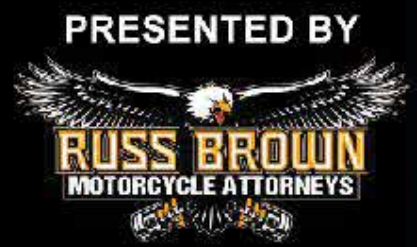


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## A Union of Motorcyclists Dedicated to Freedom of the Road

### *Lobbyist's Legislative Report*



The California Legislature is in the COVID 19 recess – but will be returning soon to pass the 2020-2021 State Budget by June 15<sup>th</sup> or State Legislatures will not get paid. On April 16<sup>th</sup> there was a Budget subcommittee that your Lobbyist Attended, check with ABATE Board Members & Presidents on any updates. Starting this month, they will start hearings on all the 2500 plus bills the Legislators have introduced (See List below) and probably will skip the “normal” July Summer recess to work on all these bills!

The California Motorcyclists Safety Program committee was postponed but great news - ABATE's AB 1027 Bill by Assembly Member Acosta (R – Santa Clarita) finally was implemented by the CHP! This Bill was for motorcyclists without a Class M motorcycle endorsement, that had other Rider Experience and is now an alternative to the DMV lollipop test. People can

take the one-day intermediate class and receive the DMV DL 389 waiver. They then take that to the DMV and do the written test to receive their motorcycle license! This took 3 years, but we persisted and kept on the CHP, so it is now the law thanks to our Members and your Lobbyist!

Stay Tuned for updates and Action Alerts to follow! Thanks to those individuals and Locals who Contribute to the Dedicated Lobbyists fund to keep us in the Capital protecting Motorcyclists Rights!

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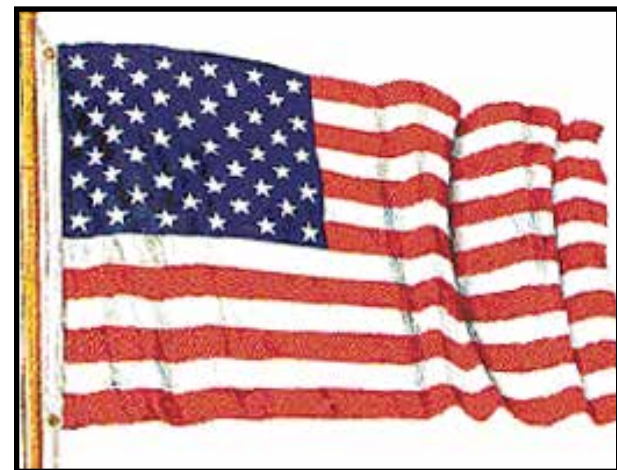
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# What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road on or off with emphasis on education and safety. Although not a club, our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety and in supporting many types of charity events. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclist's rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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## Executive Director Report

Hello ABATER's and friends, and welcome to our continued visit to the Twilight Zone. Restrictions are still recommended, and I would say use common sense in all you do when you go out. We want to do all we can to keep everyone healthy.

We just had our second quarter online Board meeting last weekend and I would like to thank everyone who joined in. We had good participation and input of ideas. ABATE in years gone by used to have online meetings and then we got away from that for a bit for in person meetings and the chance to ride to different areas of the state. Now we have started alternating with in person and online and depending on the direction the virus takes we may go to all online meetings. This has yet to be decided. One good thing about the online meeting is those who cannot take off work or the expense to travel and stay is too much can attend and participate. That is what makes ABATE work, participation of the membership.

So, we are still in the learning curve with the online meetings. We still have hiccups in the process and are working to smooth them out. What I would like to ask of you is if you took part in the meeting, did you have any problems logging in, seeing and/or hearing the content, being able to make a comment yourself. If you liked things about the meeting let us know that too. Your feedback is the only way we know all the issues people may or may not be having. Send your comments directly to me at [mark.loudermilk@abate.org](mailto:mark.loudermilk@abate.org). We want these meetings to run as smooth and effortlessly as possible so members will want to participate and not avoid them due to frustration.

