most cases, these drivers are eligible for an online renewal and should try to [renew their license online](#). While the extension is automatic, drivers 69 and younger will not receive a new card or an extension in the mail. As an option, these drivers can request a [free temporary paper extension online](#) through DMV's Virtual Field Office to document their extension, though one is not needed to drive. Californians who previously requested an extension through May 31, 2020, are eligible to submit a new request to document the new date.

Driver license permits that expire in July or August are extended six months or to a date 24 months from the date of application, whichever is earlier.

All commercial licenses, endorsements and learner's permits that expire between March and June will remain valid through June 30, 2020, to align with federal guidance. Select DMV offices reopened to the public earlier this month to serve customers with appointments and process transactions that can only be accomplished at an office, including commercial driver license transactions. Commercial drivers also can now submit medical certificate updates for their license through the DMV's Virtual Field Office, virtual.dmv.ca.gov.

SARAH'S 2020 Memorial Scholarship Winner Jisselle Yanez

from Glen Phillips

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

With great thanks from the Phillips Family to all for last year's donations and volunteering we raised \$5500 for this deserving student, Jisselle Yanez, from Will C. Wood High School here in Vacaville. This was our 16th scholarship award with over \$71,100 dollars being raised over the years!

Jisselle will be attending San Francisco State University majoring in Sociology with a goal to become a teacher for those with vision hardships. Jisselle herself is blind with only being able to distinguish between light and dark. Congratulations Jisselle – What an obstacle to overcome!

With the situation this year with COVID-19, I am still on the fence over holding this event. A tentative date is set for August 22nd with more to come as we hopefully move out of this.

Thanks, again, to those from near and far that come and/or supported Sarah's Scholarship Memorial.

Sincerely and Gratefully, Glenn and the Phillips Family



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Thank you for your sacrifice, generosity, and above all, your faith in ABATE of California. We are proud of our long relationship with our California riders and we strive to serve your motorcycle needs to the best of our ability. Your donation will be used as you intended it to be, and we would like to say, “Thank You” and wish you a safe ride on every road you travel.

Sincerely,
ABATE of California, Inc.

Thank you to the following:

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Steven MacDonald, Local 17

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David Anderson, Local 17
Big Wayne, Local 17
Dale Gretzinger, Local 25
Rick Mullaly, Local 33

From the ABATE Locals: 1 & 19

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!

ATTN: ABATE OF CA MEMBERSHIP

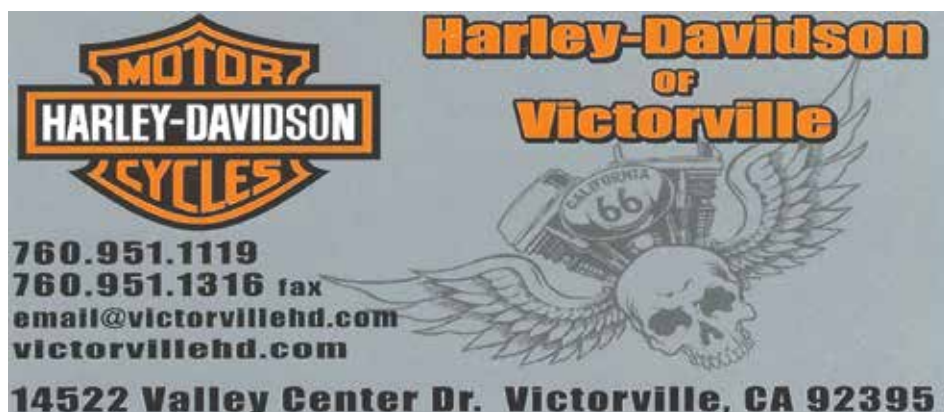
Our 22nd Annual ABATE of California Membership Drive Raffle Drawing

has been postponed until our

October 11, 2020 Board Meeting

This means there is more than 3 months to get out there and sell/buy those tickets. Check with your Local’s President to purchase them.

There is plenty more to go around so if you need some to sell reach out to the State Office (1-760-956-1669)



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!

