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Lobbyist's Report
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Not since I started as a Lobbyist in 1970, yes Ronald Reagan was Governor of California, have I seen a crazier Legislative Session! Over 2,200 bills were introduced to start the 2020 Session and fewer than 500 will make it to Governor Newsom's desk by the September 1st deadline. The fewest bills sent to a Governor probably since the 1960's. Usually, on average, over 1800 head there with 80-90% being signed into Law.

The Legislature has been in and out of session since the pandemic hit in mid-March, to allow social distancing. As many of you know from your trips up to Sacramento to testify, Committee hearings have been on the Assembly Floor not in Committee rooms.

For us to enter the Capital, we enter on the North gate wearing a mask, have our temperature taken and then we are escorted to the elevator, one person allowed in at a time. After arriving at the proper floor to go to Committee we are escorted by another Sargent to the Gallery, assigned to a specific seat and wait until we are called. Once we testify, and after our bill is heard, we are escorted back to the elevator, one person per elevator, head down to the first floor and then walked to the nearest exit. "Fun times" in Sacramento!

There are still 500 plus bills to track, many

of which are being completely GUTTED and brand new bill language inserted! Stay tuned for Alerts, if we find anymore detrimental bills for ABATE! We will be focused on letters to the Governor asking for a Veto should the time arise.

One Bill we are supporting, SB 1024 Jones as Cosponsors is still alive and moving! It allows for "Red Stickered" Competition Off Road racing bikes to be sold in California and used in training/practicing for adults and kiddos to race in California! This includes use on all Bureau of Land Management and US Department of Forestry Lands. A big win for us, despite last minute opposition from the usual Environmental Community! Letters of support to the Governor will be needed, we will send out an alert with the pertinent information as to how and where to send your emails.

We are working with our Executive Director, Mark Loudermilk, to develop a list (ENDORSEMENTS) of Motorcycling Supporting Legislators and Candidates for the next Bailing Wire since the Mail in Ballots will be out at the same time as our October Edition.

Thanks for financially supporting the Dedicated Lobbyist Fund!

Matt "Preacher" Hegg L#3



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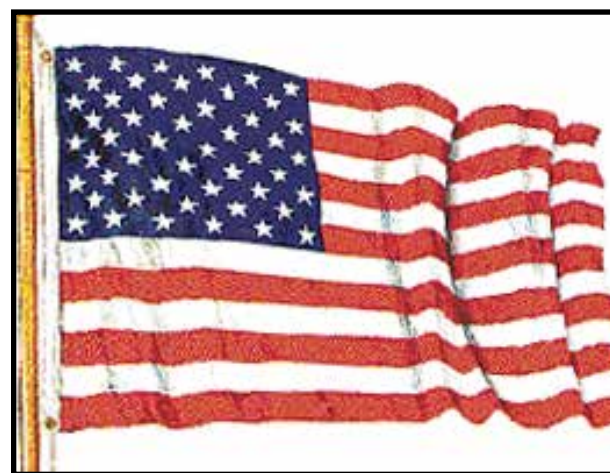


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What is ABATE?

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

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Executive Director Report

by Mark Loudermilk,
Executive Director

Hot enough for ya? Eh? I live in the Inland Empire and it has been toasty, but nothing like the desert areas. A reminder is in order to keep hydrated. And hydration doesn't start the morning of your ride. You need to start your fluid intake a few days before you hit the road to allow it to get into your system. Dehydration is a sneaky problem and can be upon you and affecting your judgement before you know it. Take it seriously and be safe.

We are still living under the restrictions of this Wuhan Covid19 virus which has all but eliminated our ability to have runs, bike nights and all of our fundraising events. I heard it asked if ABATE was shut down. NO, we are not shut down. Most of the venues where we have our monthly Local meeting are not available. But some Locals are meeting at member's homes, some are meeting online in Zoom meetings or Free Conference Call, and still others are finding and meeting at places with outdoor facilities like Local 20 meeting at Cook's Corner.

Our State office is busy with the regular activity of keeping ABATE running and getting this Bailing Wire printed and delivered. Our lobbyist is hard at work in Sacramento tracking bills, meeting with legislators watching out for our rights and solidifying relationships with existing friends and making new friends. Life for ABATE is going on as usual excepting our ability to put on fund raisers.

Plus, we are gathering and compiling the responses from the questionnaire we sent to every candidate for State Senate and Assembly. We anticipate sending out our recommendations the first or second week of September. If you are voting by mail you may want to wait for the voters' guide before you send it in. Once compiled, the guide will be distributed to ABATE members by an email blast, just like you receive the Bailing Wire each month.



