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The Elections are only one month from now! Our Executive Director Mark Loudermilk asked us, as your Lobbyist, to go over the list of Candidates for the November 3rd Elections, suggesting Endorsements for Legislators who have supported or who were Motorcycle friendly during the last two-year session. This Voter's Guide is published in this issue. Please share the list with all Motorcycle friends and allies to help elect Motorcycle friendly Officials.

The Legislature will return to Sacramento December 7th to Elect the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate to Elect the Speaker Pro Temp. Senator Jones will reintroduce SB 1024 to allow the continued use of off-road race motorcycles on BLM, Department of Forestry and State off Road parks for practicing and sanctioned competition racing events. Our bill got caught up in the fight between the Senate and the Assembly, passed out of the Assembly Floor at 11:55 pm and was not able to be returned to the Senate in time to have the Assembly amendments concurred upon – even the Speaker Pro Tems Bill didn't pass the Assembly! (Over 100 hundred other bills died in the same manner)

The California Motorcycle Safety Program is scheduled to do a Zoom meeting this month, I will report next issue on actions taken at this meeting! The program was shut down over a month due to the Covid virus! Classes are being held, just at fewer locations. Now is the time to submit ideas for Legislation next year on the 2021-22 two-year session! You can submit your ideas to the Executive Director or our office!

Thank you to the Members and Locals for Supporting the Dedicated Lobbyist Fund, keeping us at the Capitol fighting for your rights!

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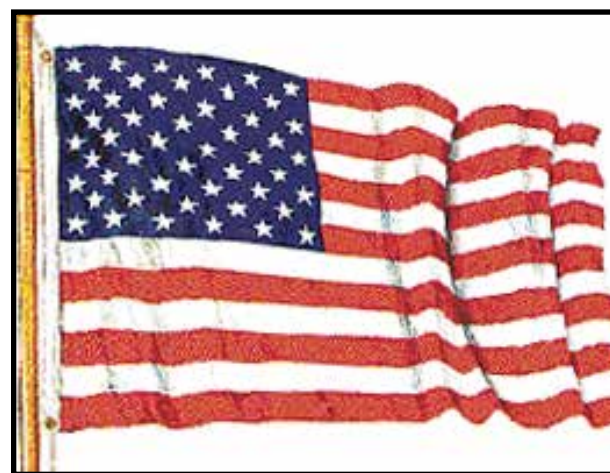


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What is ABATE?

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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by Mark Loudermilk, Executive Director

What times we live in! It is the October issue and in it you will find our 2020 Voters' Guide. Although with early voting some of you may have voted already, for the rest of you, here are our recommendations. When you review the Guide, you will see the questions we sent out. If they answered "yes" to all the questions, they got a recommendation and are highlighted in green. If they answered "no" to any, they are yellow with the question number listed. You can decide if their "no" answer is a deal breaker for you. There are some candidates we recommend because even though they did not respond to the questionnaire, our lobbyist or a Local president gave them a thumbs-up due to past performance and voting record.

Again, our recommendation is based solely on their record on motorcycle issues. This election is probably the most important in our lifetime. We have two main candidates who are diametrically opposed on their plan and view of the future. So do your research, learn what the candidates believe in. Listen to what they say, but more importantly watch what they do. Most important, VOTE!



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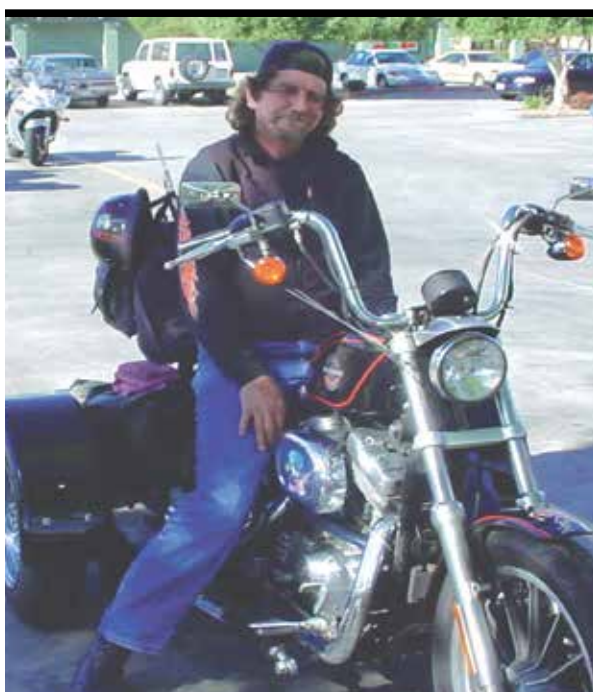
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Membership Report



by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi All! We're still in the pandemic situation that has limited our ability to do ABATE events. Along with this, California is experiencing heavy fire activity that is also causing havoc in the ABATE world.

What does this have to do with membership? Most ABATE Locals are not able to have live meetings. Some Locals are not having meetings at all, some are doing some meetings with social distancing and some are doing online meetings. Local 1

has been doing their monthly meetings on Zoom. The turn- out has been not as good as I hoped for.

