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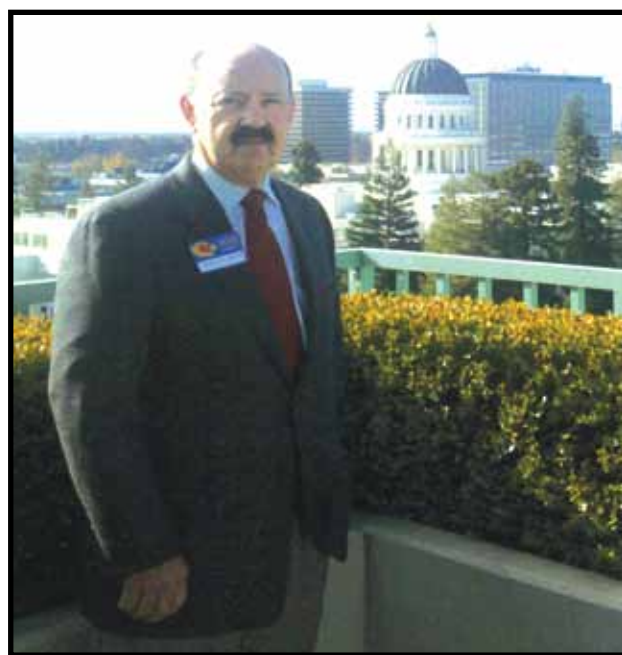
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Lobbyist's Legislative Report



**by James Lombardo,
Lobbyist**

The Election is finally over! Nationally Donald Trump and a Motorcycle Riding Vice-President Mike Pence turned Washington DC upside down!

Here in California, the Assembly will most likely be composed of 55 Democrats (a pick-up of 4 seats) while the State Senate will stay the same 26 Democrats and 14 Republicans!

The Race for the 2018 Governor's office has already started with former Los Angeles Mayor/Speaker of the Assembly Antonio Villaraigosa throwing his hat in the ring,

along with Lt Governor Gavin Newsom and State Treasurer John Chaing expected to follow. As of now there are no Republicans being rumored in the running.

The Legislature will return December 5th to elect a Speaker of the Assembly (Anthony Rendon) and a Senate Pro Tem (Kevin de Leon). Both houses will recess until January 5th, 2017 then the new Committee assignments will follow in January. Some reappointments expected: our Motorcycle friendly Chair of Assembly Transportation Assemblyman Jim Fraizer along with Chair of Senate Transportation & Housing Senator Jim Beall.

There is rumble of a Noise Check Motorcycles Bill sponsored by the Motorcycle Industry Council, who have had primarily meetings with the California Highway Patrol. We have been monitoring, speaking and working with the CHP who are NOT supporting this proposed bill! We need to be ready if the MIC is successful getting this Anti-Motorcycle Noise Bill introduced next session.

Thanks to all the Individuals and Locals who support the dedicated Lobbyist fund to keep me in Sacramento fighting for Motorcyclists Rights & Freedoms!!!

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What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization (not a club) dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road, with emphasis on education and safety. Our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety, and in supporting many types of charity events.

Included with an ABATE membership are a sew-on patch, membership card, and our monthly newsletter THE BAILING WIRE. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclists' rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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Executive Director's Report



by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

2016 is rapidly coming to a close and we will be opening the books on a new year for ABATE of California soon. We have had a very busy agenda in 2016 and as I write we are already looking at next year and contemplating items to put on our "To Do" list for consideration and discussion. We will close out 2016 with an "on-line" Board of Directors meeting (date to be determined soon) and I will recap that meeting in my next article. Our first "live" Board of Directors meeting of 2017 will be held in Orange County where your 2017 Board of Directors members and State Officers will be introduced. The "Freedom Fighter of the Year" award will also be presented at the January meeting. (January 21st.)

Over the course of this year I have discussed membership and volunteering for a leadership position at both the Local and State levels many times. Most of your Locals will be holding elections in December or early January for your 2017 Local office holders. It may be too late to get your name on that ballot, but if there are any vacant positions in

your Local, volunteer to train for that position and become an active Officer in our ABATE organization.

We need members statewide to fill vacancies and to relieve our current office holders, many who have tirelessly volunteered for years, as they prepare to retire from their ABATE responsibilities and civilian jobs. We desperately need your talent, ideas, and volunteer time if ABATE is to continue to be the grass-root powerhouse that it is. The pay may be lousy but the satisfaction you will receive from actually accomplishing something for your fellow riders and yourself is immeasurable.

No matter what part you choose to play in our organization, you become part of the solution, not the problem. Be a volunteer and be proud of what your team accomplishes during your tenure. Like I said in the beginning, we are all volunteers and maybe that is why our victories taste so sweet. We are David facing Goliath and we win. It just doesn't get any better than that.

Join ABATE as we march off to the battles of 2017. We need you to ensure our success and your volunteer time to help us all enjoy our victories. Become an ABATE member and an office holder. You will be surprised at how easy and fulfilling it is to be both.

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ABATE of California now has their off road division up and running!

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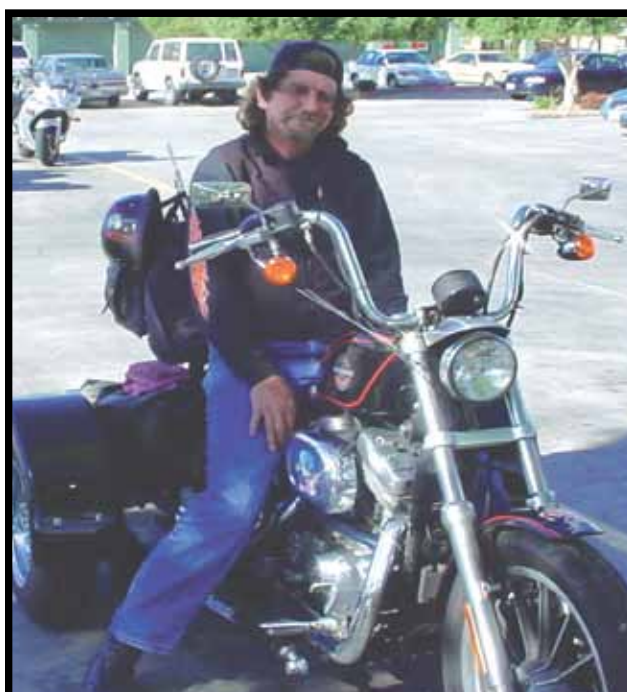
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi all! I was thinking about what I needed to write about for the final month of the Membership Drive for 2016. Well I was sitting at the bar at the Wyndham Hotel in Irvine during the lunch break at the NCOM Region 1 meeting that I attended Saturday, November 12th. There were two club members from San Diego and we were talking about the issues being discussed when I mentioned ABATE of California and how they might be interested in attending ABATE Local 6's meeting De-

cember 4th in San Diego. It also helped to have a yellow application card to give to them as well as the ever popular "You have just met ABATE member (your name)" plus the day and location of the meeting spot. With that you can talk about the issues with any prospective motorcyclists just be sure to have your application cards with you. You might get more members if you plan your attack well.

