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## ABATE of CA Bills at a Glance

AB-3195 Acosta (R – Santa Clarita) DMV: licensing: motorcycle endorsement  
This bill would, commencing July 1, 2019, require certificate to be submitted electronically to the Department of Motor Vehicles by the operator of an approved motorcyclist training program and would require the department to accept those electronic submissions.

AB-2972 Cabellero (D – Salinas) Vehicles: enforcement: motorcycle profiling  
This bill would define the term “motorcycle profiling” as the illegal consideration of the fact that a person is riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle or motorcycle club-related clothing as a factor in enforcement decisions, and would prohibit peace officers from engaging in motorcycle profiling. This bill would also provide a private right of action for persons who are subjected to motorcycle profiling in violation of the provisions of this bill.

AB-2761 Obernolte (R – Big Bear Lake) Yield: inoperative traffic signal  
This bill would authorize the driver of a vehicle facing a traffic-actuated signal that displays a steady circular red indication or steady red arrow indication, and that subsequently fails to display a green indication within a reasonable period of time because of a signal malfunction or because the signal has failed to detect the presence of the driver or vehicle, to proceed with caution when it is safe to do so, after having stopped at the intersection, as specified.

SB-1316 Glazer (D – Contra Costa/Alameda) Off-highway vehicular recreation: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area: Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area.  
This bill would authorize the department to dispose of the portion of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area known as the “Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area” to permanently preserve that land for conservation purposes, as specified, if the department determines that disposing of the land is in the public interest. The bill would authorize the Director of General Services to transfer the land to a local agency for less than fair market value if the local agency agrees to use the land as a park or for another open-space purpose and would require the property interest to revert from the local agency to the state if the land is used for a different purpose during the 25 years after the transfer date. The bill would require any revenue from the disposition of the land to be deposited in the fund for the purchase of land for off-highway vehicle recreation by the department.

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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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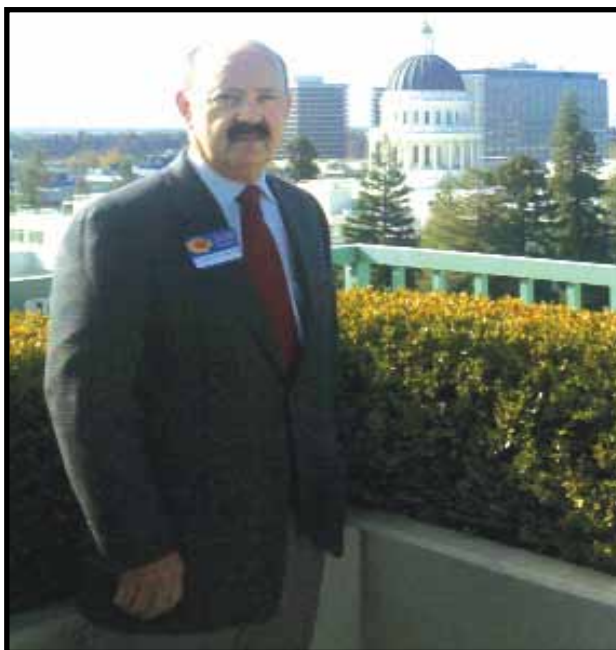
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It's April and that means deadlines are approaching. Bills must pass 1st policy committees by end of this Month.

2018 Bills are being set for hearings and various amendments to the hundreds of spot bills that were introduced in February are being negotiated and discussed. (A Spot Bill can be changed to do just about anything - so we watch these closely). We will update you whenever these bills are amended to adversely affect US!!!

Check out our Bills at a Glance section for Legislative information

This also is an Election year and June 5<sup>th</sup> will be the Primary Elections with big Democratic battle for the Governor's race and US Senate seat.

Please make 4-8 hours of your time each month upcoming to volunteer for an ABATE endorsed candidate. This is helpful when bills effecting motorcycles are before the Legislature - they do remember their Friends.

See you at the Board of Directors meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Piccadilly Airport Hotel.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 15, 2018

**DMV Removes Driving Suspensions for Failure to Pay Fines**

Sacramento - The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) removed failure to pay notations from all driver records and notified customers who had qualifying suspensions removed.

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed Assembly Bill 103 (AB 103) on June 27, 2017, which eliminated court notifications to the DMV of failure to pay fines, eliminating the requirement for the DMV to suspend or withhold driver licenses for that reason. Since then, the DMV has worked to restore driving privileges to all California drivers who had their driver license suspended solely for failure to pay fines before AB 103 took effect. The DMV also removed failure to pay notices from records at the request of drivers.

The DMV recently notified affected customers that their failure to pay suspension has been removed from their record. Some customers receiving such a notification might still have a suspended license for other reasons, and this action will not resolve those suspensions. For example, a DUI-related suspension will not be affected by this change. To find out if they have other suspensions or holds, customers can request a copy of their driver record from the DMV online, by mail or at a DMV field office.

Customers who had their driving privilege suspended solely for a failure to pay fines and have a valid driver license can legally drive without any further steps. Customers with an expired license or customers who no longer have a license in their possession must visit a DMV field office to apply for a renewal or a duplicate, and pay the corresponding fee. Vision and/or knowledge tests might be required.

For more information on failure to pay notifications, including FAQs, visit [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov).

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## Mission Statement

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



## Executive Director's & PAC Treasurer's Report



### by Dave Hastings, Executive Director & PAC Treasurer

If you haven't figured this out yet we are officially in an election year cycle and Chuck Pedersen, our Legislative Director, with help from Nick Benson and Mark Loudermilk will be working hard to put together our electoral guide to assist you in choosing motorcycle friendly candidates for the upcoming general elections. Of course we always ask for info and guidance from our own Lobbardo Group, our lobbyist team in Sacramento, and from you, our members who are politically active in your districts and have current, first hand, knowledge of the candidates.

If you haven't been paying any attention to the candidates in your area perhaps you should get involved on a personal basis soon. ABATE does it's best to help elect M/C supportive candidates and we also try very hard to prevent those who do not support our causes from having a successful run for election or re-election. We do this with good old fashioned "active involvement" in the campaign offices of those friendly to us. It usually doesn't require a lot of our money and takes up a minimal amount of your time. Either way, it's time and money very well spent to protect your motorcycle lifestyle.