How do we reach out to the members? I write a monthly Membership column to reach out in print to the Locals to do their best to keep their renewals. I also suggest that those of us who are leaders keep in contact with the Local members via telephone, letters or e mails. Constant contact with the Local members may go a long way towards keeping your Local from falling apart membership-wise.

I don't want to see ABATE Locals just disappear. Leaders in ABATE unite in the cause of keeping your Locals going.

One prominent leader of another fine rights group, the chairman of the AMA, Rob Dingman, stated, "In this time of financial strife due to the Conora-19 pandemic, the best way you can help is renew your membership."

Borrowing that concept, I am asking you to support ABATE by renewing your membership and chipping in a couple of bucks (or more!) to the Lobbyist fund. In your heart you will know you have done the right thing. Your help is vital in supporting ABATE of California.

Regards, Sporty Milligan, ABATE Membership Chairman

2020 ABATE of CA Freedom Fighter Nominations – DEADLINE EXTENDED

Know someone that goes above and beyond for the organization? Nominate them for the 2020 Freedom Fighter award. Candidates for the ABATE of California Freedom Fighter for 2020 need to be emailed in by October 15th, 2020. Please write something about your nominee describing their contributions to promoting ABATE's aims and purposes along with a photo in (.jpg) format. Email your nomination to bailing.wire@abate.org.

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

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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. **Passed Assembly 11:55PM August 31st, Midnight Deadline for Senate**

***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. **Held in Rules Committee**

***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. **Held in Senate Natural Resources & Water**

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 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. **Enrolled and presented to the Governor** (September 30th Deadline)

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. **Held in Committee**

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 Held in Assembly Transportation**

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. **Held in Assembly Transportation**

***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. **Hearing Canceled at the Request of the Author**

***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. **Held in Assembly Transportation**

***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. **Not Assigned**

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. **Held in Committee**

***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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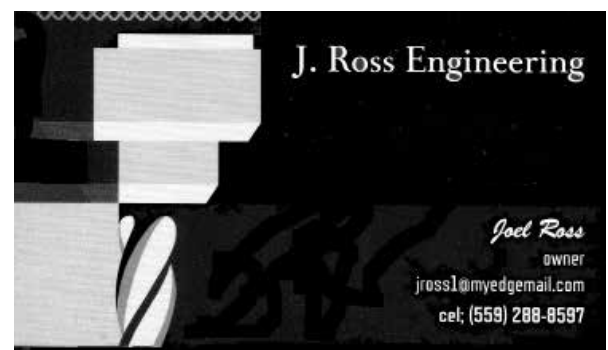
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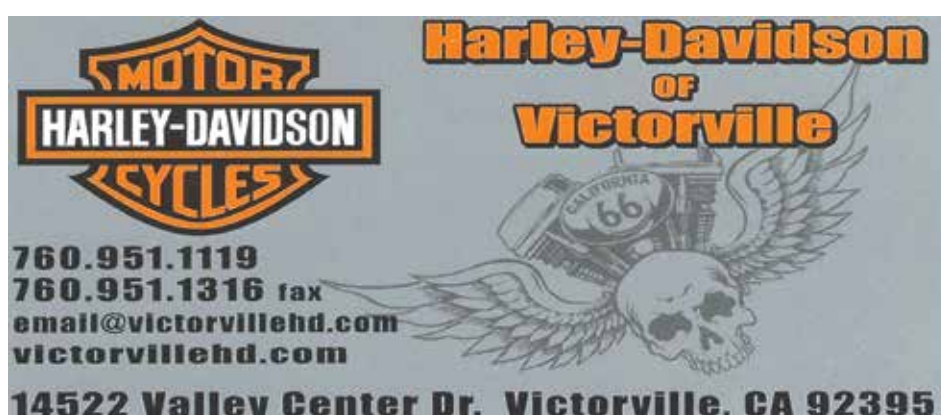
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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Local 1 is still going on. We are having our meetings on Zoom. The Elks Lodge in Tujunga is still not open for our usual 3rd Sunday meetings and breakfast. Hopefully we will be able to have live meetings again in the near future.

For now, will go on with our Zoom meetings and email agenda summaries. Look for a report on when we can resume our live meetings.

Meanwhile, we are doing our best to keep Local 1 members informed. Hope you are doing the same with your Local's members.

Sporty Milligan, President ABATE Local 1 reporting to you all

Local #08 Orange County



Howdy All! As some of you already know we have made some changes at Local 8. We conducted our monthly meeting yesterday via freeconferencecall.com. Daniel Pfaffly, Local 8's new (and past) President chaired the meeting. We discussed much of the normal business and figured out how to sell our last 50 Membership Raffle tickets. Several members in the meeting ponied up a few bucks and the tickets will be in the name of ABATE Local 8. A little more chit chat and we were done for the night.

After the meeting I received a text from our PAC rep and my friend, D-Man, reminding me to calm down. He agreed that I could share his writings and I will close with his thoughts. D-Man wrote as follows:

"Just my thoughts: We are in unprecedented political times. As an organization, we all need to be careful until the elections are over in November. We cannot (as an organization) pick a side (or appear to have picked a side).