I would encourage you all to do your research. Our recommendations will be based on their response to our questionnaire, but in this election there are many other important issues to consider. Find out where the candidates stand and what they support and oppose. Do not trust the MSM to give you unbiased and complete information.

So, in closing, ABATE is still working for you. Our group activities have been curtailed some, but the organization is working to educate, promote safety, and protect our rights. Take this time to support our business members. They are struggling now so patronize them, let them know you are with ABATE, and thank them for supporting us. Better times are ahead.

Respectfully, Mark

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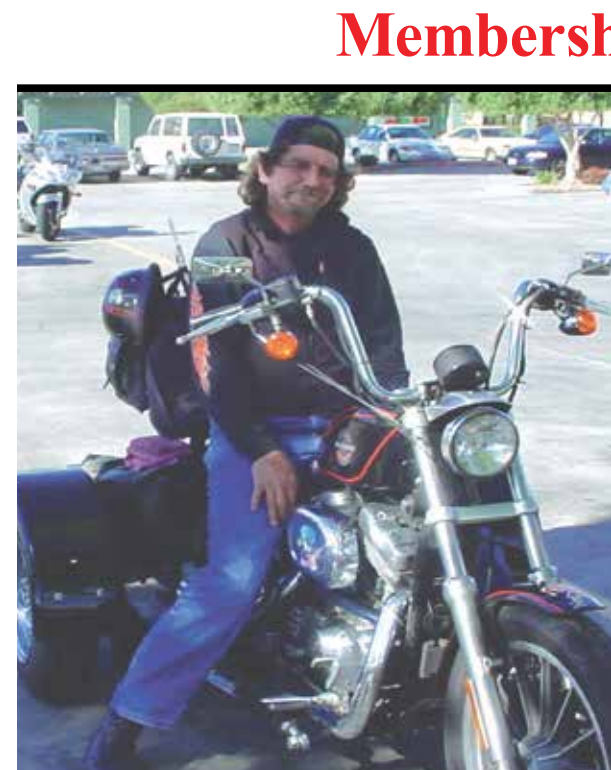
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by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi All! The news is scary with the corona-virus still looming large on the California front. Now you might ask just what does this have to do with ABATE memberships? Well it goes something like

2020 ABATE of CA Freedom Fighter Nominations

Know someone that goes above and beyond for the organization? Nominate them for the 2020 Freedom Fighter award. Candidates for the ABATE of California Freedom Fighter for 2020 need to be emailed in by September 15th, 2020. Please write something about your nominee describing their contributions to promoting ABATE's aims and purposes along with a photo in (.jpg) format. Email your nomination to bailing.wire@abate.org.

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

this: The pandemic has caused the Locals to cancel any runs or events. At this point the Locals are struggling to keep their members together. One suggestion is to get the presidents and membership chairs to reach out and encourage members up for renewal to renew their memberships.

On the state level, ABATE is helping the Locals with their financial issues. Please let me know if you need me to help reach out to your renewals to sorta booster moral.

If you have any membership questions, or you have some ways to improve our membership program, email me at williammilligan285@yahoo.com. All suggestions are welcome. Remember to scout for new members for the membership drive! The membership raffle drawing is in October at the 4th quarterly Board of Directors meeting.

Your faithful Membership Chairman,
Sporty Milligan.

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Latest Legislative Information From ABATE



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In addition to AB 2761, Abate of California is proposing two other bills for our elected official's to consider this year. Our first bill would require DMV to allow rider's to take both the M/C skill's test and their DMV written exam during their CHP certified M/C training classes. After a rider successfully completes and passes both tests the school would submit the information to DMV and they would issue a valid M/C endorsement card by mail to the rider that is valid for the duration of their current California drivers license. Upon license renewal the M/C endorsement would then be added to their new license thereby saving the student the time and expense associated with visiting and testing at their local DMV office.

Our second bill would seek to exempt all M/C riders and especially our Military Veteran riders from being accessed a toll fee when traveling on a toll road within the state of California.

