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Motorcycle Exhaust & Noise, Registration Loss - proposed New Laws!!!

• AB 2496 Petrie-Norris (D – Laguna Beach) Vehicles: exhaust systems.

Existing law further prohibits the modification of an exhaust system of a motor vehicle in a manner that will amplify or increase the noise emitted by the motor of the vehicle so that the vehicle exceeds existing noise limits when tested in accordance with specified standards. This bill would require a court to require a certificate of compliance for a violation of the requirements mentioned above. The bill would require the court to notify the Department of Motor Vehicles to place a hold on the vehicle registration until the certificate of compliance is received by the court if the certificate is not provided to the court within 3 months of the violation date. The bill would require the department, before renewing the registration of any vehicle, to check whether the court has issued a hold on the vehicle registration for a violation of the requirements mentioned above and to refuse to renew the registration until it has received a notification from the court that a certificate of compliance has been issued. **(*Oppose)**

• SB-1079 Portantino (D – Glendale) Vehicles: sound-activated enforcement devices

This bill would authorize local jurisdictions to use sound-activated

enforcement devices to capture vehicle noise levels that exceed the legal limits described below. Existing law requires every motor vehicle subject to registration to be equipped with an adequate muffler in constant operation and properly maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise and prohibits a muffler or exhaust system from being equipped with a cutout, bypass, or similar device. Existing law further prohibits the modification of an exhaust system of a motor vehicle in a manner that will amplify or increase the noise emitted by the motor of the vehicle so that the vehicle exceeds existing noise limits when tested in accordance with specified standards. **(Tracking)**

• AB 2336 Friedman (D – Glendale) Vehicles: Speed Safety System Pilot Program

This bill would establish the Speed Safety System Pilot Program if the system meets specified requirements. The bill would designate all photographic, video, or other visual or administrative records made by a system as confidential and would only authorize public agencies to use and allow access to these records for specified purposes. The bill would require the participating cities or city and county to adopt a Speed Safety System Use Policy and a Speed Safety System Impact Report before implementing

the program and would require the city or city and county to engage in a public information campaign at least 30 days before implementation of the program, including information relating to when the systems would begin detecting violations and where the systems would be utilized. The bill would require the participating cities or city and county to issue warning notices rather than notices of violations for violations detected within the first 30 calendar days of the program. The bill would require the participating cities or city and county to develop uniform guidelines for, among other things, the processing and storage of confidential information. **(Tracking)**

• AB 2125 Fong (R – Bakersfield) Driver's licenses: motorcycle licensing pilot program

This bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish a pilot program in order to evaluate the efficiency and safety, among other things, of using motorcycle safety program service providers...(continued)

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Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by Jim Lombardo Sr., Lobbyist

The Lombardo Group – Government Relations

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The Legislature returned from the Easter recess to tackle all the bills that needed to be passed from the 1st policy Committee to stay alive this session!

We were quite successful in passing two ABATE bills! SB 849 by Senator Jones (R – San Diego), an on and off-road rider himself, allows OHV Competition bikes to be sold and registered with the DMV, in order to receive title and a competition sticker. This will allow members who ride off road to purchase the 2022 models and forward the new non smog certified off road bikes to compete in off road competitions.

The second bill, AB 2125 Vince Fong (R – Bakersfield), will allow unlicensed motorcycle riders to choose to go to a California Motorcycle Safety Program site (there are 70 plus sites throughout California) and pay a fee to take the famous Lollipop test, aka DMV on bike skills field test. If passed they will receive a DL 389 waiver yet will be required to pass the DMVs written (or online now) test to receive their M1 endorsement. The advantage is that CMSP sites will be open on nights/weekends thus not requiring a person to take time off from work to pass the Motorcycle skills test (Lollipop test). This is a much friendlier consumer approach as well helping on road safety – roughly 26% of all motorcycle accidents has an unlicensed motorcyclist involved.

Elections are coming up, June 7th, and we will have a recommended list of Motorcycle Friendly Candidates for your Opposition or Support!