After this election is over, we will need to continue to work with both sides to be effective in maintaining any political clout or presence.

As officials of this organization, it can be a thin, blurry, and misinterpreted line between our personal position and our organizational position.

Differences happen. Differences can divide us or make us a stronger organization. Success or failure hinge on how we address, respect, and communicate these differences."

Steve

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello, ABATE Members and Friends! YES! There will be a Turkey Run!

The 23rd annual ABATE Local 38 Turkey Run will be a lot different than in years past. There are a lot of variables that need to be worked out.

Wal-Mart has given us permission to start there again this year. El Centro Motors has pledged the use of heavy-duty trucks to haul the turkeys. Not sure if we will have the meal at the end of the run.

Hopefully I can get flyers out as soon or at least post on social media.

The need for donations has never been greater. Our main focus is to provide turkeys for the charities that request our help. We also have a Toy Run in December.

We are going to need a lot of help, especially from Local 38 members.

I hope I have better news next month. Stay safe and healthy.

Bye for now, Ed Aranda President ABATE Local 38

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by Eric Trow

Of Trepidation, Toilet Paper and Traffic Management

I never really paid much attention to the amount of toilet paper we had in stock at our house. Never really had to. But in today's world, things are suddenly different. I'm contemplating things I never would have imagined were worth considering, let alone planning for.

Apparently, a large portion of the population has known something of great importance that I've clearly been blind to: the critical significance of having an abundance of TP in the moment of crisis. (I'm going to resist speculating on the potential cause and effect relationship there.) Sure, I've been lightly conscious of the predictable rush on paper products, bread and milk each time a storm is forecasted, but I frankly just brushed that off as odd behavior practiced by a few people who really didn't know what else to do in preparation for a looming situation. Buying rolls of Northern was their plan for when things go south.

But now, after being faced with aisles of empty shelves at multiple stores, I find myself closely monitoring our own inventory of staple items. I thought I was nuts in doing so until a friend showed me the spreadsheet he's using to track his family's consumption of milk, butter, eggs and Angel Soft.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are all paying closer attention to things. Most of us have become hyper-aware of everything we touch, what we're doing with our hands and what actions other people are taking in their daily routines. "Why is that person not wearing a mask? Did they touch those vegetables after touching their face? Who has grabbed that door knob before me?"

We are not just considering these things; we're planning and responding with purpose. We are taking deliberate steps to preserve our health and safety by washing our hands more thoroughly and more often. (You're doing that, right?) We are wiping down surfaces with disinfectants, keeping our distance from others and carefully monitoring our spending and consumption "just in case."

For the foreseeable future, we will continue to operate in this heightened state, giving more thought to our surroundings. Whether we recognize it or not, these new habits will likely become a natural part of our new normal moving forward. And maybe that's not a bad approach to

safer riding. Consider this: This pandemic came swiftly, and, although we had heard about its impact on others in distant lands, many thought it could never happen to us. Suddenly, we were in the midst of it. A tsunami of factors overwhelmed us and demanded immediate attention. We were forced to make on-the-fly decisions and actions. For some, all they could do was hold on tight and hope for the best.

Doesn't that sound a bit like having a string of good riding days until something unexpected - something that only happens to other people - suddenly happens to us? Let's apply a few lessons from the pandemic that can help us become safer riders....

Conserve essential resources. How much would we stock up on stopping distance if we realized there was a good chance we were going to run out of it at a critical moment on today's ride? How much traction would we wish we'd kept in reserve when that curve became tighter than we thought it was? How much sight distance would have been valuable to have on hand leading up to that car turning across our lane up ahead?

Just as we are mindfully managing our resources during the pandemic, we benefit by closely managing our inventory of sight distance, stopping distance, turn entry speed and available traction at all times. Recognize that the supply and demand for each of those commodities continually changes throughout each ride. The key is to have a surplus of each at any given moment.

Have hyperawareness of what others are doing. Be just as hyperaware about unacceptable behavior on the road as you are in public places these days. Pick up on the clues that indicate someone is going to do something unusual and potentially harmful to you and others. There is much we can do to recognize, and even predict, bad or reckless behavior and disregard for others if we're actively looking for the indicators. Keep in mind that being uncomfortable with what's going on around us isn't a bad thing. It's just that we've become more aware of our environment and recognize the need to adjust our position or extract ourselves from the scene altogether, just as we would socially during the pandemic.

Adopt the social distancing habit. Standing six feet apart is not a natural thing for us human types. We like to be closer to other people (well, most people). But now, a little more space between us is beginning to feel more comfortable. Certainly safer. In other words, a little more dis-

tance between us and others can become a more natural and healthy part of our regular routine, including when we are on a motorcycle. Adopt the same social distancing practice by stopping a little farther back from the vehicle ahead at an intersection. Create an extra space cushion from other vehicles, including other riders, anytime you can. Consider taking the path less traveled when possible, or picking times when congestion will be lighter. Create as much distance as possible and have an escape route when riding in a crowd of traffic is unavoidable.