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SB-1024 Jones Off-highway vehicles: This bill would exempt specially constructed motor vehicles operated solely in organized racing or competitive events upon a closed course from the identification device requirement for motor vehicles operated exclusively off the highways. The bill would repeal provisions relating to special transportation identification devices for motorcycles and corresponding fees, and would make other related conforming changes. The bill would additionally provide that competition all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are not exempt from identification. **Currently in Assembly Appropriations**

***SB-1147 Glazer State park system: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area:** This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would preserve the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area for conservation purposes. **Gut & Amend Candidate like 2019, which we defeated last time – Held in Rules Committee**

***SB-1032 Allen State parks: Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission:** This bill would make the creation of the commission permanent by deleting the January 1, 2023, repeal date. The bill would require the commission members to instead have expertise in and represent off-highway vehicle recreation, environmental protection, motorized access to non-motorized recreation, law enforcement, environmental restoration, public health and safety, rural landowners and residents, biological or soil specialization, or the public at-large. **Trailer Bill Candidate, August Budget Revise. Protecting makeup of Commission to be Rider Friendly. Held in Senate Natural Resources & Water**

SB-1351 Beall Department of Transportation: ~~state highways~~ (Amended) Planning: This bill would prohibit the director from approving an allocation of an amount greater than 5% of a transportation planning agency's annual revenues. Existing law authorizes certain statutorily created transportation planning agencies to allocate up to 3% of their annual revenues for transportation planning and programming pro-

cesses, and alternatively authorizes the allocation of a greater amount upon approval by the Director of Transportation

This bill would require those rules and regulations to be updated at least every 4 calendar years to reflect changes to the operators' transfer policies, payment methods, and any other relevant policy changes. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above. **In Assembly Appropriations**

AB-1964 Frazier Autonomous vehicles: This bill would expand the definition of the term "autonomous vehicle" to also include a remotely operated vehicle, defined as a specified type of vehicle that is capable of being operated by a driver or operator that is not inside of the vehicle. The bill would instead specify that a vehicle is not an autonomous vehicle if it is equipped with a collision avoidance system that is not capable of driving the vehicle without the active control or monitoring of a human operator that is seated in the driver's seat of the vehicle. **Trailer Bill Candidate, August Budget Revise. Held in Committee**

AB-2121 Friedman Traffic safety: This bill would require, beginning June 1, 2022, and every 6 months thereafter, Caltrans to convene a committee of external design experts to advise on revisions to the Highway Design Manual. This bill would extend the period of time a prima facie speed limit may be justified by an engineering and traffic survey, as specified, if a registered engineer evaluates the section of the highway and finds that there has been an increase in traffic-related crashes. **Trailer Bill Candidate, August Budget Revise. Held in Assembly Transportation**

AB-2225 Grayson Smog check: exemption: historic vehicles: This bill would exempt motor vehicles that have been issued with the specialty plate described above from the requirement that it be inspected biennially upon registration. **Trailer Bill Candidate, August Budget Revise. Held in Assembly Transportation**

***AB-2551 Bauer-Kahan 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. **Gut & Amend Candidate like 2019, which we defeated by Lobbying Governor. Hearing Canceled at the Request of the Author**

***AB-2761 Gallagher Off-highway vehicles: reciprocity:** This bill would permit application of that exception only if the other state recognizes an identification plate or device issued by the department as valid for use in that state. By narrowing the exception, the bill would expand the scope of an existing crime and would therefore impose a state-mandated local program. **Trailer Bill Candidate, August Budget Revise. Held in Assembly Transportation**

***AB-2785 Cervantes Vehicles: off-highway vehicles (Spot):** This bill would delete obsolete provisions relating to the report, and would make other technical, nonsubstantive changes. **Gut & Amend Candidate. Not Assigned**

AB-3311 Grayson Vehicles: insurance: This bill would increase the amount of liability insurance coverage an owner or operator of a motor vehicle is required to maintain to \$30,000 for bodily injury or death of one person, \$60,000 for bodily injury or death of all persons, and \$25,000 for damage to the property of others as a result of any one accident. This bill would make conforming changes to the definition of "proof of financial responsibility" for purposes of the provisions described above. **Trailer Bill Candidate, August Budget Revise. Held in Committee**

***Protect Motorcycle Safety Fund and Off-Highway Vehicle from Trailer Bills/August Revise (After Taxes are Collected July 15 since April Deadline was postponed). We protected the Accounts so far through June Budget Vote – no money was stolen or defunded!**

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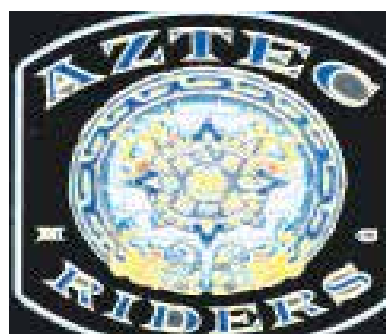
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ATTN: ABATE OF CA MEMBERSHIP