Check out the names on the upcoming political races in your area and offer to help the candidates of your choice. Contact their office, discuss our issues with their staff (or the candidate, if they have time to see you) and then offer your help as a volunteer in whatever capacity you can fill. You will be doing them, yourself, and ABATE of California a great service, if you do so.

By getting involved, you become an active participant in the electoral process and establish a lifelong working relationship with your candi-

date and their staff members. That is how we succeed so well at the grass roots level and how you can control your personal "Freedom of Choice" on Election Day. We don't always win every race but we damn well make friends and influence the outcome of California politics. Win or lose, our friends and even our enemies, respect us for what we do with our limited access to the big wheels that turn the political process in this state. It only takes one vote to win and we have, on numerous "too close to call" elections, helped our candidate get that one extra vote they needed to secure a victory.

Get involved, make wise choices, and have fun working the upcoming elections. ABATE will benefit, you will feel good about yourself, and who knows, you may enjoy the process so much we may have an ABATE member listed on the next election cycle ballot. Pick up the phone or stop by your candidate's local field office soon and let's get this party started. November will be here before we know it!

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## CALL TO ACTION – Support AB 2972

February 21, 2018

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**CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLE  
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**END MOTORCYCLE PROFILING**

Motorcycle profiling is a pervasive problem in California. Motorcyclists are often targeted because of an overly-broad outlaw biker stereotype. The historical pattern of evidence is documented and irrefutable. Individuals and groups of motorcyclists are regularly the victims of selective enforcement from coast to coast, particularly California, even during political and charitable events, solely based on their appearance, not their conduct.



Motorcycle Profiling is Unconstitutional: Profiling relies on appearance to establish suspicion as opposed to the legal requirement of conduct. A motorcycle profiling stop amounts to the motorcyclist being detained, cited, motorcycle seized, or both because of constitutionally protected expression and / or association.

**The Solution:** Assembly Bill 2972, introduced by Assemblymember Anna Caballero on February 16, 2018 prohibits law enforcement from engaging in motorcycle profiling. This is a highly effective solution, with no required training or fiscal impact, and doesn't prevent law enforcement from doing their job.

Link to AB 2972 in the California Legislative Website:

[https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB2972](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2972)

**The Time to Act is Now.** Contact your local legislator and URGE him/her to SUPPORT AB 2972

1. Find your district legislators at the following link  
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4. Fill out the required fields (note: your home address must be in the legislator's local district)
5. On the "Select an Issue:" pull-down field, select the option for commenting or sharing an opinion on a bill/legislation

## ABATE Local 1's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Polar Bear Run – Thank You

Hi all! Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> was the Polar Bear run. To all who attended this event, "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart.

The groups that attended are Partners MC, Shaggers MC, The Midnight Riders MC, Top Rocker HOG Chapter, and Glendale HOG Chapter.

Locals that attended are Local 2, Local 3/13, Local 8, Local 19 and Local 20.

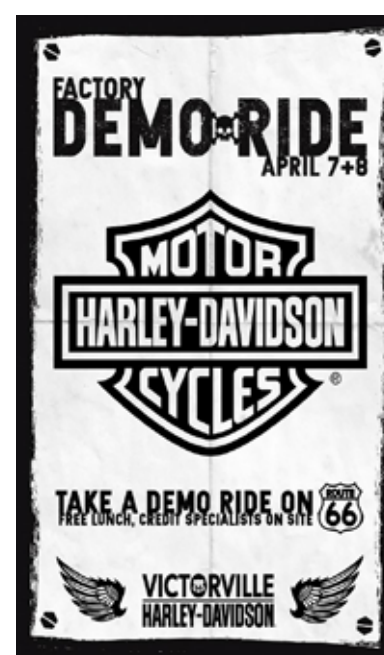
Thanks to all who had breakfast at Big Jim's Family restaurant and to those who ate at the Big Oaks Lodge.

I want to thank those who donated the nifty raffle prizes: Old Road HD, Glendale HD, Bartels HD, Top Rocker HD, Cycle Gear's Canoga Park store, CT Motorcycle Tires in Reseda, and ABATE Local 1 members.

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Again I am grateful for your support of the 31st annual Polar Bear run.

Regards, your faithful ABATE Local 1 president, Sporty Milligan



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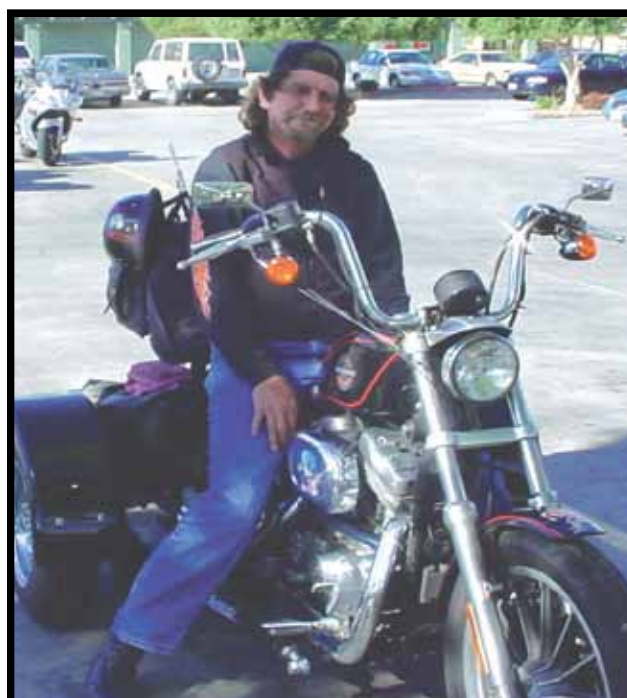
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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**by Sporty Milligan,  
 Membership Chairman**

Hi all! As you know ABATE Local 1 had its 31<sup>st</sup> annual Polar Bear run on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Membership wise (and otherwise) it was pretty successful as we signed up 5 new single members, 1 couple membership, and 1 renewal.