Wear the Personal Protective Equipment. At first, I was the odd guy wearing a mask in public when others weren't. I was very self-conscious when walking through a store as the unmasked throngs looked at me. But, a few weeks later, I forgot to bring a mask with me on a trip to the essentials store and was suddenly getting stares because I was the only person not wearing a mask. Having ridden my bike to the store that day, I promptly pulled my full-face helmet over my head, closed the tinted shield and went about my shopping business. Hey, at least my solution was better than the guy I saw at Walmart wearing a hockey goalie mask (with large holes at the nose and mouth, no less).

Just as healthcare workers practice wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), we as "road doctors" must practice wearing our own PPE suitable for riding every time we operate our bikes. Call it ATPPEATT (All The Personal Protective Equipment All The Time). A full-face helmet is our head's N95 mask equivalent. Our armored riding gear, motorcycle-specific gloves and riding boots may not protect us from contagions, but they will protect us from contusions.

By learning from our experience during this pandemic and applying the same critical thinking to our riding, we can heighten our awareness and increase our margin of safety on the road. With the same hypersensitivity, we can think through what is going on all around us, be fully aware of our actions at each moment, and anticipate how the actions of others may impact us. Or, I suppose we can always just hop back on, let our minds wander, and ignore the unpleasant thought of a potentially serious "uh-oh" moment. At least we have lots of toilet paper.

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October 10th – 4th Quarter Board Meeting - On-Line – VENUE CHANGE (see flyer this issue)

October 16th – 17th - NCOM Convention Indianapolis (see flyer this issue)

October 17th – ABATE Local 17 – 9th Annual Poker Tournament (see flyer this issue)

November 8th – 30th Annual Totally Kids One More from The Heart Loma Linda
November 21st – ABATE Local 38 – 23rd Annual Turkey Run
December 6th – ABATE Local 19 – 32nd Annual Toy Run (see flyer this issue)

2020 ABATE of CA Events that are tentatively scheduled:

November – ABATE Local 24 – 30th Annual Turkey Run
December 25th – ABATE Local 6 – Santa with the Kids
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)

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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ABATE 2020 NOVEMBER VOTER GUIDE

This voter guide reflects motorcycle only issues. All Endorsements were made this year in accordance to ABATE PAC policy and procedures. Only candidates that returned the ABATE Question & Answer sheet that has been sent to all candidates and answered the questions in a positive manner, and those our Lobbyist and Local Presidents recommended from previous encounters and voting history are endorsed. ABATE of California encourages everyone to find the candidates on this list that we have endorsed and volunteer at least 2 – 4 hours of your time to help them win their elections.

The candidates were asked the following 8 questions. If they responded I have noted the questions that had a “no” answer.

1. Would you support defining and establishing Motorcycle Riders as a protected group to prevent profiling and discriminating as long as the motorcycle rider’s activities are lawful?
2. Would you support urging local authorities to set aside dedicated motorcycle parking in downtown and shopping areas?
3. Would you support amending the Mandatory Motorcycle Helmet Law to allow freedom of choice for adult riders over 21 years of age, with 2 years of riding experience and adequate insurance?
4. Would you oppose requiring smog checks for motorcycles?
5. Would you oppose policies that allow “safety check points” to single out motorcycle riders rather than treating all road users equally?
6. Would you oppose motorcycle riders being required to wear reflective vests?
7. Would you oppose motorcycles being singled out as sources of noise pollution rather than treating all sources of noise equally?
8. Would you support permanently designating the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month, and support programs to encourage California Motor vehicle operators to be more aware of motorcycle riders?

ENDORSE means all questions answered yes
ENDORSE?? means some questions answered no, numbers listed so you can check and decide if those with no response are important to you.
DO NOT ENDORSE means shown time and again not a friend of motorcyclists.

In the interest of space and economy we have only listed the Districts where we received input from the Candidates themselves, ABATE Members, our Lobbyists or have had past experience with them.

State Senate

District 15
Dave Cortese – D – Responded.....**No answer on 2 & 3** **ENDORSE??**
Ann M. Ravel – D – No response No Endorsement

District 35
Stephen Craig Bradford (I) - D - No response..... No Endorsement
Anthony Perry – AIP – Responded **ENDORSE**

State Assembly

District 12
Heath Flora (I) – R – Responded.....**ENDORSE**
Paul Akinjo – D – No response No Endorsement

District 13
Carlos Villapudua – D – Responded..... **More info on #4** **ENDORSE??**
Kathy Miller – D – No response No Endorsement

District 16
Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (I) – D – No response No Endorsement
Joseph A. Rubay – R – Responded **ENDORSE**

District 25
Bob Brunton – R – No response No Endorsement
Alex Lee – D – Responded **#4** **ENDORSE?**

District 26
Devon L. Mathis (I) – R – No response No Endorsement
Drew Phelps – D – Responded**#3**..... **ENDORSE?**