This year should be a busy one with the elections added to the regular schedule of bills to deal with. Instead, due to the virus we are



treading water on a lot of things waiting for the legislature to be back in session. The legislators are back in their home districts now. Look at the various articles and bills discussed in the Bailing Wire. When you see one that affects you, for example if you are an off road rider the proposed bill about reciprocity of permits between California, Arizona, and Nevada, then call your representative and let them know what you think. They represent you and don't know what you think unless you tell them. And while you are at it develop a relationship with them and support them. They remember who supports them. That is what ABATE is, members participating.

Everyone please, take care of yourselves and keep healthy. I am confident we will be out from under these restrictions sooner than later.

Respectfully, Mark

## Reliving our April 2020 Board Meeting

On April 11<sup>th</sup> of this year ABATE of CA held their 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting via an Online platform. We had a huge turnout and some very enthusiastic discussion on a lot of topics.

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

The recording is just under 3.5 hours with 46 participants, so it is a complete record of the meeting. I hope that you will take advantage of this offer.

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# Membership Report



HI All,

Times are tough, really tough with all that has been going on with the Corona Virus issue. It makes it a little tougher for us to move around but we are ABATE members so we will get through this stuff. With that said I want to emphasize to you to try to keep the renewals. They are the backbone of the organization. You know the members who have been around a long time like Mike Burton VIP member of 20 years, Peter Daniels 30 Years, Clayton "Fearless" Labaw 30 Years, Ed Weyer 29 Years, and Thomas Chappell 29 Years to name a few. They are Local 1 long time members who have been a big part of the renewal program with their support year

after year. I am sure there are members in your Locals that have also weathered the test of time with their renewals year after year. So, we have a good core of members that we can count on for their support. You might reward your long-term single yearly paying members with some Membership Raffle Tickets.

Ok, since there has been a slowdown in events due to postponement or just flat out events are being cancelled there are other ways, we can keep the members interested in what ABATE is about. Local 1 is going to do an online Zoom Meeting for this month's meeting.

Details on that in next month's Bailing Wire.

Ok, this is all for the Coronavirus Membership Report.

For the month's report remember the 3 steps for a successful Membership Program:

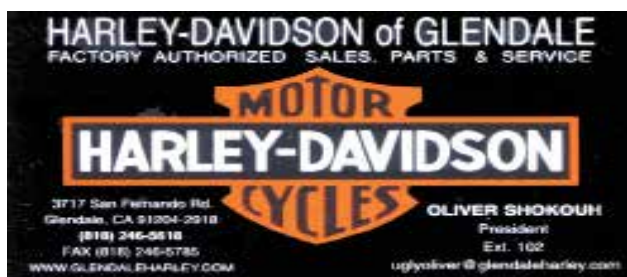
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There are two proposed bills one for the writers education School which is to change the way they DMV accepts the Sprite as Ed School they want to change it so when you take a test that it goes to DMV and you don't have to go to DMV for anything and they will issue you do you have one license. Second Bill proposed is toll roads motorcyclist ride free and or veterans ride free



**Rider Alert Reciprocity**  
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After many decade long “gentlemen’s agreement” of not charging Rider Fees, Neighboring States have started charging California Riders! Support the OHV Community by joining ABATE OHV so we can fight for your rights. Current Legislation AB 2761 Gallaher (R – Yuba City) Off-highway vehicles: reciprocity is just the beginning of Negotiations between States you ride in!



## DMV Extends All Expiring Driver Licenses

*Customers eligible to renew license online encouraged to do so*

*Commercial licenses extended through June 30; drivers under 70 extended through May 31*

*Drivers can request an optional paper extension online*

*Drivers 70 and older will automatically receive temporary paper extension valid for 120 days*

Sacramento – The California Department of Motor Vehicles is extending driver licenses expiring during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Licenses for drivers younger than 70 that expire between March and May 2020 are now valid through May 31, 2020.

All commercial driver licenses, endorsements and certificates expiring between March and June 2020 are now valid through June 30, 2020, aligning with a recent emergency declaration from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. The extension does not include medical certificates for commercial drivers, which requires additional administrative actions scheduled in the near future.

The DMV has alerted California law enforcement of the extensions. Californians with a suspended license are not eligible.

The DMV continues to review and process online renewals, and encourages drivers who are eligible to renew their license online to do so.