There will be ABATE events in the upcoming months that will allow you to sign-up new members. Also your local motorcycle dealerships will be doing bike

nights and occasionally Saturday events. This is a great way to find new members and sell your remaining allotment of Bike Raffle tickets for an HD 2017 Road Glide.

Again, don't forget your Local's renewals. Reward them with renewal trinkets. One such trinket at this time of the year is to give them a Membership Special Raffle ticket. They only cost you a dollar to give and will put a smile on your renewal's face. Who would not like a chance to win \$250 at the drawing held at the July Board of Directors meeting? Furthermore it shows that you care about your Local members.

So when you're planning to take a ride or attend a motorcycle event, be sure to carry membership cards and then you can work your magic and sign-up new members for your Local. ABATE welcomes new members, so do your best to sign-up a few or many!

Finally, if you have brilliant ideas for improving the membership program, email me at [williammilligan285@yahoo.com](mailto:williammilligan285@yahoo.com).

Remember there is unity and strength in numbers of members.

Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman



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# LOCAL REPORTS

## Local #01 Los Angeles



Greetings All! Meeting of ABATE Local 1 will take place March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge, 10137 Commerce Avenue in Tujunga. The meeting will start at 9 am.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, I will give my president's report. A summary of the just completed 31<sup>st</sup> annual Polar Bear run will be discussed.

Discussion will then shift to the anti-profiling bill and where the bill is and what we should be doing to move it along. Next we will talk about attending other Local's runs to return their support for attending our Polar Bear run.

Then the membership report from Glen Cheslock, VP report from Jim Nickla, and members' input.

Our in house raffle closes the meeting. A great breakfast will be available from the good cooks at the Elks Lodge.

That's pretty much how Local 1's meeting goes. Sporty Milligan, ABATE Local 1 President

## Local #02 Simi Valley



We have a wet March so far, but that didn't stop us from having our fantastic \$5.00 BBQ meal deal before our meeting. When I arrived early for our meeting the volunteer cooks, Jim, Frank and Pattibock were rocking the BBQ, with hamburgers and fat footlongs. Chili and chocolate chip cookies were brought by Pattibock. We also have all the fixin's you could want and for 5 bucks you can't go wrong! Plus we have a great bar on the other side of the door in the beautiful patio we dine in.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Street in Simi Valley. We start serving our famous meal deal at 6:45 until 7:20, then we start our meeting at 7:30.

VP Jim opened up the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and then Pres Guy started the meeting. He talked about what our host the VFW is doing and invited Local 2. He also talked about the anti-profiling bill in California as well as on the Federal level and he talked about other bills, too.

Jane, our secretary, read the minutes and Pat, our treasurer, gave us our financial report - we are doing good. PR Norm talked about the new drivers' hands free vehicles out now and also the

autonomous cars of the near future. He also said to read the Bailing Wire on line.

Frank, our membership, coordinator talked about where we are at with our membership and introduced our new member, Doug. Welcome bro! He also talked about trying to contact members that have not renewed and those who haven't been coming to our meetings.

Pigface Bob talked about our ride last month, the Polar Bear run by Local 1. He said it was still good and the group enjoyed it. Pigface also talked about future runs for next month. If you couldn't make the meeting and want to ride, contact him.

We had a good meeting with a lot of interaction and valuable information for all who were there. We also had a good amount of raffle prizes - lucky Jim! Our membership drawing was won by Pattibock!

We missed all who could not attend this meeting and hope to see you at the next meeting. We will start planning our Sweaty Buns run very soon and we need your help to keep it going! It will be even better this time around!

Come on down to our meeting and we will help you get connected with us.

PTL norm e

## Local #08 Orange County



March was bringing us much needed rain as we gathered in the warmth of the American Legion Hall for our meeting.

Steve echoed a question we ask our visitors, "How did you end up here?" I challenged all to tell the story of their ABATE roots.

We came to ABATE years ago as non-members to the Lake Elsinore camp outs. We realized that ABATE needed people to spread the word. Let's renew the driving force of ABATE - "Our Members".

As we gathered this month, plans were put in motion to reserve a place and begin to get the word out for the Long Beach So Cal Cycle Swap Meet. ABATE Local 8 will be there July 29<sup>th</sup> - come out and support ABATE! If you have any motorcycle items that are just collecting dust, please contact Local 8 and we will arrange to get them before the swap meet. Any monies collected at the Swap Meet will be donated directly back to ABATE.

Steve reminded us to visit the ABATE website and sign up for Legislative alerts and stay informed.

Don't forget to get your Raffle Tickets sold as these tickets help fund ABATE so we can continue to be a vocal part of our riding laws.

At the close of our meeting we have our monthly opportunity drawing. Daniel Pfaffly's name was drawn!

Stay alert out there and bundle up, it's cold outside.

Local 8's very own Hawgete

## Local # 11 North San Diego County



Attendance was low today, probably due to the time change and rainy weather, but we still had a good meeting and discussed Assembly Bill 2972.

Our Ice Chest raffle produced a good financial result so we are able to continue donating to the lobbyist fund. Local 11 has decided to have another Holiday Loaded Ice Chest raffle with the drawing in November in time for the holidays.

Our booth at various Harley Davidson dealership events has brought in new members and donations as well. We will be attending the Cinco de Mayo event at San Diego HD and the "May Ride" event at Biggs HD on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Clint August on the radio supports ABATE when promoting this event.

Dogman Mark Castillero

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



Greetings! Our 2017 Road Glide raffle continues with 1433 tickets sold as of 3.17.18. Odds are better than the State Lottery - so get your ticket today! See flyer in this issue. Tickets are available through ABATE Locals 1, 8, 11, 3/13, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 31 and 44/47. Please contact us for more details and we will gladly get tickets sent to you. Awards will be given to the top three individuals selling the most tickets. Thanks to all who have sold and bought tickets! Every member should buy at least one ticket. Drawing will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Iron Steed Harley-Davidson in Vacaville, CA. Need not be present to win so call me (Glenn) at 707-624-6310 for your ticket.

Our 30<sup>th</sup> Freeze Your Ass Off Poker run had rain, yet we had 50 sign-ins. Thanks to Miss Darla's, Dave and of course Facebook.

