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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. **Assembly Transportation**

***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 revenues. 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 four 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. **Assembly Transportation**

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 Revise**

***AB-2785 Cervantes Vehicles: off-highway vehicles (Spot):** This bill would delete obsolete provisions relating to the report, and would make other technical, nonsubstantive 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**

***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!**

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Want more details on a bill?
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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

Hello August and riders around our state. We just had our quarterly Board of Directors meeting online. I want to thank everyone who participated. We had good communication and exchange of ideas.

We went to the online format for multiple reasons. First for the safety and health of our members, second to hopefully increase participation by eliminating the expense and time involved in travelling that for some, and depending upon the location, can be halfway across the state.

At this time, our next meeting is scheduled for in-person in Fresno. I hope this does not change because I enjoy the in-person meetings much more.

At the Local level, many have started having their monthly meetings online. I encourage all Locals to do this, if you are not meeting in person.

We are in an election year and we need to keep engaged. If the candidates are not having public events, contact them by phone or email. Ask them where they stand on issues that are important to you as an individual and a rider. Remind them that they work for us, the voters and citizens. It seems all too often they have forgotten that, as have many voters. They enjoy the honor of serving because we put them there based on what they say they believe and represent.

Follow your representatives and see if they practice what they promised. If not, call them on it. Demand to know why they are not doing what they said they would do. Tell them you are a member of ABATE and there are hundreds of thousands with the same interests and concerns as you. Remember they are not our leaders; they are our representatives. We put them in office, and we can remove them if they are not true to how they represented themselves to get elected.



In the end, 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 passed or rejected.

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, or attend it online, and ask your Local's President. Be part of the solution.

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

Respectfully, Mark

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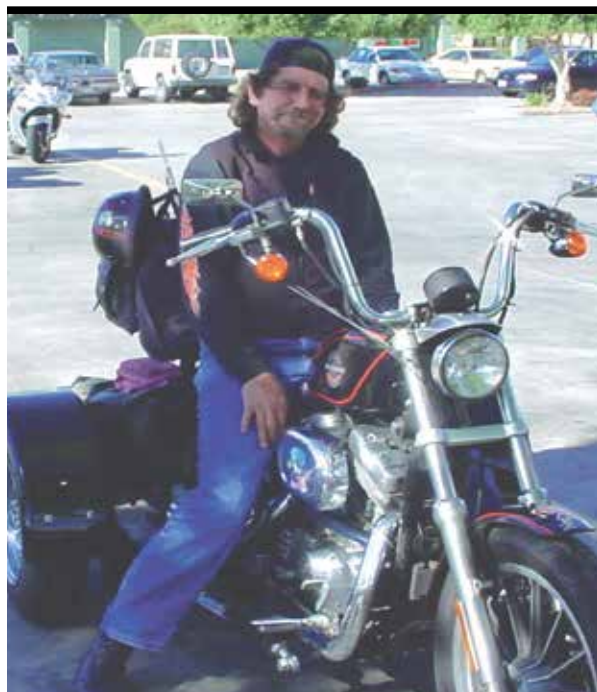
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Membership Report



by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi all! Once again, I am asking all presidents and their membership chairpersons to keep your membership renewals. The establishment of membership retention depends on how much effort you make to accomplish that goal. There are ways you can do that.

There is the ever-popular emails to your membership list. This is a group list that is made up with the members email addresses. It works like this, you get their email addresses, then compile a group list and give it a name.

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

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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Greetings All! ABATE Local 1 is still in business. We have been able to make our monthly commitments to the state office, at least for the time being.

Our July meeting will be an online Zoom meeting Sunday, July 19th, at 9 am. With Covid19 lurking, I am not certain about future runs and activities. We'll do Zoom meetings until such time we can get back to the regular live meetings.

So keep the faith.

Regards, Sporty Milligan, ABATE Local 1 President

Local #08 Orange County



Hello All! Needless to say, it's been some interesting months and I hope everyone is safe and healthy. I attended the last Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, July 11th, which was online. The meeting was good with a lot of good discussions and was well attended by Local 8 members. An item that was talked about was the anti-profiling bill, which is doing well. Also, that no federal funds can be used for a motorcycle only check point.

