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Lobbyist's Legislative Report



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Committee once again, getting it put on the infamous SUSPENSE CALENDER! Only to have Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D – Orinda) gut her defeated bill in the Senate and shove SB767 language through on amendments. We, along with the other off road coalition members, lobbied and testified in three committees while meeting with both the Senate and Assembly only to have it go to the Governor. Democrats Adam Gray (Modesto) and Chairman of Transportation Jim Frazier voted “No” while Kevin McCarty and Sharon Quirk-Silva laid off the bill by not voting.

Thank you to those that responded to our alerts, we will have another alert asking Governor Newsom to VETO AB 1086 Bauer-Kahan - STAY TUNED!

Another Budget Bill, AB 112 State Government, was gutted and a bunch of junk amendments were thrown on the last day to repeal the non-fix it ticket noise section for loud pipes! Per Legislative Consul analysis, “modifying the exhaust system of a motorcycle in a manner that will cause it to exceed noise limits. The bill would update the noise level testing standards described above to reflect a more recent standard.”

In conversations we have had, as long as it is approved to be sold in our state for a motorcycle, then it passes the maximum noise and does not exceed the applicable noise limit at a distance of 50 feet from the centerline of travel under test procedures already established by the Department of the California Highway Patrol, it is not a violation.

We will have more information for next month's Bailing Wire as we track the bills through engrossed and enrolling where either the Governor signs/veto or they become law without the Governor's signature during the 30 day deadline.

Thank you all for SUPPORTING the Dedicated Lobbyist Fund!

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

Want more details on a bill?

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Well another crazy end of the session, this was one the craziest! A woman against vaccinations protested and threw a container of menstrual blood onto the Senate floor hitting six Senators! The Senate went into a recess for two hours during which the CHP put yellow crime tape around the area and hazmat cleaned up. Senators that were exposed had to visit the doctors Saturday for medical examinations to check on contamination.

The Senators were forced to finish their last day of session in Committee Room 4203 - one of the hearing rooms we had our helmet repeal bills heard. This room was last used for session in 2001 when a big rig driver rammed his fully loaded dairy truck into the Capitol. The Senators were sitting in the hearing room seats as we lobbyist do, they even had their Computers on their laps. A strange ending which concluded at 3 am Saturday!

We were successful in sending AB 47 Daly which will make it a moving violation to text and/or hold your cell phone while driving any vehicle! A nice positive step to help protect us on the road, before this passed it was the lowest fine on the books!

We killed SB767 Glazer OHV Sale Land Sale in the Assembly Appropriation

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

Welcome to October everyone. The current legislative session has ended with some drama. See Our Lobbyist's Report on the status of the bills we were working on. Now it is time to wait and see the outcome for the bills sent to the Governor.

We receive and I read the newsletters from other State ABATE's around the country. It is interesting to see what the primary focus is in the different states and to see all the hard-working people around the country.

Although the educating and political effort regarding the street riders gets most of the attention, ABATE of California is also involved in protecting the rights and educating legislators and riders about off-road issues. Throughout the years ABATE has worked hard to protect the rights of the off-road vehicle operator. Examples include:

AB1835-Olsen removed mandated helmet use in side x sides on private property.

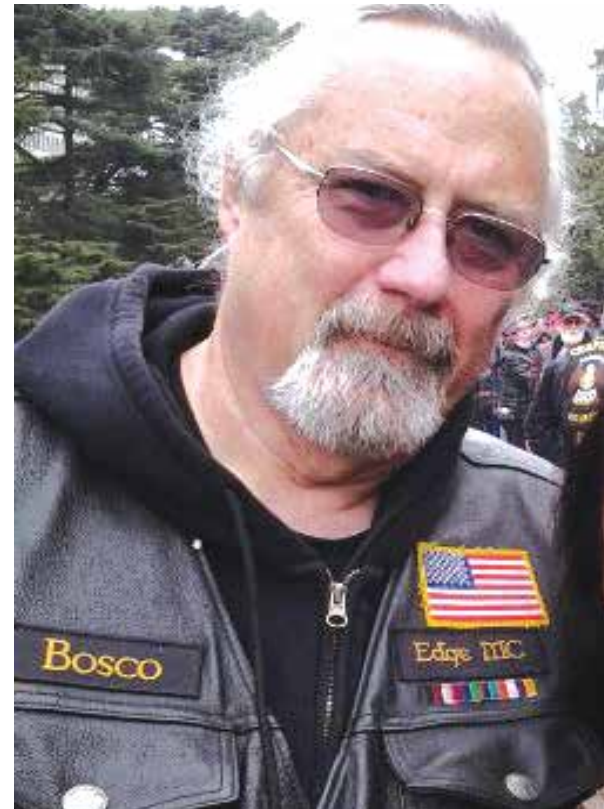
AB988-Brian Jones added ATV's and ROV's to be under the jurisdiction of the Motor Vehicle Board with grievances handled by a non-binding arbitration hearing vs a lawyer.

SB234-Walters grandfathered in aftermarket modifications in side x sides.

SB249-Benjamin Allen the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Act created the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission and the Division of Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation within the Department of Parks and Recreation.

SB159-Benjamin Allen extended the existing law requiring the special fees, special use fees for State recreation areas, and other specific funds be deposited in the Off-Highway Trust Fund, and requires monies in the fund, when appropriated, to be allocated to specified purposes related to off-highway recreation.

More recently we fought to prevent the Pismo Dunes Recreation Area from being closed and fought and defeated SB767 Glazer, OHV Land Sale in committee only to have it added at the last minute as an amendment to another bill that passed.



These are but a few of the bills and laws that ABATE has fought for or against. And it is the participation of the members in the calls to action along with the work of our Lobbyist that affect the success or failure of these bills.

So, if you are involved in off-road activities, tell your off-road friends about ABATE and what we do and have done for the off-roaders. Ask them to get involved in the fight to protect their rights and money.

The State is constantly working to restrict your rights and lighten your wallet. It is rarely in some big way, just slowly piece by piece. As a wise man once said: *"It is seldom that Liberty of any kind is lost all at once."* ~ David Hume

Ride safe, ride often and keep up the good fight to protect and preserve your rights.



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ABATE of California is committed to protect and promote the interests of the Motorcycle community. ABATE exists to preserve and safeguard the individual rights and liberties of all riders thru political and legislative action. ABATE promotes motorcycle safety through education, training and public awareness.



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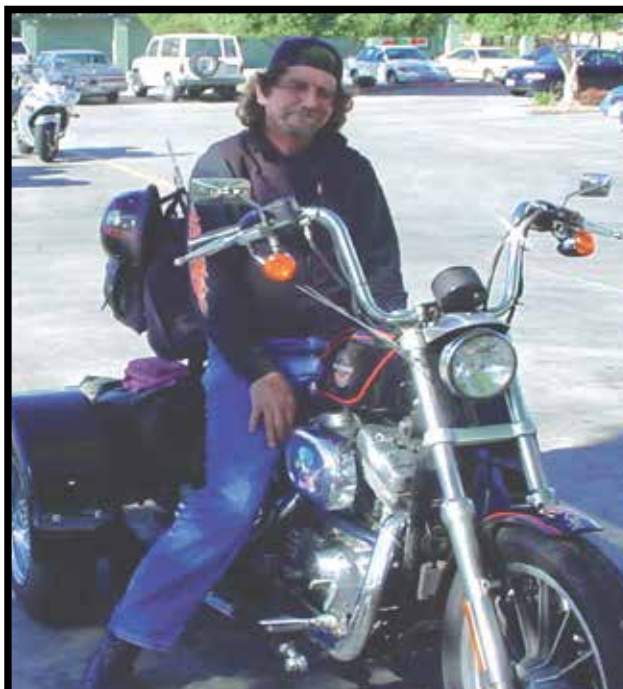
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Membership Report



by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi all! We're almost in the last quarter of the year so I am counting on you to get extra busy and sign-up new members for the Membership Drive. Also do your best to keep your Local's renewals. Membership chairs for the Locals, don't forget the trinkets when you have received a renewal.