Next will be our Spring Bingo Fun Run on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. This event starts at the Road Trip Bar and Grill in Capay. Sign in at 9 am and first game is at 10 am. We will end at STR8 Shooter in Vacaville for Lunch and the final Bingo game. Don't miss this as it is a lot of fun with awards at each stop.

May 5<sup>th</sup> will be our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Hold-Em at the Moose Lodge in Vacaville at 5 pm for sign-ins. See ad this issue. Tickets are only \$50 this year with a great raffle and 50/50. Get your ticket in April and receive 1000 bonus chips

Please come to our meetings for important info and also to volunteer to help. It is important to bring a worthy raffle prize to every meeting and that enters you in a drawing for free attendance to the event you donate to. For our members that cannot attend any of our events, please send a donation, as we need them

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to continue to be successful.

It is the volunteers that keep us going. We still desperately need a Raffle Coordinator and a Run/Event Coordinator so please come to a meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at Judy’s Wild Wrangler Saloon at 10 am to volunteer.

Ride Safe and Free and I will see you around the next corner.

Local #25 Sacramento



Lil’ David called the meeting to order at 7:01. There were 7 members attending and no guests. Lil’David read the minutes of the January meeting. Joe, our treasurer, updated us on our balance. Lil’ David gave Teresa the most recent membership list. We reviewed the list and noted that a couple of people attending needed to renew.

It was announced that the anti-profiling effort in Arizona has failed, mainly due to lack of effort. Grandfather’s Campout will be June 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Redwood Run will be in August after Sturgis.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35. David Smart

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# ABATE Events for 2018

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- April 8 – ABATE Local 27 – BARE Necessities Run** (see flyer this issue)
- April 14 – ABATE Local 17 – Spring Bingo Fun Run** (see flyer this issue)
- April 21 – ABATE Local 23 – Box of Love** (see flyer this issue)
- May 5 – ABATE Local 17 – Texas Hold ‘Em** (see flyer this issue)
- May 5 – ABATE Local 38 – Cinco de Mayo Fun Run** with their annual Ice Chest raffle being announced
- May 10-13 - The 33rd annual NCOM Convention, Renaissance/Riverview Plaza Hotel, Mobile AL**
- May 19 – ABATE Board of Directors meeting - Piccadilly Inn, Fresno**
- June 3 – ABATE Local 17 – Hot Rods N Harleys Ride-In Bike Show and Bike Raffle Drawing** (see flyer this issue)
- July – ABATE Board of Directors meeting - southern California** - time and date to be announced
- July 21 – ABATE Local 17 – Summer Bingo Fun Run**
- August 25 – ABATE Local 17 – Sarah’s Scholarship Run**
- October 7 or 13 – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo Fun Run**
- October 20 – ABATE Board of Directors meeting - Piccadilly Inn, Fresno**
- December 1 – ABATE Local 17 – Holiday Party**
- December 2 – ABATE Local 19 – 30th Annual Toy Run**
- December 2 – ABATE Local 17 – Toy Run**

## Bike Nites:

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

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

**ALL ABATE Events must have event insurance**  
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### SB What? AB Where?

Want more details about a bill? Whether it’s in the Senate or Assembly in Sacramento go to:

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## Sporty's Rides

And spent a day going to Bartels HD and Glendale HD to deliver the "Thank You" plaques. The ladies that I gave the plaques to were thrilled to get them.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> was the Top Rocker HOG Chapter meeting. At this meeting I presented two plaques, one to the dealership for the bitchin raffle prizes they donated. The weather was a little wet so I drove to the meeting in my little truck that could. After the meeting I drove to Cycle Gear in Canoga Park and gave them a plaque for their donation of three very nifty raffle prizes. Also when I got a new tire for my 2002 Sporty at CT Tire, he gave me some nice brake pads that Chris donated to the raffle.

Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> I took a cold ride to the Shaggers' club house. At this 9 am meeting I gave the club a plague for showing up and supporting the Polar Bear run.

I should mention that February 28<sup>th</sup> I took a ride to Ontario to do my job as Regional Director for Local 19. They have their meeting the last Wednesday of the month at the Round Table Pizza off Mountain Avenue in Ontario. Like I need an excuse to do a ride.

Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, I had an appointment to see my hearing guy, Brian, at 10 am at his office in Van Nuys. However when I got there his office was closed. I made a call to his office phone to see if there was a reason why his office was closed. There was no reason why his office was closed. (Still, at this writing,

I have not found out why his office was closed.) So I called my wife, Renee, and explained what had happened and that I would be home later in the evening.

I went to Laidlaw's HD to drop off flyer cards for ABATE Local 27 Bare Essentials run on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Got coffee and put out the flyers on the flyer table. Passed out some of the flyers to some of the folks that were there. Next stop was Pomona Valley HD. They're located in Montclair. Coffee there as well chit chat with the salesmen, then departed to go to Bert's Mega store in Azusa.

I did not feel like riding on the freeway, so I took all surface streets to Bert's in Azusa. They finally have a flyer board located just before you go into the motorcycle portion of the store - makes it easier to post ride stuff. So my final destination via surface streets was Glendale HD. I went there because I could get a cup of decaf coffee. After the decaf I called my wife to let her know I was going to an AA meeting in Sylmar.

Final destination for this writing was Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, when I drove to the Glendale HOG Chapter meeting in Burbank at the Elks Lodge. It was a good meeting and the breakfast was reasonable. I enjoy going to the HOG Chapter meetings.

It's getting better riding weather so do ABATE events. Ok folks that's it for this month's Sporty's Rides column. Regards, scribe Sporty.

### by Sporty Milligan

Hello All! In my last column I said I would report on the Patriot Guard ride I took to see Sergeant John D. Wise III of the Marines be placed at his final resting place at the Riverside National Cemetery.

It was an overcast day as I left my house to ride to the England Family Mortuary in Temecula. This was a sad ride because when we lose members of the military who served, it's sad because they have honored this country by their service.