Our 22nd Annual ABATE of California Membership Drive Raffle Drawing

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ABATE of CA needs a State Treasurer (ST.) Training to be provided and term would start in 2020. If interested, please contact Mark Loudermilk (951) 599-5234. The ST is responsible for keeping a complete, accurate account of all ABATE monies. The ST shall furnish a quarterly internal financial statement and distribute to the Board of Directors. The ST also provides additional reports when required. Other duties include the preparation and filing of taxes, keeping track of ABATE’s tax and corporate status, as well as providing guidelines and assistance to Locals when needed. The ST reports directly to the Board of Directors.

LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Greetings All! ABATE Local 1 is still having meetings. We have not been able to do the meetings at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga, but we are getting together on line with Zoom.

The Zoom meetings have been brought together by Local 1 Business member, Tom Jones, who is President of the SCV Chapter of Messengers of Recovery. Thank you, Tom!

Regarding Local 1 commitments to the state office, we have made our lobbyists and general funds commitments and are current for the month of August.

Local 1's August meeting will have discussions of our political issues - you can find a brief report of the bills on the front page of the Bailing Wire. Next, we will discuss how to try to raise funds for our treasury, then we'll discuss our Local 1 Facebook page and what we can do to make it better.

Our VP will do his report and I will then do the treasurer's report. Finally, I'll ask for questions from the members. After that we'll close the meeting.

Regards, Sporty Milligan, President ABATE Local 1

Local #08 Orange County



Howdy All! Local 8's Hawgette is taking some time off and I drew the short straw to write this month's Bailing Wire article.

We conducted our monthly meeting this week via freeconferencecall.com. We are finding these meetings to be very time efficient, not only in the length of the meeting, and we don't all have to ride or drive in. Attendance was good, though we didn't have a quorum. The only big thing we handled was

the decision, for the health and safety of all, to postpone participating in the Long Beach Swap Meet.

We will meet again on Monday, September 14th, at 7:30 p.m. For anyone who would like to log on, here is the meeting info: Access code: 895131 / Online meeting ID: santabeard / To join the online meeting: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/santabeard>.

Steve

Local #20 Orange County



Local 20 conducted their meeting on Wednesday, July 15th, at Cooks Corner in Trabuco Canyon. Eighteen individuals were in attendance. Various topics were discussed such as the social and financial challenges during these times of covid19.

Additional information was shared about bills and trailer bills and we were urged to complete the 2020 National Motorcycle Profiling Survey on the Motorcycle Profiling Project website.

The next Local 20 meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 12th, at Cooks Corner. Any questions regarding Local 20 meetings can be directed to President of Local 20, Rick Robison 714/315-1150.

Local #20 Orange County

Local #23 San Bernardino



Hello from Local 23 crew! We had our 1st regular meeting today, August 2nd, at our President's house in Yucaipa. Vicky's, our regular meeting spot, has been closed for months now and we don't know when they will reopen. Two weeks ago three of us got together my house for brk burritos and did a mini meeting.

Ron and Liz cooked up some fine grub, brk burritos and coffee. We had a good turnout - eight members! Came to order at 9:36 for the President's report.

Thanks to all who showed up for the Box-of-Love event. A lot of personal hygiene products were collected for the San Bernardino City Mission. There was good food to eat, raffle prizes and great fellowship. Thanks to all who supported ABATE.

V.P. Bosco does not see much activity in Sacramento this year, nothing in an election year.

Greg Burian

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members and Friends! I hope you are all safe and healthy. I want to thank Coyne Powersports for allowing us to hold meetings at their dealership.

At our August meeting we discussed upcoming runs. We will have a no-host breakfast run to Golden Acorn Casino on Labor Day, September 7th. We will leave the Imperial Ave Chevron Station in El Centro at 7 am.

We decided to wait till our September 19th meeting to discuss planning for our Turkey and Toy Runs.

Barbara and I attended Local 6's meeting. It was nice seeing other ABATE members plus the weather was much cooler than in El Centro.

So, on that note, try and stay cool and see you down the road.

