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In Memory of GILL MELLEN

8/16/1942 – 10/28/2020

by Hessian Spike – ABATE State
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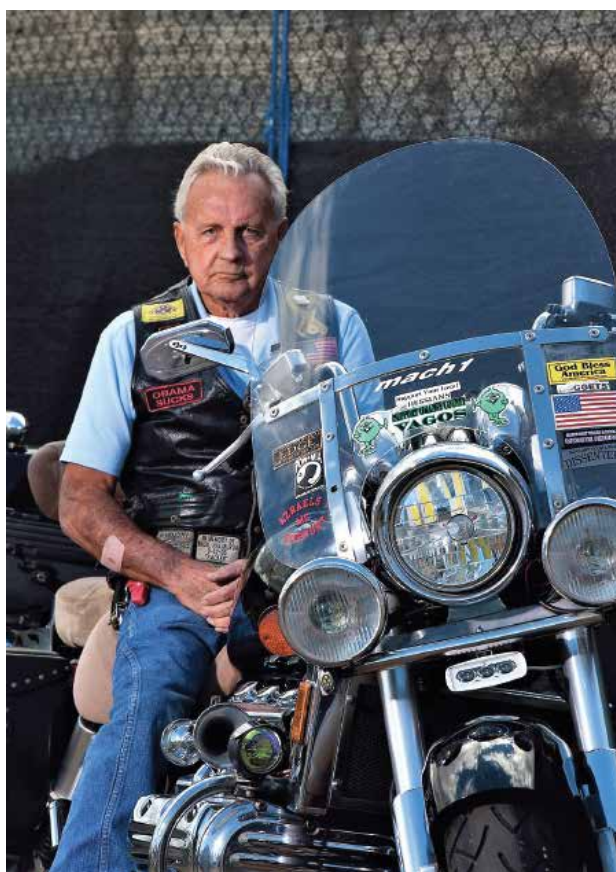
I have had the pleasure of knowing, riding and working politically on bikers' rights and issues with Gill Mellen for several decades. For those who have met him, he needs no introduction. For the less informed, Gill was a tenacious, patriotic, fully committed freedom fighter that lived to make the biker lifestyle and community a primary concern and strove to preserve, protect and inform as best as he could.

Gill was born, Gilbert Ronald Mellen, in Lowell, Massachusetts, August 16, 1942. His sister 'Lola' recalls Gill having an early interest in Motorcycles and engines as his father, an AMA member, built bikes in the cellar of their home. Gill went on to marry and have two daughters, Beverly and Tammy, then entered into military service. His love for engines and machinery continued in the service where he was part of the 70th Engineer Battalion. As well as qualifying as an expert rifleman and marksman in the carbine, he operated bulldozer and construction machinery and also got his drivers and mechanics badges which helped him later become driver/bodyguard for General Katzenback, followed eventually by an honorable discharge from the Military. After his military service and a divorce, Gill ended up in California where he worked as a marine mechanic in the local harbors and got heavily involved in the motorcycle community and ABATE of California.

ABATE of California and Gill became synonymous of each other. It was the norm to see Gill standing proudly at a political function dressed in his ABATE attire, shaking hands with legislators and anyone who would lend an ear, educating them of our plight or talking of the biker topic of the day.

A 22-year member of ABATE, Local 20 President, State PR Officer and on the State Board of Directors Gill started in earnest with then Local 20 President, Basil Haliburda. Under the wing of this President, patch holder and freedom fighter, Gill was introduced to both the local patched club members and the local and State legislators. He took root and grew!

Basil also introduced Gill to the Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital run, ONE MORE FOR THE HEART, which he annually supported



along with his Bike Night friends including Doreen, myself and many others. We would lead a pack of bikes each year along with toys, gifts and financial donations to help the efforts of this great hospital and staff.

Gill was always spearheading charitable events and local political gatherings representing the voice of the biker under the cloak of ABATE. He was a familiar face and voice at the Southern California Confederation of Clubs monthly meetings, informing the Biker Club community of ABATE information and involvement in legislative agendas.

Gill was also a 35-year member of the American Legion Post 0291, supported the Military and did all he could for the Veterans and Veterans organizations, notably Prop 41.

His often brash, non-PC demeanor, was very much a part of his straight shooting, say what you mean, character. Gill could always be relied upon to muster up a Call to Action or stir up support in the legislative arena, meet newly elected politicians and question their stance on biker issues. Although he ruffled a few feathers, he was a much loved and respected, hard-working, dedicated freedom fighter in our community and will be sorely missed by many. I know his wish was to build up ABATE, sign up every biker and continue protecting our freedom and biker lifestyle.

All you up and coming freedom fighters please take a page out of Gill's book and help support and fight the good fight.

We will miss you Gill.

Ride free forever.