What does the last quarter mean? Special events such as Christmas toy runs and the last of the bike nights where bikers gather to talk about stuff related to bikers' interest in motorcycles.

We have sorta good news; Assembly Bill AB 47 has passed the House and Senate and has been sent to the governor's desk. That's the bill that will give you a point against your driving record if you get a second text or talking ticket within a period of 36 months. This bill starts January 2021.

Discussion can also center on trying to help AB 390 pass next year. This bill helps restore fixit tickets for loud pipes and loud muffler tickets. The appropriation chair refused to hear the bill, sited a stupid rule, so it has become a two year bill.

What does this have to do with membership? This is knowledge you can use when you discuss ABATE with a prospective new member. You can explain what ABATE does to help the motorcycling community.

Ok now until next month, good hunting with signing-up new members and keeping your Local's renewals.

Membership Chair Sporty Milligan reporting

Local 03/13 Thousand Oaks/Ventura County V.P. Tasha Nesbitt and Road Captain/ Safety Officer, Roy Nesbitt saying "Farewell" as they're moving to Illinois. Very active and involved, we will miss them and their love and dedication to the organization. They are keeping their membership current with us, and plan to join ABATE in Illinois, once they find a Local near them. As a fun trivia note: Tasha's step-mother, Teresa Costa, started an ABATE Local in Ulster County, New York in 1986 and was an Officer until 1991.



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Sincerely,
ABATE of California, Inc.

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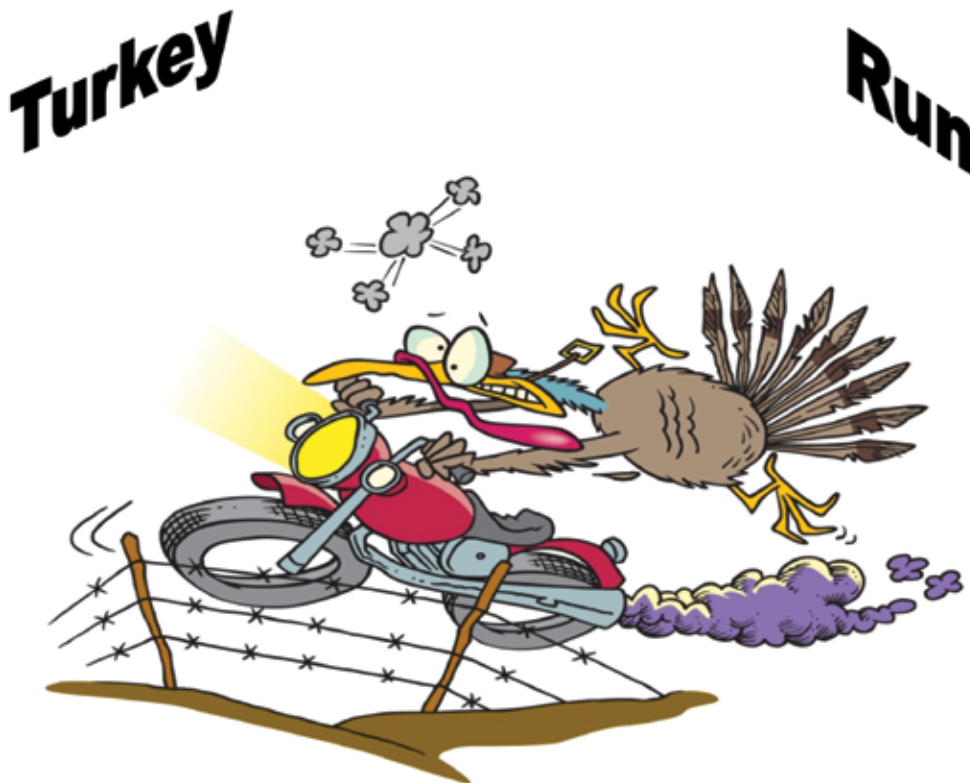
Donations to the PAC Fund:

From the ABATE Locals: 25

Thank YOU for your contributions in helping to preserve “Freedom of the Road” by supporting ABATE’s paid Lobbyist and the General Fund!!! Thank you to our Members that renew their Memberships and those that join us – that too helps in preserving and fighting for Motorcyclist’s Rights!! And of Course, the Locals that contribute to the

funds regularly and when they do events. THANK YOU!! It’s a team effort, so thank you for being a part of the ABATE Team!

ABATE NO. 38 22nd Annual



Saturday, November 23, 2019

El Centro Walmart’s Parking Lot
2150 N. Waterman Avenue El Centro, CA 92243

Registrations are from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Donation: \$10.00 & a frozen turkey per person
(includes a lunch ticket)

TURKEYS WILL BE DONATED TO LOCAL CHARITIES SO ALL CAN ENJOY A THANKSGIVING DINNER

(For more information you may contact: Ed at 760-554-8843)

2019 ABATE of CA Freedom Fighter Nominations

Know someone that goes above and beyond for the organization? Nominate them for the 2019 Freedom Fighter award. Candidates for the ABATE of California Freedom Fighter for 2019 need to be emailed in by October 15th, 2019. 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.

Past Winners are: John “Milky” Loudermilk; Mike Osborn; John Paliwoda; Dave Hastings; Bill Bish; Jean Hughes; Leon Dailey; Nancy Nemecek; Rex Foreman; Lee “Sporty” Milligan iii (twice); Beverly Lieswald; “Lil’ David” Morena; Cynthia Witthans; John Del Santo; Nick Benson Sr.; Ruby Weber; Glenn Phillips; Anthony “Sonny” Zappetta, Gene (Geno) Hamrick, Mark Loudermilk and Keith Johnston



LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! We had a small but productive meeting Sunday morning. The folks in attendance were Tom Jones, president of the Messengers of Recovery Santa Clarita Chapter, Kathi Edwards, Rex Doorman, Dale Ferrans, Shelia Lindsey, Robbie Freeman, the former counterman for Glendale HD Richard, and Tom Jones' wife, who was sitting in the back.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, I opened the meeting by thanking the members in attendance for being there. After my opening remarks we went on to the PAC report. AB 47 is now resting on the governor's desk. AB 390 is still locked in the appropriation committee and is now a two year bill. As it gets closer to next year we will have to see if the bill will move out of appropriations or die a sad death.

On the federal level, no movement regarding the profiling bill getting from the resolution stage to an actual bill in either the House or Senate. That is sad.

We asked folks to help on the toy run set for December 15th. Also we'll start pushing the "buy a meal" at Barragans restaurant in Burbank - 20% of your meal's cost goes to ABATE.

I talked about runs we need to attend and then asked opinions from the group. I made my closing remarks then we adjourned to eat breakfast, which the Elks Lodge cooks. Yum!