Ed Aranda President ABATE Local 38

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ABATE Events for 2020

- You can also go to our website www.abate.org and Events Calendar to download available flyers.
- 2020 ABATE of CA Events that have been Cancelled and may be rescheduled:
- Local 3/13 – Leather Weather Run

Local 27 – 18th Annual Bare Necessities Run

NCOM Convention Indianapolis
- 2020 Events that have a firm Event date:
- September 7th – ABATE Local 38 – no host breakfast run to Golden Acorn Casino - leave the Imperial Ave Chevron Station in El Centro at 7 am

September 12th – ABATE Local 24 – Annual AMMO Run (see flyer this issue)

September 24th – 27th – MRF Meeting of the Minds (see flyer this issue)

October 10th – 4th Quarter Board Meeting - Piccadilly Inn Fresno (see flyer this issue)

October 17th – ABATE Local 17 – 9th Annual Poker Tournament (see flyer this issue)
- 2020 ABATE of CA Events that are tentatively scheduled:
- October – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo

October – ABATE Local 3/13 – 12th Annual

- Biker Trivia Run

November – ABATE Local 24 – 30th Annual Turkey Run

November – ABATE Local 38 – 23rd Annual Turkey Run

November – 30th Annual One More from the Heart

December 25th – ABATE Local 6 – Santa with the Kids

December – ABATE Local 19 – 32nd Annual Toy Run

December – ABATE Local 1 – 33rd Annual LA Toy Run with Glendale HD

December – ABATE Local 38 – Imperial Valley Los Ninos Toy Run
- Bike Nites:
- ABATE Local 3/13 – 1st Thursday of the month (See flyer in this issue)
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MISSOURI REPEALS HELMET LAW FOR MANY ADULT RIDERS: Missouri has become the 32nd state to repeal their all-rider helmet law when Governor Mike Parson (R) signed House Bill 1963 into law on July 14th; a massive transportation bill that includes a provision to allow adults to ride a motorcycle or trike without a helmet, provided they are at least 26 years old and have appropriate health insurance.

The new rules, which will go into effect August 28th, also restrict police from pulling over helmetless riders to check if they have the required health insurance.

Sponsored by GOP Representative Travis Fitzwater, H.B. 1963 states in part: "Currently, every person operating or riding a motorcycle or motortricycle is required to wear protective headgear (Sections 302.020 and 302.026). This bill provides that persons under the age of 26 who are operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle or motortricycle shall wear a helmet when the vehicle is in motion. Similarly, a person who is 26 or older, is operating a motorcycle or motortricycle, and who has been issued an instruction permit shall wear a helmet when the vehicle is in motion. No political subdivision of the state shall impose a protective headgear requirement on the operator or passenger of a motorcycle or motortricycle. No person shall be stopped, inspected, or detained solely to determine compliance with these provisions (Section 302.020.2). The bill also provides that qualified operators who are 26 or older may operate a motorcycle or motortricycle without a helmet if he or she is covered by a health insurance policy or other form of insurance which will provide the person with medical benefits for injuries incurred as a result of a motorcycle or motortricycle accident. Proof of such coverage shall be provided on request of law enforcement by showing a copy of the qualified operator's insurance card. No person shall be stopped, inspected, or detained solely to deter-

mine compliance with these provisions (Section 302.026)."

"We really feel everything in this bill has been well vetted," Tony Shepherd, who lobbied in support of repealing the helmet law for a motorcycle rights group, ABATE for Missouri, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Other organizations supporting the measure were the Missouri Confederation of Clubs & Independents (CoC), and Freedom of the Road Riders of Missouri (FORR-MO), which has been lobbying to repeal the "Show Me" state's helmet law for decades, successfully getting a bill on their governor's desk four times since 1999 only to be vetoed.

Last year, Gov. Parson vetoed a similar measure that would have allowed anyone older than 18 to ride without a helmet, though his veto was centered on a separate provision in that legislation.

SWEEPING INFRASTRUCTURE BILL PASSED THE HOUSE, GOES TO THE SENATE: On July 1, 2020 the House of Representatives passed by a vote of 233-188 its signature infrastructure legislation, the Moving Forward Act, H.R.2 (previously the INVEST in America Act); providing over \$1.5 trillion in federal spending across a wide range of infrastructure areas including surface transportation, water, aviation, broadband, healthcare, and energy.

Included in the massive 2,213-page plan to rebuild and expand America's transportation infrastructure like highways, vehicle safety and public transit, the new 5-year federal funding measure also addresses several concerns voiced by motorcyclists.