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Thank you,

Sporty Milligan Chairman of the Board

Politics – Legislative: Bills At A Glance (Continued)

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and grant recipients to administer the driving demonstration portion of an exam to receive a license to drive a motorcycle, as specified. The bill would require the program to last 5 years and require a minimum of 25% of motorcycle safety program service providers and grant recipient sites to participate in the program. (Supporting)

SB 894 Jones (R – San Diego) Off-Highway Vehicles:

This bill would require, for the issuance or renewal of a competition identification, a specified configuration for the vehicle identification number and product identification number for an off-highway motor vehicle or ATV that is model year 2022 or later and is used solely for competition not on a public highway. This bill would require that a competition motorcycle display that identification plate or device on the left side of the motorcycle, commencing January 1, 2024. (Supporting)

AB 958 Gibson (D – Los Angeles) Peace Officers: Law Enforcement Gangs:

This bill would define a law enforcement gang, a group of law enforcement officers within an agency that engages in a pattern of specified unlawful or unethical on-duty behavior, and would require law enforcement agencies to have a policy prohibiting law enforcement gangs and making participation, as specified, in a law enforcement gang grounds for termination. The bill would require an agency to disclose an officer's termination for involvement in a law enforcement gang to another law enforcement agency conducting a preemployment background investigation of that officer, as specified.

**Signed into Law*

SR-41 Caballero (D – Salinas) Motorcycle Profiling

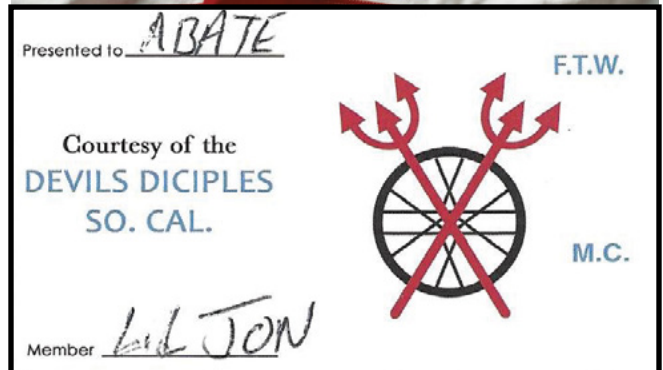
According to the Department of Motor Vehicles, there were 857,273 motorcycles registered in California in 2019. Motorcycle profiling is the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States. Rallies to raise awareness and combat motorcycle profiling have been held in multiple states and six times at the California State Capitol since 2011. (Support)

**Passed Senate Floor Unanimously 39-0 on 7/12/21*

SB What? AB Where?

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

Membership Report

by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

It's May and time to start your quest for finding new members for the Membership Drive. Hope you are carrying the membership cards with you wherever you go.

Also, a reminder that you should be selling those Membership Funding special raffle tickets. After you have sold some of your tickets, send them to the new State office address: ABATE of California, PO Box 15, La Verne CA 91750. Hopefully we will get all of the allotted tickets sold and sent into the state office post office box. To those that have sold tickets, I thank you very much.

Whenever you approach a prospective new member, you should have a game plan. Something that will interest them enough to sign-up or come to a Local meeting. You might use our lane splitting bill of a few years back and the latest anti-profiling bill success, SB-41, as ways to get them interested in our organization. To sum up, be presentable and talk knowledgeably about ABATE and you have a chance of signing-up a new member. Do your best to look for prospective new members for ABATE and remember to carry those membership cards with you. Till next month, good luck.

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Locals Report

Local #01 Los Angeles

Hello all in ABATE! After our meeting mix up last month, our meeting for April was changed to the 10th of April. The original date was the 17th, but that's Easter. So, it was again at the 44 club house. We had 7 members at the meeting plus about 4 of the 44 members. It was a standard meeting with the usual information. PAC issues were first up on the meeting agenda because that's what we are - a motorcycle rights group.