District 33
Thurston “Smitty” Smith – D – Responded **ENDORSE**
Rick Herrick – D – No response No Endorsement

District 36
Tom Lacky (I) – R – No response.....**DO NOT ENDORSE**
☐ **Tom Lackey not only voted against the motorcyclist anti-profiling bill; he went out of his way to give Speeches to convince others not to support us. It is our opinion that as many bikers as possible show up to work against Lackey!**
Steve Fox – D –**ENDORSE**

District 39
Luz Maria Rivas – D – No response No Endorsement
Ricardo Antonio Benitez – R –**ENDORSE**

District 43
Laura Friedman (I) – D –**Responded positive except questions #3, #4, & #6** No Endorsement
Mike Graves – R – Responded **ENDORSE?**

District 57
Lisa Calderon (I) – D – Responded**#3**..... **ENDORSE?**
Jessica Martinez – R – No response No Endorsement

District 68
Steven S. Choi PhD (I) – R – Responded**ENDORSE**
Melissa Fox – D – No response No Endorsement

District 72
Janet Nguyen – R – Responded..... **ENDORSE**

District 76
Tasha Boerner Horvath – D – No response No Endorsement
Melanie Burkholder – R – No response**#4,5,6**..... **ENDORSE?**

NCOM Biker Newsbytes



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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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NCOM CONVENTION ON TRACK FOR INDY: The 35th Annual NCOM Convention, rescheduled due to the Coronavirus outbreak from Mother's Day weekend to October 16-17 at the Marriott Indianapolis East (7202 East 21st Street in Indianapolis), is still on track and heading into the final stretch. Hundreds of concerned motorcyclists from across the country are heading to "The Crossroads of America" to address topics of concern to all riders, so plan now to be a part of this historic gathering of motorcycle rights activists.

Some of the motorcyclists' rights movement's most accomplished Freedom Fighters will teach seminars and lead group discussions on legal and legislative issues such as anti-profiling and "Save the Patch" efforts, with "Protect Your Rights/Probable Cause" and "Vulnerable Road Users Legislation To Protect Our Riders" seminars, and 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.

Capping off Convention activities will be the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet, highlighting outstanding Freedom Fighters for their contributions to the cause of "Freedom of the Road": 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 presented to Nancy Nemecek and Fred "Sarge" Matthews and NCOM's highest honor, the RON ROLOFF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD going to John Bilotta Jr. of the NCOM Board of Directors and Operations Director for ABATE of Virginia.

With the Indianapolis Convention racing toward the finish line, pre-register now by calling the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com. For more info, click on <http://onabike.com/national-coalition-of-motorcyclists/convention.html>.

TARIFFS ON MOTORCYCLES SUCCESSFULLY OPPOSED, AGAIN: The Office of United States Trade Representative once again proposed tariffs of up to 100% on all 500-700cc motorcycles and scooters, as well as all parts and accessories, imported from the European Union and the United Kingdom, but opposition led by the motorcycle community led to the successful elimination of the ill-conceived 'tax' stemming from a dispute over aircraft subsidies.

The proposed trade sanctions would not only have negatively impacted the motorcycle sales industry, including the aftermarket equipment sector, it could have deeply affected motorcyclists who rely on imported parts for general maintenance.

"We're incredibly pleased that European motorcycles, parts, and accessories have been removed from the most recent round of EU tariffs in relation to the Airbus situation," said John Hinz of the Motorcycle Industry Council

(MIC) and CEO of KTM North America Inc. "We are extremely thankful that the U.S. Trade Representative heard our concerns and recognized the unintended and potentially devastating impacts that tariffs could have on our industry. This would not have been possible without the support of the MIC and its members, the efforts of Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D., Congressman Tim Walberg, Congressman Ken Calvert, Congressman Jim Jordan, our dealers and our employees, and the support of all our industry partners. Thank you to all who wrote letters, made phone calls, and let Washington, D.C. know the value of our industry and our businesses here in the United States."

It was an international effort as well, with written comments supplied by Antonio Perlot, secretary general of ACEM, the Motorcycle Industry in Europe. "This was the third time the USTR made this proposal, and the third time the industry was able to prevail with combined support," said Erik Pritchard, MIC president and CEO.

MOTORCYCLE SALES UP DESPITE PANDEMIC: "Despite economic downturn, powersports sales have been surprisingly robust," according to Cycle World Magazine, which notes; The streets are quiet. Supply chains have disintegrated. Unemployment is at record highs. So it would stand to reason that all economic indicators and consumer spending in particular would be down for the year as well but, perhaps counterintuitively, motorcycle sales are up.

"You heard that right," declares CW. "Across the board, retail sales for the last three months have shown a steady uptick. It's more obvious in certain segments but the trend is undeniable; year-to-date powersports sales are better than they've been in years. Can you say pandemic paradox?"