As originally introduced in June, the INVEST in America Act included a provision to increase Motorcycle Safety Funds to states by 25%, to \$5.8 million. Added by unanimous consent during markup of H.R. 2 by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee were three amendments to: Extend the prohibition against using federal funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints and also prohibits using federal funds to profile and stop motorcyclists based on of their mode of transportation or style of dress; Require the Department of Transportation to consider motorcycles in safety studies on autonomous vehicles and includes a motorcycle safety group in the DOT working group on autonomous vehicle deployment; An extension of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council including a seat on the council for motorcyclists' rights groups and manufacturers.

An additional motorcyclist-friendly amendment was approved during the final floor vote in the House to provide federal monies to collect state profiling data regarding traffic stops based on "mode of transportation."

H.R.2 now goes over to the Senate for further action, where Republicans have expressed opposition to the bill as written by the Democrat-controlled House, as well as a veto threat from the Administration, citing the Act's spending levels, regulatory changes, and climate change-related provisions.

'ANTIQUÉ MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIAST DAY': A Congressional Resolution, H.Res.1041 was introduced in the House to recognize July 11, 2020 as "Antique Motorcycle Enthusiast Day"

to recognize "the preservation, restoration, and operation of old-time motorcycles in the United States."

Sponsored by Representative Troy Balderson (R-OH) and co-sponsored by GOP Reps Michael Burgess (TX), and Tim Walberg (MI), House Resolution 1041 states;

Whereas many people in the United States own, restore, preserve, study, or admire motorcycles that fall into the antique category, meaning they are at least 35-years old;

Whereas the collection, restoration, and preservation of motorcycles is an activity shared across generations and across all segments of society;

Whereas thousands of local motorcycle clubs and related businesses have been instrumental in preserving a historic part of the heritage of the United States by encouraging the restoration and exhibition of such historic works of art;

Whereas the restoration of motorcycles provides well-paying, highly skilled jobs for people in all 50 States; and

Whereas, for over a century, motorcycles have been a source of family enjoyment, photographs, songs, movies, and an iconic fashion statement in the United States: Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives (1) supports the designation of "Antique Motorcycle Enthusiast Day"; (2) recognizes the effect of the more than 120-year history of the American motorcycle and the economic surge that celebrated over 120 American brands in the United States in the first half of the 20th Century; (3) recognizes that the collection and restoration of vintage and classic motorcycles is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States; and (4) encourages the people of the United States to engage in events and commemorations of "Antique Motorcycle Enthusiast Day" in accordance with public health guidelines that create opportunities for antique motorcycle owners to educate young people about the importance of preserving the cultural heritage of the United States, including through the preservation of antique motorcycles.

GLOBAL MOTORCYCLE SALES BOUNCE BACK AFTER PANDEMIC SLUMP: After a strong start to 2020, motorcycle sales plummeted in March when the Coronavirus forced most of the world's population into lockdown, but with life gradually resuming, sales are bouncing back better than expected despite -- or perhaps because of -- the pandemic.

An increasing number of pundits and publications predict that the pandemic will encourage more people to turn to motorcycles and scooters for transportation -- the perfect type of commuter for social distancing. Although the first quarter of motorcycle sales are down 10.6%, they're selling better than cars which are down 12%.

In the U.S., according to rideapart.com, Honda, BMW, Suzuki, and Yamaha's North American branches reported that sales are thriving since the beginning of the year, particularly in the off-road segment.

The European market is showing a similar, positive trend; Italian sales numbers for June 2020 show a 37% increase over June 2019, while sales in the U.K. surpassed June 2019 levels by 14.3%.

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The market is also on the mend in hard-hit India where local branches report sales are on the rise after the May slump. In the Land Down Under, according to the Australian Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries, sales for the second quarter were also up year over year.

In spite of a rocky Q1, the global motorcycle industry is faring far better than most expected.

MOTORCYCLE RALLIES: South Dakota health officials sent out 20 COVID-19 testing machines capable of producing tests in minutes to help carry out the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally amid the Coronavirus pandemic.

The 80th edition of the annual rally attracted thousands of people to western South Dakota for the iconic biker rally in August. The Rapid City Journal reported that the city council decided to cautiously proceed with the 10-day rally after realizing motorcycle enthusiasts were going to show up regardless.

Likewise, the Horry County City Council realized that there was no stopping the Myrtle Beach Spring Rally, which has gone on for 81 years, despite being postponed from May to July due to the virus. The 97th Laconia Motorcycle Week has been similarly rescheduled from June to August with their City Council’s consent.

ABATE of Iowa reportedly held an “Amazing Weekend” 36th annual Freedom Rally in Algona over July Fourth, and even county officials were “pleasantly surprised” by the responsible behavior exhibited by thousands of motorcyclists in attendance.