This is toy run season, so the opportunity to talk the issues is greatly enhanced. If you have the ability to do an ABATE table, then by all means do it.

Don't forget the renewals, the life line of the organization. Also remember to keep your Local's members well informed with the issues we are striving to do.

I have been at this for a long time, so ideas to recruit more members are greatly appreciated. Also, at this point, are you satisfied with the current Membership Drive format? If you have ideas that will strengthen the Membership Drive, by all means share your thoughts. My email address is williammilligan285@yahoo.com.

Ok, try to recruit more members to join ABATE and do your best to retain your Local's renewals. As always, there is unity and strength in numbers of members.

Membership Chairman, Sporty Milligan

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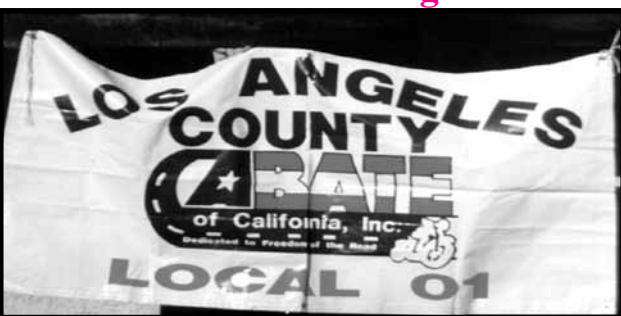
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Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! Local 1 is alive and well. We'll start the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, welcome the attending members and a group of Top Rocker HOG members. Next will be the treasury report and the president's report.

Nothing yet to report on AB-51 guide lines or other legislative items. Will recommend that members visit their Assembly person and Senator to get to know their positions on possible legislation regarding anti-profiling. We plan to take this up in 2017 as our legislative challenge.

I'll report on the Region 1 NCOM meeting that took place November 12th in Irvine. There will be a discussion on the LA Toy run, which is on December 11th. Volunteers are needed to help with the sign-ins at Glendale Harley.

We'll talk about the 30th annual Polar Bear run scheduled for February 26th, 2017. Glen C will give the Membership Report and Jim N will give the VP report.

We'll end with questions from the attendees and Monkey Business. There will be breakfast for those who want it.

Sporty, President Local 1

Local #02 Simi Valley



Great weather and great food is how Local 2 started this evening. Thanks to volunteer cooks Pres Guy and Steve! We still serve a fantastic dinner for \$5, BBQ burgers and hot dogs and all the fixin's you want and we have the best bar in town for the price! We serve our dinner from 6:45 until 7:20 then our meeting promptly starts at 7:30.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Ave. We always open our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance!

Pres Guy started the meeting and talked about what Local 2 is doing. Tonight we gave a monetary gift to the Live Riders Ministry for the needy for Thanksgiving and we presented a check to the VFW for being the VFW! Actually, we are thanking them for the use of their facilities and the Commander thanked us for what we are about, Freedom! We also talked about our two recent losses, members Rick Flores and Kevin Copeland. RIP bro's. VP Jim gave the checks out and VP Pattibock talked about the Rip's Bad run that she's hosting at Red's BBQ in Simi.

Our secretary Jane read the minutes, Pat, our treasurer, gave us the monthly report on our finances, PR Norm talked about reading the Bailing Wire on line, and Frank, our membership officer, gave us his report. Run coordinator Bob talked about last month's run with Local 3/13 and having a joint run to the David Mann run in Ventura on December 11th.

It was a great meeting this month. We had over 4 guests and we talked about everything from cheeseburgers to profiling to our last ride of the year and everything in between. We have all our officers in place and can't wait till next year to see what's happening.

We also talked about our last meeting/party in December. We will be having an all you can eat buffet and games in which prizes will be awarded. From what I know the foods and desserts will be in abundance, and with the VFW's bar in the next room, it will be a very fun night with everyone!

We still miss all who couldn't be here for this meeting and hope to see you at the next meeting/party - it's the last one for 2016!

I would really like to thank VFW Post 10049 for allowing us to have our meetings here for many, many years. We get full access to their BBQ and outdoor patio, their full-service bar and air conditioned meeting room, month after month. THANK YOU VFW

Ride safe and see you next month, PTL norm e.

Local #08 Orange County



We had a very good Local 8 meeting last night. We started talking about motorcycle safety. Santiago Canyon Road (SR18) has had a rash of accidents lately. The CHP has stationed portable road signs along the road which say 1: Watch for motorcycles, 2: Drunk driving kills, and 3: Speed kills. From the rider's side, we discussed how the Experienced Riders Motorcycle Class really does work. It helps riders sharpen their skills. We know that ABATE has a seat on the California motorcycle safety board. We wondered if ABATE more actively participated, is it possible that we could get group discounts if we get groups of ABATE members to take the course.

Of course we discussed membership. Linda remembered how Bailing Wires used to be available in a lot more motorcycle shops. She talked about how people she spoke to thought that ABATE is gone because they never see Bailing Wires anymore. We understand that the number of Bailing Wires needed to be reduced due to cost issues. We surmised that if ABATE printed a single page (double sided) monthly flyer it would be cheaper to get them spread around to shops. Also, if the flyers were made available on line, members could print a few each month and pass them around. People might think ABATE was back from the dead and we might boost membership.

Five Local 8 members attended the Totally Kids hospital run. It was, as usual, a wonderful event. Thank you HR. A large number of people and groups donated money. They thanked all who attended and those who donated. They were thankful for the smallest of donations. We went to Forest Falls on the mystery run and had a great lunch.

Local 8 will have a Christmas party on 12 December. It will be a pot luck meeting and we will bring \$15 gifts for a fun gift exchange. Drop in and bring a friend. It will be fun.

Larry & Carol will be Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus at the Totally Kids Children Hospital on 17 December. Daniel won the membership drawing.

We will elect officers in January. Please help us make Local 8 even better.

Larry

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



Happy Holidays to all from us here at Local 17! With the elections behind us it is time to enjoy family, friends and loved ones for the Holidays and the upcoming New Year.

We have our Holiday Party upcoming on December 3rd at the Moose Lodge here in Vacaville catered by the Vacaville Buckhorn BBQ with DJ Ron Landaker.

Our 29th Annual Toy Run is the following day. We meet at the Moose Lodge at 10 am for breakfast and then a ride to downtown Vacaville to Creekwalk Plaza where the Air Force Toys for Tots will meet us for our toy donations. This is a rain or shine event and, if raining, TJ of TJ's Tavern has agreed to open early so we can donate out of the weather.