BAILING WIRE EDITOR

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.

STATE TREASURE

ABATE of CA needs a State Treasurer (ST.) Training to be provided and term would start in 2020. If interested, please contact Mark Loudermilk (951) 599-5234.

The ST is responsible for keeping a complete, accurate account of all ABATE monies. The ST shall furnish a quarterly internal financial statement and distribute to the Board of Directors. The ST also provides additional reports when required. Other duties include the preparation and filing of taxes, keeping track of ABATE’s tax and corporate status, as well as providing guidelines and assistance to Locals when needed. The ST reports directly to the Board of Directors.



June 1, 2020

Dear ABATE Local Officers,

At the beginning of April our State office moved. We set up the standard mail forwarding with the post office with hopes of easing the transition. The forwarding has worked poorly at best as some of you have found mail being returned to you. Therefore, we would like you to start using the new address now. It is:

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My apologies for any hassle from the forwarding not working correctly, this should solve that problem.

This announcement will go out Membership wide later this month with our Annual Appeal Letter.

Sincerely,

Mark Loudermilk
Executive Director
ABATE of California



We've Moved

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“Change of Venue for Next Board Meeting”



A Union of Motorcyclists

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3rd Quarterly ABATE of California Meeting for 2020

July 11, 2020

On-Line Meeting with

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ABATE Meeting Schedule

ABATE PAC Meeting: 9:00 am – 10:45 am

11:00am – 11:30am Break

ABATE Presidents/Officers/Board Meeting: 11:45am – Conclusion of Business



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- Local 27 – 18th Annual Bare Necessities Run
- Local 24 – 21st Annual Ammo Run
- Local 17 – 9th Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament
- Local 17 – 25th Annual Ride in Bike & Car Show
- Local 23 – 3rd Annual Box of Love
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- July 11th – 3rd Quarter Board Meeting – On-line – CHANGE OF VENUE (see flyer this issue)
- August 28th – 30th – Shaggers MC 6th Annual Tehachapi Mountain Run & Campout
- September 24th – 27th – MRF Meeting of the Minds (see flyer this issue)
- October 10th – 4th Quarter Board Meeting - Location TBD

2020 ABATE of CA Events that are tentatively scheduled:

- July – ABATE Local 17 – Summer Bingo
- August – ABATE Local 17 – 21st Annual Sarah's Memorial Run

- October – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo
- October – ABATE Local 3/13 – 12th Annual Biker Trivia Run
- October - NCOM Convention Indianapolis **POSTPONED TILL OCTOBER**
- 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

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RIDING BACK FROM COVID-19: All 50 states are now in various stages of reopening, and along with restrictions being lifted and the COVID-19 curve flattening, hopes for more normalcy are high; and none higher than amongst the motorcycling community.

Most industries have been hit hard by the global pandemic, and motorcycle sales and production have been among the most impacted, with factories shut down, dealerships closed, events cancelled or postponed, and even ridership restricted in many parts of the world.

Rules around travel and mixing in groups are being relaxed because new infections of the Coronavirus are declining and within the capabilities of the health system to cope, and soon groups will be able to ride together again, and gather at their local watering holes, maintaining social distancing and observing other safety protocols, of course.

Around the globe, motorcycle manufacturers and the supply chain are reopening production, shops and dealerships are doing business within certain constraints, and bikers are realizing a late-Spring bloom amid the gloom.

Harley-Davidson is reopening its U.S. factories in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania and will accelerate production in phases, launching a new five-year strategic plan to revive sales.

Looking forward, the landscape is changing, as major events are planning comebacks. Americade in Lake George, NY, after much deliberation, has decided to move their dates from June to July 21-25. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina's spring Bike Week and Atlantic Beach Bikefest have been postponed, with Horry County leaders giving their blessing to a July motorcycle rally date. Laconia Motorcycle Week, America's "Oldest Running Motorcycle Rally," has officially postponed their 97th annual event in Weirs Beach, NH, to August 22-30, following a unanimous decision by their city council. The 80th annual Sturgis Rally in South Dakota is

still on track for August 7-15 as experts predict COVID-19 will have peaked and continue into decline before the end of the summer.