Cheers, Spike

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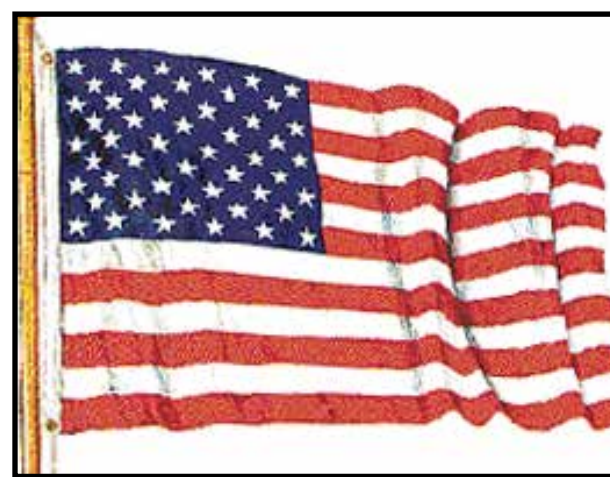


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What is ABATE?

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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Executive Director Report

by Mark Loudermilk, Executive Director

Life is life and it ends for us all eventually. Some have long lives, and some are cut short by disease or accident. For Gill Mellon it was disease. Gill was not everyone's cup of tea, a man of days gone by. You never had to wonder what he thought about something, he was quite clear. And there wasn't anything he wouldn't do to help ABATE.

Last January I had the honor of presenting him with the Annual Freedom Fighter Award. ABATE has many members that devote a lot of their time, work hard, and are committed to the improvement and growth of ABATE. Among them Gill went above and beyond. Gill was not an MC member, but was listened to and respected in that community and the civilian community. He was always thinking how to gain sponsors, increase membership and what we can do to make ABATE better and more effective. The loss of him leaves a huge hole to be filled.

Gill's absence leaves us with another position to fill at the State level, Public Relations Officer. We have many positions to fill at the State level this coming January at our 1st Quarterly Board meeting.

As I have said many times before, and will continue to say, ABATE is a bottom up organization. It is the membership that makes us succeed or fail. So, I am asking you all to consider



stepping up and filling one of these positions. I will be sending out an email to the membership with the positions that are open. Please consider filling one of them and helping to keep ABATE on track.

Lastly, Gill, it is an honor to call you friend and thank you for your years of commitment to ABATE. Thank you for your service to our country. Now take the Wing out and hit the twisties in the clouds riding free with no helmet. We will meet again

Sporty's Appeal from Sport Milligan

Hi All ABATE Members! I am the interim Board of Directors Chairman. In my job as Chairman I am asking you, the ABATE membership, to step up and consider being part of the state leadership

These are the positions that you might consider: A 2-Yr or 1-Yr Seat on the Board, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, State Treasurer or Secretary, Legislative Director, Assistant Legislative Director, Bailing Wire Editor, Webmaster and Public Relations Officer. These positions need to be filled for the up-coming 2021 year.

This is your organization, by stepping up to the state level, you can be proud to be an executive Freedom Fighter at another level of involvement with ABATE of California.

If you consider one of these positions, please send your request to the state office at info@abate.org

Please consider accepting the challenge of being one of the state officers.

Interim Board of Directors Chairman
Sporty Milligan

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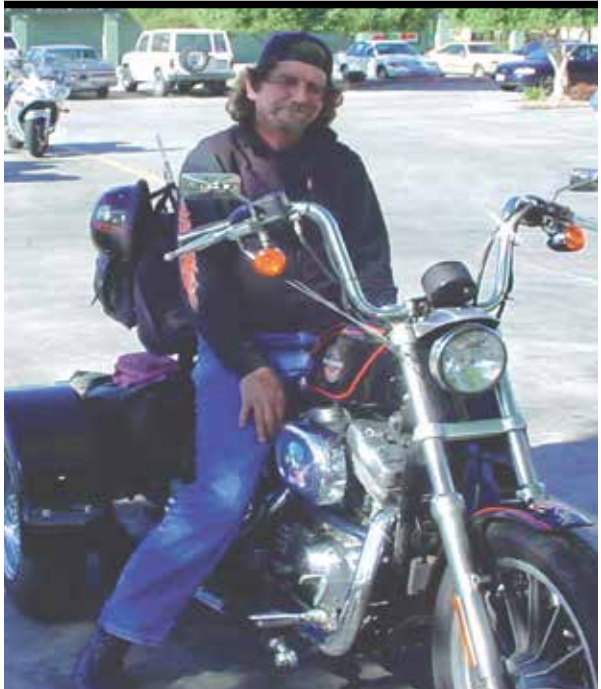
Membership Report

by Sporty Milligan,
Membership Chairman

Hi all! This is the Membership report for December. I ask Local Presidents and Membership Chairs to again do your best to keep your renewals. With the inability to have events due to the corvic-19 pandemic, we are relaying on the Locals to keep their renewals.

Also, we are having a Membership drive and are heading to the last six weeks of this year's drive. It should not take much to get the first-place money this year. ABATE members out there, really go for it and get sign-ups of some new members!