After the discussion of political issues, partially anti-profiling on the State and Federal level, I tried to encourage members to attend ABATE events. Then it was the members turn to bring up stuff. One of the members, Larry Sheldon aka "no neck", brought the fact that the meetings are a tad bit standard (this is not a first time issue). How to solve this dilemma?

So, at our May meeting we're having a barbeque after the meeting and inviting both club and non-club members to attend.

The intent is to interest people in becoming new members of ABATE and to inform everyone on the issues that matter - anti-profiling and the sound bill proposal. So, we'll see how that materializes.

Before our next meeting, I'm going to Local 38's Stimulus Run on May 7th in El Central. I am making it an over-nighter, Friday and Saturday.

Till next time, be safe, attend ABATE Runs & Events and don't forget to support ABATE Business Members!

Sporty Milligan, President ABATE Local 1

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As we take care of the finishing touches on Run For The Wall, we are also kicking off our BIG fundraiser effort for the year. There are two parts to this, and one significant beneficiary. Santa Claus Inc. (SCI) of Chaffey District is a charity that provides gifts for parents to select and give their children for Christmas, without the children knowing that there was a charity involved at all.

Unlike most such charities, there is one thing that makes SCI stand out from them. Throughout the year they accept donations of USED toys. They have a staff of true Santa's Elves that go through them and painstakingly restore them to like new condition to be able to give them out to children. For example, if they get a Monopoly game that is missing some pieces, they will get another that is missing different pieces, and combine them to create a complete game. Then they will clean it up and make it like new. Then they will pair that Monopoly game with some books and a few other items and make it one single gift. They may get a used doll. They clean it up to be like new. They may add a cradle made by one of their elves. They add a blanket made by another elf. And, of course, kit the doll set with some books and other items and there is a great gift. Each child they benefit gets A gift. But depending on how many large items they get in any given year, paired with the number of children in need that get signed up, they also have larger "family gifts". Maybe every seventh child will be eligible for their parent to select a family gift. Our roll in family gifts is that we provide bicycles and helmets that are used as one family gift. It is our belief that the child's bike is the gateway drug to riding a motorcycle as an adult. And as an organization about motorcycle rights, we want to start these children off on the right path to joining us on the road.

The first part of our effort to support SCI is the bicycle drive. We collect funds to purchase the bikes through a special program with Huffy. For the last several years we have been donating at least 100 bikes per year. However, because of COVID, both the availability and price of bikes has become a problem. To secure inventory we need to order now to have them when we need them. AND the price has nearly doubled. That means we have lowered our target to 50, unless we can get some significant input of donations for this effort soon.

The second part of our effort to Support SCI is a Toy Drive event... This year will be the 34th Annual Toy Run. This is a static event where people ride in, donate toys, enjoy some music, food and vendors... and with our latest location... even get a tour of SCI to see what they are all about. We are in the early stages of planning and signing up vendors.


So if you know anyone, or would like to help in any way, don't hesitate to contact us. You can reach me directly at (909) 919-0783 – cell.

Local #38 Imperial Valley


Hello ABATE members. We are gearing up for our local 38 Stimulus run on May 7th 2022 starting at Coyne Power sports. They will be serving breakfast for the participants which is amazing. We will be giving away a total of \$1000. Most of our stops are at businesses that support us, like the Lazy Lizard Saloon in Ocotillo. Should be a fun ride this run is also a membership drive. Join ABATE and ride for free. In the next BW report we will have the list of winners. At our monthly meeting we will be discussing the Turkey and Toy runs. Help us plan these runs. We need your input. Get informed about issues that affect your right to ride. Rocio Green does a great job of listing motorcycle events in the Imperial and Yuma valleys at ivmoto.com. see you down the road stay safe.


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Sporty's Rides

Hi All! Your scribe Sporty with the vibes. I will start out by reminding you that you have to get busy and work to get HR 366, the Anti-Profiling Bill, more co- sponsors. That's if you want to end unnecessary profiling of your clubs. We have been having a serious apathy problem with California bikers. So, it's time to take a stand and get your congressman to be a co-sponsor of HR 366.