Speaking of 'track', the MotoGP World Championship racing calendar is expected to drop the checkered flag in July, adapting to a new format of hosting motorsports events with minimal staff and without spectators, while employing social distancing where possible.

ILLINOIS BIKER BAR FIGHTS TO REMAIN OPEN UNDER CORONAVIRUS ORDERS: A popular 24-year old biker bar near Rockford, IL has had enough with Illinois' stay-at-home order, and has decided to sue Governor JB Pritzker, claiming his executive orders are unlawful.

Like many businesses, Poopy's Pub & Grub is feeling the economic sting of the pandemic, and after being shut down by local authorities when bikers began congregating on his property this spring while ordering curbside service, owner Kevin Promenschenkel hired a lawyer to make a legal run at the governor's executive order.

Specifics of the lawsuit, shared by Northwest Herald (nwherald.com) assert that "...he (Governor Pritzker) lacks the statutory authority to issue executive orders putting restrictions on businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, and therefore a cease-and-desist order issued to the biker bar as a result of such an order should be voided."

In addition, only the Carroll County Health Department, acting through the Illinois Department of Public Health, has the "supreme authority" vested by the constitution to shut a business down for health code violations, and it has not done so, according to the suit filed in Carroll County Circuit Court.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES DECREASE FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR: The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) early estimates of 2019 Motor Vehicle Traffic Data show reduced fatalities for the third consecutive year. According to preliminary estimates for the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), 2019 data on highway crashes demonstrate a continued decline in traffic fatalities. The nation saw a decline in traffic deaths during 2018 and 2017, and these newest estimates suggest a continuing decline in traffic-related deaths.

"Safety is our top priority so this report that traffic fatalities appear to have decreased again for the third year is great news," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

Fatalities decreased in most major traffic safety categories: Drivers (down 3%), Passengers (down 4%), Motorcyclists (down 1%), Pedestrians (down 2%) & Pedalcyclists (down 3%)

A statistical projection of traffic fatalities for 2019 shows that an estimated 36,120 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes, representing an estimated decrease of about 440 (down 1.2%) from the reported 36,560 fatalities in 2018, even though Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) increased by 0.9%. As a result, the fatality rate for 2019 was 1.10 fatalities per 100 million VMT, down from 1.13 fatalities per 100 million VMT in 2018. If these estimates are reflected in the final data, the fatality rate per 100 million VMT would be the second lowest since NHTSA started recording fatal crash data.

IN-CAR INFOTAINMENT SYSTEMS MORE DANGEROUS THAN TEXTING OR ALCOHOL: For a few years now, most new cars have come with high-tech, flashy infotainment systems that can control everything from the stereo, air conditioning, and even seating position, but a recent European study has determined that car infotainment systems can be as detrimental to a driver's reaction times as texting, alcohol and even cannabis are.

Among the results, IAM RoadSmart found that motorway stopping distances were increased by between four and five car lengths when the driver was using infotainment systems. The study also found that drivers took their eyes off the road for as long as 16 seconds while driving (equivalent to a distance of nearly 550 yards at 70 mph), while using the touch-controlled systems -- results that are even worse than texting at the wheel.

Among the key findings from the report: 1) Controlling the vehicle's position in the lane and speed suffered significantly when participants failed to react to stimulus on the road ahead. 2) Reaction times were slower when selecting music through Spotify while using Android Auto and Apple CarPlay. 3) Drivers would take their eyes off the road for longer than 12 seconds. 4) Participants underestimated time spent looking away from the road, by as much as 5 seconds.

"We're now calling on industry and government to openly test and approve such systems and develop consistent standards that genuinely help minimize driver distraction," said Neil Greig, policy and research director at IAM RoadSmart. "Anything that distracts a driver's eyes or mind from the road is bad news for road safety."

HONDA PATENTS EXTERNAL AIRBAGS FOR CARS: While external airbags are not a new idea in the automotive industry, the new system patented by Honda is smarter than just an airbag mounted to the front of a car, and could cut injury rates for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcycle riders.