The extensions require no individual action on the part of drivers. These drivers will not receive a new card or an extension in the mail. As an option, these drivers can [request a free temporary paper extension online](#) through DMV's Virtual Field Office to document their extension.

The Virtual Field Office, [virtual.dmv.ca.gov](https://virtual.dmv.ca.gov), builds on the other [online services](#) already available to DMV customers at [dmv.ca.gov](https://dmv.ca.gov), including driver license renewals.

The temporary extensions are in addition to other steps the DMV announced earlier this month to [help Californians with expiring licenses](#), including:

- ❑ A 120-day extension for drivers age 70 and older. Drivers age 70 and older with expiring noncommercial licenses are receiving an extension in the mail automatically.
- ❑ Temporarily waiving required in-person renewals for eligible driver license and identification cardholders with expirations in March, April, and May 2020. Individuals who meet the criteria are able to [renew online](#) or by mail.

The DMV continues to provide essential services via mail, online, kiosks, its call center, available business partners and now virtually to process critical transactions, including eligible driver license and vehicle registration renewals, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Customers can use the [Services Advisor](#) on the DMV website to learn their options to complete DMV tasks.

The measures to help Californians with expiring driver licenses are the latest DMV actions during the coronavirus pandemic, including:

- ❑ [Temporarily closing field offices](#). Following deep cleaning, expansion of virtual services and development of new protocols, the DMV soon will offer in-person services in each region. Information on office openings will be announced by DMV in the near future.
- ❑ Canceling all behind-the-wheel drive tests to honor social distancing guidelines.
- ❑ Suspending extended office hours and Saturday service.

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# POSTPONED

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Saturday, May 2nd, 2020

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**Registrations:** 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
**Donation \$10.00 per person**

**End Location:**  
**Rocky's Bar & Grills (Denny's)**  
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**For more information**  
**Contact: Ed 760-554-8843**

(Note: available drawing prizes is dependent on participation)



# POSTPONED

## ABATE Local 3/13

## Weather Weather Run

## Sunday, March 29, 2020

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**For More Info Contact:**  
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# LOCAL REPORTS

## Local #1 Los Angeles

ABATE Local 1 is alive and kicking. This month's meeting is April 19<sup>th</sup>, so it is one that is done after the deadline for submissions. ABATE Member Tom Jones President of SCV Messengers of Recovery has graciously said he can set up a Zoom meeting, so we are going to try that out. I will report on that next month but the meeting on Zoom will basically Follow a standard Local 1 Agenda with an added PAC Report like the one used at the recent Board/PAC/Presidents online meeting.

President Sporty reporting.

## Local #8 Orange County

Greetings from Local 8! For this month since there is social distancing, we chose to have our meeting via Freeconferencecall.com. We were so very pleased at the result. We had about a dozen in attendance and it went off without a hitch. We at local 8 recommend other locals use this service for meeting formats. We were able to see those with cameras and hear those who did not have a web cam handy. We discussed our next Long Beach Motorcycle Swap meet gathering which is planned in July. We certainly hope we can follow through with this date and California will be back to somewhat normal operation. As a reminder from local 8, don't forget to get your Membership raffle tickets turned in for the drawing. The more the merrier. We also touched on some of the current bills out there and encouraged all to take the time to educate themselves on the status and wording on these current bills. They will affect you in the future so be prepared. With the world in shut down mode we will likely see no activity on bills until this quarantine is lifted. With May on our heels let's remember May is Motorcycle awareness month. Talk to your local government and request a proclamation for the city to embrace Motorcycle Awareness Month. It's a simple thing that brings pride and allows us to embrace what we love most.

Please everyone, stay safe and healthy through all this and assure that our elder family members and neighbors are safe and provided for.

Together Alone,

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Ron Tibbets VIP, Local 33

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Ron & Karen Stanier, Local 40

From the ABATE Locals: 1, 19 & 24

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 of CA Open Positions

This year has been another one of great change. This means that we have some positions to fill. We need you! We need your fresh ideas and we need a bit of your time to continue to make ABATE the Motorcycle voice that it has always been.

Take a look at the positions below and if you think one of them is for you contact the State Office or any Board Member. We will need a short bio and a selfie sent to [bailing.wire@abate.org](mailto:bailing.wire@abate.org).