Unfortunately, though, an estimated twenty-two major rallies have been canceled so far this year, including the National H.O.G. Rally on the Gold Coast, Americade, Hog Wild, Mountainfest, Panama Beach Spring Rally, Roar on the Shore, Rolling Thunder, ROT Rally, Smoke Out, Thunder in the Smokies, Thunder in the Valley, Quail Motorcycle Gathering, Wauseon, Wing Ding 42, and INTERMOT, the motorcycle industry’s big show in Germany, was canceled, while America’s AIMExpo was “postponed” to next year.

Many races have also been canceled or postponed; World Superbike and MotoGP races, American Flat Track, Isle of Man TT, Pikes Peak, as well as Motocross and Supercross. Easyriders has canceled their Bike Shows and Rodeos.

But as of now Arizona Bike Week is still on, October 7th – 11th in Scottsdale, as is the Four Corners Rally over Labor Day in Durango, CO, Reno’s ‘Street Vibrations’ Spring Rally was postponed but their Fall Rally, September 24th – 27th is still “scheduled to happen,” Daytona’s Biketoberfest October 15-18 is currently proceeding, Golden Aspen canceled their May Aspen Cash Rally but reports their Golden Aspen Rally September 16th – 20th in Ruidoso, N.M. is still on, the Lone Star Rally in Galveston, TX has been “postponed” until November 4th – 7th, 2021, Harley Rendezvous postponed, Mama Tried postponed, and AMA Vintage Days postponed, with new dates TBA.

NEARLY 200,000 PROTEST MOTORCYCLE BANS: Thousands of motorcyclists joined forces across central Europe to protest against motorcycle bans on certain Alpine roads, as demonstrations took place in a number of German cities and coincided with the launch of an online petition that garnered 199,663 supporters.

Protesters oppose unfair and largely unjust bans on motorcycles from certain roads, citing exhaust noise as the reason for the bans, although loud cars are not prohibited.

NCOM CONVENTION TO HONOR FALLEN RIDERS; INVITES NAMES FOR TRIBUTE: With the 35th Annual NCOM Convention in Indianapolis now just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and bikers’ rights activists who have died since last May’s Convention, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional “Ringing of the Bell” tribute to fallen riders. Dedications can be hand-delivered at the Convention to “Doc” Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board, or emailed in advance to Bill Bish, NCOM Public Relations Liaison, at NCOMBish@aol.com.

Meetings, seminars and group discussions will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and Freedom of the Road.

This year’s NCOM Convention, rescheduled from Mother’s Day weekend to October 16th – 17th, 2020, will be held at the Marriott Indianapolis East, 7202 East 21st Street in Indianapolis, Indiana 46219. Hotel information & booking: (317) 352-1231.

Pre-register by calling the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com. For more info, click on <http://onabike.com/national-coalition-of-motorcyclists/convention>.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “Before God we are all equally wise and equally foolish.” ~ Albert Einstein (1879-1955) German-born Nobel Prize-winning physicist

DRIVER'S LICENSE UPDATE2020

CATEGORY	SITUATION	CUSTOMER ACTION
Drivers 70+ - non-commercial	One year driver's license extension for those that expire between March 1 and December 31, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No action necessaryCan go online to request a paper extension
Drivers 69 and under	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No new automatic extensions beyond July 31, 2020.Most drivers will qualify for online renewal	Submit online renewal application or renew by mail
First Time REAL ID	Requires office visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Complete online applicationUpload documentsNo appointment necessaryBring documents to office visit
REAL ID Renewal	Can be completed online	No office visit required
Limited-term REAL ID renewal		Requires an office visit
Driver's License Permits	All permits expiring March through August 2020 are extended for six months or to a date 24 months from the date of application, whichever is earlier.	No action necessary
Commercial License	All commercial driver's licenses, endorsements and commercial learner's permits expiring between March and September are extended through September 30, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No action necessaryA paper extension can be requested online

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- Drivers with a suspended license are not eligible for an extension and can't renew online.
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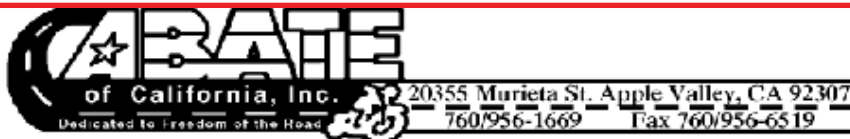
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ABATE PAC Meeting: 10:00 am – 11:45 am