The ABATE membership drawing has been pushed to the October 10th Board of Directors meeting in Fresno. That way the drawing will be drawn in an in-person meeting.

Lastly at the Board meeting Jeff Bassler, Local 19 President accepted a 1-year Board position.

In the PAC meeting it was talked about that there was not much going on with new bills yet as the State Senate has been going over the budget.

Our ABATE Local 8 meeting on July 13th was held online again. We touched on what happened at the Board meeting. We also talked about the status of events and merchandise Local 8 has to sell. At our next meeting there is going to be many things to discuss, so I hope to see you all there.

Daniel

Local # 38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members and Friends! I hope everyone is healthy. This year we combined our Ice Chest raffle and our Annual No Host 4th of July breakfast ride to Alpine. We had 11 bikes show up for the 7 am start. I took my truck loaded up with all the stuff for our raffle.

We went to Janet's Montana Café, 2506 Alpine Blvd, in Alpine. We had 3 tables in their outside seating area. After last minute ticket sales, we had our waitress pull a ticket. The winner was Deborah Kensler. She is the first ABATE Member to win the Ice Chest raffle in the 7 years we have been doing it.

Our Local sold our membership raffle tickets. We also sent a check to the ABATE general fund. I signed up a new member - welcome Israel Cardenas to Local 38. He is also a member of the Dragon Bikers. He signed up after the 4th of July ride.

We hope we can return to some sort of normalcy so we can start planning our Turkey and Toy Runs. Or maybe a modified version of them.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy.

Ed Aranda President ABATE Local 38

Lobbyist's Report

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The Legislature was scheduled to return July 13th, however two Members of the Assembly, Autumn Burke (D – Los Angeles), and Tom Lackey (R – Palmdale, who Coauthored our Lane Splitting Legalization, as well as multiple Capitol staff, tested positive for the Coronavirus.

The Legislature was returning to start work on the August revise of 202 Billion Dollar State Budget now that the State Taxes have been collected and numbers finalized after the July 15th Tax Extension Deadline.

On June 15th a temporary "Band-Aid" State Budget that relied heavily on Federal Funds from Congress & the President, which have not materialized, was passed on a prayer that a new FEDERAL BAILOUT would include State Budget assistance - slim chance when you've sued the President with over 100 lawsuits!

Expect some major cuts to state programs come October! So far, we have been successful at keeping the California Motorcyclists Safety Program and Off-Road Vehicle Accounts protected and not pillaged as they always try.

We have been able to move SB 1024 Jones (R – San Diego) out of the Senate. It's awaiting a hearing in the Assembly Transportation Committee when the Legislature returns – tentatively on

July 27th. We have been meeting with the Department of Parks, DMV and various stakeholders these past months and continue to through this extension. This bill would allow racing competition bikes, as well as the ones for the kiddos, to continue to be sold by our Motorcycle Dealers and ridden and used in the riding areas of California! A Big Win if we can push it out of the Transportation Committee with all these Legislative shutdowns.

The Bills trying to close the Carnegie-Tesla Off-Road park are still stuck in Committees: SB 1147 Glazer (D – Orinda) AB 2551 Bauer-Kahan (D – East Bay). We expect them to be amended into one of the 40 Assembly Budget Trailer bills or one of the 40 Senate Trailer bills currently being discussed. They tried a "Gut & Amend" last year after we defeated only to have it Vetoed by the Governor.

We have been successful so far, but will be ready to battle these Trailer bills until the August 31st deadline when the Legislature is set to adjourn. We have heard they may be called into a special session after the deadline. So be prepared for a busy fall with elections and political work.

A big "Thank you!" to all the Locals that send in their monthly shares to support the dedicated Lobbyist Fund and those who stepped up, as usual, sending money into the Special Request Letter from the Board!

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Meet Your New Board Member

Jeff Bassler, President Local 19 for 4+ years has stepped up to finish out an open 1-Year seat that was open on our Board. Congratulations and Thank you Jeff!