This is our organization. To make it work better we could use more folks to step up and sign-up new members and Local officers to help by encouraging your members to renew. If we all work together, we can accomplish good things for the ABATE organization.



The motto I came up with a long time ago still applies, "There is unity and strength in number of members". So, let's get going and have a good final drive for our Membership drive.
Regards, Membership Chairman Sporty Milligan.

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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 assessed a toll fee when traveling on a toll road within the state of California.

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**Nomination of Jane Warthen
Local 2 for 2020 Freedom
Fighter of the Year
by Sporty Milligan**

Hi All! When you select a nominee for Freedom Fighter you pick someone who has exemplary character and serves the ABATE community well. That’s why I have selected Jane Warthen of ABATE Local 2, Simi Valley.

Jane has been an ABATE member for 18 years and has been on the Local 2 board. I got on their email list and every month I got the call to attend their meetings. And when they did their Sweaty Buns run, she always treated us nice and made the riders feel welcome. That’s a rare quality these days.

So, with that said I nominate Jane Warthen for Freedom Fighter for the year 2020.

Submitted by Sporty Milligan, ABATE Local 1 President

**Nomination of Mark Loudermilk
Local 23 for 2020 Freedom
Fighter of the Year by Local 8**

ABATE Local 8 is proud to nominate ABATE’s Executive Director, Mark Loudermilk, for Freedom Fighter of 2020.

Mark has been a beacon in the leadership and daily operations of ABATE. Mark serves as Executive Director, Assistant (now Acting) Legislative Director, and Website/Social Media Director.

Covid-19, along with the associated government actions and restrictions, visited us with many issues, the greatest of which was fundraising. Mark led many special meetings of the ABATE Board of Directors focusing on funding shortfalls and solutions. He was instrumental in securing funding to ameliorate the funding problem caused by the shutdown of Local events.

If this wasn’t enough, he also made time to work on the huge undertaking of creating the ABATE Voters’ Guide.

Mark will be retiring in January and he will be sorely missed.

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The 2020 Elections ARE OVER! So much for the "Blue Democrat Wave" in the United States. While President Trump lost the White House, it appears the US Senate will stay under Republican control with either 52 or 51 Republicans. Perhaps even a tie vote will happen here and there on the floor, which would make California's former US Senator the Tie Breaking Vote as Vice-President. The Democrats lost over 20 seats in Congress with many Republicans winning back seats in California!

In our State Senate, Republicans lost two seats and our HQ home office Senator Wilk is hanging onto a slim 200 vote lead as this article went to print. On the Assembly side it remains at 60 Democrats, 19 Republicans and one independent, Chad Mayes, formally the Assembly Republican leader. Our Home office will be Represented by Thurston "Smitty" Smith, who we endorsed, as Jay Obernolte won his Congressional seat.

The Legislature will meet for one day in December to Elect the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Pro Temp. Its expected Anthony Rendon and Toni Atkins will be reelected to lead their respected Houses. They will then recess until the first week in January 2021 for the start of the Two-year session!

As your Lobbyist, we have been taking meetings all fall and scheduled upcoming meetings to get your Voices heard with the newly elected members. The deadline for introducing Legislation is tentatively scheduled for the 3rd week in January with the next deadline not coming until late February. So PLEASE, if you have any ideas for NEW LEGISLATION send them in to be considered for our January Board of Directors and PAC meetings!

As we all know, Governor Newsom has proposed eliminating gasoline Vehicles by the year 2035. We will see what legislation is introduced next year and if Motorcycles will be a part of the proposals. Many more bills to follow...STAY TUNED!

A special praise for Mark Loudermilk for doing an outstanding job as our Executive Director - however now we do have a vacation place to stay at his new house in Mexico! We appreciate all the passion Mark put into his many positions as a jack of all trades for ABATE, not to mention fun Board meeting lunches with members and Cigars these past years.



Thank you to those contributing to the dedicated Lobbyist Fund, it keeps your voices and issues heard in the Capital protecting Motorcycle Rights throughout the State!

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

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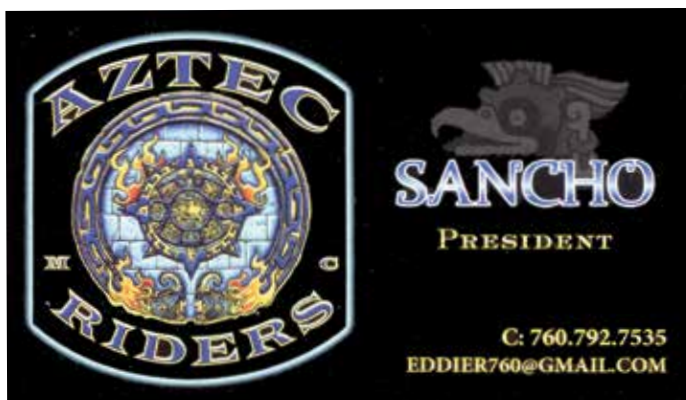
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Seniors Now Eligible to Renew Driver’s Licenses Online

Temporary waiver allows licenses for drivers 70 and older to be renewed without an office visit

Sacramento – Californians age 70 and older with a noncommercial driver’s license are now eligible to renew online or by mail, eliminating the need to visit a California Department of Motor Vehicles office. Licenses with an expiration date between March 1, 2020, throughout the COVID-19 emergency are eligible.