Sporty Milligan, ABATE Local 1 President

Local #02 Simi Valley



We couldn't ask for a nicer day. September has always been my favorite month, warm days and cool nights, besides it's my Birthday month! As I enter the awesome patio/BBQ area, I could smell the meat cooking. I was being drawn in like a fish on a hook!

Works every time! That's how we roll here at Local 2! We serve a darn good BBQ cheeseburger or a fat foot long with all the fixing's for only \$5. We serve our meal deal from 6:45 until 7:20 and our meeting starts promptly at 7:30, and we have the best watering hole this side of the Mississippi river!

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Street in Simi Valley. A big "thank you" to our volunteer cooking team of Frank and President Jim, a job well done!

VP Scott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and President Jim talked about stuff and introduced us to a couple of visitors. One was Sporty and he talked about what's happening up north in Sacramento with all the bills and such. The other guest was assisting our member Pattibock who came to our meeting after a short bout with the medical world. I was surprised to see her (Yippee!) after a couple of months off, give or take a few...

Secretary Jane read the minutes and Betty, our treasurer, gave us her report on our finances. PR Norm talked about the new fad that senior citizens are doing - using marijuana and products of marijuana. An article said that market will grow 10-fold. My point is, another distraction for us bikers. I don't have any negativity about it, just be responsible.

Frank, our membership coordinator, gave us his report, and Pigface talked about past runs and the new ones coming up. Frank, who is also helping with the Local 2 merchandise, gave us a list of the inventory in stock. All who want new or older shirts etc. should contact him or Jane.

We had a good number of gifts for our raffle drawing and Jane won our membership drawing. The comradery we have is great, considering we only see each other once a month! If you missed our meeting, we all missed you as well. We do have something to say, so come to our next meeting and get educated, informed, and all the while having a good time with friends.

You can only ride so much in your life, so go out and enjoy your freedom of the road while you have it!

PTL norm e.

Local 03/13 Thousand Oaks/Ventura County



Our annual Trivia Run, Sunday, October 13th will be a great day, as usual. Starting at Azar's Sports Bar in Newbury Park, we'll ride through hills and valleys around Ventura County, stopping at interesting venues, to collect information for a trivia contest. First 50 entrants receive a free run t-shirt. The last stop, After Party, will include live music, lunch for all paid participants, raffles and cash prize for the winner with most correct answers to the trivia quiz. Always a good time!

On the following Saturday, October 19th, is our famous Zombie Hunt & Shoot Out on the Fillmore Western Railway. Such a blast and always a big hit with members and family, as well. Join us for this fun event! Look for flyer in this issue of the Bailing Wire.

Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 pm at Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park. General Membership meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays at 7 pm at the Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks. We usually meet up a little early for a burger, or sandwich or dog, before starting our meeting. And Sunday-Funday rides every second Sunday (all year, weather permitting). We are always welcome new members!

We've been enjoying good riding weather and good times with our ABATE family! Planning continues for the year's activities, with more great rides and runs, as well as sustaining our important mission of working on legislation. Our Local 3/13 continues to grow and evolve. We've been riding with and making new friends in other clubs and groups, spreading the word that ABATE's legislative activities help ALL riders.

Supporting ABATE makes a statement and sends money to work towards fair treatment of motorcyclists. Whether you ride with ABATE or ride with another group, being a member of ABATE and/or just participating in events, contributes to the work we do protecting your motorcycle riding rights.

Our President, and ABATE's California State Legislative Director, Chuck "Chief" Pedersen, continues to network with various other riding groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. Issues we are currently working on include the "Anti-Profiling" bill. We are a group that is making things happen being instrumental in getting a Lane Splitting bill passed last year. Join us to be an effective voice in matters of motorcycling rights!

Please come to any or all our events! And, bring your friends. Check us out on

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Facebook at [www.Facebook/ABATE313](https://www.facebook.com/ABATE313), to follow our events and issues. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations!

Ride Free! Kathleen "Mama Bear" Scribe, Membership & P.R., Local 3/13

Local #08 Orange County



Howdy all from Local 8! Well, it's the evening of the 15th of the month so it must be time to write the Bailing Wire article. Our favorite Hawgete has taken some time away so the duty falls to me this month.

Local 8 had our monthly meeting on Monday. A big topic of discussion was the success of our effort at the Long Beach Cycle Show and Swap Meet in July. We are considering doing an outreach booth in January. The Legislature will have returned to session, likely flooding us with potential new restrictions and taxes, both motorcycling specific and life in general. 2020 being an election year, seems to be a great outreach opportunity.

We also tentatively planned three Local 8 get-togethers: Coast Mesa Speedway Harley Night on October 5th, One More Form the Heart on November 10th, and the Long Beach International Motorcycle Show on November 22nd.

We also discussed potential donations to the state account. Although the meeting was well attended by our rank and file, we did not have a quorum of officers to authorize a distribution. Sadly, donation consideration had to be pushed to next month's meeting.

As luck would have it, the opportunity draw was won by Local 8's very own Hawgete, but as we said before she is taking some time away, so the prize rolls to next month.

Ride Smart, Ride Safe, Steve

Local #20 Orange County



25 members and our 1 guest were Mark Loudermilk aka "Bosco" for the September meeting. Gill said AB1086 trying to block bike events in Hollister and other places. Call the number and let it be known you're against the bill. The secretary must record it. Fastrak is doing away with the old transponders and replacing them with stickers. Be sure to put it in an RFID envelope. Big Brother wants to track everyone. That "OK Google, Bixby or Siri" on your phone, it's always listening to what is being said. Disable the GPS feature. We must work as a team or we get stepped on.

Spike told us about the various things going on across the state. People who saw Ride Free or Die said that it was excellent. It's definitely worth watching. Spike would like your thoughts on the movie. It's available on Amazon for \$9.99 or as a rental for \$1.99. Since 2015, there's been a "gang list," you have 30 days in which to refute it and have your name removed from the national fusion center.

ABATE Local 20 donated \$200 to the State Lobbyist fund. Bosco won the 50/50 and donated it to ABATE. Blue Robertson missed \$16. Raffle prizes donated by Gill, Spike Warrior, Jeff, Bald Jack and Russ Brown. The winners: letter opener/Dogg, camera/Franco (which he donated back), \$25 Target card/HD t-shirt and radio antenna/Andy and Russ Brown charger/Shim.

Non-Politically Correct Gill/Secretary Squirt

Local #23 San Bernardino



Greetings Ya'll, Here in San Bernardino we had our monthly meeting, if you missed it please try to make the next one. Our attendance was up today as folks are back from vacation so thanks to everyone for showing up to keep informed on the issues.

Bosco filled us in on the highlights. Keep in mind that the next Board of Directors meeting will be online, so look for an email for the way to join in on this meeting.

If you live within 45 mi. to the Yucaipa/Calimesa area come out to the Hellfighter's Bike Night on the 3rd Fri. of each

month @ Bob's Big Boy in Calimesa - exit on Sandalwood Dr and it's right next to the I-10. We'd love to see you, Bike games, 50-50. raffles, music and of course FOOD !

Be safe out there and until next time, God bless all.

Greg L-23 Sect./Tres.

Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. We had eight members attending. Linda LaCroix has been designated as our new Sgt. at Arms. We have several members that have been transferred from other Locals. Ruby suggested we reach out to those new people.