When I arrived there was a pretty good group of riders from the various riding clubs. We were called over to get our riding instructions. When it was time we mounted up and got on the road. Apparently we had been given permission to block the streets and get a lane on the freeway all the way to the Riverside National Cemetery. Finally we arrived at the Cemetery and parked our bikes. The hearse carrying the remains of Sergeant Wise was brought to the area where the final ceremony was to be held. The military Chaplin said nice words. There were members of Sergeant Wise's Company from Camp Pendleton in Oceanside. The service lasted about one hour.

When the service was over I went over to the section where they place cremation urns and visited my Dad and Mom, Mr. and Mrs. William Lees Milligan Jr. On their plaque, the inscription part reads, "We Will Be Together Forever". I visited with Mom and Dad for about 30 minutes.

February 25<sup>th</sup> was the day for the 31st annual Polar Bear ride. It was chilly, but not raining. The run went well and we had a good day and made money for the ABATE Local 1 treasury. The money we raise helps fund our commitment for the ABATE lobbyists fund. I would like to thank all who attended this event. (Note it helps to have a clear sunny day.) Riders enjoyed the route that we has chosen. The two main contributors, Big Jim's Family restaurant and the Big Oaks Lodge, were happy with the results. Thanks to all the 33 folks who ate breakfast at Big Jim's and those who ate at the Big Oaks Lodge. We had lots of raffle prizes and the riders were happy with getting some of the goodies we had to give away.

I sent out an email thanking everyone who helped make the run a success. They know who they are and I again thank you from the bottom of my heart. See you next year!

I had made some "Thank You" plaques for the business members that contributed to the raffle prizes.

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### NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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### MANDATORY S.O.S. EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM FOR MOTORCYCLES:

An emergency call system for cars has been available for a while, such as the GM OnStar safety device system that summons a quick response in case of an accident. An equivalent system called "eCall" will soon be mandatory in Europe on all new cars sold after April 16, 2018.

Reasoning that motorcyclists are more vulnerable in a crash than car drivers, the European Union now wants manufacturers to equip all motorcycles with an S.O.S alert system. Since 2017, some BMW motorcycles already offer the "Intelligent Emergency Call" sent automatically or manually by the rider to emergency responders.

Studies show that emergency crews would be able to get to the accident scene 40 to 50% faster, saving around 2,500 lives every year in Europe alone. Will the U.S. follow suit?

**TWO WHEELS TV NETWORK SET TO LAUNCH:** For motorcycle enthusiasts who can never get enough two-wheel action on television, [TwoWheelsTV.com](http://TwoWheelsTV.com) "all motorcycle network" is set to launch this spring. Whether you're seeking live racing action, or commentary from leaders within the industry, the new "over-the-top" (OTT) streaming network is dedicated entirely to motorcycles.

"Like Netflix for motorcycling," according to founder Alan Smith, Two Wheels TV (TWTV) will be available on an annual and monthly basis, and promises to deliver live motorcycle racing that's streamed from all over the world, plus an on-demand library of exclusive motorcycling programs.

The soft launch is for iOS and Android devices; register at [TwoWheelsTV.com](http://TwoWheelsTV.com). The full launch is expected in April, and TWTV will be supported by Google Chromecast, Apple TV, Amazon Fire and Roku.

The launch of Two Wheels TV coincides with a spike in the conversation about U.S. motorcycling, as efforts to reinvigorate the industry have come from the grassroots level ("Give a Shift" and "Plus 1"), as well as a new initiative from the Motorcycle Industry Council ("Ride").

### FLORIDA RIDERS FIGHT FOR STRICTER LAWS ON CRASHES INVOLVING CARS:

More than a hundred motorcyclists made their way to the Capitol in Tallahassee on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, as riders with ABATE of Florida, Inc. spoke to legislators about some of the safety issues they face every single day.

The state president of ABATE, James "Doc" Reichenbach, told WCTV Eyewitness News that their main focus is trying to cut down on deaths due to drivers who are distracted. He wants to see a bill passed that protects the motorcyclists on the road.

Reichenbach said the most common type of crash involving a car and motorcycle is from left hand turns. Reichenbach said he's had five times more motorcyclists die recently from accidents involving distracted or careless drivers. He believes this type of accident should be considered manslaughter.

"We're getting killed. We're getting run over by cars and trucks and everything else and trying to stop that. We're fathers, we're mothers, and we have children. We're just like anybody else, we just happen to ride motorcycles, and we shouldn't be an endangered species," said Reichenbach, who also serves as Chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM).

### SOUTH DAKOTA "GANG BILL" OPPOSED BY MOTORCYCLE GROUPS:

Legislation addressing "gangs" in South Dakota is raising concerns among those in the motorcycle community, as House Bill 111 seeks to revise certain definitions regarding criminal street gang activity that some rider groups feel could target them.

"It jumped out at me that it's basically a profiling bill," said Bryon Farmer, Chairman of the South Dakota Confederation of Clubs, who told KDLT News "There are some good issues to trying to keep street gangs out of our communities and out of our state, that part I'm okay with. It's just the broad range of the way the bill is written, it could be used against way too many good groups that are out there."

Motorcycle groups like ABATE of South Dakota are testifying in opposition of the bill they say targets them as gang members. "It's not just motorcyclists; it's so broad that just about anybody that's wearing similar shirts could be defined as a street gang," said Dave Brende, President of "Those Guys" ABATE Chapter. "We don't want to be lumped in as a street gang member, we do a lot of good for this community and so do all the other clubs and organizations."

### NEW MEXICO MRO HONORED BY MSF & DOT:

The New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (NMMRO) was presented an award from MSF and DOT for all the work they do to promote Safety Awareness in the state and for providing support to motorcycle crash victims through their "Biker Down" program.

The award was presented during the annual Motorcycle Advisory Safety Program Committee Meeting, attended by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), New Mexico Department of Transportation (DOT), MSF Rider Coaches, local dealerships and the University of New Mexico Traffic Research Unit that keeps track of crash statistics for the state.

Among the top topics discussed was promoting basic rider and advanced rider training to enhance rider skills to all ages. "We have always concentrated on the campaigns such as Watch Out For Motorcycles which we will continue; but it is just as important that we also promote rider responsibility," said Annette Torrez, NMMRO Chairperson. Torrez, who also serves on the Board of Directors for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) added that "With enhanced

riding skills there are many factors that we as riders can be more aware of to avoid or prevent a crash."