Instead of having just one airbag that deploys automatically in the event of an accident, the new system scans the road looking for a potential hazard. Once located, the system actually measures the target, determining the size, shape, and location in order to deploy the appropriate airbag at the proper pressure for each scenario. For instance, if a large target is detected, the largest airbag will fire and the bonnet of the car will raise slightly and move backwards, an action designed to help catch the person, rather than bouncing them over the roof of the car. If a smaller person or child is detected, the airbag deploys at a lower pressure to keep them from bouncing off the car and onto the ground or into traffic.

For motorcyclists, the Honda airbag system could help in certain situations, and ultimately the extra crash protection for us and other vulnerable road users can only be a good thing.

WASHINGTON STATE EXPANDS PROTECTIONS FOR "VULNERABLE ROAD USERS": A new law in Washington protects pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists and other

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“vulnerable roadway users” from careless motorists who cause serious injury or death.

Senate Bill 6045: “Concerning vulnerable users of a public way,” was passed unanimously by the state legislature (45-0 in the Senate on February 12th, and 97-0 in the House on March 6th) and signed into law on March 25th by Governor Jay Inslee (D), becoming effective June 11, 2020. If convicted, a negligent driver could face penalties up to \$5,000 in fines and have their driving privileges suspended for ninety days.

SOUTH DAKOTA CLARIFIES CONCEALED CARRY OF FIREARMS ON MOTORCYCLES: When the state legislature in 2019 passed its concealed carry reform, often referred to as “Constitutional Carry,” making it legal for every South Dakotan eligible to own a firearm to keep it concealed without a permit, it didn’t apply that right to motorcycle riders, snowmobilers and ATV riders. So, this legislative session, state senators and representatives are addressing that oversight to make it clear that motorcyclists can conceal firearms while riding in South Dakota.

“It was brought to our attention that people on motorcycles were having a little trouble with the definitions of law and whether they were allowed to carry concealed,” Rep. Thomas Brunner, (R-Nisland), a sponsor of the measure, testified in support of HB 1094. “Certainly, our intent wasn’t that once you get on a motorcycle, snowmobile or four-wheeler that the law changes.”

The legislation went on to pass both chambers overwhelmingly (64-4 in the House and 33-2 in the Senate) with the backing of the influential motorcycle lobby group ABATE of South Dakota (A Brotherhood for Awareness, Training and Education), and was signed by Governor Kristi Noem (R) on March 25, 2020.

Dianna Miller, representing ABATE, said left in the state statute, despite passage of last year’s concealed carry legislation, are two provisions that restrict possession of firearms on motorcycles and off-road vehicles. That caused confusion for law enforcement and motorcycle riders, especially during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, she said.

‘NAKED RIDER’ SPURS ATTIRE RULE: A “naked rider” wearing only a helmet and briefs was apprehended by local authorities in metro Manila, Philippines, and for two seconds enjoyed social media fame, which has prompted authorities to revisit an “attire rule” requiring all motorcycle riders to wear heavy/padded jackets and riding pants as it would be safer to ride wearing all the riding gear.

Last year, during a press briefing, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) General Manager Jojo Garcia told reporters that the agency is looking to penalize motorcycle riders,

including pillions (passengers), who wear shorts when riding their motorcycles.

The MMDA GM also said that their office met with their counterparts in the LTO (government) to recommend the creation of laws and policies concerning the proper attire for motorcycle riders; “Protective devices shall include: helmets, goggles, leather boots, and protective clothing such as heavy pants, heavy jacket, leather gloves, and rain suit” added GM Garcia.

Local motorcycle groups do not agree with the proposed rule, citing that with the hot, humid tropical weather in the Philippines, requiring motorcycle riders, especially in congested traffic conditions, to wear heavy jackets and pants may do more harm than good.


So far, the laws of the land concerning proper attire for motorcycle riders require only: a standard helmet and closed-toe shoes, but it’s

important to note that sometimes stupid is as stupid does, and inappropriate actions such as motorcycling in your skivvies can invite unwanted and unnecessary attention.