Hopefully we will have a new Secretary for our Local as Brian Hamlet is moving on after 5 years of outstanding service. If you have an interest in being the Secretary please show up at our December meeting to see if the position is still open. Jim Schlachter has accepted the Merchandise Coordinator position from Gilbert Camou who also after 5 years of dedicated service is taking a deserved break. Gratefully we have also filled the Raffle Coordinator position with two veterans who know the ropes and the demands of the position - welcome Margaret Shook and Linda Hines!

All other positions will remain the same with myself as President, Cathy O'Connell as Treasurer, Teasa Gonzales as Membership, Mike Todd as VP, Leanne Hoffman as Run Coordinator, Geno Hamrick as Newsletter/Run Card Editor, Dave Allen as Webmaster and Shauna Manina as Media Coordinator.

My sincere thanks to all - I could not do this without each and every one of you! We also should know very shortly if our own Geno Hamrick was selected as ABATE Freedom Fighter of the Year - a prestigious honor. Voting closed on November 15th.

Have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season and I'll see ya around the next corner.

Glenn Phillips, President Local 17

Local #20 Orange County



Happy Veteran's Day. Thank you Veterans - Past, Present and Future. To all POW/MIAs, you're not forgotten. God Bless our Veterans.

There were 19 members and 2 guests at the November meeting. Totally Kids is Sunday, 13 November. Thank you for all the donations. We had \$870, short \$130 of the \$1,000 goal; however, \$420 was raised on the spot! A total of \$1,300 will be given to Totally Kids Specialty Hospital. Once again, you stepped up to the plate and delivered.

Pastor Tom said the Downed Biker Fund event was a huge success. Just shy of \$10,000 was collected. Pauly was the winner of \$16 for November but was unavailable to claim it. It rolls over into December. Our Christmas party will be 13 December and will

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have all the trimmings. As our traditional custom, a name will be drawn until we have a winner present. Happy Thanksgiving. Non Politically Correct Gill & Squirt

Local #23 San Bernardino.



We had our usual meeting on the first Sunday of the month at Vicky's Restaurant in San Bernardino. This was our first meeting with our new Officers, President Ron Morris and Secretary-Treasurer Greg Burian. We discussed the new bills and laws coming up, upcoming rides and other business. One change was made; the monthly First Friday Dinner Ride has been changed to meeting up at a local bike night that takes place at Sunnymead Burgers in Moreno Valley. Many of us went to the One More From the Heart Run at Totally Kids in Loma Linda. I saw some members from other Locals attending like Spike, Gill and Doreen from Local 20 and someone from Local 44 (Sorry forgot your name).

If any of you wish to put your flyers and/or information on our group Facebook page, please let me know. If you want to join our group please let me know, you can leave a request or message for me on that page. The page is ABATE of California-Local 23-San Bernardino. I post up flyers and information that pertains to ABATE and motorcycling. And, please, no ads. We try to keep it ABATE and Motorcycling related. I expect we see more changes and challenges ahead. Until next month, Donald Kline, Media/PR, Local 23 San Bernardino.

Local #52 Grass Valley



Hi folks, so 2016 is in the bag and things are looking pretty good. We pulled off our first event in many years, membership is going UP, and there was certainly some legislative success in Sacramento. I'll give you a quick synopsis of the run. For quite a few years it seemed almost impossible, risky at best, to attempt a run since our membership was not robust enough to guarantee covering all of the tasking. When one of our members, Chris Wirtz, suggested a destination ride, we went to work and put together the Cheeseburger Run.

The Dew Drop Inn was kind enough to donate the location which gave us plenty of room outside (and indoors fortunately), a large built in grill, and a bar with bar tender on duty. We pulled it off with only 6 members and even with a lack of cooperation from mom nature we still made about \$400.00. Many thanks to all who donated raffle prizes and our volunteers Steve and Wendy Shoemaker, Chris Wirtz, Donna Reyes, Mary Kirby, and Craig Griswold. Wendy ran all over the tri-county region in search of donations and put together a bunch of gift baskets for raffle prizes. Huge thanks to Betty Johnson for donating the leather jacket. While we ran a conventional raffle for all of the other gifts, we did a silent raffle for the jacket. A bidding war between a few of our members produced a lofty \$275.00. Music by Porkchops was fantastic and we will certainly look up those guys for the next event. We also have some new members: Tim Sheridan, Dave Warnhoff, and Stan Norman signed up as single members. Thanks for joining guys! Our new business member is Steve Schisler, CEO of Synergy Wealth Management LLC. He is also the host of "Managing Your Money" and is the technical advisor for the Finance Committee, Ways and Means Committee of California. Thank you for joining! Let's make 2017 even better. Get out and find those new members. And new business members are a real plus. Talk to the folks you do biz with and get them on board. Cheers! Pres, Craig.



Local 3/13 members helping out at the recent Brunch to honor Veterans at our Local Elk's Lodge #2477 in Thousand Oaks.



Local 52's 1st Annual Cheeseburger Run was a success even on a rainy day. Turnout wasn't bad, most folks just caged it.

The Golden Gas Tank Award goes to Bob Carpenter from Local 17 in Vacaville. Thanks for making the trip!

Thanks to all of our volunteers and to all that were able to attend.



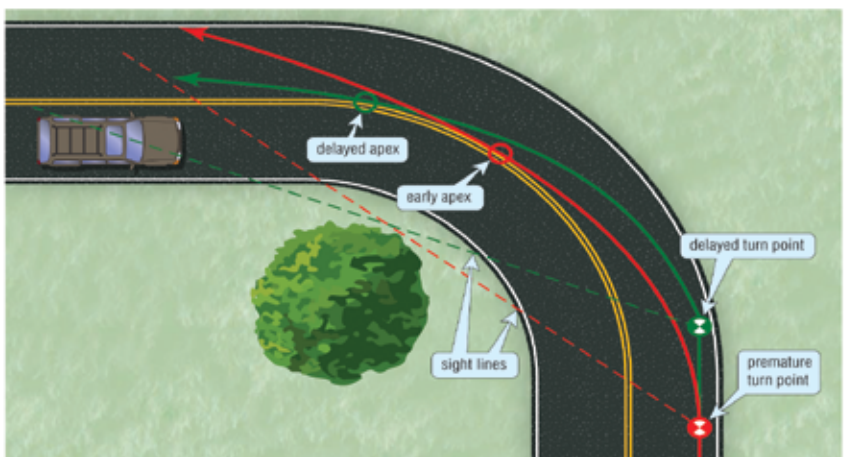
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The California Motorcyclist Safety Program (CMSP) was established in 1987 for the purpose of reducing accidents and fatalities on California's roadways. It has trained almost a million riders since that time and is also committed to encouraging experienced riders to continue on a journey of lifelong learning.



To that end the CMSP has compiled a resources page on the californiamotorcyclist.com website (click "Find a training class near you" then the "Resources" tab) to promote intermediate and advanced courses that are approved by the California Highway Patrol (CHP).



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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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ELECTION CYCLE: "We love the bikers," exclaimed presumptive Presidential GOP nominee Donald Trump in remarks made during the 29th annual Rolling Thunder POW/MIA motorcycle run held Memorial Day weekend in Washington, D.C., months before the general election.