The Motorcycle Safety Achievement Award states in part; "The NMMRO ceaseless efforts have made significant and enduring contributions to the safety of motorcyclists in the State of New Mexico. The professionalism, initiative and action demonstrated by NMMRO has contributed to saving lives."

### NCOM CHRISTIAN UNITY REPORT:

In a recent Christian Unity Report submitted by Louie Nobs, Christian Unity Liaison to the NCOM Board, it was reported that "Over the past year, Christian Unity groups in the Midwest, Oklahoma and Texas have been growing and having regular meetings. As the result of information that was given in our Region II CU meeting in Oklahoma last November, some members have pursued certifications through FEMA for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). This will help them get into areas in emergency situations to serve and assess with first responders.

"I was able to share some of my experiences as a CERT member during Hurricane Harvey in the Houston area. Some of the tasks I was able to do was rescue people from flood waters by air boat, serve in shelters, and get supplies to area shelters. I would like to thank those on the NCOM Board of Directors and bikers across the country who responded to our call for assistance. Supplies were shipped to Central Harley-Davidson in Austin and then trucked into affected areas. Most stores were unable to keep simple things like respirator masks, tarps and box cutters on the shelves in the affected areas.

"A recent turn of events regarding the Waco case has brought relief to 20 affected families in that they have had their charges dismissed. Some of those folks have kept in contact with us and have also been recipients of assistance from Shield of Faith. We continue to keep praying for justice for all the bikers who were involved in this debacle. The article can be accessed at: [www.kwtx.com/content/news/DA-to-seek-to-dismiss-charges-against-more-than-20-Twin-Peaks-bikers-473216573.html](http://www.kwtx.com/content/news/DA-to-seek-to-dismiss-charges-against-more-than-20-Twin-Peaks-bikers-473216573.html).

"We are looking forward to a good turnout for the NCOM Convention in May in Mobile, Alabama. We are currently seeking out Christian Unity members and motorcycle ministries to assist with the hospitality suite. If you are interested contact us at [ncom.christianunity@gmail.com](mailto:ncom.christianunity@gmail.com) or call Louie at 936-443-4500."

### INJURED MOTORCYCLIST SUES AUTONOMOUS CAR FOR 'NEGLIGENT DRIVING':

In the first of its kind lawsuit against an autonomous vehicle, a California motorcyclist has filed suit against General Motors, accusing one of the car maker's robotic cars of "negligent driving."

The rider was splitting lanes on a highway in San Francisco when a Cruise AV aborted a lane change maneuver in heavy traffic and swerved back into its original lane which was now occupied by the motorcyclist, knocking him to the ground in a crash that left him injured and unable to work, according to the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco.

The police report on the incident blamed the motorcyclist, saying he shouldn't have been passing on the right, though "lane-splitting" is allowed in California. But the report also noted that the car's human overseer, who was operating the self-driving prototype in autonomous mode, tried

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to grab the wheel and avoid the collision, but was too late to prevent contact.

An attorney for the motorcycle rider claims the accident report actually supports his client's claim in stating that the AV driver saw his client before the crash, but didn't have enough time to grab the wheel and swerve.

This news comes on the heels of GM announcing plans to release a Level 5 autonomous vehicle -- without a steering wheel or pedals -- in 2019.

The court case could prove a landmark given the involvement of an autonomous car.

### TEN STATES OBJECT TO EPA REDUCING HARLEY-DAVIDSON EMISSIONS PENALTY:

According to a recent report from Reuters news agency, ten U.S. states and the District of Columbia have announced they are challenging a decision by the Trump administration to drop a requirement that Harley-Davidson Inc spend \$3 million to reduce air pollution under settlement the Obama administration announced.

In 2016, the Milwaukee-based motorcycle manufacturer agreed to pay a \$12 million civil fine and stop selling illegal after-market devices that caused its vehicles to emit too much pollution, in violation of the Clean Air Act, and was ordered by the EPA to spend nearly \$3 million to instead retrofit or replace wood-burning ap-

pliances with cleaner stoves to mitigate air pollution.

The Justice Department in July cited a new policy by U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions and an ongoing review of the penalty by a government auditor in proposing to drop the \$3 million penalty from the settlement. A U.S. District Judge must still decide whether to approve the revised agreement.

The Harley-Davidson settlement resolved allegations that Harley sold about 340,000 "super tuners" enabling motorcycles since 2008 to pollute the air at levels greater than what the company certified. Harley-Davidson did not admit liability, and said previously it disagreed with the government, arguing that the tuners were designed and sold to be used in "competition only."

The Harley-Davidson settlement came amid greater scrutiny on emissions and "defeat devices" by U.S. regulators after Volkswagen AG admitted to using illegal software to evade U.S. emissions standards in nearly 600,000 U.S. vehicles in September 2015.

### INDIA PULLS BACK ON PLAN TO ENFORCE APPROVED HELMETS:

Police in India have withdrawn a rule requiring motorcycle riders and passengers to wear ISI-approved helmets, after a week of seizing non-approved helmets and fining riders.

Motor Vehicle Rules in Karnataka, a state in southwest India, require that helmets have the ISI mark (that certifies acceptable levels of

quality and crash performance). Traffic police officials had set the deadline of February 1<sup>st</sup> for all riders and pillions (passengers) to switch to ISI branded helmets. Now though, this deadline has been withdrawn.

In announcing this sudden change, the Commissioner of Police said in a statement; "Traffic policemen on duty cannot decide the standard of helmets by a mere physical inspection and hence it is unfair to penalizing bikers for wearing sub-standard helmets... Each and every helmet we confiscate would have to be sent to the BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards) office and we could not impose a fine until we got the results."