The MMA Toy run this year will be an all-day event at the drive-in. The Black Widows' run for the Shriner's Hospital will be on October 5th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

David Smart, Secretary ABATE Local 25

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello, ABATE Members and Friends! Well the heat is just about gone. Our Local signed up a couple at our last meeting, welcome Richard and Sandra.

We are working on our Turkey and Toy runs. We need donations and raffle prizes. We will be needing plenty of help with both, so volunteer and support these worthy causes.

Our Turkey run is in its 22nd year and our Los Ninos Toy run turns 27 in December. Flyers for both events will be in this issue of the Bailing Wire.

The Turkey run will have a Thanksgiving meal for all the participants at the end of the run.

The Toy run will start from a new location this year due to the closing of Lucky's Market. Coyne Powersports on 4th and Wake will be our new start location.

That's all for now, Thanks.

Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38



THE ONE MORE FROM THE HEART RUN

A Run to Benefit Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital

Sunday, November 10th 2019

♥ **Wish List** ♥

ENTERTAINMENT:

- *Video Games(nonviolent) (Wii, Xbox 360, Ps4)
- * SanDisk Mp3 players
- *iTunes Gift Cards
- *2019 Movies
- *Mini speakers
- *TV and DVD combo (20")
- *Batteries
- *Aux cords

HEALTH & BEAUTY:

- *Backpacks
- * Blankets
- *New clothes (6 months - adult XXL)
- *Female and Male Bath sets
- *Hair accessories
- *Hand Massagers
- *Essential Oils
- *Pacifiers

CRAFT & ACTIVITY SUPPLIES:

- *Small/large popsicle sticks
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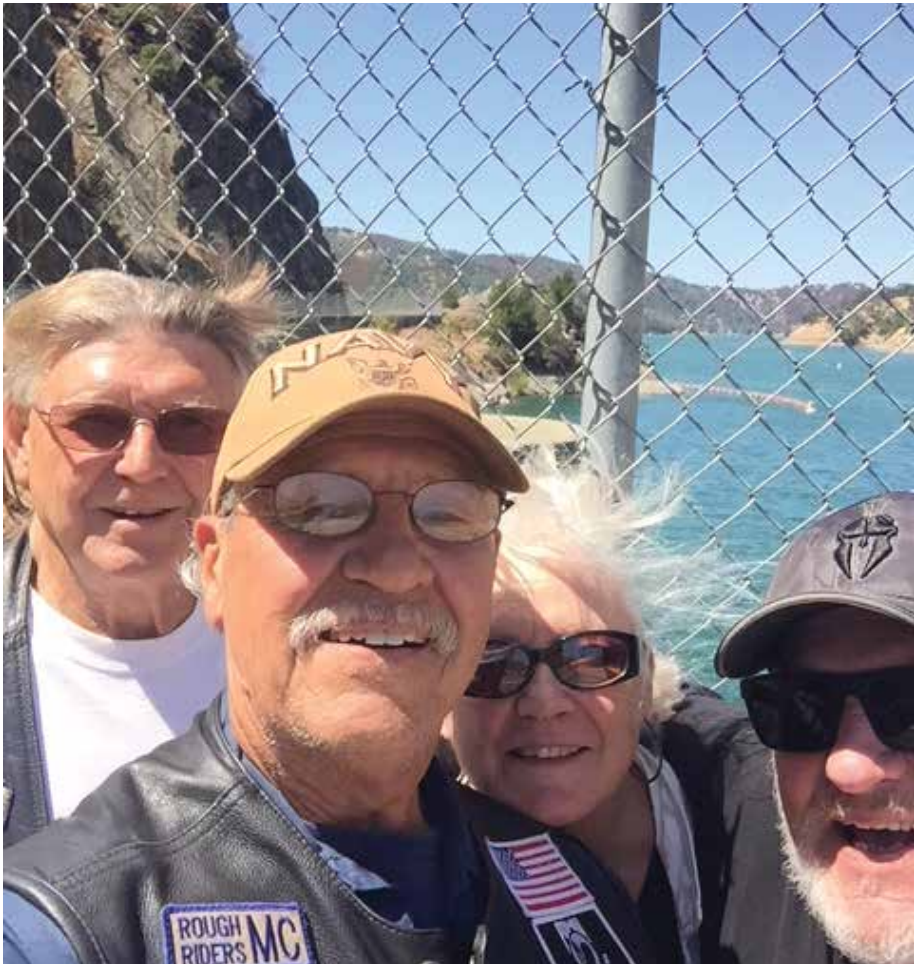

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AP: Monday, September 16, 2019 5:02PM
SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- In their first year with a new governor, California lawmakers passed legislation aimed at guarding against financial harm from wildfires, deterring fatal police shootings and expanding health care to young immigrants living in the country illegally.

That's on top of efforts related to employment law, housing and requiring presidential candidates to release their tax returns. Many of the bills are being closely watched across the nation and could prompt other states to follow suit.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed many proposals but has until mid-October to act on the rest.

HEALTH CARE

Newsom's first budget, signed in June, lets immigrants age 25 or under who are living in the country illegally sign up for Medicaid benefits if they meet income requirements. It also expanded subsidies for middle-income people to buy health care.

Separately, a proposal to crack down on fraudulent medical exemptions for childhood vaccines became one of the year's most controversial bills. It gives the state new oversight over doctors that write more than five medical exemptions in a year and schools that have a vaccination rate of less than 95%. It will take effect Jan. 1.

CALIFORNIA VS. TRUMP

California Democrats are trying to force President Donald Trump to release his tax returns through a new law that requires presidential candidates to disclose theirs to be on the state's primary ballot. Trump's campaign and the state and national Republican parties have sued to block the law, and a hearing is set for Sept. 19.

Separately, lawmakers tried to thwart Trump's roll back of environmental regulations. Lawmakers passed a bill late Friday to enshrine Obama-era environmental protections in state law. Opponents, including several major water districts, say it will create two separate sets of rules that will be difficult to navigate.

H O U S I N G

Landlords won't be able to raise yearly rent prices by more than 5% plus the cost of inflation starting Jan. 1. California's new law follows Oregon, which adopted a statewide rent cap recently, though Oregon's is slightly higher. A previous law still bans local governments from adopting their own rent control policies, but the law is a major victory for renters who say they're being priced out as California struggles to confront a housing crisis.

Landlords also won't be allowed to evict someone without showing cause or refuse to rent to someone solely because they have a federal Section 8 housing voucher.

W I L D F I R E S

The bankruptcy of Pacific Gas & Electric and the financial toll of catastrophic wildfires was perhaps the most significant issue facing lawmakers this year. In July, Newsom signed a law that requires the state's three investor-owned utilities to spend a combined \$5 billion on safety improvements and adopt new safety standards.

It also sets up a \$21 billion fund the companies and utility customers pay into that can be tapped to help pay victims of future wildfires.

P O L I C I N G

An emotional debate over how California should respond to deadly police shootings culminated in Newsom signing a law to change when police can open fire at suspects. He also signed a companion measure that beefs up officer training on how to handle confrontations.

California's old standard was based on the doctrine of "reasonable fear," meaning if prosecutors or jurors believed officers had a reason to fear for their safety, they could use lethal force. The new law will allow police to use deadly force only when "necessary" to defend against an imminent threat of death or serious injury to officers or bystanders. It does not define necessary.

COLLEGE ATHLETES

California lawmakers overwhelmingly voted to challenge the NCAA's rules that say college athletes can't make money from use of their names, images or likenesses. Newsom hasn't said how he plans to act on the bill.