Wearing a red "Make America Great Again" hat, the blunt-spoken New York real estate mogul and television celebrity told the crowd about seeing large numbers of bikers at his campaign events, including a group called "Bikers For Trump" (www.BikersForTrump2016.com). Chris Cox, a biker from South Carolina who founded BFT, had met with The Donald who told him "we're his favorite demographic."

Stressing his desire to strengthen the military and improve how veterans are treated, the Presidential-hopeful found a receptive audience. "I'm not a huge biker, I have to be honest with you, O.K.?" lamented Trump to the throng of motorcyclists gathered at the Lincoln Memorial last May, "I always liked the limo better."

"I don't ride motorcycles," the candidate told another biker at a Trump Rally in Ohio, "but if I'm elected, I'll fix all the potholes"; and he'll soon get the opportunity to make good on his campaign promise.

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, America voted Donald J. Trump to be the 45th President of the United States, and although he's not a quintessential "motorcycle guy", his running mate is. Vice President-elect Mike Pence is a motorcyclist himself and has participated in numerous charity rides in his home state of Indiana, where as governor he supported bikers' rights and worked closely with ABATE of Indiana.

DISTRACTED DRIVING LEADS TO BIGGEST SPIKE IN TRAFFIC DEATHS IN 50 YEARS: When distracted driving entered the national consciousness a decade ago, the problem was mainly people who made calls or sent texts from their cell phones. The solution then was to introduce new technologies to keep drivers' hands on the wheel. Innovations since then, such as car Wi-Fi and a host of new apps, have since led to a boom in internet usage in vehicles that safety experts now say is contributing to a surge in highway deaths.

After steady declines over the last four decades, highway fatalities last year recorded the largest annual percentage increase in 50 years, rising to the highest level since 2009, and the numbers so far this year are even worse. In just the first six months of 2016, highway deaths have already jumped 10.4%, to 17,775, from the comparable period of 2015, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The fatality rate for the first half of 2016 increased to 1.12 deaths per 100 million miles



driven, up from 1.05 for the same period last year; but the number of miles travelled have only increased 3.5%. NHTSA says recent reports suggest this uptick in fatalities is due in part to increasing use of electronic devices leading to more distracted driving.

Alarmed by these statistics, the New York Times reports that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has outlined a plan to work with the National Safety Council (NSC) and other advocacy groups to devise a "Road to Zero" strategy, with the ambitious goal of eliminating roadway fatalities within 30 years.

A second, related effort would speed up the introduction of autonomous-driving technologies that many safety experts believe can potentially prevent accidents by removing distracted humans from the driving equation.

A TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTION TO ETHANOL DEBATE: None of the estimated 22 million motorcycles or ATVs in the United States are approved by the EPA to operate on ethanol blends higher than 10% (E-10), which can damage smaller engines when E-15 gas remaining in the fueling line at the pump is inadvertently introduced into the customer's fuel system, so NHTSA's resolution to this unwanted mixing is to require a 4-gallon minimum fuel purchase at blender pumps to adequately dilute the higher ethanol fuel.

But a more technological solution was suggested recently during a podcast involving a representative of the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA), a group that represents the Ethanol industry and advises the EPA on policies which decide how much of the different types of gasoline are made available at gas stations around the United States.

During a discussion of ethanol-blended fuels on Clutch and Chrome's 'Another Motorcycle Podcast' (www.clutchandchrome.podbean.com), "we learned (from Robert White of the RFA, a longtime motorcyclist) of a mechanical solution being developed that would prevent the accidental mixing of fuel by the very blender pumps at the heart of the minimum fuel purchase proposal."

The new solution, which is reportedly being developed outside of the ethanol industry and is currently in the patent process, would prevent any fuel from being stored in the fueling hose. This would allow for users to only pump the fuel they want, and prevent accidental misfueling.

"Obviously, the product needs to come to market and make its way onto pumps at the different

gas stations," reports Clutch and Chrome, "but this opportunity appears to be the best solution for a difficult problem."

"BAD BIKER" GUN TARGETS: Motorcycle riders are being portrayed as "Bad Bikers" worth shooting at and aiming to kill by police and others in firearms training, as Baker Targets markets a target bearing the image of an outlaw on a motorcycle.

"Bad bikers need to be terminated!," advertises Baker Targets to the general public, highlighting red dots printed on the practice target that indicate "high value" shots to cause maximum damage to the bike and rider when shooting.

The Florida-based target company quickly responded to an outcry from concerned motorcyclists by taking the "Bad Biker Targets" off their website and discontinued offering them for sale.

MICHIGAN BILL INCREASES PENALTY FOR RIDING WITHOUT PROPER ENDORSEMENT: Unlicensed riders in Michigan will face higher fines under legislation signed by Governor Rick Snyder on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

"This bill stiffens the penalty for operating a motorcycle without the proper endorsement, helping to ensure both motorists and motorcyclists stay safer on Michigan's roads," Gov. Snyder said.

House Bill 4651, sponsored by the late state Rep. Julie Plawecki (D-Dearborn Heights), increases the penalty for operating a motorcycle without a motorcycle endorsement on the operator's driver's license from \$100 to \$500. This is the first Public Act to bear the name of Rep. Plawecki, 54, who passed away in June from an apparent heart attack while hiking. The measure is now Public Act 318 of 2016.

"HAVE A GOOD RIDE III" TO HELP REDUCE MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS IN CALIFORNIA: As more Californians choose motorcycles for work, weekend getaways, and entertainment, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is increasing its focus to keep motorcyclists safe.

The number of victims from motorcycle-involved collisions in CHP jurisdiction has increased every year since 2013, and to address this problem the CHP has implemented the "Have A Good Ride III" (HAGR III) program to promote motorcycle safety and awareness. From October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017, the goal of the HAGR III grant is to reduce the number of motorcycle-involved fatal and injury collisions, and the number of victims of these collisions.

"With a combination of grant-funded education and enforcement efforts, we strive to raise awareness and reinforce the concept of sharing the road in order to save lives," CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow said.

"In regions with higher numbers of motorcycle incidents, CHP officers will increase motorcycle safety enforcement operations. Motorcycle traffic safety education campaigns, including the "May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month" and a summer safety campaign by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), will be conducted at appropriate venues. The cam-

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campaigns will promote the use of properly approved helmets for all riders, raise motorists' awareness of sharing the road with motorcyclists, and urge riders to refrain from actions most commonly identified in motorcycle-involved collisions, such as speeding, improper turning, and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs."

Throughout the HAGR III campaign, the CHP will work with the California Department of Transportation to display "Share the Road – Look Twice for Motorcyclists" on changeable message signs on state highways.