Except for the Board position all jobs are appointed by the BOD. All candidates need to have been a member in good standing for at least 1 year.

If you ever thought you could do it better, now is the time to raise your hand. Let's get into the conversation!

## BAILING WIRE EDITOR

The Editor shall be responsible for editing and publishing a monthly newsletter. The Editor has responsibility for the content, layout as well as the coordination of the printing in a timely manner. The Editor is assisted by other staff members and reports directly to the Board of Directors.

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The ST is responsible for keeping a complete, accurate account of all ABATE monies. The ST shall furnish a quarterly internal financial statement and distribute to the Board of Directors. The ST also provides additional reports when required. Other duties include the preparation and filing of taxes, keeping track of ABATE's tax and corporate status, as well as providing guidelines and assistance to Locals when needed. The ST reports directly to the Board of Directors.



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APRIL 2020

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March 29<sup>th</sup> – ABATE Local 3/13 – Leather Weather Run (see flyer this issue) **POSTPONED TO TBD**

April 19<sup>th</sup> – ABATE Local 27 – 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Bare Necessities Run (see flyer this issue) **POSTPONED TO TBD**

April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – ABATE Local 24 – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Ammo Run (see flyer this issue) **POSTPONED TO TBD**

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – ABATE Local 38 – Deuces Wild Fun Ride & Annual Ice Chest Run (see flyer this issue) **POSTPONED TO JULY 4TH**

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – ABATE 17 – 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Hold 'em Tournament (see flyer this issue) **POSTPONED TO TBD**

May 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> – NCOM Convention Indianapolis (see flyer this issue) **POSTPONED TO TBD**

May 19<sup>th</sup> – MRF Bikers in the Beltway DC (see flyer this issue)

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – ABATE Local 17 – 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride in Bike & Car Show (see flyer this issue)

June 6<sup>th</sup> – ABATE Local 23 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Box of Love (see flyer this issue)

July 11<sup>th</sup> – 2nd Quarter Board Meeting Piccadilly Inn Fresno CA

July 25<sup>th</sup> – ABATE Local 2 – 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweaty Buns Run (see flyer this issue)

July – ABATE Local 17 – Summer Bingo

August – ABATE Local 17 – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Sarah's Memorial Run

September – MRF Meeting of the Minds

October 10<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Board Meeting On-Line

October – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo

October – ABATE Local 3/13 – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Biker Trivia Run

November – ABATE Local 24 – 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Run

November – ABATE Local 11 – Ice Chest Raffle

November – ABATE Local 38 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Turkey Run

November – 30<sup>th</sup> Annual One More from the Heart

December 25<sup>th</sup> – ABATE Local 6 – Santa with the Kids

December – ABATE Local 19 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Toy Run

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December – ABATE Local 38 – Imperial Valley Los Ninos Toy Run

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

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

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### NCOM CONVENTION POSTPONED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

The 35th annual NCOM Convention in Indianapolis, scheduled for May 8-9, 2020 at the Marriott Indianapolis East, has been postponed due to the global outbreak of the deadly and highly contagious Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and public health authorities attempting to stem the spread of COVID-19, "We are postponing the NCOM Convention and plan to reschedule it for later this summer," according to James "Doc" Reichenbach II, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM).

The primary concern is for the health and well-being of staff, volunteers and guests of the Convention, and NCOM will continue to monitor ongoing developments and protocols for this infectious viral disease to determine the safest date to reschedule.

### COVID-19 CANCELLATIONS & SUSPENSIONS

As worldwide headlines have been dominated by societal disruptions tied to the Coronavirus outbreak, from business and school closures to suspending professional sports, COVID-19 related cancellations and postponements have hit the motorcycling community as well, with numerous biker events, motorcycle races and even the motorcycling industry itself falling victim to the spreading contagion.

Daytona Bike Week was one of the first casualties, as Mayor Derrick Henry declared a state of emergency for the city on Friday, March 13th and called off the event, though the revocation of city-issued permits barely affected the throngs of rally-goers rolling down Main Street the last few days.

The 79th Daytona 200, however, has been postponed until Biketoberfest in October and the Daytona TT will be rescheduled. Bans placed on large gatherings has also played havoc with other racing venues, with World Superbike, Le Mans 24-Hour and MotoGP races rescheduled, the 2020 Supercross season halted, and the Isle of Man TT road race being cancelled.