Many bikers who wear helmets branded with ECE and DOT marks, said to be better than ISI in terms of quality and crash performance, complained that the ISI-helmet rule was unfair. Now that the BIS has clarified that a helmet's quality cannot be assessed by just looking at it, the traffic police department of Karnataka will no longer check for the ISI-mark on helmets worn by riders and pillions of two wheelers in India.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people." ~ John F. Kennedy (1917-1963), 35th US President





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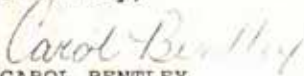
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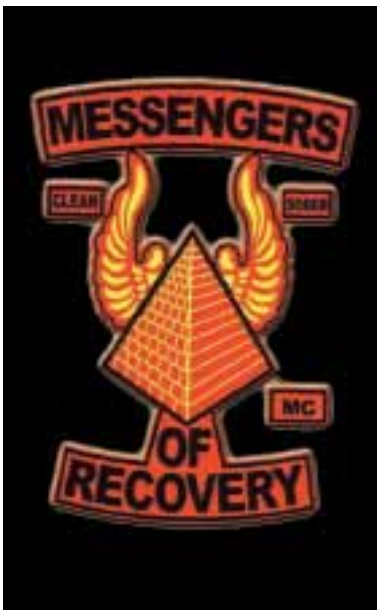
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## Why Do BIKERS wear BLACK LEATHER JACKETS ?

All truckers are fat, smoke cigars, wear cowboy hats and big belt buckles. All golfers wear plaid pants, white shoes and pink shirts with little alligators on the front. Good guys wear white. Bad guys wear black. Bikers are bad guys.

None of the above statements are true, but all are readily accepted by the news media. That makes anyone who rides a motorcycle and wears a black leather jacket suspect, a first class badass.

The negative public-relations image newspapers and television have created on behalf of motorcycle riders has been successful beyond anyone's wildest dreams. So successful, in fact, that even some people in the motorcycle industry are now asking that we stop wearing leather jackets. They claim that black leather jackets create a bad image. Bad in whose eyes? Simple. Bad in the eyes of the media. Newspapers and television stations are no longer content just to report the news. They now seem to feel that it's very important for them to mold the public opinion by convincing the public that their view of the world is what every citizen should accept.

Black has had a bad image for hundreds, if not thousands of years. Executioners wore black. A black hearted man was one to be avoided. A black day is a bad day. Being black ballled is a punishment. However, being in the black is considered much better than being in the red. As for the other colors, pink is feminine. Gray is old and dismal. Green is indecisive. Purple is either royal or queer. Yellow is cowardly. Blue is cold and religious. Brown is vague or dirty. White is virginal and pure. Red is flamboyant. Orange is visible but macabre. But black, ah, black. It's mysterious and powerful.

"They" (media people and those not familiar with motorcycling) are struck with fear when they see someone in black. The media has convinced the citizens that a black leather jacket, when worn by a motorcyclist, is cause for paranoia. So let's look at the black leather motorcycle jacket.

First, black is a very practical color. It

doesn't show dirt, is easy to clean, resists scuffing, and can be recolored easily. If a motorcycle jacket is worn for warmth, black will absorb and retain heat better than any other color. Black goes with just about anything. All motorcycles have some black on them if only the tires. Black is the most popular color for boots, gloves, pants, belts, and even bikes because it is practical.

What are the arguments against black? It's not visible. Funny, but I can spot a motorcycle cop in my rearview mirror at half a mile. Guess what color jacket he's wearing.

It's not fashionable. Some believe leather should be color matched to the motorcycle. That's okay as long as you plan on keeping that bike for a long time. And what happens when you aren't near the bike? Would you feel comfortable wearing red, white and blue stripes while walking down the street or while in a restaurant or bar?

Okay, suppose we cave into "them" and decide we don't want to be considered a badass anymore. We all agree to switch to wearing dayglo orange. Since orange doesn't go with anything, there will be no need for color matching. Orange is so far out that there isn't even a word that rhymes with it.

The visibility problem would be solved. "They" won't be able to claim they didn't see us because we were dressed in black. Soon every motorcycle rider in America would be dressed in orange leather. Within a year or two the media would catch on and the reports would be about those "orange" jacketed badasses on their dangerous motorcycles. Because we are sensitive to such things, we'd be forced to change colors once again. Perhaps at that point we could all switch to cowardly yellow.

I've got no quarrel with color matched leathers or nylon snowmobile suits. My argument is with people who insist that I conform to their way of life. I find their way dull. I happen to like black and will continue to wear it. That's my choice, what's yours?



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### BIKER RESERVATIONS?

#### DOES HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?

- In the 1880's there was a group of people in America who liked to roam the hills and valleys of this great land.
- They liked to ride with the wind in their faces, and the sun on their backs.
- They loved the outdoors, and they had a special sense of freedom.
- They wore leather, and had a style of clothing that was their own.
- They often had long hair, and some wore rings in their ears.
- They liked to gather together around campfires and share brotherhood.
- They were divided into many tribes and clans, each with their own leader.
- They distrusted each other, and the leaders often would argue.
- They were never able to unify all the tribes and clans.

#### THESE PEOPLE WERE CALLED INDIANS

The Government and the Do-Gooders of society did not like the Indians because they were different, and people who are different are always seen as a threat. So, the Government passed laws which restricted the Indians' rights and denied their freedom. Eventually, the Indian was forced to live in confined areas (called Reservations), where their way of life was effectively destroyed.

- Now, in the 1980's there is a group of people in America who like to roam the hills and valleys of this great land.
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- They like to gather together around campfires and share brotherhood.
- They are divided into many clubs, clans, and associations, each with their own leader.
- They're distrustful of each other, and their leaders continually argue.
- They are not able or willing to unify all the clubs, clans, or associations.

#### THESE PEOPLE ARE CALLED BIKERS

Now, the Government and the Do-Gooders of society do not like these Bikers because they are different. People who are different are always seen as a threat. So, the Government keeps passing laws to restrict the rights of the Bikers, and to deny them their full freedom.

Where do we go from here? Is history repeating itself?

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# Motorcycle Safety Report

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## It's Worth the Risk

I am truly worried about my insurance plan. I'm good in the sense that I pay my bill on time and know that I'm insured, but I don't know is how good I'm insured for. Well I kinda do, but the fine print or any of the other stuff that I didn't read somewhat scares me. Even insurance is subjected to changes while in policy, whether it affects you or not, who really knows? We meet this monthly obligation because it is a prerequisite if you want to enjoy the roads of California. In simpler terms they say it is a privilege to drive or ride on our roads, therefore we all need to be insured or financially responsible.