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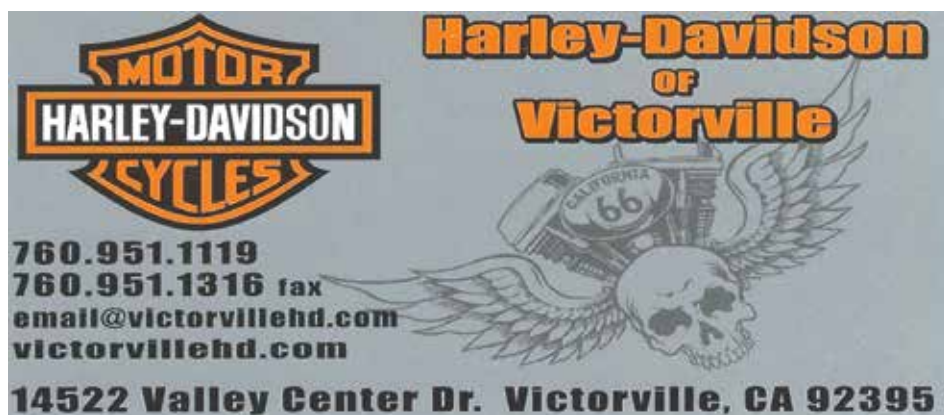
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ABATE PAC Meeting: 10:00 am – 11:45 am

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch

ABATE Board Meeting: 1:00 pm – Conclusion of Business

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a13 – Leather Weather Run
Local 27 – 18th Annual Bare Necessities Run
Local 17 – 9th Annual Texas Hold ‘em Tournament
Local 2 – 25th Annual Sweaty Buns Run

2020 Events that have a firm Event date:

August 28th – 30th – Shaggers MC 6th Annual Tehachapi Mountain Run & Campout
September 12th – ABATE Local 24 – Annual AMMO Run (see flyer this issue)
September 24th – 27th – MRF Meeting of the Minds (see flyer this issue)
October 10th – 4th Quarter Board Meeting - Piccadilly Inn Fresno (see flyer this issue)

2020 ABATE of CA Events that are tentatively scheduled:

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

November – ABATE Local 24 – 30th Annual Turkey Run
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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NCOM CONVENTION IN INDY -- BACK ON TRACK! The 35th annual NCOM Convention, originally scheduled for Mother's Day weekend at the Marriott Indianapolis East (7202 East 21st Street in Indianapolis), is back on track, despite the COVID-19 pandemic forcing a postponement to October 16th-17th, 2020.

So, SAVE THE DATE and plan on attending one of the largest and most informative bikers' rights gatherings in the world, expected to draw hundreds of concerned motorcyclists from across America to "Circle City" to address topics of concern to all riders.

Known worldwide for its "Indy 500", it's a little known fact that it was motorcycles that first lapped the Brickyard's banked oval track when it opened in 1909, and it's bikers who are still setting the pace for political activism over a century later.

Some of the motorcyclists' rights movement's finest Freedom Fighters will teach seminars and lead group discussions on legal and legislative issues such as "Protect Your Rights/Probable Cause" and "Vulnerable Road Users Legislation To Protect Our Riders" seminars, with Special meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders meeting. Renowned EMT Dick "Slider" Gilmore will present his "Save a Biker's Life" seminar on The Golden Hour, a must-see tutorial.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$85 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. For more information, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or [visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com).

Claim your spot in the starting lineup and reserve your hotel room now for the special NCOM rate of \$129 per night by calling (317) 352-9775, and we'll meet you in the winners' circle!

'INVEST IN AMERICA' HIGHWAY BILL

ADDRESSES MOTORCYCLISTS' CONCERNS: Congress moved to reauthorize the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), which expires on September 30th, when House Democrats unveiled the INVEST in America Act ("Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America"), H.R. 2; a new 864-page \$494 billion long-term funding plan for the nation's surface transportation infrastructure like highways, vehicle safety and public transit.

Included by unanimous consent during markup of H.R. 2 by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on June 18th are three amendments offered to bolster previous tenets contained in the FAST Act of 2015: (1) A provision to extend the prohibition against using federal funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints would also prohibit using federal funds to profile and stop motorcyclists based on their mode of transportation or style of dress. (2) An amendment to require the Department of Transportation to consider motorcycles in safety studies on autonomous vehicles and would also include a motorcycle safety group in the DOT working group on autonomous vehicle deployment. (3) An extension of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council, including a seat on the council for motorcyclists' rights groups and manufacturers.