It's simple because the Motorcycle Rights Foundation (MRF) had a call to action. Put "mrf call to action hr366 anti-profiling resolution" in your browser and it will pull up the call-to-action site. Once there, you fill out your name, address & zip code. You will be directed to the congressman of your zip code. You sign the pre signed letter and it gets sent to your California congressman. It's pretty simple to do this. Only take a few minutes of your time. Hopefully we can get more than four congressmen to become co- sponsors.

My next concern is a proposal by state Senator Anthony Portantino, SB 1079 Vehicle Sound Activated Enforcement Devices. This bill would give law enforcement the ability to use sound devices - decibel reader machine - to go after what they feel is illegal pipes. We have to stop this bill from becoming a reality.

Failure to take action, we lose our ability to keep bad laws from happening. If you snooze you lose. So be prepared to fight for your rights. That's my political rant.

I have been riding my bike a long time, so long that my 2002 883/1200 wore out the ignition module. Once again Born Free Cycle in Burbank to the rescue. After spending close to a \$1000 to get it replaced, I hope I don't have to spend any more money any time soon.

You have been updated on my bike status. So, what have I been doing bike ride wise you might be wondering? Well, I usually do the HOG Chapter breakfast in Canoga Park, but it was canceled, so that day, April 2nd, was a visit to an AA meeting at the hall I go to in San Fernando.

The next day I went to my club, the Shaggers, meeting in Lancaster at their club house. It's a bit of a ride to the meeting. I left early enough so I would make the meeting on time. That was good. After the meeting I cruised over to Antelope Valley HD and dropped off some Bailing Wires. Sweet.

While I was there, I inquired about the price of a new 48 Sportster and to my surprise it was over \$15,500 out the door!



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The following Saturday I went back to Antelope Valley HD for the Veterans Run. The club went on a poker run that was fun even though it was really windy. The route was the Rock Store, a stop in Rosamond and two stops in Lancaster before going back to the dealership. When we got back to the dealership there was a car and bike show going on. After saying good bye to my club members, I left and had a pleasant lunch in Acton at Jack in the Box then dropped off club run flyers at Santa Clarita HD. Had a cup of coffee. Then cruised home.

The next day, Sunday, April 10th, had an ABATE Local1 meeting (see Local 1 report for details).

Well that covers my month. The bike is fixed, I did some easy runs and life goes on for Sporty Milligan, Sporty's Rides Scribe

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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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MOTORCYCLISTS HELP OUT UKRAINE

Motorcycle brands across the spectrum of biking are coming together to assist people affected by the Russian invasion of neighboring Ukraine, while multiple manufacturers have announced they will no longer sell bikes or supply parts to people in Russia, including Harley-Davidson, Suzuki and Honda, which is donating one million Euros to the Japanese Red Cross as humanitarian support for Ukrainians suffering through the enemy occupation.

Joining in on a growing list of economic sanctions, Yamaha, BMW, and Polaris have also halted exports to Russia in the wake of the ongoing crisis.

Ural publicly called for an end to the hostilities, while Timur Sardarov, the Russian CEO of MV Agusta, described the "horrific atrocities... conducted by the Russian regime" as the "biggest tragedy in his 40 years of existence" in an open letter. Both incredibly brave moves by Russian owned businesses.

There have also been moves from motorcycling groups from around the world to condemn Russia's militaristic actions. Europe's FIM (The Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) has suspended all Russian and Belrusian riders' licenses, with the British ACU (Auto Cycle Union) joining them in applying the same suspension for the UK. The FIM have also cancelled three MXGP rounds of racing that were due to take place in Russia.

E.U. BANS MOTORCYCLE EXPORTS TO RUSSIA

The European Union officially enacted additional trade restrictions on exports to Russia, in light of the latter nation's February 2022 invasion of Ukraine, including a ban on the export of European motorcycles and/or parts with values over 5,000 Euros. The measure

comes as part of a list of additional prohibitions and restrictions on Russia as it continues this assault.