Following a series of declining years, 2020's data was already looking fairly optimistic; motorcycles sales in February of 2020 were up 3.5% year-to-date, according to MotorcyclesData.com, but when the pandemic hit in early March and the auto industry began its sales freefall, most business insiders assumed the same fate would befall the motorcycle sector. The surprising news came in early June, when the smoke cleared and the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) reported that year-to-date retail powersports sales were better than they'd been in the past three years. "The powersports industry is in a much more positive place than where we thought we'd be earlier this year, when the full impact of the pandemic began to come into focus," MIC President and CEO Erik Pritchard said.

Of course, "powersports" includes ATVs, side-by-sides, and motorcycles, but in fact, sales were up 18.9% through March, according to the MIC's Retail Sales Reporting System. In sum, sales were relatively strong from January through April, and May was a great month for most.

Pritchard also pointed out, "The first four months of 2020, it's the second-best performance only to 2016 - in the midst of a pandemic."

CARB FINES AFTERMARKET RETAILER FOR "UNAPPROVED" MOTORCYCLE EXHAUSTS: The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has announced that Comoto Holdings, Inc., the parent company of Revzilla, J&P Cycles, and Cycle Gear, has agreed to pay a \$1,937,500 fine for selling motorcycle exhaust systems not approved for street use in the state of California.

CARB sets laws and emission regulations for California that are more stringent than the federal government. An aftermarket intake or exhaust can be legal for street use in most of the United States, but illegal in California because CARB has not certified it. According to RideApart.com, this case involves the sale of around 7,750 parts to California residents that allegedly did not have legal exemptions to California's anti-tampering laws for emission controls.

Comoto sold these parts in California with the disclaimer that they were being sold for off-road and race use only, not for use on public roads. This has been a commonly accepted practice among aftermarket retailers attempting to conform with CARB certification, placing the responsibility on the consumer to make sure their vehicle is compliant with CARB regulations.

But that didn't stop CARB from taking legal action against Comoto anyway, accusing the company of selling them for both highway and off-road use. Rather than fighting it out in court, CARB and Comoto agreed to a \$1.93 million settlement, which will fund various air pollution funds and projects in California. While a hefty sum indeed, it's still far less than the potential \$180 million fine if Comoto been found guilty in court and slapped with the maximum fine.

Comoto says it will continue to sell these exhausts, but will put even stronger wording on them that they are not to be used on California roads, ever. This sets a dangerous precedent as well since the "for off-road use only" disclaimer has been a standard operating procedure for years.

Therefore, other aftermarket retailers may begin having second thoughts about continuing this practice, not wanting to risk having to go through an ordeal as Comoto did.

STURGIS CROWD SETS RECORDS: Some 400,000 bikers rumbled into the small South Dakota city of Sturgis for the 80th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, one of the largest public gatherings since the COVID-19 pandemic began, despite fears it could become a "super-spreader" triggering a massive Coronavirus outbreak.

Though city officials reportedly expected a much smaller crowd this year, perhaps by as much as half, according to the Department of Transportation, the seven-day total for the 10-day rally as of Friday, August 14th, was 365,979 people, which is down just by 7.5% compared to last year at the same time. In spite of a drop-off in attendance of those in the 60-70 age range, which is understandable during the pandemic, the rally surprisingly experienced historically high numbers in first-time attendees, vendors and spending.

"Screw COVID" t-shirts nearly outnumbered mask sightings, as Republican Gov. Kristi Noem adopted a largely hands-off approach to the pandemic, avoiding a mask mandate and preaching personal responsibility. She supported holding the Sturgis rally, pointing out that no virus outbreak was documented from the several thousand people who turned out to see President Donald Trump and Fourth of July fireworks at Mount Rushmore.

SIOUX TRIBE BLOCKS RIDERS FROM GOING TO STURGIS: The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe established strategic checkpoints at entrance locations to the reservation to turn away tourists and bikers going to Sturgis as a means to control the spread of the Coronavirus into Native American territory. The Rapid City Journal reported that the Cheyenne River Reservation authorities would not allow those attending the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally to pass through the road blocks onto reservation land.

South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem (R) opposed this move, saying the traffic checkpoints are unlawful and demanded that they be removed. The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe sued the federal government to keep its checkpoints, citing what they called Noem's inappropriate request for federal assistance.

The seven tribes that make up the Sioux Nation are now in a fight with federal and state officials regarding the legality of the checkpoints.

NEW HAMPSHIRE MANDATES MASKS FOR LACONIA MOTORCYCLE WEEK: Nationwide media images of mask-less, closely packed, attendees broadcast out of South Dakota at this year's Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, with just days before the August 22 start of the 97th annual Laconia Motorcycle Week, convinced Governor Chris Sununu to institute the first broad face-covering mandate in New Hampshire for all events of 100 or more people.

"Sturgis was a real warning sign to us," said the two-term Republican Governor, hoping to avoid a COVID controversy.

To add some teeth to the statute, the state will deploy Liquor Commission enforcement teams to levy fines on those not observing the directive during bike week, and state regulators also have the authority to seize the liquor license of offending establishments.