The Coronavirus is impacting many events throughout the country, but the 80th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is "still on," as is the 97th Laconia Motorcycle Week, both months away.

Worldwide, motorcycle factories are shutting down production lines or scaling back, supply chains are jeopardized, and accessories and riding gear may soon become short in supply. This could also last for several months even after the virus has cleared, as manufacturers ramp back up, and you can expect even more announcements as the virus runs its course.

At the Box Office, even the world premiere of the latest James Bond film 'No Time To Die' has been delayed to November, so bike fans will have to wait to see M15 Agent 007 taking part in some spectacular stunts at the helm of a Triumph Scrambler 1200.

### MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY'S URGENT COVID-19 REQUEST TO CONGRESS

"We are all in this together and it is critical to keep motorcycle dealerships up and running during the COVID-19 crisis," said the Motorcycle Industry Council in an open letter to the President and all Congressional representatives, so "This afternoon the MIC sent a letter to the White House urging that powersports manufacturing facilities, distribution centers and dealerships be allowed uninterrupted operation during emergency declarations."

The MIC letter goes on to request citizen support; "Sharing this with our elected officials is something proactive we can do beyond maintaining social distancing," and MIC Senior VP, Government Relations Scott Schloegel provided a template with the talking points you can send to your congressional representatives, such as;

"Motorcycles, ATVs and ROVs are used for critical daily activity including transportation, farming operations, law enforcement, emergency response for fires, remote rescue operations, and military operations. It is essential that these vehicles and related parts, safety apparel, and accessories be available, and capable of being serviced by qualified technicians."

Ask your legislators for this simple addition to the Phase 3 legislation now under consideration.

### GLOBAL MOTORCYCLE SALES STUMBLE

Global motorcycle sales were a mixed bag for major manufacturers in 2019. Despite recording sales of 60.1 million units in 2019, the global motorcycle market shrunk by 1.6 million and the forecast for 2020 isn't clear nor sunny.

Global motorcycle sales grew to its highest level ever in 2018 with 61.7 million units sold, but last year was particularly difficult for the Indian market which experienced a 3.1-million downturn in sales. Luckily, increases of 1.3 million units in China and 1.1 million units in Europe helped offset the disappointing performance of the world's largest motorcycle market.

Although the Indian market shrunk by 19% between 2018 and 2019, it still reigned as the largest two-wheeler market in the world with 18.5 million in sales. China trailed close behind with 16.3 million, but the field took a sharp drop from there with Indonesia at 6.5 million, Vietnam coming in at 3.2 million, and the Philippines reporting 1.8 million. For some perspective, the United States took the 11th spot on the list, Japan's poor performance in 2019 earned it the 15th slot, and Europe's highest-selling country, France, ranked as low as 17th.

Vehicle type also factors into the equation with the 50cc+ scooter segment responsible for 25.8 million in sales. Motorcycles nip at the scooter's heels with 24.8 million units sold while trikes represent 4.7 million and mopeds bring in 4.6 million units. Quadricycles/ATV had 600,000 units sold.

While the global moto market declined by 2.6% in 2019, the spread of Coronavirus Disease could result in further losses in 2020.

### ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE & SCOOTER MARKET ON THE UPSWING

The global electric motorcycle and scooter market are forecast to grow to a value of US\$14.29 Billion by 2027, growing at a robust CAGR of 7.1% over 2019 to 2027:

"Mobility has become an important component of the smart city framework of cities, and this trend shall pave way for the popularity of electric motorcycles and scooters," according to a March 18 report by Transparency Market Research.

"The growth of the global electric motorcycle and scooter market is a function of advancements in green energy technologies." Some of the leading drivers of demand within the global electric motorcycle and scooter market are:

Lead acid batteries are being developed in abundance across the globe, and this trend has supported the growth of the global electric motorcycle and scooter market.

Growing traffic congestion has led several population groups to prefer two-wheelers over private cars for their daily commute. This factor, coupled with the stellar pace of manufacturing electric scooters, shall benefit market vendors.

The need to reduce air pollution and carbon emissions has led governments and other industries to take multiple measures and initiatives at administrative and industrial levels. Development of electric motorcycles and scooters is also a part of these initiatives.