FIRST TRIAL SET FOR WACO TRAVESTY:

During the recent National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Board of Directors meeting and Regional Meeting held November 12 in Irvine, California, NCOM Executive Coordinator Sarge Matthews presented an update on the Waco shoot-out that left nine dead and dozens injured at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Texas Confederation of Clubs and Independents (COC&I), the statewide biker club coalition involved in political issues regarding the rights of motorcyclists.

Almost 18 months after nearly two hundred bikers were arrested, although little has been made public due to gag orders and non-association, and with most still incarcerated, the first of 154 bikers indicted in the May 17, 2015 incident has received a trial date.

Judge Matt Johnson of Waco's 54th State District Court set James Rosas' trial on first-degree felony engaging in organized criminal activity charges to begin January 23, 2017 after his attorney Tom Clarke announced he was ready for trial and asked for a trial setting.

The request comes as the McLennan County District Attorney's Office continues to inundate bikers' defense attorneys with hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of pages of discovery materials, including copies of police reports, hundreds of hours of audio and video recordings of the incident and subsequent interviews with bikers, 700,000 pages of cell phone records, tens of thousands of photographs and Facebook posts.

"I think they have gotten into a circle-the-wagons mentality over there in the DA's office because of all the civil lawsuits being filed and the attempt to disqualify the DA from handling the cases," Clarke told the Waco Tribune. "There has been a lot of discovery released, and I slog through it and I don't see anything on my client at all."

In the meantime, county officials are contemplating how to fund the huge expense of prosecution as the cases drag on and as the 70 to 80 court-appointed attorneys continue to review the mountain of discovery at \$75-80 an hour. As more bikers go to trial, their attorneys likely will hire experts in a number of subjects, including ballistics, crime scene analysis, DNA and others, which also will increase the costs to the county.

As the first "Twin Peaks cases" are tried in McLennan County, the potential also remains for changes of venue for remaining defendants, and trying the cases away from Waco would double or triple the cost to the county, officials say.

WELCOME TO NCNM - UNITY IN THE BIKER COMMUNITY:

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCNM) proudly welcomes the following motorcycle organizations approved by the NCNM Board of Directors 11/12/16 as our newest NCNM Member Groups, joining in unity with over 2,000 other rider groups, clubs

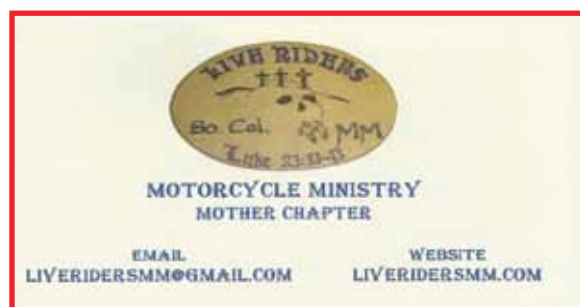
and associations, including motorcyclists' rights organizations from nearly 40 states and over 60 Confederations of Clubs from 37 states and three Canadian Provinces: Confederation of Clubs - South Dakota and Messiah's Road Warriors MC.

NCNM serves as a nationwide umbrella organization that provides legislative assistance, information network and legal resources; and also reaches out to various segments of the motorcycle community such as the Christian Motorcycling community, women riders, sportbikers, independent motorcycle shops, touring associations, clean & sober groups and minority motorcyclists – helping to form coalitions and foster cooperation between all segments of motorcycle riders.

Also, the NCNM Board of Directors wishes to welcome the following new NCNM Region Directors: Ed Schetter, Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio as Co-Director for Region IV, replacing retiring Director Haskell Combs, Jr.

Randy Postlethwait, President of ABATE of Louisiana as Co-Director for Region V, replacing retiring Director Ollie "Laddie" Elkins.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Conformity may give you a quiet life; it may even bring you to a University Chair. But all change in history, all advance, comes from the nonconformists. If there had been no trouble-makers, no dissenters, we should still be living in caves." ~ A.J.P. Taylor



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Pac/Treasurer's Report

by Dave Hastings, PAC Treasurer

The elections are finally over and everyone is anxiously waiting to see campaign promises kept. Statewide, ABATE was very successful in this election cycle. We worked hard to get out our candidate questionnaires and then worked even harder for the candidates that supported us. No, we didn't get a victory in every race we participated in, but we did make some lifelong political friends and, more importantly, we gained respect from both friends and foes alike in the political arena. That is really all we can ask for.

I want to thank every member who voted and every member who helped a candidate this year. We are known as the group that delivers, and I thank everyone who helped uphold our reputation in Sacramento and in local elections statewide.

Our ABATE PAC will still have a full plate next year and is already hard at work on some possible legislation we would like to see introduced. I don't know if we will have it ready for the upcoming legislative cycle, but we will keep you apprised of our progress as we carefully prepare the bill for introduction.

Plan on attending the January PAC meeting in Orange County for an up-to-the minute update and get involved and stay informed with



our PAC issues as they develop. Remember, a lot of our information is only discussed at our "in-person" PAC meetings, so don't be left out of the loop. Become an active PAC member and attend every meeting you possibly can to keep up with new developments and current activities on our legislative agenda.

We are going into our traditional slow winter fundraising period, so I would again ask every Local and member to help financially support our Lobbyist Fund in any way possible. Jim Lombardo and our PAC accomplished much for us in 2016 with the passage of our groundbreaking lane splitting bill and the additional motorcycle citation/safety training class for those who receive a citation riding a motorcycle.

In addition to the legislation we successfully pass we also benefit from Jim's observations, knowledge, and awareness of possible oner-

ous motorcycle legislation that could quietly slip through our legislature. Many times we have been able to quickly shut down and stop a bill that would severely impact our motorcycle world because of Jim's continuous monitoring of any legislation that may have an effect on our members or their motorcycles.

ABATE of California has been quietly accomplishing many things for our California riders for years, simply because we always have a set of eyes and ears in the legislative hallways of Sacramento and they belong to Jim, our lobbyist. So please, send in what you can, when you can, and know it is money well spent on your motorcycle lifestyle.

Now, take a much needed break from California politics, and simply enjoy the Holidays with your family and friends. 2017 will be here quickly and we will again have our work cut out for us. That just seems to be the biker way and frankly, we're used to it. Bring it on, we'll be ready. Dave H.