NCOM CONVENTION -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR!: The 35th annual NCOM Convention in Indianapolis, originally planned for Mother’s Day weekend at the Marriott Indianapolis East (7202 East 21st Street), has been rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic to October 16-17, 2020 at the same location, so **SAVE THE DATE** and make your plans now to attend one of the largest and most informative bikers’ rights gatherings in the world. More information to follow...

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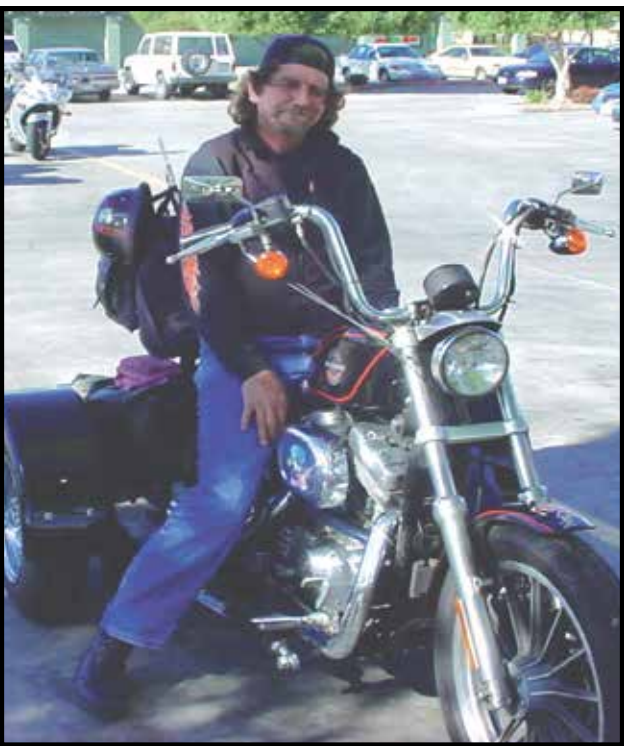
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Anyway, before I get to the ride portion of my column, I have a bit of commentary to spring on you. I am wondering if we will ever get HR255, the Federal Anti-Profile Resolution, passed with enough sponsors. The Resolution has 181 co-sponsors and needs a lot more to get it turned into a bill that will be a bill. In order to make this work I went on line and looked up the Resolution and found a list of the co-sponsors. To put my money where my mouth is, I found out that my Congressman, Tony Cardenas, was not on the list. I went to his website and emailed him first stating who I was and that I was in his district then asked him if he supported HR255 and, if not, why as his name was not on the co-sponsor list.

My call to you is to find out if your Congressman supports HR255 and if he does not, why not? There are several states that have Anti-Profiling laws for motorcyclists so there should be no excuse not to have a Federal Anti-Profiling law. So be part of the solution, not the problem, by doing your part to get your Congressman to sign on to HR255 as a co-sponsor.

I am old school (helmet laws suck) freedom of choice for all adult bikers.

Now to the ride portion of the column. You're all aware that I have a prosthetic leg and it has liners that wear out so you have to order new ones. In order to get them you have to go through a process with Kaiser and then the leg guy. It takes about a month to get the liners. The main office is in Lynwood on Imperial Hwy (the sub-office in Van Nuys is closed because of Corona19). I had a 1 pm appointment with the supplier guy, George, who put it together for me. I got my supplies.

I decided to take Imperial Hwy to the beach and visit Bartels. Sweet. At Bartels I got a dealer poker chip and chatted with some of folks then went home.

The next day, Saturday, I went riding in the quest of getting two more dealer poker chips. The destination was Laidlaws HD and Pomona Valley HD in Montclair. The first trek was to stop at Laidlaws HD. The traffic going there was reasonable, meaning it was not severe stop and go. No coffee was to be found. Some dealers don't have coffee due to Coronavirus restrictions. I almost purchased another hat.