In addition, as originally introduced, the INVEST in America Act seeks to increase Motorcycle Safety Funds to states by 25%, to \$5.8 million.

YET ANOTHER REASON TO RIDE!: Comments made by President Donald Trump during a recent roundtable meeting at the White House have prompted speculation that Americans might receive a domestic travel credit as part of a second round of stimulus payments.

On May 18th, Trump met with restaurant executives to discuss the future of the industry amid the COVID-19 pandemic. During the meeting, Trump suggested a possible credit that could benefit the restaurant and travel industries, two of the hardest-hit by the Coronavirus.

"Create an 'Explore America' tax credit that Americans can use for domestic travel, including visits to restaurants," said President Trump, adding "That's a big deal."

While the President didn't mention any specified amount, U.S. tourism industry lobbyists have been circulating a proposal in Washington that would give people an extra \$4,000 in tax breaks to spend at U.S. theme parks, restaurants, hotels and other travel-related businesses, the Orlando Sentinel reports.

Details of the "Explore America" tax credit are still being finalized, according to the paper, but early drafts propose covering 50% of airfare and other travel costs up to \$4,000 through 2021.

POST-COVID: MOTORCYCLES WILL BE THE LOGICAL CHOICE: If we are to believe the so-called "experts," travelling will never be the same again. Even when the Coronavirus itself is under control, we have to take into account the risk of contamination or a new wave of the pandemic for a long time, if not forever. Already politicians and medical experts speak of a socially-distanced society in which we have to keep away from one another in the public space, including public transport, schools, restaurants, et cetera.

"Assuming that we will be able to travel freely soon, there will probably, at least for a period of

time, be limitations to our freedom," states the head of the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA), "Not in distance or direction, but in the way we travel as a result of the need to keep distance from each other."

FEMA's General Secretary Dolf Willigers concludes that the capacity of public transport, buses, trains, airplanes and the such will be limited, and we will have to switch to more individual ways. At the same time, he notes that city councils allocate more road space to pedestrians and cyclists instead of cars and commercial vehicles. This calls for vehicles that are smaller than cars and trucks, so "for personal transport and partly for goods transport, powered two-wheelers (motorcycles, mopeds, e-bikes, etc.) will be the logical choice."

Road authorities and city councils should keep the use of motorcycles possible and facilitate the use of them by keeping roads open for them, says Willigers in calling for the creation of dedicated parking spaces and safe charging infrastructure for electric powered two-wheelers (PTW). "The use of small individual motorized transport -- as powered two-wheelers are -- allow people to travel into the cities while maintaining the needed social distance and leaving room for pedestrians, cyclists and users of other kinds of micro-mobility."

RIDING WITH A MASK UNDER YOUR HELMET COULD LEAD TO BLACKOUTS: As an ongoing part of the government's guidelines to combat the spread of the Coronavirus, face masks are recommended (and even required in some places) to be worn while out of our homes. However, one motorcycle-riding doctor has spoken out against wearing face masks under full-face and modular motorcycle helmets while riding, cautioning that the material used to filter out particles before they enter the lungs could cause riders to take on too little oxygen and potentially cause them to lose consciousness.

While riding a bike, adrenaline will begin circulating through the rider's body, elevating their heart rate and increasing the amount of oxygen the rider needs to take in. In circumstances such as this, the restrictive nature of a surgical type face mask could prevent the rider from taking on enough oxygen and potentially lead to the rider passing out.

"Surgical masks restrict your breathing," explains Dr. Tommy Lim, a rider and surgeon, warning that this can be fatal at high speeds when your adrenaline kicks in. "Adrenaline will cause your heartbeat to double depending on your speed. This, in effect, will make you breathe faster and these masks will restrict your breathing and give your heart a hard time. Next, your brain will also suffer due to lack of oxygen until you blackout."