From the bare minimum to carte blanche, it's your choice, but it's really about the money because living is not cheap! Who has the time to read not just your policy, but the law that it is controlled by? It's a lot of reading and comprehension, and that is another story. It's like you need a degree in insurance just to understand what you're paying for.

You, as a motorcycle rider, are at a higher medical risk and property loss, depending on the outcome of an accident you are involved in. Completely knowing your coverage is really important, because you don't want one of the numerous nightmare scenarios happening to you because you thought your coverage was good. Here are the top three nightmares according to me. If you're in an accident with a noninsured person, then it's your insurance alone and your insurance could also cover them and or their property as well. The next one is the bare minimum insured person, just enough to be legal. The last one is the unknown hit and run person, only known to themselves. You and I have to think about these things.

When you think about my three scenarios, it's all about you! How do you want to be covered? You can't think about what the other person's coverage is because you won't know until after the fact. In California the majority of drivers have the cheapest insurance that is legal - we're talking approximately 26,000,000 plus registered drivers on all the roads everywhere.

So, if you think you are going to get all this money because the person that was involved in your accident has insurance, think again! Cheap insurance means the cheapest way out for the insurance companies. This leads to, if you also have the cheapest insurance as well, start counting your pennies!

Another problem is if you have the same company as the person you had an accident with. This is a very important question you should ask your agent. They will not have the desire to go the distance for you as per another company that has no ties with one another.

I have experienced both at the same time; me being cheap versus the other cheap insured driver with the same company. We both had the legal minimum requirements and it really bothered me when my attorney and the insurance company seemed lack lustered. They knew the protocol as to how much is available and it was more of a procedure than a case where they could make real money. Even though my medical bill was well over a half a million dollars, the end payout was minimal, and I mean minimal. I was grateful for my insurance in the first place, but was dismayed on what I was awarded. At that time I realized the importance of my coverage. It made me rethink how important this really is, and to make changes as soon as possible.

The two biggest concerns I had were: One, protect myself from being underinsured and protect all that I own. Two, have the right to recover damages against me without having to go after the said such person(s) property or assets - that is if we couldn't settle.

Speaking of settlement, in the three auto acci-



dents (I was not at fault!) I've been in, not one lawyer wanted to go the distance (trial). It felt as though they knew what they were getting and didn't want to waste their time. I understand that thought of theirs, but most of us don't know this. It was about how much money they could make in the minimal time needed. It works for them as well as the insurance companies. I'm talking about the average type of accidents and not the catastrophic accidents that could have high payouts etc.

I would like to tell all who ride and own multiple vehicles to look into their insurance policy and see their agent and get a real understanding on where you stand on coverage. It's ok to ask many questions regarding what you are being insured for, just remember it's their job. If you don't like them, then go somewhere else that will satisfy your requirements.

What I did with my agent is I went through my coverages and made my motorcycle my priority with the highest coverage allowed that I could easily afford. Then I went into the cheap mode with my other vehicles. Yes, that's on me, but it is only because of my finances and not because I'm cheap!

I have been thinking about my motorcycle coverage because of modern technology and what it means to me as a rider. Because I drive more than I ride, I am involved with this new technology, because not all of the drivers ride. It worries me because what the auto industry is doing is making us drivers not use our brains or I should say make judgement calls and to trust a computer to do it instead. I truly believe we will become lazy and disassociate ourselves from driving responsibilities while driving. It's a scary thought because now I have to trust not only the other vehicles that surround me but the vehicle's computer system as well!

I've seen the new hands-free driving commercials on TV. Are they quietly introducing autonomous vehicles right before our eyes? I know that they need to test technology to get their technology right. On our public roads is where they have to test and upgrade this new technology. I'm worried about lane splitting between autonomous vehicles. I'm worried how they react. Am I a threat? Will these vehicles become defensive? It kinda scares me to think about new technology because, like motorcycle safety, not everybody is keen to this new concept.

I know nothing is slowing down technology, so we've got to roll with the changes and hope for the best. That's why I'm concerned with my insurance. Is it going to be us versus a computer system in court? Who's to blame? The manufacture of the computer system or the automobile manufacture? Whose side is the insurance companies on? I've always trusted my gut instincts and other peoples' as well, now they're making me trust a computer! Are computers ever wrong? I saw Spock on a Star Trek episode prove that a computer can make mistakes. This was in the year 2325 (don't know the year exactly) we were still trusting them! We are still harping on distraction as

the new killer of people while driving and now we are going semi-autonomous to autonomous vehicles, go figure.

When I think of all these changes in the world of technology, are they all bent on being the first to introduce their products, while the others get to learn from their mistakes? It's happening faster than we have expected, but that's our nature, fast, faster and fastest! The only way I would use an autonomous car is while I'm on the 405 fwy driving 5 miles per hour for 20 miles, or any other crappy freeway system.

People will get bored doing nothing while sitting in the driver's seat, some will get lazy, others will be gamers and some will sleep while driving home because we will introduce the new non-distraction autonomous vehicles in the very soon future. I think Uber and taxis will be driverless soon after the arrival of autonomous vehicles and we have to include public transportation to be driverless, is that scary? But don't worry about these new cars, their life will be cut short because next will be autonomous people mover drones (because we will have unlimited air space).

I'm thinking in advance because people still want to get everywhere faster. On the roads the autonomous vehicles' life is slower because your car won't pass that person doing 22 miles an hour. That's another scenario up in the air for me, can autonomous vehicles pass one another? Or not freak out when being passed, especially by not one but two or more motorcycles? That's another unanswered question.

Maybe we need to focus on motorcycle safety. It needs to be in our forefront because nobody will know what kind of impact these autonomous vehicles will have on us riders. Well if this happens, maybe it will free up the roads for us riders, that's worth the risk!





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**Region 6 (24 & 40)**  
**Open**  
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**D-Man 714/833-9508**  
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