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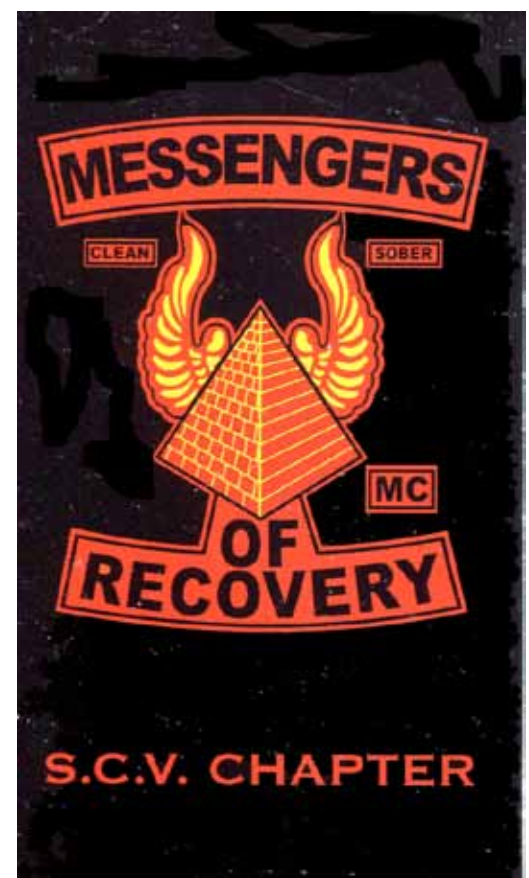



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Carburetors (Part VI)

So here it is folks, the final tip of the carburetor series. We covered the modern O.E.M. fuel mixers and a few of the popular aftermarket products. We discussed tuning components and procedures. To wrap this all up let's go back to the early beginnings of Harley-Davidson and look at some of the carbs they used back in the day.

During the first six years William Harley, Arthur Davidson, and Walter Davidson used their own carburetor design, with a little help from Ole Evinsrude. According to the Motor Company records, they even supplemented their income in 1905 by manufacturing and selling float feed carburetors, boat motors, and props. In 1909 they offered the Schebler Model H carburetor as an option. That could bring the price tag of your brand new Harley north of \$300.00. Yep, they were pretty proud of their stuff back then too. The Schebler did well enough to stick around for quite a few years.



Save one year, these remained in the lineup until the Linkert came to town in 1933. For one year only the brothers brought in Carter carburetors. They were deemed overly complicated and the decision was made to go back to the Schebler.



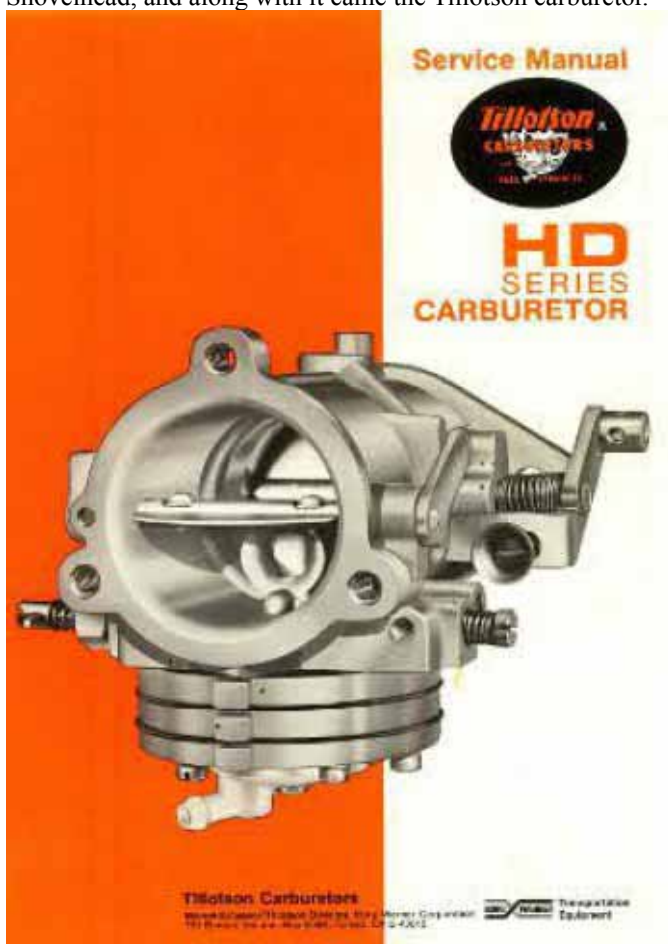
If you have a 1924 H-D Carter on the shelf, remove it from the shelf and place it in the safe you're going to buy. Most of you will recognize Carter as a name in the automotive industry.



The Linkert did so well the Motor Company ran these from 1933 all the way to the last Panhead in 1965. I have a customer that has one of these. Last Pan, last Linkert, first electric start. He continues to refuse to sell it. As a side note, many of the parts of the Linkert and Schebler are interchangeable.



In 1966 the Motor Company introduced the all new Shovelhead, and along with it came the Tillotson carburetor.



Universally hated by the masses, this one was the most misunderstood fuel mixer of them all. In hindsight, these really weren't bad carbs, just a bit complicated for the times. Once the Bendix was introduced in 1971, Tillotsons were hitting the garbage can post haste.

The much beloved Bendix carburetor was a simple, reliable product and a welcomed change.



A no frills butterfly style carb, it served Harley-Davidson well for 5 years. It was also known as the Zenith.

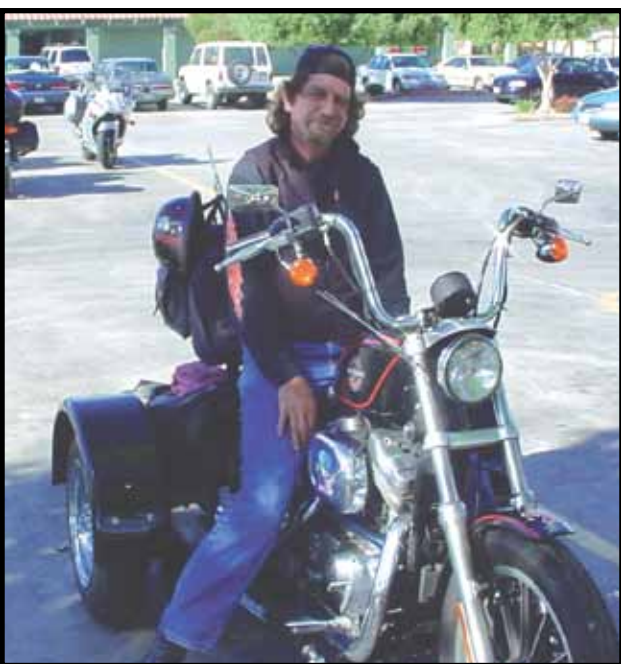
Last but not least, the Keihin carburetor arrived in 1976.



Much like the Bendix, the Keihin was a basic butterfly style carb. Simple and reliable, it did well all the way through 1988 when Mother Harley brought in its final change, the Keihin Constant Velocity.

There were many changes over the years to the method of conventional fuel delivery starting with the legendary tomato can prototype, giving way to our current electronic fuel injection. We'll cover EFI in the future.

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by Sporty Milligan

Greetings all! Hope all is well with you and that you are trying to get new members for the organization.

We're doing stuff to spruce up our house and just finished painting the house. It's white with romance blue trim. It looks real nice.

My wife said good-bye to a good friend, Julie, who she met in mid 2000s. She was at the convalescent home where Renee's Mom was sent to recover after a week's stay in the hospital. Renee's mom died a day and a half later. I was told Julie heard Renee's mom last spoken words. They became good friends and Renee would visit her often with the dogs and the various places she stayed over the years. RIP.