It wouldn't take effect until 2023 if passed, giving the NCAA time to figure out whether it will change its rules or kick out powerhouse California schools such as UCLA, USC, Stanford and Cal.

FUTURE OF WORK

California also took a stand against companies in the so-called gig economy such as Uber and Lyft by passing legislation aimed at making them treat their workers like employees. The broad bill would make it harder for many industries to treat their workers like contractors rather than employees, who are entitled to minimum wage and some benefits. Newsom supports the bill but the gig companies are also hoping to keep negotiating for their own set of rules.

Uber has suggested it won't comply come Jan. 1, instead defending its current model if it faces legal challenges. It's also threatened, alongside Lyft and DoorDash, to spend \$30 million on a ballot campaign next year.

HAIR DISCRIMINATION

California became the first state to ban workplace and school discrimination against black people for wearing hairstyles such as braids, twists and locks. The new law says hairstyles are associated with race and therefore protected against discrimination.

Democratic state Sen. Holly Mitchell and other backers say black people are unfairly discriminated against because white hairstyles are generally considered more professional.

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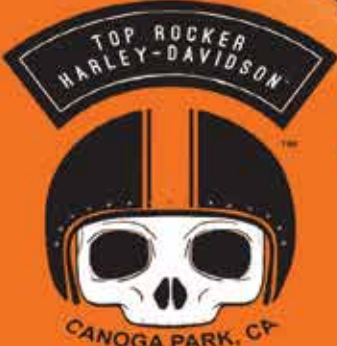
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- October 6th – ABATE 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo (see flyer this issue)
- October 13th – ABATE 3/13 – 11th Annual Biker Trivia Run
- October 12 - ABATE 4th Quarterly Board Meeting – On-Line (see flyer this issue)
- October 19th – ABATE 3/13 - Fillmore Western Railway Zombie Shoot-Out
- November 2nd – ABATE 24 – 29th Annual Turkey Run
- November 10th – 29th Annual One More from The Heart, Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital
- November 10th – ABATE 11 – Ice Chest Raffle
- November 23rd – ABATE 38 –

- 22nd Annual Turkey Run
- December 1st– ABATE 19 – 31st Annual Toy Run (see flyer this issue)
- December 14th – ABATE 17 – Toy Run
- December – ABATE 1 – 32nd Annual LA Toy Run with Glendale Harley-Davidson
- December – ABATE 38 – Imperial Valley Los Ninos Toy Run
- December – ABATE 17 – Holiday Party

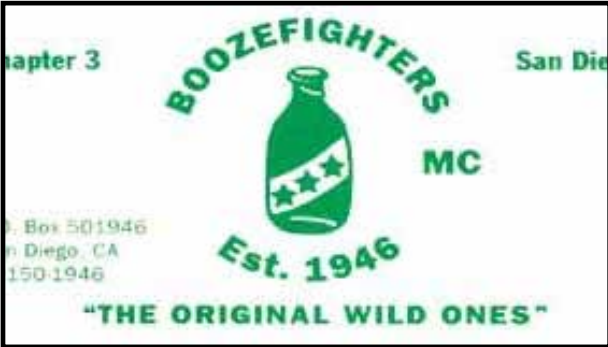
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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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STURGIS RALLY SAFEST IN FIVE YEARS: Final Sturgis Motorcycle Rally figures indicate a slight decrease in overall attendance, but including a third fatality reported on Sunday, traffic deaths were the lowest since 2014 when two motorcyclists died. Four people died in traffic crashes during the Rally last year.

Accidents were also down this year, with 52 injury crashes reported, down from 56; 41 non-injury crashes compared with 50 in 2018, according to the state Department of Public Safety.

The number of vehicles counted entering Sturgis, South Dakota during the 10 days of the 79th annual Sturgis Rally, from Friday, August 2nd through Sunday, August 11th, was down 1.2% from 505,969 in 2018 to 499,654 this year, according to the state Department of Transportation, which has been counting since 1990.

The record vehicle count was 604,441 for seven days -- Monday through Sunday -- of the Rally in 2000, the 60th anniversary, according to DOT figures. The record attendance, by head count, was an estimated 738,000 in 2015, the 75th anniversary, according to Rally officials.

TRADE WAR HEATS UP: An ongoing trade war continues to escalate, and with motorcycles once again caught in the crosshairs, whatever the outcome the cost of motorcycles is likely to go up. Trade tensions between the European Union (EU) and the United States involving ongoing disputes regarding aircraft subsidies has led the Trump Administration to respond with \$11 billion in proposed EU tariffs, including many motorcycles imported from countries in the EU.

The U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) has proposed 100% duties on motorcycles 500-700cc, as well as "parts and accessories for motorcycles (including mopeds)." (HTS subheadings 8711.40.30 and 8714.10.00).

The retaliatory tariffs could have far-reaching consequences for European-based motorcycle manufacturers, including Ducati, BMW, Husqvarna, KTM, Triumph and Vespa.

As of now, the product list is "preliminary", and riders are urged to make their voices heard.

MIC LAUNCHES INITIATIVE TO INSPIRE NEW RIDERS: The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has announced a broad, long-term initiative to bring more people into the world of motorcycling.

"It's clear the industry needs to reach and inspire new customers. While many of us, with our individual businesses, have taken steps to grow ridership, we also should be working together, and the MIC wants to help make that happen," said Paul Vitrano, MIC board chair and senior assistant general counsel at Indian Motorcycle and Polaris Inc. "To help us fully understand the barriers to entry, and to create an inclusive strategic plan to conquer those barriers that will be available to all stakeholders, we have partnered with a team of researchers and strategists to bring fresh perspectives to this challenge and opportunity."

To initiate this strategic plan, the MIC has hired consulting firm Centauric LLC to lead the first phase of this initiative. "Centauric has committed an impressive multi-disciplinary team of behavioral scientists, engineers, and business consultants, and takes a unique approach to problem-solving. We are excited to be working with them on this critical initiative," Vitrano said.

The plan will be presented at the MIC's American International Motorcycle Expo (AIMExpo) in Columbus, Ohio, September 26th-29th, 2019.

"This is not designed to be a quick fix, nor is it just about sales," said Chuck Boderman, MIC vice chair, and vice president, motorcycle division, American Honda Motor Co., Inc. "It's about showing people how motorcycles can fit into and enrich their lives, no matter where they live, what they do, what their hobbies are, or how old or young they are. This will take time, so we are committed to building a campaign that takes the long view... and how united as one, we can attract new riders to motorcycling."

FEMA WARNS: "BE PREPARED FOR ELECTRIC BIKES!": "In about ten years it will probably not be possible to buy a motorcycle with an internal combustion engine in most, if not all, European countries," warns Dolf Willigers of the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA).

Based upon information gathered during Sustainable Energy Week in Brussels, consisting of three days of presentations about how to make our society more sustainable; "When you think about future transport, think electric. Not biofuels, not hydrogen, certainly not carbon-based fuels, but electric battery-powered vehicles is what we can expect."

Transport is seen as a big contributor to the greenhouse effect. According to the EFA, the European Environment Agency, road transport emits nearly 21% of the EU's total emissions of

carbon dioxide (CO₂), the main greenhouse gas. Both the European Union and countries inside and outside the EU want 'climate-neutral' transport in 2050. "This looks far away," says Willigers, "but remember that cars, the largest part of the vehicles, in Europe have an average lifespan of about twenty years. To have all cars on the road emission free in 2050 means that cars that do emit CO₂ should no longer be on the market after 2030. Now it suddenly gets closer." According to Williger, in just over ten years, there should be a complete transition from cars with a (carbon-based fuel) internal combustion engine to battery-electric powered cars.