PHILIPPINES REQUIRES MOTORCYCLE PASSENGERS TO CARRY PPE SHIELDS: Over the past four months of COVID-19 quarantine restrictions, the Philippine government has outlawed carrying passengers on a motorcycle, and although they now permit pillion (passenger) riding only for couples who live in the same household and share the same bed at night, all backriders are now required by law to carry a clear plastic shield or barrier in between the pillion and the rider as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Pasig City mayor, Vico Sotto, has sided with the riders and their plight, but says that for now, all we can do is follow guidelines, because there is no other choice. "It is true that this shield is dangerous. But for now, we have no other choice if we want to carry pillions as this is required by the government."

At the moment, the government stands firm on its ground that the required barrier shield is safe and effective, insisting that "these approved designs underwent a thorough study which includes the concept of aerodynamics and were also tested for quality safety standards."

Motorcycle safety experts, bike manufacturers, and the Motorcycle Rights Organization all disagree with the mandate and have called on the government to "hear the opinion of experts and professionals in the motorcycle industry before enacting protocols that would affect the lives of motorcycle riders unnecessarily."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "If a man seeks a righteous life, his first act of abstinence should be from telling others how to think and live." ~ Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910) Russian novelist, author of "War and Peace"



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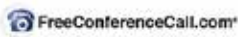
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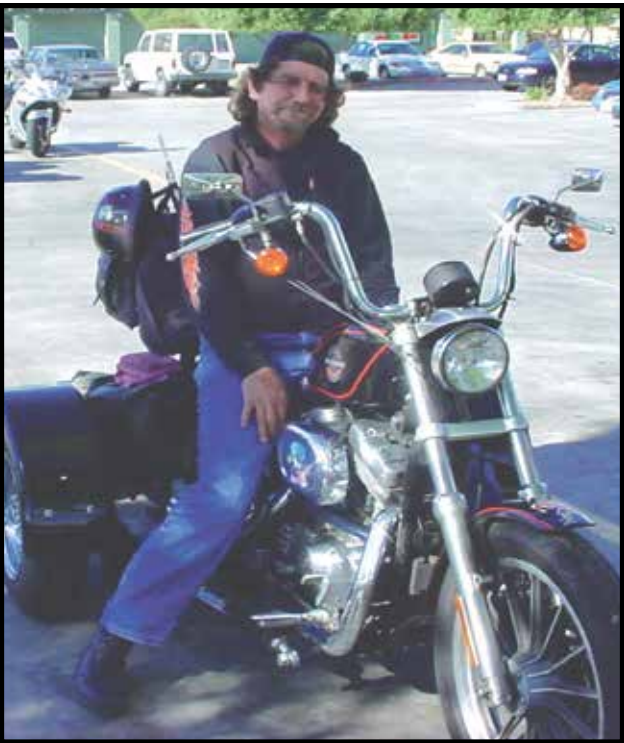
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Sporty's Rides



by Sporty Milligan

Hi All! Once again, I am sorry to say there will not be a report on runs due to the Corona virus shut-down. We have an election coming in November and it should be a doozie.

The pandemic has also affected the income of businesses such as ABATE, but we are proceeding on thanks to those who have donated to the cause. I am especially grateful to my club, the Shaggers, as they have stepped up with a donation to the lobbyist fund.

I will begin with a recap of the Messengers of Recovery Riverside Memorial for one of their club brothers who had a motorcycle accident that was not his fault. He had been sober and clean for some time. I arrived at the Cypris mall and met the group in front of Macys. We then proceeded in a caravan group ride to a church where they had an open service. It was really hot, but the prospects provided plenty of water. We attend these services to pay our respects to brothers, sisters and other club members who have passed. I just hope these types of rides are few and far between.

I have been collecting HD poker chips and have a collector board for the dealer chips. Saturday, August 30th, I went on a ride to California HD. It is located off PCH in Huntington Beach. It is similar to Laidlaws HD as the clothes section is on the second floor. It was cool that they had their coffee machine working, so I enjoyed two cups of decaf coffee. Yummy. After the coffee I went out to my bike in the parking lot and spent some time talking to an old guy who was riding a beautiful V Rod that was a nice red color. After the talk I headed out to Quad HD, which is located in Loma Linda so my journey to there was all freeway. It was hot, but manageable.

When I arrived at Quad HD, I was greeted with, "How are you doing?" Each of the dealerships have their own flair. The sales clerk was really nice. I had a good adventure there. The trip home was ok.

My bike, the 2002 883/1200, has been running sweet since I got the Pistons fixed. When my route takes me on the 210 Fwy I go through Pasadena and the Mobile station off Lake is a good stop before heading up the hill and home.

I plan on doing more dealership rides, since there won't be any scheduled runs until the pandemic shut-down is over, which I hope will be soon!

On September 7th I was scheduled to meet at Top Rocker to go to the sister dealership, LA HD of Anaheim near Fullerton. We were taking the flag that we had received the day before to its next location in Fullerton. However, I had a slight problem as I got gas at a station near Top Rocker. My overflow gas line cracked and started leaking gas. I was lucky I had this problem near a dealership. Several hours later it was fixed with a used line from a 2012 Sporty. The mechanic said, "No charge.". I gave him \$10 dollars to buy lunch. Then I went to Glendale HD and spent the better part of the afternoon there.