Through [Executive Order](#), Governor Gavin Newsom has temporarily waived the California law requiring drivers age 70 and older to visit a DMV field office to renew their license for the length of California’s State of Emergency or until modified. The DMV is completing the programming necessary so customers who meet the criteria will be able to complete their renewal online beginning December 6.

Nearly all California drivers are now eligible to renew their license online or by mail – even if their renewal notice states an office visit is required.

The DMV previously provided [yearlong extensions to senior drivers](#) with noncommercial licenses expiring in March through December 2020. Those who received the extensions are eligible to renew online.

Commercial licenses, including those for drivers 70 and older, expiring between March and December are extended through December 2020, to align with federal guidelines.

The DMV previously [expanded eligibility for drivers 69 and under to renew online](#), even if their DMV notification states they must come to an office.

Summary of California driver’s license extensions

	Expiration month	Status
Age 70 & older (noncommercial) Age 69 & younger (noncommercial)	Beginning March 2020	Expanded eligibility to renew online or by mail for licenses expiring during the emergency
Commercial (all types, all ages)	March-December 2020	Extended to December 31, 2020
Learner’s permits (noncommercial)	March-November 2020	Extended six months or to a date 24 months from the date of application

The ability for senior drivers to renew online is the latest action to help Californians avoid or delay a DMV office visit during the COVID-19 pandemic. The DMV continues to streamline its processes to limit the time customers spend at an office. Customers applying for a REAL ID are encouraged to fill out the [online application](#) and upload the required documents before they come to the office for expedited service.

The DMV continues to recommend that customers use its online services, expanded virtual services and other service channels to complete transactions, including eligible driver’s license and vehicle registration renewals. Customers can use the [Service Advisor](#) on the DMV website to learn their options to complete DMV tasks.

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BIKERS FROM ACROSS AMERICA BRAVE PANDEMIC TO ATTEND NCOM CONVENTION: Although smaller than normal, due to the COVID-19 threat, the rescheduled NCOM Convention held Oct. 16-18 in Indianapolis succeeded in "being here for those dedicated Freedom Fighters who were determined enough to brave a deadly health crisis to be here for each other," explained a masked NCOM Chairman James "Doc" Reichenbach.

Legal and legislative seminars and roundtables were socially distanced, but fairly well attended, considering the dire circumstances, and seats at the dinner tables were mostly filled for the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet to honor bikers' rights activists such as author and filmmaker John E. (Black Dragon) Bunch II (ENTERTAINMENT); Jad Breiner - Sons of Silence MC, editor of Brothers Behind Bars (BBB) Newsletter (MEDIA); Pete Leehey - AIM Attorney, Iowa (LEGAL); with SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS going to Nancy Nemecek and Fred "Sarge" Matthews, and NCOM's RON ROLOFF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD presented to John Bilotta Jr., Operations Director for ABATE of Virginia.

Dates and location for the 36th annual National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Convention in 2021 have yet to be finalized, so stay tuned for further details as they are announced.

CALIFORNIA BECOMES FIRST STATE TO BAN GAS-POWERED VEHICLES: Governor Gavin Newsom (D) announced that he will "aggressively move California further away from its reliance on climate change-causing fossil fuels" by issuing an executive order on September 23rd mandating that all new passenger vehicles be zero-emission by 2035.

His historic action will require all passenger vehicle manufacturers to shun internal combustion engines and fully electrify their line-up, meaning that manufacturers that wish to continue to sell in the Golden State will only be allowed to sell new electric cars and trucks after the deadline.

Motorcycles are not included in the definition of "passenger vehicles," but the order does contain a clause to achieve "100 percent zero-emission from off-road vehicles and equipment operations in the State by 2035," which would presumably include all new ATVs and dirt bikes.

The executive order only applies to the sale of new

vehicles and will not prevent Californians from owning gas-burning automobiles or selling them on the used car market.

"This is the most impactful step our state can take to fight climate change," said Gov. Newsom as California has become the first U.S. state to join with 15 countries that have already committed to phase out gasoline-powered vehicles.

ATVs GET APPROVAL FOR USE ON CITY'S STREETS: Off-road tourism got a boost with news that a city has opened its streets to side-by-side and ATV traffic. In central Wisconsin, the Tomah Police Department reports on its Facebook that "ATV/UTV routes within the City of Tomah are now legally opened for operation and use. Now that all City of Tomah signage is erected, streets within the City of Tomah are now legally opened for ATV/UTV traffic."