Governments have begun providing incentives to manufacture electric vehicles, which will encourage a larger number of manufacturers towards developing resilient and performance-oriented electric vehicles. "The leading vendors in the global electric motorcycle and scooter market are looking at tapping into the needs and requirements of the masses."

### OHIO LEGALIZES EARPLUG USE FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

Buckeye bikers will legally be allowed to wear earplugs while riding, under a new law signed by Governor Mike DeWine (R) in a February 21, 2020 ceremony at the Ohio Statehouse.

House Bill 129, sponsored by State Rep. Riordan McCain (R-Upper Sandusky), also allows motorcyclists to wear earphones for hearing protection, but prohibits riders from listening to music or other entertainment. Previously, like in many other states, wearing earplugs was a minor misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$150 and points against your license.

Earplugs help prevent long-term hearing damage from wind noise, say bill proponents like ABATE of Ohio, while still allowing riders to hear emergency sirens, car horns and other important sounds on the road. The bipartisan legislation easily passed both chambers of the state legislature unanimously and drew no public opposition.

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Ohio Ralph C. Buss had previously represented a truck driver referred to him by ABATE who had received a citation for wearing earplugs while riding his motorcycle, and stood to lose his Commercial Driver's License (CDL), which helped draw attention to the need to reform the antiquated law.

### SAVE THE SALT

The future of land speed racing at the Bonneville Salt Flats is in jeopardy! The once 13-mile racetrack at Bonneville is now less than 8 miles due to salt erosion. It is critically important that the U.S. Department of the Interior contributes funds toward a 10-year restoration program that will dramatically increase the amount of salt pumped onto the Bonneville salt basin, located on the Utah/Nevada border near Wendover, Utah.

This unique geologic formation has served as the backdrop for movies, commercials and photos, and is a magnet for tourists. However, Bonneville is most well-known for its role in the history of motorsports, having served as a preeminent race venue since the early 1900s.

Help restore the Bonneville Salt Flats before it's too late by urging the Secretary of Interior to fund the Restore Bonneville program through the department's FY 2020 budget.

The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee's report accompanying the Interior Department's FY 2020 appropriation included language expecting the Department to work with the State of Utah on the pending cooperative agreement to support Bonneville's restoration, but a final agreement to provide BLM funding has not been reached. The Utah State Legislature agreed to contribute \$5 million to restore Bonneville contingent upon outside sources of funding for the project.

### BIKER WINS MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR LAWSUIT OVER POTHOLES

A New Jersey motorcyclist has been awarded \$2.65 million for extensive injuries he suffered when he hit potholes while riding on a poorly maintained Passaic County road, lost control of his Victory cruiser and crashed into an oncoming minivan.

Roger Gates, now 67, spent six weeks in the hospital, suffered multiple fractures and underwent numerous surgeries with months of inpatient rehabilitation after the April 14, 2016 crash that left him unable to work and walking with a cane.

According to the lawsuit, the county knew the broken pavement was a recurring problem and, instead of fixing the road, simply filled the potholes with asphalt, a repair that will quickly lift out once freeze-thaw erosion takes place. The road had already been marked in the County of Passaic's records as being in need of repair in 2016, when Gates crashed.

According to the New Jersey Law Journal, the County of Passaic's attorney has since moved for a new trial and will attempt to appeal this verdict.

### WRONGFUL DEATH SUIT AGAINST COMPANY WHOSE DRIVER KILLED 7 IN N.H.

A wrongful death suit against the transportation company that pickup truck driver Volodymyr Zhukovskyy was working for at the time of a fatal crash with a group of bikers last year can go forward, a New Hampshire judge recently ruled, adding to the numerous

lawsuits in the case.

The lawsuit was brought by Mary Lou Welch, the common-law wife of Jarheads Motorcycle Club president Albert Mazza Jr., who was killed in the head-on collision in June on U.S. 2 in Randolph, N.H. against Westfield Transport, who employed Zhukovskyy, and has since closed.

Judge Steven Houran ruled that "It is reasonable to infer that ... Mr. Zhukovskyy had a reckless or vicious propensity to drive dangerously," Houran wrote, "and Westfield knew or should have known about this propensity."