Already the governments of Denmark, Germany, Ireland, India, Israel, Netherlands and Sweden have announced that they will ban the sale of new 'carbon-fueled' cars from 2030. France, China and the UK have announced to stop the sale of new cars with an internal combustion engine from 2040. On the other hand, Norway wants to ban the sale of these cars already from 2025. "Indeed, I'm talking about cars, not about motorcycles," Williger explains, "But let's be realistic: when the sale cars with an internal combustion engine will be stopped after 2030, in one country (the Netherlands) also the sale of mopeds with an internal combustion engine, how big will the chance be that an exception will be made for motorcycles?"

BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER BANNING HANDS-FREE DEVICES: England and Wales could make hands-free cell-phone devices illegal for drivers, after research showed that it is no safer than using a hand-held phone, which would include a ban on comm systems for motorcyclists.

The Commons Select Committee has said that the Government should consider extending the law against using a mobile phone while driving and has called for a public consultation on the issue by the end of 2019. The Committee also recommended increasing the penalty for using a hand-held device and wants the police to do more to enforce the law.

Smart helmets and other communication systems are gaining in popularity for riders, as having access to our phones at all times has become a social and often professional requirement, and in recent years the industry has been booming with increasingly versatile devices.

The committee's recommendation is based on a study that determined these systems are as distracting as using a handheld device, and whether behind the wheel or behind the handlebars, your attention is divided. According to the National Safety Council, drivers on the phone miss up to 50% of what's happening in their surroundings while taking a call and their field of view is dramatically narrowed down, so chances are, a similar proportion applies to riders.

If such a ban is imposed in the UK, it could spark discussions of similar bans in the rest of Europe and perhaps the rest of the world.

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NO HELMET, NO GAS: Although India has a national helmet law, as of August 5th the highly urbanized city of Bengaluru will begin implementing a "No helmet, no fuel" policy that means any motorcycle rider, including their passenger, will not be allowed to buy fuel at any gas station within the city limits if they are NOT wearing their helmets.

"The Bengaluru Traffic Police has spoken with petrol pump owners across the city seeking their cooperation to enforce the 'No Helmet, No Fuel' initiative," Bengaluru City Additional Traffic Commissioner P. Harishekar told News18. "This is being done purely for the interest, safety, and security of people."

Bengaluru is not the first city to take such a step, as on June 1, 2019, the State of Uttar Pradesh, which has a population of 200-million, enacted a "No helmet, no fuel" policy and also prohibits motorcycle riders from using the expressway if they are not wearing their helmets.

NETHERLANDS WAR HERO GIVEN CHOICE BETWEEN MC OR MILITARY JOB: The Ministry of Defense has suspended a soldier for the first time because of his role in the world of motorcycle clubs, threatening Sergeant Major Maurice Vissers with removal from his job with the Ministry for being "involved in a prohibited motorcycle gang."

Vissers is not a member of a forbidden club, but is vice president of the Veterans MC, a military motorcycle club in the Netherlands to which many soldiers and former soldiers are affiliated, but he stands accused of having contacts with the Hells Angels as the clubs maintain friendly ties.

Earlier this year, the Ministry of Defense an-

nounced in a statement regarding the behavior of Defense employees that security clearances will be withdrawn if they have contact with a criminal organization or are "involved in outlaw motorcycle gangs such as Satudarah, Hells Angels, No Surrender or the Bandidos." Where the Ministry previously discouraged its staff from becoming members of '1% clubs', action is now being taken against soldiers who, for example, have a child or a partner in a prohibited motorcycle club, labeling them a security risk.

Despite having no criminal record and no other security issues, the Ministry of Defense has given the soldier a choice: leave the motorcycle club or Defense.

PUTIN MAY BE CITED FOR RIDING A MOTORCYCLE WITHOUT A HELMET: The Moscow Times has reported that Russian President Vladimir Putin recently attended a biker show organized by the Night Wolves motorcycle club in annexed Crimea, and state television showed Putin at the handlebars of a Ural motorcycle without a helmet on.

At least two people have filed complaints with the authorities on the basis that Putin had violated Russian law by not wearing a helmet, and a Russian lawyer has requested the traffic police fine Putin \$15 over the infraction.

"Putin is violating [the law] again," said Regional legislator Oleg Khomutinnikov in a complaint to Russia's Prosecutor General's Office, writing on Facebook; "So what, the violations are minor. But does that make them non-violations?"

"EASY RIDER" STAR PETER FONDA DEAD AT 79: Oscar-nominated actor Peter Fonda, who became a counterculture icon when he co-wrote, produced and starred in seminal 1969 road movie "Easy Rider" fifty years ago, died August 16th of lung cancer at age 79.

The son of Hollywood legend Henry Fonda, he appeared in numerous biker movies, including "The Wild Angels" (1966), "Ghost Rider" (2007) and "Wild Hogs" (2007).

Fonda earned an Academy Award nomination for Best Original Screenplay for "Easy Rider", which was added to the National Film Registry in 1998, having been deemed "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant."

In 1991, Peter Fonda attended the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' 6th annual NCOM Convention to receive the Silver Spoke Award for Entertainment; "In Appreciation For Improving The Image Of Motorcycling."

He was inducted into the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 2002, not only for his work on "Easy Rider" but also for his motorcycle-related charity work, including the Love Ride.

His interest in motorcycles was the direct result of rebelling against the elder Fonda; "My father didn't want me to," he once told the L.A. Times newspaper. "It was like, in your face. As soon as I could, I bought a Harley. That was the beginning. Loved it. Never have stopped."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "I have always maintained that society has no business dictating morality." ~ Peter Fonda (1940-2019)

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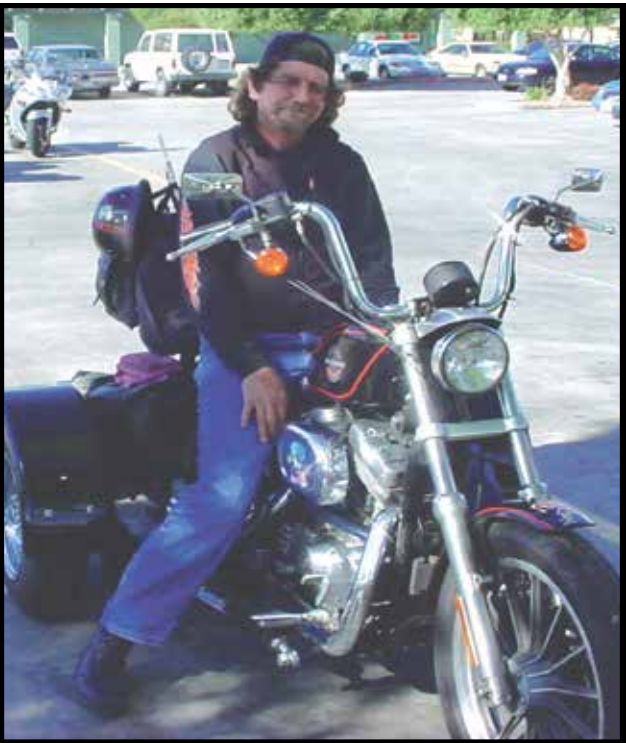
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Sporty's Rides



by Sporty Milligan

Greetings to all who read this column! It's been a pretty busy riding time since I wrote my last column.