HARLEY-DAVIDSON TAKES A STAND AGAINST RACISM: Harley-Davidson Motor Co. has made an unprecedented stand against racism and bigotry in the aftermath of the George Floyd protests, taking to social media to make the statement that racism has no place at the Milwaukee firm and that H-D stands shoulder to shoulder with those people protesting against racism and bigotry in any form.

America's most famous motorcycle maker recently posted on their Instagram page that;

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“Racism, hate or intolerance have no place at Harley-Davidson. We stand in solidarity with our Black colleagues and riders, as we condemn acts of racism and bigotry of any kind, and move forward together toward and equitable society for all. United we ride.”

BIKER GANGS RIDING TO SEATTLE TO FIGHT ANTIFA: In mid-June, “news” started circulating on social media platforms that the Hells Angels and Mongols were riding together “on their way” to Seattle, Washington, to scrap with Antifa, or anti-fascists, in the city’s Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone (CHAZ), a so-called “cop free” area that was set up by protesters amid widespread rioting against police brutality and racial injustice.

This incendiary hoax was supported by little more than unfounded tweets and unrelated years old YouTube videos, but no evidence was ever provided to support this claim, and Sonny Barger of the Hells Angels has issued a statement refuting these rumors in a Facebook post on June 13, 2020, in which he wrote: “People have asked me about these fake articles involving the Hells Angels and another club going to face antifa. Stop, it’s untrue and will never happen.”

In light of such fake news abuzz across the Internet, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) would like to invite all concerned motorcyclists to sign up for our free NCOM Biker Newsbytes, a trusted source you can turn to for fact-based reporting and current news items of interest to all riders. Simply send a “subscribe” e-mail to NCOMBish@aol.com.

MISSOURI HELMET LAW ON VERGE OF REPEAL: Once again, Missouri motorcyclists are hopeful for major changes to the state’s mandatory helmet law after legislators recently approved a massive transportation bill that contains a provision that would allow most adults to ride without a helmet, but they must be at least 26 years old and have medical insurance and proof of financial responsibility. The state’s Senate and House approved the legislative package; now it’s up to the state’s governor to give his final stamp of approval.

Representative Jared Taylor (R-Nixa) told Missourinet.com that Governor Mike Parson (R) promised he’d sign the measure that is now sitting on his desk, but Parson’s spokeswoman says while he has “indicated he is supportive of this issue, but like always, there will be a thorough bill review to see what else is in the bill.”

The new rules also restrict police from pulling over helmetless riders to check if they have the required health insurance.

The motorcyclists’ rights organization “Freedom of the Road Riders of Missouri” (FORR-MO) supports the repeal effort and has lobbied the perennial issue annually at the Capitol for

more than 25 years, successfully getting a bill to their governor on multiple occasions since 1999.

At least three Missouri governors, including GOP Governor Parson, have vetoed helmet repeal legislation in the past. Governor Parson vetoed a broad bill in 2019 that included a helmet repeal, though the governor’s objections were to a different part of that overall bill.

If Governor Parson approves the current proposal, H.B. 1963, the changes will take effect August 28, 2020.


AUSTRIAN NOISE BAN WOULD EXCLUDE LEGALLY-SOLD NEW MOTORCYCLES: Officials in Austria have enacted a ban on motorcycles that emit noise above 95dB on a popular scenic tourist route through the mountains of Tyrol, and several top-selling motorcycles will not be allowed to operate on more than 100 kilometers within the resort area.

The debate over noisy motorcycles has been brewing around the world, but now even bikes that pass strict Euro standards will be barred from the road, including brand new models from Kawasaki, Aprilia, BMW, Ducati and KTM, which all register noise levels just above the limit.

Frustratingly, the ban only covers motorcycles, while noisy cars are not included, but the law will give police the authority to carry out spot checks and hand down 220 euros (\$246 USD) in fines.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle.” ~ Sun Tzu (544-496 BC), Chinese Military Strategist, authored “The Art of War”

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Reliving our July 2020 Board Meeting

On July 11th of this year ABATE of CA held their 3rd Quarter Board Meeting via an Online platform. We had a great turnout and some very enthusiastic discussion on a lot of topics.

For those of you that didn’t participate but still want to know what went on here is the link for you to do just that.