The motorcycle pronouncement, along with other decisions, were published in the Official Journal of the European Union on March 15, 2022 and, in accordance with the E.U.'s rules of governance, these rules immediately went into effect as of that publication date.

The new rules address energy sector concerns, importation of iron and steel products, and matters concerning European luxury goods and their export to Russia. "Motorcycles" specifically come up on the "luxury goods" list, which also includes horses, wines, cigars, perfumes, clothing, jewelry, precious metals and stones, electronics, and yachts.

U.S. TRAFFIC FATALITIES / FATALITY RATE HIGHEST IN A DECADE

On March 2, 2022, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration released its 2020 Annual Traffic Crash Data, revealing the highest number of lives lost on U.S. roadways since 2007, despite fewer miles traveled.

While the number of crashes and traffic injuries declined overall, fatal crashes increased by 6.8%, with 38,824 fatalities nationwide. The fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled increased to 1.34, a 21% increase from 2019 and again the highest rate since 2007.

In some good news, the estimated number of police-reported crashes in 2020 decreased by 22% as compared to 2019, and the estimated number of people injured declined by 17%.

In 45% of fatal crashes, the drivers of passenger vehicles were engaged in at least one of the following risky behaviors: speeding (up 17%), alcohol impairment (up 14%), or not wearing a seat belt (up 14%).

Fatalities amongst all vulnerable road users was up across the board; Motorcyclist fatalities up 11% (highest number since first data collection in 1975), Bicyclist fatalities up 9.2% (highest number since 1987), and Pedestrian fatalities up 3.9% (highest number since 1989).

Obviously 2020 was a uniquely anomalous year, with a global pandemic affecting every facet of everyday life, but it's troubling to see such increased carnage even with less travel.

Total vehicle miles traveled (VMT) decreased by 11% in 2020, from 3,261,772 million to 2,903,622 million.

ARIZONA LEGISLATURE APPROVES LANE FILTERING

Lane Splitting and Lane Filtering bills are popping up more frequently, and if Senate Bill 1273 is signed into law by Arizona's Governor Doug Ducey (R), it would be a welcome relief for riders stuck in Phoenix traffic on a 110-degree day.

While "Lane Splitting" allows motorcyclists to ride between moving lanes of traffic, like California has allowed for many years, the term "Lane Filtering" allows riders to move between stopped traffic such as riding to the front of traffic at a stop light.

Arizona's neighbor, Utah, made headlines in 2019 when it adopted lane filtering, and Montana legalized filtering in March of last year. Oregon came close to legalizing filtering last year, but the bill was stopped by the governor's veto.

The allowed filtering described in Arizona SB 1273 is similar to Utah's, with riders able to filter to the front on multi-lane roads, between two lanes going in the same direction, where the speed limit is 45 mph or less and surrounding traffic is stopped, and riding no faster than 15 mph.

Arizona's bill, passed by the state legislature and awaiting their governor's

approval, is the latest in a trend towards Utah-style lane filtering over California-style lane splitting. This popular compromise allows motorcyclists to move through the worst parts of traffic, but in a milder method than the lane splitting practiced in many other parts of the world.

NEW HAMPSHIRE LEGISLATOR CLAIMS BEING PROFILED FOR RIDING A MOTORCYCLE

While testifying in support of House Bill 1000, which would prohibit profiling of motorcycle riders by law enforcement, House Speaker Sherman Packard suggested he was profiled during a traffic stop several years ago in New Hampshire.

Packard (R-Londonderry), who is the highest-ranking member of the Republican majority, testified in the Public Hearing that he was stopped on Route 1A in Rye, N.H. about nine years ago. "I was in a pack of motorcycles and was the only one stopped by an officer," he testified.