Some key points related to ATV/UTV operation within the City of Tomah, WI: 1) Unless otherwise posted, the routes within the City of Tomah include all roads with a speed limit of 35mph or less; 2) ATVs and UTVs may only be operated on approved routes from 6am - 10pm; 3) Operators must be 16 or older and possess a valid license and proof of insurance; 4) All other state statutes related to the use and operation of an ATV/UTV are applicable.

INNOCENT BIKER'S PERSISTANCE NETS NEW HARLEY: The Texas biker may have deserved a speeding ticket, but he didn't think the traffic stop warranted the questioning, roadside investigation, pat-down search, or enduring an hour of detainment along the roadway waiting for a drug-sniffing dog to arrive on the scene; resulting in inconvenience and embarrassment because a law enforcement officer had guessed wrong.

Statistically, police are terrible at determining which motorists are worthy of being detained and searched, often relying on signs of a driver's deception such as twitching, fidgeting or lack of eye-contact, all of which research long has debunked as signals of lying.

"There are no nonverbal and verbal cues uniquely related to deceit," a 2011 review of deception research concluded, while a 2005 study of Texas police found officers performed barely above random chance in being able to discern a person telling the truth from a liar.

Texas police performed just under a million searches during traffic stops last year, according to figures reported to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, and though "hit rates" vary by department, only about 1 in 5 resulted in contraband being found. Yet Texas law enforcement agencies seized about \$50 million in forfeited funds in each of the past five years; with proceeds split between police and prosecutors and used to fund more searches.

Police once needed probable cause that a crime was occurring to investigate motorists during a stop. But in 1968, the U.S. Supreme Court allowed brief stops based on a lower standard of "reasonable suspicion" of wrongdoing. A later decision clarified that if the officer can't specify why he suspects a crime is afoot, a traffic stop may last only long enough to check the driver's paperwork and write a ticket or warning.

Most recent national analyses of traffic stops have focused on the disproportionate rate of police searches of Black and Hispanic motorists, though a federal measure currently under consideration in Congress could add motorcycle riders to that profiling study group.

And so this biker was relieved to finally be allowed on his way with just a ticket, but knew it wasn't right and figured his motorcycle club vest must have raised the officer's suspicions.

Innocent people rarely protest meritless searches, so finding an attorney to take his case was difficult. The overwhelming number of legal challenges occur

in suppression hearings, when an officer's suspicions were correct; contraband was discovered and the defendant seeks to have the evidence tossed on procedural grounds.

With the help of an Austin attorney who represents motorcyclists, the angry biker filed a lawsuit against the Texas trooper in early 2019. Soon after reviewing the dashcam video, lawyers for the Texas attorney general's office said they were ready to settle.

According to the story posted in Insane Throttle (www.HarleyLiberty.com), the two sides agreed on \$11,000 to compensate wronged rider Thomas Kost for the unjustified intrusion, and he used the settlement money to buy a new Harley.

BLACK MOTORCYCLE CLUB SUES COUNTY OVER EVENT CANCELLATION: The East Bay Dragons, founded in the 1950s as the first all-Black motorcycle club to exist in California's Bay Area, has filed a federal lawsuit against Solano County alleging they concocted a reason to cancel a planned club event at the fairgrounds after hearing that one of the club's members had an association with the Black Panthers.

Still in its early stages, the suit claims that the Dragons planned a 60th anniversary event at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo, but the event was canceled at the last minute, after the Dragons had spent thousands in fees and planning.

According to the lawsuit, the trouble for the planned August 2019 event started when a county employee learned that a member of the Dragons owned a bakery in Oakland, proudly located at the site of the Black Panthers' first headquarters.

The suit claims all of this was a problem for the county employee, who allegedly remarked that the Black Panthers were "the greatest threat to the internal security of the country," and started working to cancel the Dragons' event. As a result of this, the suit alleges, fairgrounds staff invented the ruse that there was a credible threat to the safety of the event, "but there was no credible threat at all."

"This insidious belief of EBD's threat traveled all the way to Oakland and with the help of the Oakland Police Department, at the conclusion of the 60th anniversary celebration on September 2, 2019, the EBD were surrounded by Oakland Police Department officers due to racist motives," the civil complaint says.

In East Oakland, the biker club is beloved, says Councilman Larry Reid, who said their clubhouse in his district has distributed food on Thanksgivings and toy drives during Christmas.

MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC GETS COMPENSATION OVER BIKE 'PHOBIA': A mechanic at a Harley-Davidson dealership in England has received over £60k (\$77,665 USD) settlement after being left unable to work due to "motorcycle phobia" sustained in a work-related accident with an at-fault car whose driver admitted liability.

The mechanic was road testing a customer's bike at the time of the crash, resulting in physical and psychiatric injuries, including a newfound fear of riding the motorcycles he had to work on, rendering him unable to continue doing the job he loved.