Sunday was a ride to get breakfast at the Rock Store. I like their breakfast burritos. I also like seeing the folks there, especially Vern. It's also a nice ride.

Nothing on Labor Day as far as rides go. Friday I went to CT's tires to get an oil change. I usually buy a quart of oil at the dealerships and when I get enough to do an oil change, I go to CT's to get it changed. This avoids having the oil spills when I do it at home. I got the oil changed and we chatted. I departed to go home for my noon AA meeting.

Saturday, September 12th, I rode to Glendale expecting to have a HOG Chapter meeting, however the meeting was put off due to the smokey air from the recent fire. I spent some time at the dealership, then went home.

Sunday, September 13th, was the Shaggers meeting at their clubhouse in Lancaster. It takes about an hour to get there via the 14 Fwy. During the meeting I got my Shaggers to donate \$100 to the ABATE lobbyist's fund. After the meeting I took the long way home. Aliso Canyon Road to Soledad Canyon Road to Sand Canyon to Little Tujunga Canyon Road then home.

Well that's all for the month's Sporty's Rides column. The best you can do for ABATE these days is keep your membership current and donate to the lobbyist's and general funds.

Scribe Sporty reporting.



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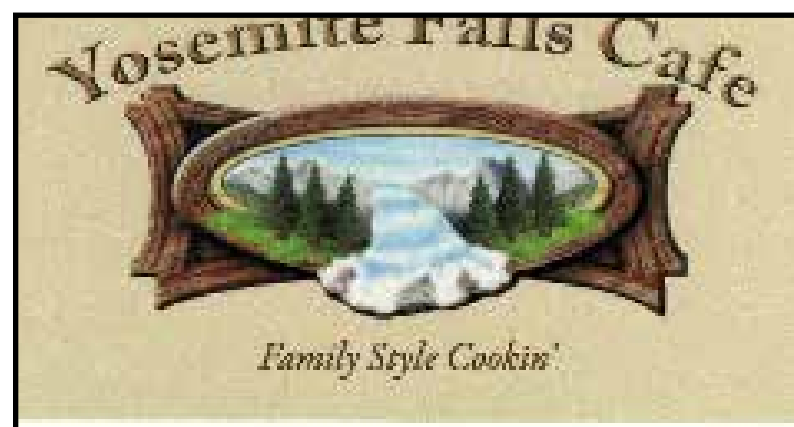
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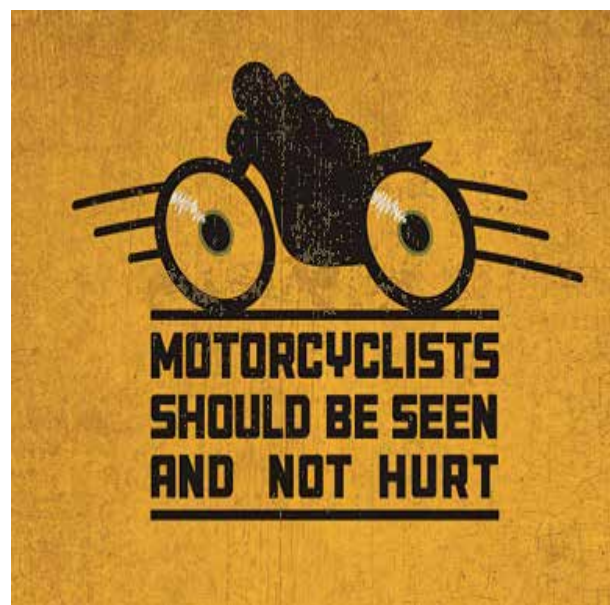


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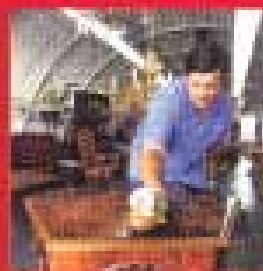
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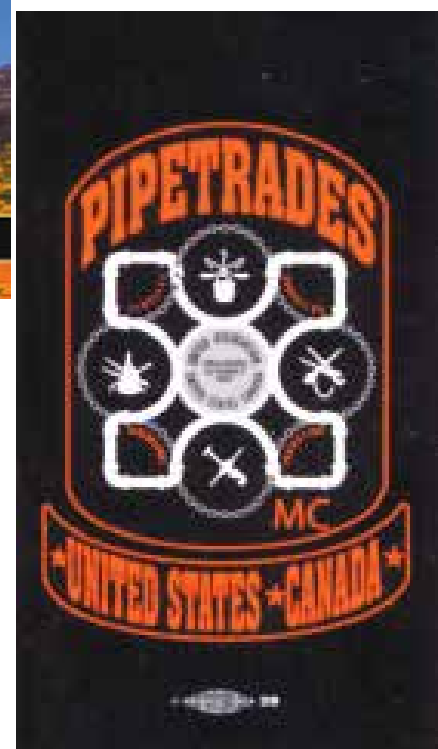
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