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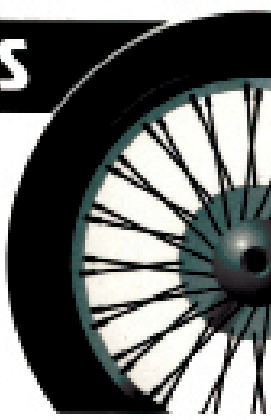
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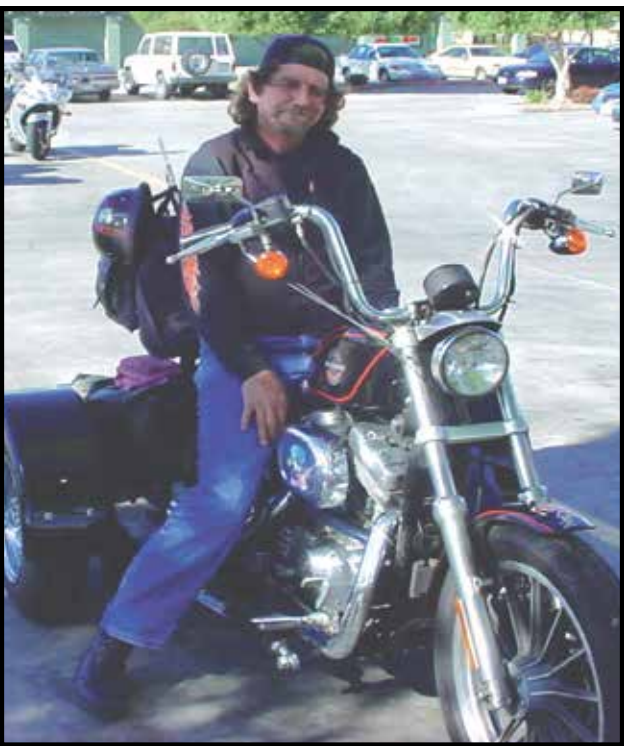
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Rides for this episode of Sporty's Rides is titled the Twilight Zone. You're tight, you're tense, you're in a world beyond, your next step, the Twilight Zone. That is what it sometimes feels like when I'm out doing my morning walk. There was an episode that had a man named McNulty who had a watch that when he pushed the button it would make the world stand still. This worked well for him but then he broke the watch (a pocket watch) and everything came to a complete standstill.

Who knew that a virus would put the complete world in a stand still? So, what does this have to do with motorcycling? It has everything because it has limited our ability to ride to events and travel to meetings. We are trapped like rats in our households and the bike gets ridden only for essential rides: grocery store, bank, post office, etc. and now if you go out you have to wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth. That is for your own protection, but it seems kind of restrictive. I mean I am retired so I spend pretty much a lot of time at the house more than when I was working with my job with the county. I will say this, we as bikers have to practice patience and tolerance. That is hard when you are cooped up for as long as we have been. In retrospect we will just have to weather the storm.

Anyway, ABATE Local 1 is doing their meeting for April on Zoom and that should be interesting stuff. More on that for next month's Sporty's Rides.

Now you are asking what's with the rambling dude? Well, when you are not able to get out much than you get like a philosopher and

you share your thoughts on stuff that may or may not be relevant.

Ok, so between the time of last month's Sporty's ride the following stuff took place. We got an early delivery of the Bailing Wires for April and that meant I would need Bailing Wire Size envelopes. I have a certain amount of Bailing Wires that I send out each month to my Members. I get labels from Janet at the State Office plus I got an address stamp for my address on the envelope. Pretty professional looking and less in the way of mistakes in addresses.

Ok, so also on that errand I was to pick up some medicine for my dogs from the vet that Renee had ordered earlier that morning. So, the post office took about an hour because I had to stamp each envelope with 4 stamps that cost \$1.60 each. So, every month it is a process but then it pays off in the long run by getting the blue renewals cards back most of the time.

So, after the post office in Sylmar I proceeded to North Hollywood via the 210/118 Fwy to the Hollywood Fwy. It was a dilemma when I was going from the 210 to the 118 Fwy I felt my right hearing aid loosen from the hearing aid mold and it blew off. I pulled off to the shoulder and yes, it was gone except for the hearing aid mold. So, I continued to the vet's office and then home. Lucky for me I have an older hearing aid I can use as a spare. I finally got a hold of the hearing aid doctor and got another one a week later. Thank God for insurance.