Despite receiving support from his employer, the mechanic left the bike business and now has hopes to become a photographer.

MOTORCYCLISTS 'A DANGER TO THEMSELVES' SAYS TRANSPORTATION REPORT: A transport consultation released by the Oxford County Council has branded motorcyclists as pollution emitting liabilities to safety. The paper outlines transport and connectivity plans, which are clearly biased against motorcycle riding, and goes to great lengths

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to champion bicycles, walking and public transportation.

Rather than just side with pedal power and walking, the public document goes on to set a worrisome precedent by labeling motorcycles and their riders as dangerous polluters. Just two of the anti-motorcycle statements read: “Statistical evidence suggests motorcyclists are a danger to themselves” and “Motorbikes are mostly still using fossil fuels to run, meaning they are environmentally unsound, not sustainable, and contribute to air pollution.”

The British Motorcycle Federation (www.BMF.co.uk) has now picked up the case and are chasing the council to have the anti-biker rhetoric dropped from the official paper. “The Oxfordshire Transport Panel have cynically used the current COVID-19 crisis to attempt to force through the adoption of this outrageous Transport Plan,” charged their Chairman, Jim Freeman, further stating that “The BMF urge all members to be especially vigilant at this time in scrutinizing local authorities and other bodies who may use this crisis to ‘bury news’ concerning similar discriminatory attitudes and moves.”

BRITISH MOTORCYCLE RACER RECOGNIZED BY THE QUEEN: TT champion Ryan Farquhar, one of the world’s most esteemed and successful motorcycle road racers, was awarded a BEM (British Empire Medal) in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List.

The Northern Irishman received the award for his “Services to Motorcycling” over a career that has seen him secure three Isle of Man TT wins, five North West 200 victories and nine Ulster Grand Prix triumphs, clinching an incredible total of 357 road race victories.

Farquhar says he was completely taken aback by the news of his award, saying it is “very special” to have his achievements recognized in such a high-profile manner outside of the sport itself. “I never ever dreamed I would receive an accolade like this. Motorcycle racing in general, and particularly road racing, doesn’t generally get the recognition of other sports.”

AIMEXPO, IMS POSTPONED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS: Following a meeting of the MIC (Motorcycle Industry Council) Board of Directors, the difficult decision was made to postpone the 2021 AIMExpo, the industry’s annual trade show, to 2022 due to COVID-19 directives “limiting gathering size, travel restrictions, and a myriad of other obstacles created by the pandemic, there are too many unknown factors limiting our ability to create a safe environment that will also deliver the experience and ROI our exhibitors and attendees expect.”

Likewise, the International Motorcycle Shows (IMS) have announced that its annual November through February winter tour across the U.S. has been cancelled “as a result of COVID-19 and the risks involved with large crowds at indoor venues” and, in its place, has launched Progressive IMS Outdoors; revamping the tour’s nearly 40-year stint to “transition from the traditional convention center setup to a new open outdoor experience” to take place between May and September of 2021.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “The best way to predict the future is to create it.” ~ Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), 16th President of the United States

ABATE Events for 2020

2020 Events:

December 6th – ABATE Local 19 – 32nd Annual Toy Run (see flyer this issue)

December 25th – ABATE Local 6 – Santa with the Kids (see flyer this issue)

December 13th – ABATE Local 1 – 33rd Annual LA Toy Run with Glendale HD to benefit the LA Ronald McDonald House (see flyer this issue)

2021 Events:

March 7th – ABATE Local 1 – 34th Annual Polar Bear Run

Bike Nights:

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

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

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Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi All! Today, November 15th, we had our monthly meeting at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga. The crowd size was ok, could have been better, but never-the-less we pressed on with the meeting.

Jim Nickla and myself brought stuff for the 25 needy families in Tujunga. I gave the treasury report and we have paid our commitment for November to the lobbyists and general funds. For the political report I referred the membership to our Lobbyist’s report in this month’s Bailing Wire.

Also reminded the members about the anti-profiling issues we face and ABATE trying to resolve them on the state and federal level. At present our best shot is at the federal level. However, we need

to get it done on the state level, too. State-wise that remains to be seen, as I sometimes feel bikers in this state are too full of apathy.