Retirement is ok. I am doing more special meetings and have more time to do things for ABATE. As you know, we had an election and it went fairly well - Trump won. Yes, I am glad, but certain propositions in California got passed that are too liberal for my liking. The punk young ones are mad because they did not get a president who would give them free stuff. I say deal with it. We will just have to see what develops.

OK now to the ride stuff. On October 22nd I attended the first annual Elks Lodge Tujunga Chapter poker ride. Since it was the first one the attendance was small. Run started out at 10:30 am after we drew the first poker card. We traveled up Big Tujunga to the cut off to Hwy 2.

The second check point was the Pasadena Elks Lodge off Colorado Blvd. However the place was not open so we met in the parking lot. Got our cards and moved on to check point three, the Glendale Elks Lodge off of Colorado Blvd. At this point things were going well. These Elks Lodges have full stocked bars, so getting refreshments is not a problem.

Moving on to check point four at the Burbank Elks Lodge off Hollywood Way behind a pack and lock up storage building. It also looked like they were going to have some fancy event later that night because they had all the tables spruced up. Room looked like the ballroom scene from

the movie The Shinning (Here's Johnny). I drew another queen. Wow so now I have 3 queens and a 9 of spades.

The last check point was the Tujunga Elks Lodge. I drew another card and it was a 9 of hearts, so I have a full house. Yes, I won the money prize - \$96 - for the poker hand. I gave \$20 back to the Elks Lodge to help them promote their next poker charity run event so they can get a bigger crowd.

At the end we were treated to hot dogs and burgers and then had a band play '60s and '70s music.

October 23rd was the day for the 8th annual Local 3/13 Trivia run. I discussed this run at the Top Rocker HOG chapter meeting, which is held the first Saturday of the month. I discovered that they had put the event on their monthly calendar.

The day of the ride I met with several Top Rocker HOG members, including Vince Alvarez and others, at Top Rocker. There was another event being held at Top Rocker, which was done by our business members, The Messengers of Recovery, San Fernando Valley chapter, to help support a women's recovery center located in Reseda.

So off we went to the starting point of the run, the Elks Lodge at 158 N. Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks. Of course, since I know pretty much the area, I lead the way. Ok, we got our ride sheets - directions to trivia spots on the route. When you arrive at the trivia spots you get asked questions that you can answer by looking at signs or displays that will give you the answers.

Trivia spot one was the Point Hueneme Jet missile display. Whew! I was glad I made it there. I was a bit apprehensive about leading because I was afraid I might get lost. After finding the answers to the questions we got back on the road and pressed on to the second trivia spot, Malibu Creek State Park off Mulholland Hwy. We blew by the entrance, however I quickly had the group do a turn-around and go back to the entrance. We parked the bikes and went inside the State Park building. Got the answers to the trivia questions.

Headed to the final trivia stop, which was the Santa Susana Depot and Model Train Station. We arrived there and they showed us all the neat stuff about the trains. We answered the trivia questions and went to the final spot which was a biker style burger joint in Simi Valley. Darned if I can remember the name of the place, however they make the best hamburgers I have had in a long time. Ate the burgers and fries, tried to win raffle prizes and listened to some good music before leaving to go home.

Thanks goes to the members of Top Rockers HOG chapter who came out with me and had a good time. Also thanks to ABATE Local 3/13. Good job folks. I always have a swell time at your events - that was why I was yelling!

The final event I attended for this month's Rides was the NCOM Region 1 meeting at the Wynd-

ham Hotel in Irvine, which took place November 12th. I was invited by Sarge and thought I needed to know what was happening on that front so we can deal with the biker issues better. Sarge does a good job setting up the agendas for the day's meetings. I was impressed.

It was also good to know what other states in Region 1 are up to. By and large they're going to try to do their version of an anti-profiling bill - something I hope we are going to be able to accomplish next year. Also they are considering versions of the lane sharing bill

The event lasted all day and it was a pleasant surprise to see Nancy from ABATE Local 6. Ran into Gill and Spike, but that was no surprise. Another surprise was seeing Local 1 Life member Bill Bish and his wife, Darlene. They live in OHIO. Bill does the publicity for NCOM.

I thanked Sarge for a nice day and now have food for thought about NCOM and what they do for the biking community.

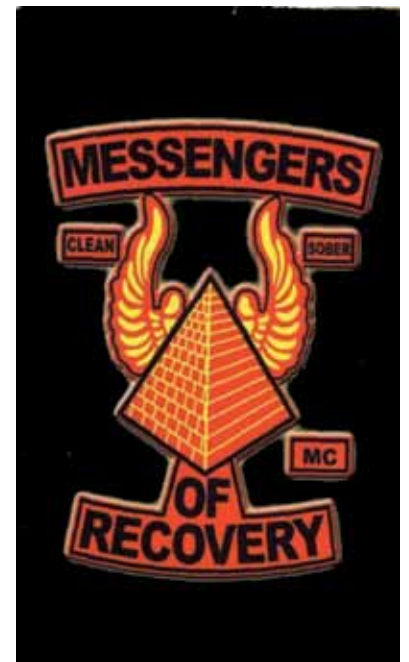
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Regards, Scribe Sporty Milligan

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Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger

Good-Bye 2016

Well another year has passed and I hope that everyone has enjoyed their riding adventures or just riding because you can! For the most of us we all had safe journeys. Some of us were in minor to major accidents or close calls. Some unfortunately met their end.

Riding is a statistic game in which we are involved. All the research I've done on the statistics only emphasize the downfall side of said statistics. These statistics are used against us to control us, make us the target, to show the general public how defenseless we are and to show we are a burden because of the costs for our accidents whether we were the cause for these accidents or not.

Some of these people of power even think that they have us under control because of who supports them (let your imagination begin). I don't know if it's their brand of self-righteousness or if they think we are weak and will not resist them and then it becomes another notch on their gun belt as they say in the political life of power!

I don't know when or why the motorcyclists became the so called bad guy/girl. Today we are looked at in that way because of social media and the controlled news agencies of the world. Have you ever gotten a hard stare from law enforcement? Or some person ducking for cover or maybe shielding their children's eyes? There are many more unlawful obstacles I could talk about but these are only a few. I have always said we are a minority on the roads, and we are still being treated as minorities by our government enforcement agencies and anyone who believes them. But that's ok by me, kind of, if it's the law, but if it's not then to hell with them! We're not talking about pipelines or color of skin or religion, we are talking about our basic rights to ride, freedom of the road by all vehicles.

Nowadays the media shows certain parts of the news that involve bikers of all sorts, claiming them as the bad guys, thus giving bikers a bad name unless you're riding a red Honda 90 with sandals and beach clothes! Sometimes I get the feeling that they would rather see an end to motorcycles rather than deal with them, but we were riding way before a car or truck was ever thought of - even though it was a one-horse power hay eating machine!