The recording is just over 3 hours with 28 participants, so it is a complete record of the meeting. I hope that you will take advantage of this offer.

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Missouri Governor Signs HB1963T - Including Helmet Repeal

This afternoon, Missouri Governor Mike Parson signed legislation that would modify the current helmet law in the “Show Me State.” The new law, which will go into effect August 28, 2020, allows motorcyclists to ride without helmets if they are 26 years of age or older and have medical insurance.

Freedom of Road Riders Legislative Coordinator Amy Allmon said “Persistence actually pays off, on Tuesday July 14th at 1:30pm Missouri Governor Mike Parson signed our helmet modification bill. Freedom of choice in Missouri!” When asked for a reaction, MRF Chairman of the board, Kirk “Hardtail” Willard had this to say, “The Motorcycle Riders Foundation celebrates today with the bikers of Missouri on their victory of freedom of choice. It’s incredible to realize the State Motorcyclist Rights Organizations have spent nearly four decades pursuing their freedom. Given today’s political environment this is truly rarified air. Ride free Missouri.”

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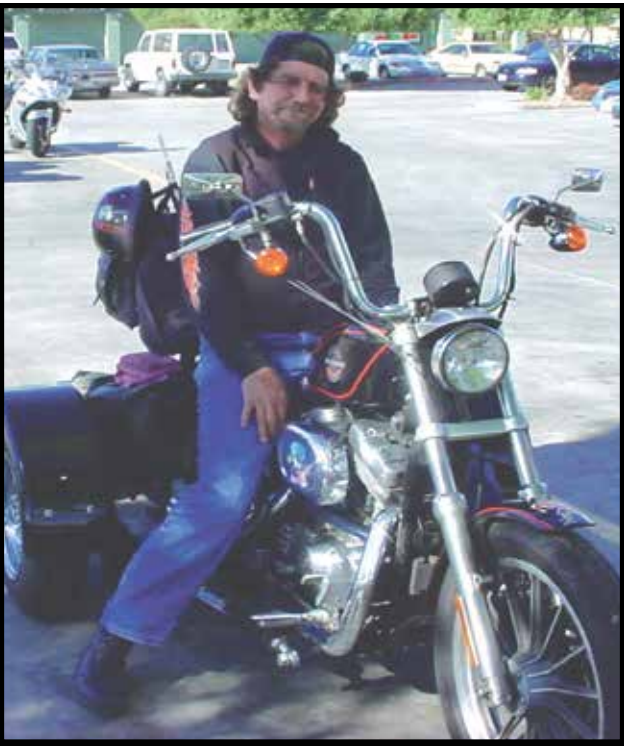
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by Sporty Milligan

Hello All! Once again, I am writing this edition of Sporty's Rides under the restraints of Covid19. Just when we think we have this virus under some control, it becomes a problem again. They open up eateries to allow takeout meals then allow limited inside dinning but we have a problem with folks forgetting to practice social distancing. This unfortunately has caused a spike in the amount of Covid19 cases.

Civil disobedience is another cause for the spike in cases. The people rioting are taking advantage of the situation to be in large groups in the name of their so called "justice". They are getting status by tearing down monuments of historical figures. It is stupid stuff that I think is being done deliberately to cause anarchy and influence the November Presidential election.

What have I done these days to relax my frustrations? Take a bike ride, watch mindless TV and write my column.

We have been regulated to doing our ABATE Local meetings online. I guess in the short run it at least keeps the membership somewhat informed. It has also caused my award-winning column to be somewhat of a ramble piece.

Okay as I write this column, I notice I have to leave now and come back to writing this later this afternoon as I am the secretary for the Wednesday noon AA meeting.

Hi All! Again, I have been having technical difficulties because I have had to write the rest of my column over two times as the first section I started this afternoon just up and vanished like

a fart in the wind. So, let's hope this time I have no setbacks. It is getting pretty frustrating. But for the good of the organization I will press on.

On July 11th we had our third quarterly Board of Directors online. It went very well. I, personally, would have liked to have more folks attending the meetings. The meeting took a little over 2 hours.