Packard said he was told by the officer he had passed a car on a double yellow line. He said he denied it, and the officer then told Packard he was riding on the double yellow line, which he again denied doing. He said he was detained for about 20 minutes, indicating he felt it was a case of profiling because he was a motorcycle rider. He also said he did not know why the other motorcycle riders he was with were not stopped.

Sherm Packard, a longtime motorcycle rider and champion of bikers' rights, was a founding member of the NCOM Legislative Task Force and developed the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' informational brochure "A Biker's Guide to Getting Elected to Public Office".

Packard is also a cosponsor of HB 1000, which was voted out of the House on March 11th with an "Ought to Pass" recommendation.

MOTORCYCLES ARE GOOD FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY

A new study shows that motorcyclists are less stressed and more fulfilled than car drivers.

The scientific study originally set about trying to find out if bikers were constantly riding in fear of being involved in an accident, but inadvertently proved the opposite! The results center around a certain hormone called Cortisol that is released in the brain when we become anxious, finding that bikers produce 28% less Cortisol during testing than drivers on the same course.

The study was conducted by The Institute of Neuroscience and Human Behaviour (INHB) in a controlled manner, with 50 motorcyclists and 50 car drivers making their way around a closed course for 20-minutes. During this time, the team measured the user's heart rate, Cortisol, and adrenaline levels, and monitored brain activity.

Results indicated that when riding, the subjects experienced increased sensory focus and resilience to distraction. Riding also produced an increase in adrenaline levels and heart rate, and a decrease in Cortisol levels -- the kind of results you often get after a light exercise session, which also is a stress reducer.

The news regarding the mental well-being of motorcyclists goes hand in hand with a study that found that riding a motorcycle can burn anywhere between 170-600 calories an hour -- as much as an hour at the gym -- making motorcycles good for your mind and body!

2022 NCOM CONVENTION - NEW DATES & LOCATION ANNOUNCED

Mark your Ride Calendar NOW for the upcoming 37th annual NCOM Convention to be held June 17th - 19th, 2022 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, located at 10 Century Blvd. in Nashville, Tennessee (615/871-0033 for room reservations).

Concerned riders from across the nation will attend, to learn and share information and experiences regarding mutual topics of concern. All motorcyclists are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to preserve Freedom of the Road.

Agenda items will cover legal and legislative issues, with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.

So, plan now to be part of one of the largest gatherings of motorcyclists' rights advocates in the world. For more information, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

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What Happens THERE, Starts With Us...

By Jeff Bassler, President, Local 19

Many of you are aware of an event called Rolling Thunder, which involves over ten thousand motorcycles riding from The Pentagon to the Vietnam Memorial Wall on Memorial Day weekend. Well, Rolling Thunder, although a separate "event", actually starts in California... More specifically, within the area of ABATE of CA, Local 19.

When it starts here, it is called Run For The Wall (RFTW). It used to start in Rancho Cucamonga, but around 10 years ago it moved to Ontario, near Ontario International Airport (ONT). This year a good 1,000 riders will assemble in the wee hours of Wednesday, May 18 for a gathering. Then they start a ride to Washington D.C. They break into three groups for departure. One group starts their journey out Interstate 10, taking "The Southern Route". Another group starts up Interstate 15, all the way to Interstate 70 in Utah, then east. This is known as "The Central Route". And the newest route is known as "The Midway Route" which goes up Interstate 15 to Interstate 40 in Barstow, then east.

As these rides move eastward, their numbers swell. They flag up bikes to ride through small towns. They participate in patriotic events at schools and other venues along the way. Many of these get quite emotional. And they ride long hours, all to be sure that they reach Washington D.C. in time to participate in Rolling Thunder.

That is pretty cool, but what does it have to do with ABATE? For decades Local 19 has had the opportunity to provide coffee and doughnuts for all the riders as they assemble. Members start brewing coffee around midnight to be sure they can produce enough for the masses. A local doughnut shop gives us a bulk discount, and we have enough to cover several tables. We want them to have a safe ride, and coffee is an important part in making sure they are awake and alert. And the doughnut calories help fuel them through to the first gas stop.