As we were taught to coexist as humans we must also coexist as humans with a choice of vehicles to ride or drive. The human part of co-existent was educating and educating and pretty much always educating. As the 1900s came so did the motorcycle, it was raw, rough, and dangerous. As more companies became involved so did the revolution of motorcycles. Over the years many men took it upon themselves to create safety gear and then introduce it to the public. Let's start with leather, the cow in my mind is the greatest animal we have, food, drink, clothes and shoes! Plastic and fiberglass made their way into the industry as the motorcycles became more sophisticated and faster. Racing paved the way to the future just as the cars did. Just remember this, we had leather helmets back in the days and they thought this was modern technology at its best. Today we have helmets so sophisticated I can't even tell you what they are made of.

As the newer generations of riders get the



use of our modernism, there will always be the history of us old time riders and what we have adapted to. When I think about safety from way back when, we still have it! Those one-horse riders learned the hard way. There were riding schools and private clubs before the 1900s. You also had the father to son schooling as well as brother to brother and your riding friends as well. There was the bar room talk about horse riding - it wasn't just poker and hookers in them bars of old. In fact, there was that certain guy in his barn developing a better saddle and other accessories that would make riding safer, true story!

We are a self-taught country with safety always on our mind even if it's lead paint toys from China. We will correct and over correct ourselves until we get it right! Fast forward all this to today and we have thousands of riding schools and programs all across our country. You can find anything on the internet. Then you have people like me, as well as countless others, helping and teaching what we've learned.

It doesn't matter where you've learned it or from who, as long as you learned something, that's what's important! Education will always be a constant in our lives and what we choose to learn is what's important. As a fellow biker you have the skill level of riding and the mechanics of what makes my bike tick. Being all of the above doesn't make you impervious to being accident free or broken down on the road of life. What type of education you choose will help you being accident free or always riding the roads of life, but stuff happens and we can't predict it or choose to ignore it because it's a thing that happens 24/7 in everyone's life.

Motorcycle safety is a must education, whether you're new to this lifestyle or you are an old timer from way back when, it doesn't matter. The now natural progression of new technology is upon us in a good way and it doesn't stop for nothing, and I mean nothing! The modern day of driving and riding has changed so much that we are falling behind in our educational needs. The only proof is in the statistics, or is it? I would like to think that it's more of an elective type of decision you make. You know, you ride but you want to be informed of new laws, safety devices, road improvements etc. The big choice is really up to you as far as taking a motorcycle safety course or joining a non-government group that's concerned not only about our rights but safety and other issues that could help and protect you as a rider... hmm, does ABATE sound familiar?

As I said before, we are a self-taught country all

the way from country, to state, to city and down to us individually. Remember that old timer in his barn making the first non-skid stirrups? I don't, but I know that there were many people thinking of safety back then and anything new that leads to comfort etc. It's just the way we think and it's still happening today. As long as there will be drivers and riders sharing the roads it will not stop until there are tele-transporters in every house and place of business. If you don't believe me then ask Captain Kirk or Doc Brown and Marty McFly!

So, this makes me think about what we can do as individuals. You have the teacher and the student, sometimes the teacher is the student, but never-the-less we all ride on the same roads. What makes a person smarter or luckier? My educated guess is training, practice and having an urge for further education even if it is repetitive.

Here are some ideas for you to think about from my previous articles. Practicing power braking and down shifting at different speeds, do this until it becomes automatic in your mind. Getting to know how your bike reacts when you lock your rear tire at different speeds in which you still have full control of your bike. You do this at low speeds and gradually raise the speed until you're comfortable while doing this.

Splitting lanes is easy but dangerous. An unsuspecting person driving a car could freak out and over react into your path. Always make sure when you do this that there is an escape route for you! Be defensive when going through any intersection. Just because you have a million lights on your bike, doesn't mean they see you. It is important to be in the right position or lane (if multiple) when entering the intersection. Make sure you are visible, have an escape route in your mind. If possible, make eye contact. Don't trust turn signals! The top two reasons for car versus motorcycle accidents at intersections where the driver is to blame is (1) I didn't see him/her and (2) I misjudged their speed. So when going through an intersection you should keep your present speed or slow down if you have any suspicions of road idiots. I have this thing about them because it could be anybody, anywhere at any time.

If you're in La La Land or temporarily zoned out, you just might be a road idiot. Staying focused is not a hard thing to do. Riding and riding, then riding some more will help you stay focused because you'll do it automatically and that is a great thing.

This is just the tip of motorcycle safety articles in the Bailing Wire. Online there are many great articles from different people pertaining to our freedom, safety, and constant updates on where our laws stand. The writers put in a great amount of time to give All riders the information they need. It's an honor to be a part of this team, especially because we are all volunteers - that's what makes ABATE great!

It's that time of year when the weather begins changing and daylight savings time ends. I love changes because the scenery changes and we get great views from our two-wheeled love affair. Checking your tire pressure throughout these next 3-4 months as the weather changes is a must. If you ride a lot, then I recommend once every two weeks. If your bike stays inside more than outside, you still have to check your tire pressure before you ride.

Hope you had a good Thanksgiving. Have a safe and sane Holiday Season and New Year!

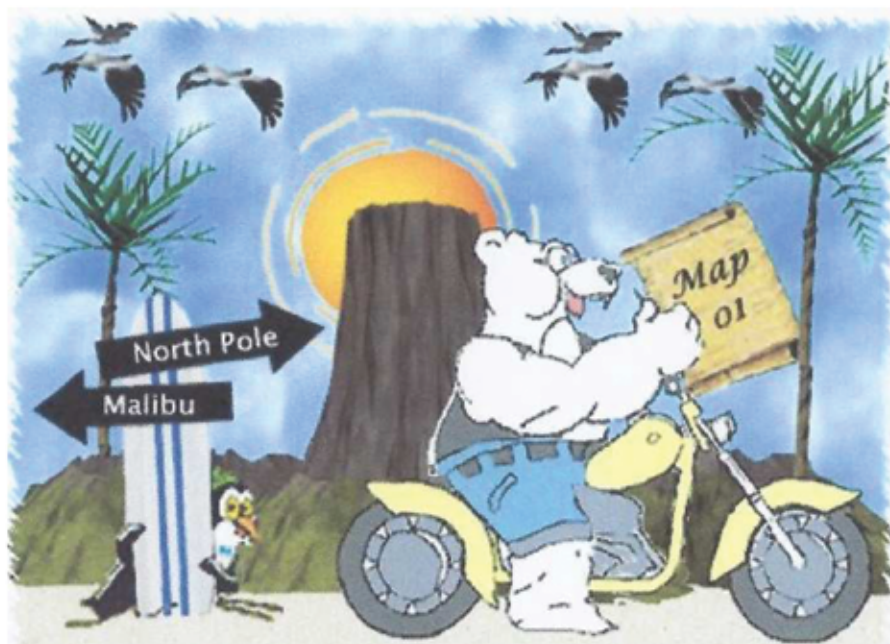
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