Our ABATE Local 1 July meeting will be happening Sunday, July 19th, on Zoom. Our Zoom master, Tom Jones, graciously lets us do the meeting with his Zoom account. Hopefully it will be well attended. For the time being, on-line meetings and emails seem to be the catch-all for keeping the ABATE members informed. You can't send out too much information to keep your membership informed. Hopefully that will keep your Local's members that are up for renewal interested enough to return the blue card and keep their membership current.

Okay it's time for the ride portion of this month's column. The first trek is the ride to the Rock Store on June 27th. I rode my 2002 883/1200 Sporty and the ride there was nothing special. I bought a hamburger, fries and a decaf coffee. I ran into a person I knew from when I worked in Malibu at the county offices on Civic Center Way.

When I left the Rock Store, I went back to Kanan Dume Road and continued south till I got to Mulholland Drive. Took Mulholland till it took me to a route that went to Ventura County and ended on Pacific Coast Hwy near Neptune's Net. I took PCH to Santa Monica then took Route 1, which is Lincoln, and ended up at Bartels HD in Marina Del Ray.

I stayed a while at Bartels and bought a quart of oil - got to support ABATE Local 1's business members when I can. I went home via the 405 to 118 Fwy to San Fernando. Decent day.

Sunday, June 28th, I took an early morning walk then prepared to ride to Lancaster to attend the monthly Shagger's meeting. The ride there was overcast, cold and a little drizzly. It started to clear up as I got to the incorporated section of Acton. Then it began to get windy, especial in the sections where there are mountains, open space, mountains, open spaces. Felt like it was going to blow me into the next lanes. Brought raffle prizes for our 5th annual Tehachapi Mountain camp-out 65th year celebration August 28th, 29th & 30th. Again, the meeting went well.

The ride home was eventful as the same section I had wind coming was extra windy going.

It put me on the shoulder of the road where I put my flashers on and slowed down to 45 miles. This went on till I got to Acton where I could ease on the throttle and get more speed.

My bike is running sweet, considering that it has a new set of pistons and valves. I went home and relaxed the rest of the day to relax my nerves.

Okay the final ride of this month's Sporty's Rides was again to the Rock Store on July 4th and a ride down Pacific Coast Hwy to Topanga Canyon. PCH beaches were closed, so I stopped at Ralphs in Malibu where I nailed a decent cup of decaf coffee. Gassed up at the Chevron station then down PCH to Rambla Pacifica Street left turn and continued up to Schueren Road right turn then took Saddle Peak Road toward Topanga. Continued on Saddle Peak Road until I got to Fernwood Road. This led me to Topanga Canyon Blvd and then led me to the 101 Fwy to the 405 then home to San Fernando.

I like to do the roads in Topanga and Malibu so I can see how much fire prevention they have done so far. You may remember that I spent 34 years with Los Angeles County Agricultural Weed Abatement in that area.

Well the road through my column has been successfully completed. Yea baby! In closing, try to sign-up some new members for the membership drive and support any ABATE runs/events that are being held.

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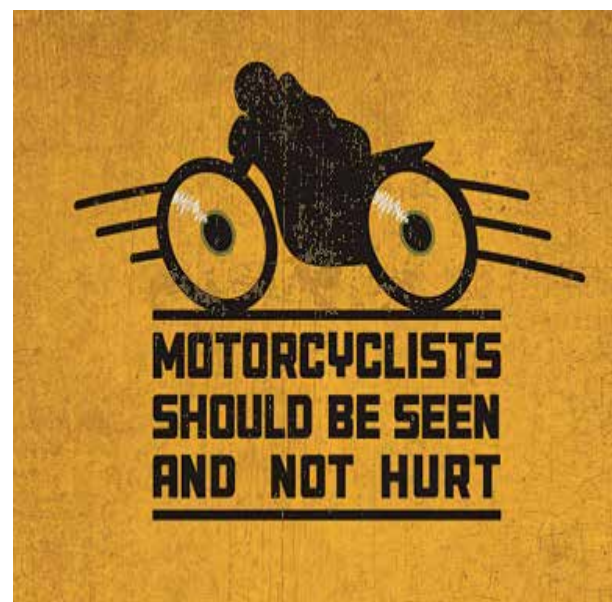
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