During the weekend before Labor Day I spent time at the world famous Rock Store where I passed out flyer cards for upcoming runs I wanted folks to attend. The riders seemed receptive to taking the cards and hopefully they will attend the suggested runs.

The Saturday before Memorial Day I went to Santa Clarita Harley Davidson to get some oil and a filter for an oil change for my 2002 883/1200 Sporty. It has a little over 128,000 miles on the speedo. I bought the oil and – wow! - the price for the oil and filter was \$45! The price of oil has gone up significantly - yikes! I spent a good amount of time there as I finally got to play the Evel Knievel pin ball machine they have for your amusement. So that was my day on that Saturday. In the evening at my AA meeting I won the 50/50 - \$23. Money for the next day.

Sunday, the day before Memorial Day, I attempted to do the Sunday morning all you can eat breakfast at the AA hall in San Fernando. When I got there at 9:30 am I was surprised to find that there was no food left from the breakfast that usually lasts from 9 am to 10:30 am! I was a little bit perturbed and walked out of the hall. When one of the members asked where I was going to ride to, I snapped back and said, "Anywhere but here!" I made a bee line to the Rock Store and had a nice breakfast with the money I had won the previous night.

Nothing exciting happened until Friday evening when after my AA meeting I went to the world famous Bob's Big Boy in Toluca Lake. I had sent a text message to my business adviser, Marty, who lives just down the street from Bob's in an office/home condo. After some time we finally found each and had a good time talking about life. He might put an ad in the Bailing Wire so look out for that soon. He left at 9 15 pm and I left shortly after at 9.30 pm as I had a run to go to the next day.

It was a hot Saturday morning. I did my morning walk from 6 am to 7 am, showered and headed to the American Legion Post 817 in Panorama City. I was to do the Poker run, Car Show and Bike Show. Since it was a warm day, I drank water to stay hydrated. The importance of staying hydrated was written about in a safety article by Eric, who writes for Rider Motorcycle magazine. Also ABATE's Safety Officer, Norm, often writes about staying hydrated. Check them out, if you can.

When I arrived, there were some members of the Tujunga Elks riders including their president, Bill Conner. We had to wait for the route sheets as there was a bit of a delay in getting them to the start. Never-the-less we eventually got the route sheets and I was off. The route consisted of visits to three different American Legion posts, one in Newhall, one in Sun Valley and one in Tujunga, then back to Panorama City. I had the low hand and won \$25, but didn't win any of the raffle prizes. Bummer. Good food and good fun! Thanks for the good time to all who helped put on this run at American Legion Post 817.

The next day I had another run to do. This was ABATE Local 1 business member the Messengers of Recovery San Fernando Valley Chapter's poker run that helps support the Felicity House, a women's recovery house. It featured a poker run that started at Bartel's HD and ended back at Bartel's HD where I was fed lunch as part of the admission fee. A sweet tri-tip meal! I bought raffle tickets and won some nice raffle prizes. I had a good day and a nice ride. Spent a fun time with the Messengers and went home feeling good.

The following Tuesday I attended ABATE Local 2's monthly meeting. They do a hot dog/ burger plus fixings meal before the meeting. I had a burger and a hot dog \$10 – good deal! I enjoy going to their meetings occasionally as they are good folks and make me feel welcome. Thanks ABATE Local 2 for your hospitality.

The final chapter of this month's column is Sarge Matthew's 69th Birthday and bon voyage party at the San Fernando Moose Lodge. He is retiring from the law firm of Richard Lester and moving to Tennessee. When I arrived just before 6 pm the party was in full swing. Sarge likes a drink called fireball so they were doing fireball shots throughout the evening. There was a group toast at 8.30 pm. Lots of Sarge's family and friends were there to celebrate his Birthday and say bye-bye. They had a free dinner, which was quite good. I saw folks I had not seen in years. I also danced on the dance floor and did fairly well with my peg leg. They had a 50/50 raffle and, yes, I won \$194 - good deal! We wanted Peter Daniels, Local 1's retired president, to show up but he was unable to. However Peter told me to give Sarge a big kiss on the cheek, which I did! I am going to miss Sarge. He's a great help with events put on by ABATE Local 1. But that is life as we get older, we move on to greener pastures. Best wished to Sarge in the next chapter in his life.

Well that's it for this month's Sporty's Rides. Be good, do ABATE runs and keep an eye out for new members.

Regards, Scribe Sporty.

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Motorcycle Safety Report



by **Norm e. Newiger**

The Time of the Season

Almost nine months down with three to go - that's how fast time goes by. I can't believe it's already on the down side of summer with fall looming and winter not too far off.

I made a statement last month on how cool August was and then a week later it was back to being hot. Now it's on and off again as the day goes. You cannot control the weather's behavior, you can only go day by day. As my dad said back in the day, "It's chili today and hot tamale."

Every year we go through the same thing, hot one day, cold the next. It happens until the end of the season, but this can go on past the end of the season until the end of the year. I remembered December of 1974, it was 86 degrees on Christmas day and the next day Uncle Sam invited me to join his brotherhood.

What I like about this time of the season is the cool evening rides. Every weekend it starts to get dark earlier and the evening temperatures are 30 degrees cooler. This is where we must remind ourselves that, even if the day is 90 degrees, maybe we should have brought spare clothes for the ride back after the sun dips out of sight. I've been the victim of this quite a few times. There is a point where you cannot outrun coldness. It's everywhere when you're riding. You will learn this the next time you go out for the day on your bike, I guarantee you will.

As the new seasons approach us, it's really about safety. Cold weather here and there can have consequences. I know this to be true from my own personal experiences. There are some things that get burnt into your brain, it's called experience! Experience is the best teacher, even if you dumped your bike here and there. If you recover quickly, then get back on your bike as soon as you physically can. To my mind, you must do it before you start doubting yourself, and who hasn't dumped their bike?

As I write this report I've seen a lot of people and the misfortunes of their riding life. Yes, I ride with people that are way better than me and I've also seen just the opposite. How do they do it? What was their cost to get to their level? Was

it accidents? Was it trial by error or education? For me it's all of the above, but it was a process that I took very seriously and was very patient about my growth. You can't learn it all in one day, let alone a year. And I believe you can learn from other people at their expense, just don't replicate how they got to their level.

Throughout our riding lives we are constantly making split second decisions and they can be fortunate or unfortunate. With experience they become more fortunate and less unfortunate. All I know is that while riding you have to pay attention to all your surroundings because you never know when you'll have to make a split decision that could cost you something valuable i.e. crashing thy bike! My factual proof of this is one incident I had while riding in the Santa Susanna Pass. My bro and I were riding through the hills and I hit a sandy washout while carving the road. I was only doing 35 miles per hour, but as I was leaning my rear tire slipped out almost to the 3 o'clock position. In an instant my brain went viral and I gassed it, righting my bike back up to where it should be. Yes, it happens that fast! I had learned this defensive maneuver a thousand times while dirt bike riding so it became almost a second nature thing for me. Earlier in the day though, I would have never thought about that scenario or for that matter any other type of scenario that could have happened to me.