My last trip for the column was Monday April 13, a ride to the AA office in Van Nuys. I took my 2007 Sporty out for a ride. Nothing spectacular but just enough of a ride to get stuff moving.

Ok, so that will be all for this month's column. More updates as they become necessary.

Be safe out there and soon we will be back out and about doing what we like to do best – Ride.

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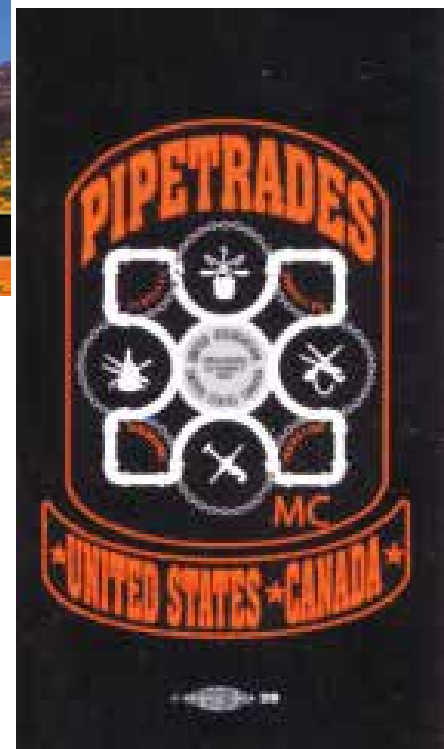
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Snowman 1st Sun - 12 Noon  
P O Box 501946 Kate Sessions Park  
San Diego CA 92150 Pacific Beach  
619/855-9981 92109

## Orange County - Local #08-Reg#11

Steve Howe 2nd Mon.7:30PM  
PO Box 5473 American Legion #354  
Buena Park, CA 90622 8071 Whitaker  
562/298-6236 Buena Park  
santabeard@yahoo.com 90621

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

Sal De Renzi 3rd Sun.- 10:00 AM  
1324 Callen St Judy's Wild  
Vacaville CA 95688 Wrangler Saloon  
707/483-7445 4826 Midway Rd.  
Vacaville CA 95688

## Pomona Valley - Local #19 Reg#8

Jeff Bassler 4th Wed - 7:00 PM  
C/O 9648 Calle Vejar Round Table Pizza  
Rancho Cucamonga 1020 N Mountain  
91730 Ontario, CA 91729  
909/596-9685



## ABATE MEETINGS

### Orange County - Local #20-Reg#11

Rick Robison 2nd Mon - 7:00 PM  
714-315-1150 American Legion Post 132  
143 S Lemon St  
Orange, 92866  
local20abate@gmail.com

### San Bernardino - Local#23

Ron Morris 1st Sun 9:00 AM  
909/794-6563 Vicky's Restaurant  
502 S Waterman Ave  
San Bernardino CA 92408

### Fresno - Local#24

2nd Wed - 7:00 PM  
Yosemite Falls Cafe  
4020 N Cedar Ave.  
Fresno 93726  
www.abatelocal24.org

### Sacramento - Local#25

Lil' David Morena 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
916/616-9605 Denny's  
3520 Auburn Blvd.  
Sacramento 95821

### Riverside - Local#27

Bob Marshall 1st Tues - 7:00 PM  
I.G@ abatelocal27 American Legion  
2979 Dexter Dr.  
(in Fairmont Park)  
Riverside, CA 92501  
drbobmarshall@yahoo.com

### Imperial Valley - Local#38- Reg#12

Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 6:30 PM  
Edward\_A12@yahoo.com  
La Fonda Bar & Grill  
1950 South 4th St.  
El Centro, CA 92243

### Bakersfield - Local#40

Robert Northam 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM  
Kilroy16@yahoo.com Rusty's Pizza  
5430 Olive Dr  
Bakersfield 93308

### High Desert Local 44/47

Dave Hastings 2nd Sat. 9:30 am  
760-947-4700 Eagles Order #4181  
davesautorepair@aol.com 16195 Main St  
Hesperia 92345

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