We do this 100% at the expense to the Local, and do not charge anyone for the coffee or doughnuts. This is a service to the riding community and it puts the ABATE name out there in a positive light to many who have never heard of us. We are just starting to budget funds for the 2022 RFTW. If you would like to help out, you can Zelle a contribution to Local 19 using our treasurer's email address of ThumperEvilTwin@aol.com. And if you are participating in RFTW, be sure to stop by and say "hi!" You won't be able to miss us...



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Executive Directors Report

by Rick Robison, Executive Director

Happy Motorcycle Awareness Month!

ABATE members, I just want to make sure that everyone is aware of a couple of things.

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. With warmer weather, it's time to remind everyone to be on the alert and to share the road with motorcyclists.

Riders who have been cooped up all winter are excited to be out on the road again, but that shouldn't stop them from using caution.

Both motorcyclists and motorists need to be aware of their surroundings. Checking blind spots, mirrors and using turn signals are necessary when changing lanes and when passing.

Distracted driving has been on the rise, too. Distractions during driving could mean the difference between seeing a motorcyclist, or not, when preparing to change lanes. Don't let one text change anyone's life forever!

Riders need to take precautions as well. Take a defensive driving course, wear protective gear and keep your bike in its best working condition. Also, be aware of any road hazards and dangerous weather conditions. For more information visit www.nhtsa.gov/safety/motorcycles.

Tips for Riders:

1. Be visible. Motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles, so wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet. Always have your headlight on, day and night, and avoid riding in blind spots of cars and trucks. If possible, flash your brake light when slowing down and before stopping.

2. Pretend you are invisible. If you assume others on the road can't see you, and any car that can hit you will hit you, you will tend to ride in a hyper-aware mindset and learn to notice every detail in your surroundings. Take extra responsibility for your safety and ride defensively.

3. Gear up every ride. Wear proper riding gear from head to toe. Full-face helmets provide the best protection, and

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4. Use good street strategies. Constantly search the road for changing conditions and use the Search-Evaluate-Execute strategy (SEE) to assess and respond to hazards before you have to react to an emergency.

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April Fools Us

By Norm E. Newiger

What does April Fools do for us? We get one day a year, April 1st, to be foolish. I think it's abused, not for the one day, but it seems a lot of people take advantage of it and are foolish most days of the year anyway – I'm being polite, I'd say stupid instead.

But it's more than human nature, it's mother nature and her unpredictable weather days that will keep you guessing until May. I love and hate April weather because it goes from 55 degrees to 90 degrees in one day.

We've invented side bags, back packs, wearing of multiple layers of clothing, heated socks, chaps, artic motorcycle clothing, heated seats, cup holders (drinking hot coffee while riding) for them fairing riders, heated gloves, winter face masks and anything else that I couldn't think of.

All in all, it's leaning towards preparation by dressing two different ways. It's cold and will get colder and it's hot and will get colder. Coming out of winter our weather is still so unpredictable like it's trying to find its groove but can't. The best weather info is not a 100%, they will admit it, because it happens!

Here's a true scenario me and my buddy had before, it was foolish I'll admit, but we got the riding bug and bam! Just like that we were riding fast and hard to the mountains above San Berdoo on the back side. The mountain zones are great for riding. I found out that mountains have two temperature zones. North side and South side. Depending on what side you're on, in some areas it cools down 20 – 30 degrees or more when the sun goes down, especially in the high mountain zones or on the coast. Do you prepare for these changes of temperatures or do you grind it out?