I believe there is a fine line of having to pay attention to your surroundings as you ride, not just the road, but the signs posted everywhere. It's awesome to see and feel the freedom of the road and be defensive at the same time. When you see a simple caution sign such as falling rocks, deer crossing etc. it's a good indication that you can possibly experience that certain situation and it could be deadly. Keep real time education on your mind and constantly have the desire to always learn, whether from your experience or others. Always keep an open mind and share your experiences, you might be surprised what you could learn or better yet, that someone is listening to you!

As our season changes around September through October, it's a good time to dance with your bike - you know - oil change, tune-up or any other scheduled maintenance. When I ride during the summer, I know my bike will make it to the next season but, I have to now ensure myself that it's time to do the walk and make it to the end of the year. This means one of my yearly inspection detail jobs of my bike after I do the liquid exchange thing

As a rider of the V twin, my main responsibility is making sure that it's in top condition to the best of my ability. I cannot afford to have a mechanic go through my bike periodically to make sure it's in tip top shape. I have them work on what I cannot do or don't want to do, therefore, I know my limitations.

The most important things are the little ones that matter. Visual inspection is as important as tightening loose nuts and bolts. I cannot count how many nuts, bolts, hex heads, Phillip heads, etc. that are on my bike, let's just say it's never

ending! When I go through my bike, I use the term "Zones", i.e. tires, handle bars, right side, left side, frame, engine and drive chain. I go through the zones so as not to miss anything. It's my checklist, my way of doing it and at my age I need to re-assure myself that all things are really done. To my way of thinking, this is where Safety is First!

Have you ever had one of your mirrors start flapping or cart wheeling while you're riding? How about a turn signal knocking on your knee cap? These little things can distract you as well as piss you off. I even had my gear shifting knob disappear once and that really sucks! I then wished that I would have checked these things out before I rode out. I'm not saying to go through your bike thoroughly every time, but sometimes a quick visual inspection can prevent this from happening.

As for the visual inspection, it is important. As I was detailing my bike, wiping down my clutch cable I noticed wear at the middle section where the fork lock is. It was rubbing against the cable and was ready to sever the line. Having a broken clutch cable while riding truly sucks! After many years of servicing my bike as I detail it, I kind of know what nuts, bolts pretty much hold their own. It's usually the cosmetic things we add that need the most attention, but then again, anything on a V twin can and will loosen up at any given time!

Visual inspection is important. It could lead you to getting your hands dirty. How often do you check your tires? Do you roll your bike to inspect the tires 360 degrees? Or are you satisfied with what you see when it's parked? Do you look for improper wear or fatigue? How old are your tires? If you ride 3 to 6 thousand miles a year the treads might look good, but are your tires hard or dried out and showing signs of cracking? A flat tire on the side of the road is just as bad as a broken clutch cable.

You can easily inspect your disc brakes for even wear. It's easy to do, but really important. Remember them old brake drums? You had to do some major work before you could inspect them visually. Now days it's right there in front of you with easy access.

One last thing: Tire Pressure. After all is said and done, proper tire pressure can save your life - period! Don't be lazy or think it's okay just because your tires look good, just do it! Why? Preventative Maintenance is a part of my safety program. I want to have a good time while riding, I want everyone to have a good time riding. When you know your bike is up to your standards of being safe to ride, you will have a good time riding. We all know stuff happens, but was it preventable? There is nothing wrong with being simple, as long as you know your bike is good enough to be ridden by your mother!

This is the best time to change for the season. It gets better, but being prepared helps out in the peace of mind mode, something that we all need to have. Ride for adventure and stay safe. It's too close to the end of the year when craziness abounds everywhere!

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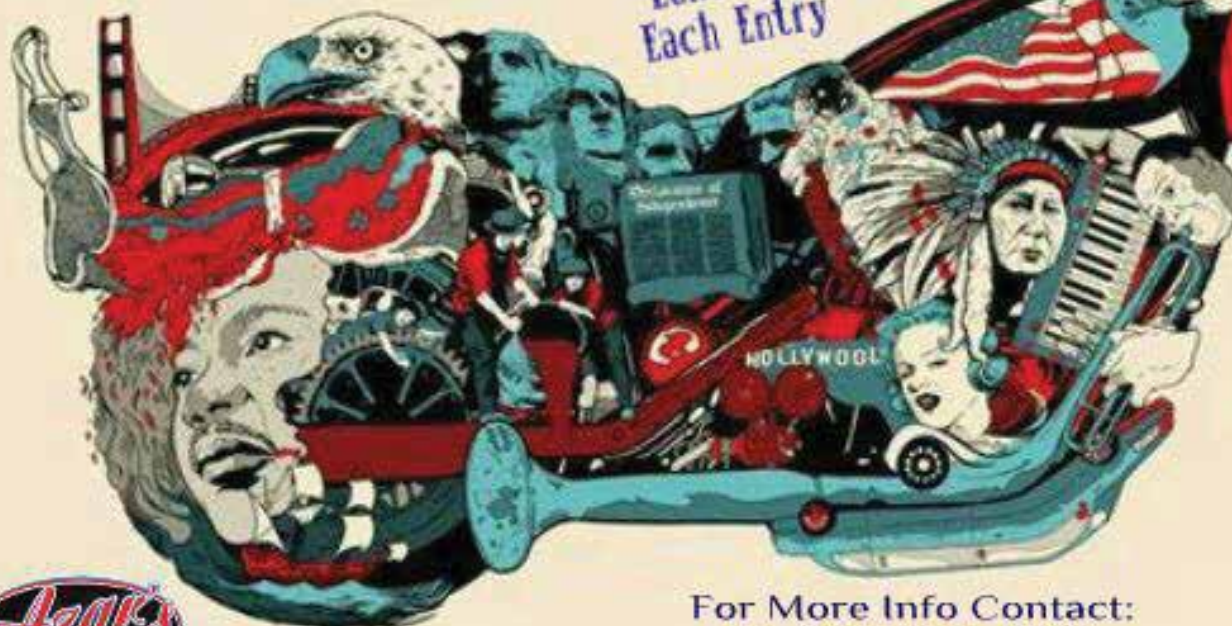
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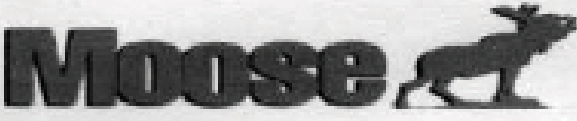

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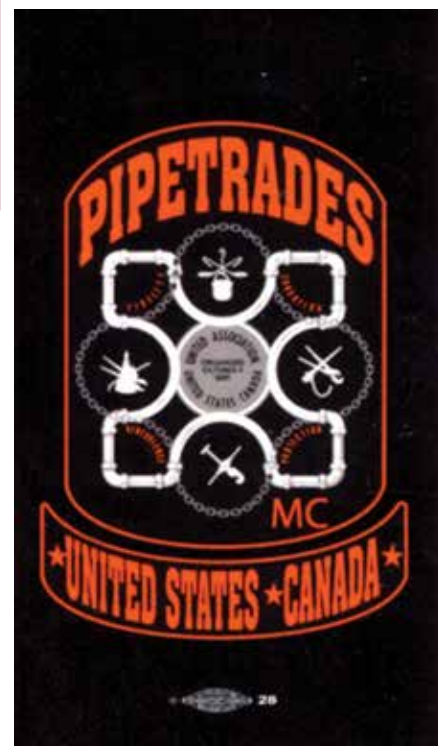
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