After I made my good buys, I rode to the 10 Fwy to the 57 then the 210 Fwy. On the way to Pomona Valley HOG I had to stop for gas. I kept on Foothill and suddenly realized I was in Rancho Cucamonga. I back tracked and finally arrived at Pomona Valley HD. Eureka! They had coffee. No, not decaf, but coffee. I had a small cup. On the way home, I stopped at the Mobile station that has decaf. Yes! It's fresh in individual servings.

Sunday, May 23rd, I went to the Rock Store for breakfast. Nice easy ride there and breakfast was either a BLT or a breakfast burrito. I had the burrito. It was good. After spending several hours at the Rock Store, I took the back route that goes to Neptune's Net. On PCH you take Kanan Road to Mulholland Hwy then to Sycamore Canyon Road which turns into a Ventura County road called Yebra Buena. This road goes all the way to PCH and Neptune's Net, which was closed.

The Ventura County portion of Yebra Buena Road was sometimes sketchy, meaning worn out in spots and twisty as well. This trip it was smooth as it had been repaved. Since Neptune's Net it was closed, I went down PCH to Malibu Canyon Road. Took that to Piuma Road to Cold Canyon to Mulholland Hwy. Took that road till I got to the Shell station where I got gas. Leaving there I stopped when I saw a bunch of goats eating the weeds on the hill slope. Took pictures of the goats. Spoke with the man in charge of the goats. They were doing weed abatement.

This is when the day got dicey. My 2002 883/1200 has a loose on/off switch. And after the goat visit my switch got to where I had to hold it down so it would not cut off. Eventually it stayed on. But at some point I will have to get it replaced. Home ok without any further problems.

Memorial Day I was to meet up with the Shaggers and go to the Riverside Memorial Cemetery. Meeting spot was Denny's on K Street in Lancaster. Kick stands up by 9 am. I got there and waited and waited until I got a text message that said that they would be a no show.

An hour and a half later I was in Riverside. Missed the event, but I said "Hi" to my Mom and Dad who are in the cremated section. My Dad was a 5-year Navy Veteran from WWII. Got home safe and sound. It was real hot but I was ok.

Nothing going until Saturday, June 6th, when I met up with the Top Rocker HOG Chapter. We went to Jalama Beach where we had a nice lunch - a cheese burger and diet coke. Ride there was windy, but we all arrived safe. They're a good group of guys and

gals. I am a member of their Chapter. On the way home I took 101 to Bullion then the route that goes through Solvang and 295 to Santa Barbara. I got off looking for a coffee shop that had decaf no dice. I rode non-stop till I got to Woodlake/Mulholland exit and the 7/11 on Ventura where the owner or clerk made fresh decaf. Then straight home.

We're at the home stretch for this report. Saturday, June 13th, I did a meet and greet then a ride with the Glendale HOG Chapter. I am an official member of the Chapter - yea baby! We rode to Fosselman's Ice Cream Co on West Main Street in Alhambra. Then to Pharos Burgers on North Garfield in Alhambra. Food and ice cream were really good. This was a short ride to keep us in shape for riding. After lunch I went back to the Glendale HD and had hot chocolate. Then home.

June 14th the Messengers of Recovery Riverside Chapter had their open house for their new club house in Riverside. It's in an industrial park. I rode with my ABATE Local 1 VP, Jim Nickla. He has a 2020 Road Glide. I led the way and we were there in about an 1 hour and 15 minutes. They served us coffee. We met and greeted all the members, the prospects and all the other Chapters. My club, the Shaggers, showed up for support. Cheese burgers and hot dogs plus the fixings were served. We had a good time, good fellowship and fun.

Ride home was ok. Took the 60 to the 15 to the 210. Jim left me in Duarte. I needed gas so the Mobile station off the Lake exit was my stop. Gas and coffee. I cruised Colorado Blvd then took service streets in La Canada-Flintridge to Foothill Blvd and home.

Okay this concludes this month's Sporty's Rides. As always do ABATE rides, encourage your members to renew and keep on the look-out for new members.