I have been caught in the Big Bear forests at sunset and the temperatures change fast, as soon as the sun goes down it's suddenly jacket time. Me and my bud got caught and nearly froze our asses off while riding down the back side of the mountains – it was a race we were forced into. We never thought about checking out the weather conditions because it was still summer, at least in our city 150 miles away. As soon as the sun was eclipsing the mountains, we felt it. As soon as the shade hit us, so did the weather change. We hopped on our bikes and rode as fast as we could. We thought the high desert would warm us up, but it didn't. We rode even faster because we thought being cold for a shorter time would be best. It wasn't until we reached Little Rock that it started warming up. We stopped for some hot coffee and laughed at ourselves. We both had saddle bags and nothing in them! We were prepared for the hot day and didn't think about bringing a jacket or extra layers of clothes. It was definitely a mistake.

I guess you can say we learned the hard way, to grind it out while practically freezing as we rode. It hurt really bad and I had to focus on riding even more because I was feeling thick and sluggish. I knew we had no other choice because the back roads were dark and they had no asphalt shoulders to pull over onto, and the sand/dirt shoulders just didn't look good enough for me while riding at a fast speed – so fast I can't tell you because it

would be an admission to guilt! As we rode south past Palmdale it warmed up and I was thinking to myself how unprepared I was. We didn't plan this road trip, we just decided to go thinking it's all good.

My favorite riding zones are the high desert (not when it's blazing hot) and the mountains. Now that I know how to plan them out, being prepared is now my first agenda. I am always fully prepared. Knowing where I'm going and checking the local weather report and road conditions, especially when the season starts changing when you're going somewhere that has climate changes during the day to the evening. With all the modern technology out there it's very simple to do.

My cell phone is the best pocket companion that one could want. With all the apps it has, all I need to do is remember to bring it with me. You all know you have the whole wide world at your access pretty much anywhere you ride. When I think about it, my cell phone is actually a tool that I use, you could even claim it as a safety device, with all of its features and apps, you just can't go wrong. I, like many others, have made that techno jump even though I'm considered an old fart of a distant generation. If I have modern day technology issues, I have kids that can easily square me away.

I just explained innocent foolishness, but if you get on YouTube and other media platforms, you will see all kinds of fools doing foolish things. This may sound weird, but there are people out there trying to be the stupidest fools of them all. It's not slowing down or stopping. It's from easy foolish behavior to tragic accidents.

Out of anger we call our self idiot, fool, stupid or we are yelled at for being stupid, idiot, or fool. Whether you're successful or fail at something while on your motorcycle ALL people take notice. Some people may Ooh or Aah. You and some might say look at that dumb ass (or any of the 3 words mentioned before). Then again, you might get a ticket from someone that can.

I look at our democratic system of fairness (I'm tripping) and wonder why my insurance is so expensive or why do we have laws that infringe on our freedom, them stupid fools!!! It makes you think about what they have caused, mass punishment comes to mind. Just saying! So, this is what I have learned and I know it to be true, the actions of a few, penalizes the majority.

Through my experience I know where I stand and how good of a rider I am, even though I had many accidents when I was young (I started riding when I was around 13). It was a learning process and lucky for me nothing serious, but I had a few friends that weren't as lucky as I was, they are fully decomposed by now. Serious stuff for being either stupid or foolish!

Why do we feel like we have to show off? It's got its place and moment, but for the most part it's very abused because a lot of riders lack experience and practice. Think about it- it takes repetitive practice to master some of the stuff out there. Then there's the one that thinks he or she can do it on a whim and you know what happens – he or she gets famous on YouTube! This is the state of motorcycle enjoyment we're in. None of the old where

yer hog was stripped down for the dirt oval track seeing who could best you. When you have discernment, you'll know your limitations, it's a fact.

Every year is critical nowadays with the always new technology and new automotive technology. We are advancing faster than safety technology and that really bugs me because cars and trucks are first. They are the priority because motorcyclists are the smallest minority when considering all vehicles that travel on all roads and highways. For motorcyclists we're under the microscope of life and it is being defined by the few and not the majority. When I think about motorcycle safety, it's about knowing where you stand as far as experience goes. Even though we can be the safest rider out there, there will be times when someone else will prove you wrong by accident, no fault of yours. It's just the way it is - the motorcycle life in today's modern world.

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