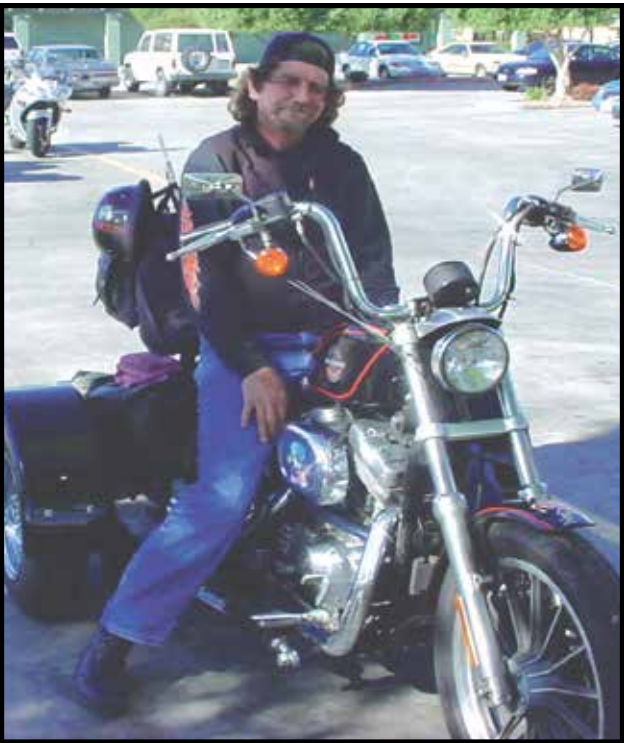
Then had a discussion of the Polar Bear run, reporting what we have accomplished. We have secured, once again, Big Jim’s Family restaurant as the starting point. Inquiries have been made for acquiring 100 run pins. I will order the run pins shortly. At the meeting Steve Blumenthall, who became a member of the VFW Post off Sierra Hwy & Sand Canyon Road, suggested he could secure the Post for our run.

We then had Richard Wagner talk about the LA Toy Drop to benefit the Ronald McDonald House LA chapter. There is a box at the Glendale HD dealership where you can drop off the toys or drop off the toys at the Ronald McDonald House.

We were almost done. My VP Jim Nickla helped me throughout the meeting. We ended the meeting and then enjoyed the delicious breakfast provided by the Elks Lodge members.

President Sporty Milligan reporting

Sporty's Rides



by Sporty Milligan

Greetings ABATE Fans! The elections are over for the most part. There are still a few loose ends to tie up and then it will be done. I imagine that with a possible new administration we may have the possibilities of more shut downs. I guess it's the old saying "we'll cross that bridge when we get there." With that said I will start on this month's journeys or rides if you prefer. Since the last time we met - article wise - I have been doing rides to pass out flyers for our toy runs, ABATE Local 19's Toy run on December 6th and Totally Kids Toy Drop in Loma Linda on November 8th. I'll get to those rides a bit later.

Okay the first ride was a ride to Santa Claus Lane in Carpentaria. Meeting time was 9 am at Top Rocker in Canoga Park. About 10 of us assembled for the ride. We left at 9.30 am and proceeded to take a route that had us going through Simi Valley and the 118 Fwy. We then took some roads to Ojai then we connected to Hwy 150 that took us out to Carpentaria where we stopped for lunch at a very nice place on Santa Claus Lane by the beach. I had a tri-tip sandwich that was pretty good. I had to bid good-bye and made it home safely. Thanks to the gang at Top Rocker HOG Chapter! I had a good ride and fun.

October 22nd was a flyer delivery ride to two locations. The first was the Triumph shop in Brea. It was all freeway, but not crowded freeway. They took the flyers there and gave me directions to get to Westminster Indian. I had a pleasant ride to that dealership. Dropped off the flyers. Ride home included a coffee stop at the Mobile station in Pasadena. Cool deal.

I belong to the Glendale and Top Rocker HOG Chapters. Sweet and reasonable priced dues. The

next trip was on October 25th. It was a ride to Ojai with the Glendale HOG Chapter. The run started at Glendale HD. The weather was over-cast and cool, but no rain at the start. This route took us from the 2 Fwy to the 210 Fwy to the 126 Hwy then the 150 Hwy. Stopped at an Italian restaurant off the 150 before you actually get into Ojai. I ordered a great pasta salad that was good and nicely priced. I also had decaf coffee to warm up my chilled bones. We chatted awhile. I enjoyed the ride and company.

Ok it was time to shove off as I would need gas soon. I took the 150 back through Santa Paula where I got gas. Then jumped on the 126 Hwy to 5 Fwy then home. Thanks to Pete and the Glendale HOG Chapter for a good day.

Another okay week with a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, October 28th, with ABATE Local 19. We had a small turn out, but those who attended responded well.

On October 29th I rode out to Redlands to the Redlands Indian dealership and dropped off flyers there. Nice easy ride to the dealership. They seemed really nice too. Again, hit Pasadena for coffee at the Mobile station off Lake Avenue.

On Saturday, November 7th, I went to Ontario to help put together 109 bikes for the Toy Drop at Santa Claus Inc in Ontario. It only took about 2 hours to accomplish this task. I am keeping myself busy in my retirement years.

The very next day was the Totally Kids Stop and Drop off toys. I had to be in Loma Linda by 9 am. We were given road guard direction assignments. 9 am to 12 pm weather was drizzly at times. I did my shift and was glad I rode the bike there.

The final ride for this report was Saturday, November 14th. It was the monthly meet and greet at Glendale HD HOG Chapter. We had our meeting then we took off to the Rock Inn in Lake Elizabeth. Nice ride there - freeway and canyon rides. There was good food at the Inn. Thanks, Pete, for another good ride.