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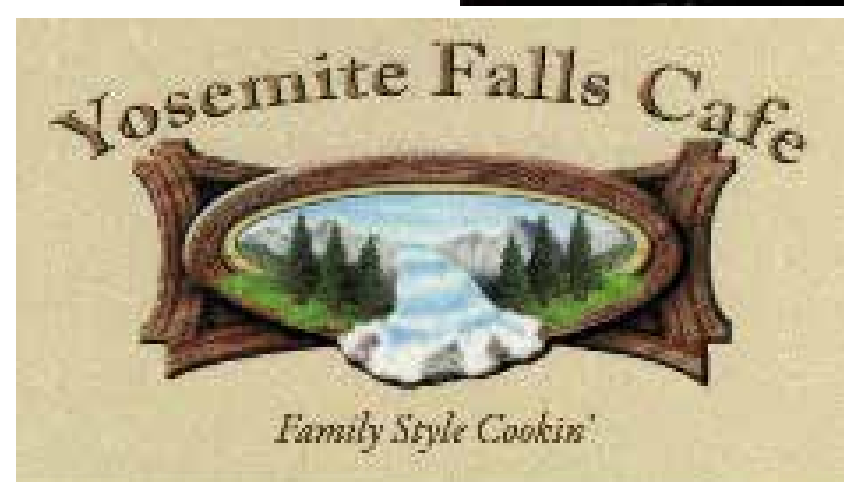
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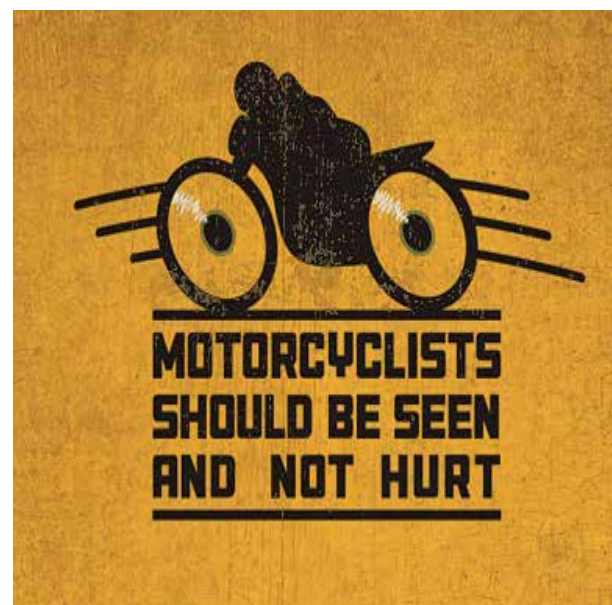
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Sal De Renzi 3rd Sun.- 10:00 AM
1324 Callen St Judy's Wild
Vacaville CA 95688 Wrangler Saloon
707/483-7445 4826 Midway Rd.
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Pomona Valley - Local #19 Reg#8

Jeff Bassler 4th Wed - 7:00 PM
C/O 9648 Calle Vejar Round Table Pizza
Rancho Cucamonga 1020 N Mountain
91730 Ontario, CA 91729
909/596-9685



ABATE MEETINGS

Orange County - Local #20-Reg#11

Rick Robison 2nd Mon - 7:00 PM
714-315-1150 American Legion Post 132
143 S Lemon St
Orange, 92866
local20abate@gmail.com

San Bernardino - Local#23

Ron Morris 1st Sun 9:00 AM
909/794-6563 Vicky's Restaurant
502 S Waterman Ave
San Bernardino CA 92408

Fresno - Local#24

2nd Wed - 7:00 PM
Yosemite Falls Cafe
www.abatelocal24.org 4020 N Cedar Ave.
Fresno 93726

Sacramento - Local#25

Lil' David Morena 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
916/616-9605 Denny's
3520 Auburn Blvd.
Sacramento 95821

Riverside - Local#27

Bob Marshall 1st Tues - 7:00 PM
I.G@ abatelocal27 American Legion
2979 Dexter Dr.
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Imperial Valley - Local#38- Reg#12

Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 6:30 PM
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Call Ed for meeting info
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Bakersfield - Local#40

Robert Northam 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM
Kilroy16@yahoo.com Rusty's Pizza
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