Well that concludes this month's adventures. Hope you guys enjoyed the ride. Till next time, go out and ride your bike.

Your Faithful Scribe, Sporty Milligan

Sarge and Nancy Nemecek with Bill Bish at the NCOM Convention in Indianapolis, where both Sarge and Nancy were presented Silver Spoke Awards for all their contributions to bikers rights!



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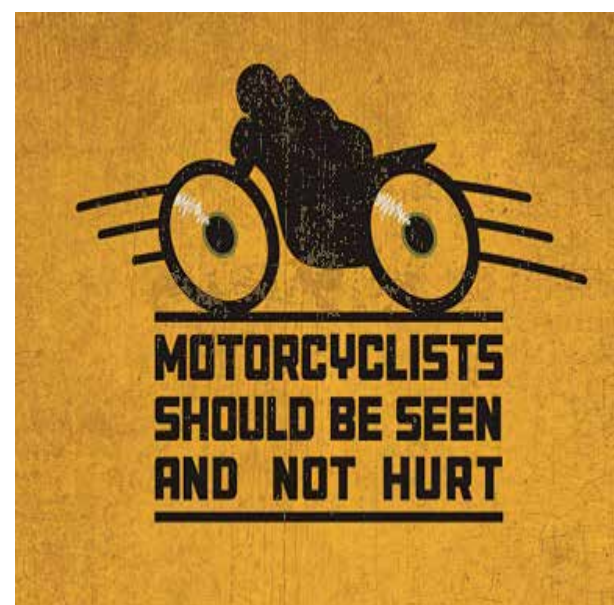
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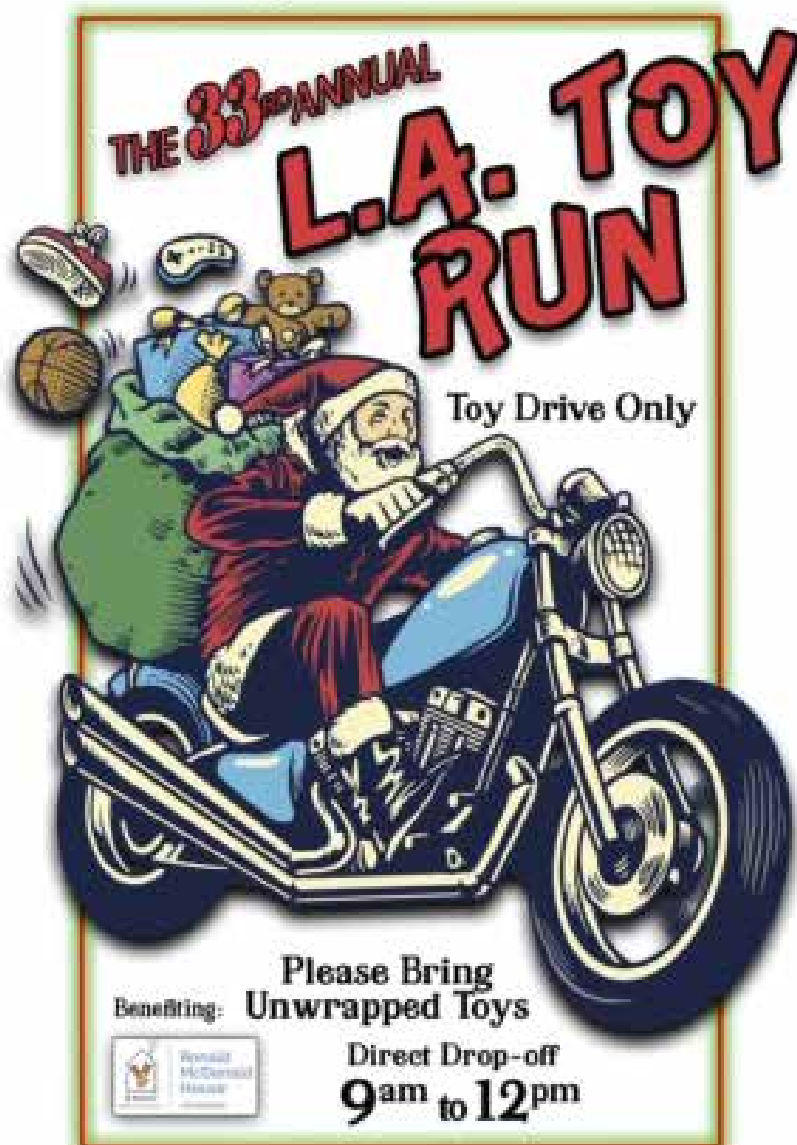
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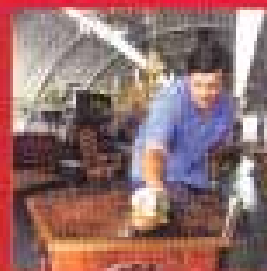
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