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch

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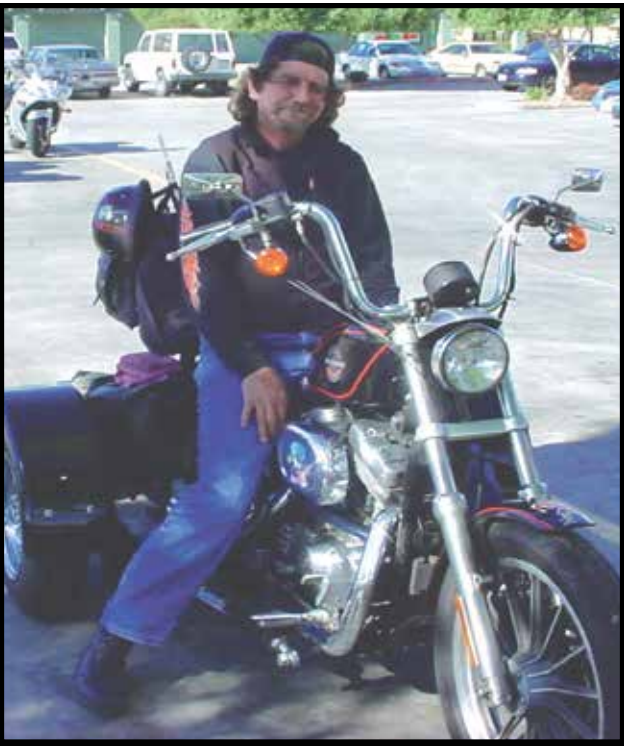


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Sporty's Rides



by Sporty Milligan

Hi All! Once again I am beginning my column on sad note. Since my writing last month there have been several occurrences that have been difficult to deal with. The first one was that my intestines were upset. My wife, Renee, called the doctor at my health care provider, Kaiser Permanente Panorama City, and after questions regarding my health, it was recommended I get tested for corona-19. Renee drove me to Kaiser where they did the swab test – you know they put a stick up your nose with a Q-tip at the end.

The doctor said to self-quarantine for at least 10 days. So, 10 days later and still no test results. We kept checking my computer for the result. Finally, after 14 days I got the result - negative. But I am staying in one more week before I do anything close quartered. Tuesday I will resume my duties at the AA hall for the noon meetings. I wear my mask, even when I am doing my morning walk. Being 66 years old I have to be careful.

The second thing was a call from the daughter of one of Local 1's members, Clayton (Fearless) LaBaw, to tell me that he had passed away on June 4th. He was 84 years old and passed away peacefully at his home in Sun Valley. Clayton was

a 30 year member of ABATE Local 1. I have written a short article for the Bailing Wire in memory of Clayton. He will be missed by all.

On another sad note, my Shaggers' member, Karnel's, wife passed away recently. The funeral is scheduled for September 4th. As we get older, we are asked to bury more of our loved ones and club brothers & sisters and sadness tends to creep in.

As you know it's election season and the two sides are going to be battling for your vote and monetary support. In California we will be voting for candidates who support our biker agenda. Look for a Voter's Guide in the up-coming Bailing Wire and the ABATE of CA website. Should be interesting to say the least.

Since I was quarantined, I did not have a chance to get out for rides. However, after that I was ready to ride and on Saturday, August 7th, I went to Glendale HD to do what I thought was a HOG Chapter meeting and ride. Arriving at Glendale HD I met up with Jim Nickla, Local 1's VP. We found out there wasn't going to be a meeting, so Jim and I then rode to Santa Clarita HD. Spent some time there and then decided to go to a Chicago food place in Santa Clarita that was off Sierra Hwy and Soledad Canyon Road. At this point we hooked up with Francisco and the three of us went off in search of the Chicago eatery. We went round and round in search of the place to no avail. So I suggested an In-N-Out Burger off Sand Canyon and Soledad Canyon Road. Okay we were there for burgers.

After eating we headed home, Sand Canyon to Placerita Canyon Road to the 14 Fwy to the 5 Fwy to the 210 Fwy. I exited the 210 at Hubbard Street and Francisco headed home to La Canada. Jim had already left us to take 5 Fwy to the 405 Fwy then off at Victory. We had a good ride.

Sunday I took another ride to Lancaster HD. However instead of taking the

14 Fwy straight up, I took the 5 Fwy to the 138 Highway because I wanted a change of pace. And something different to write about. It's a good ride with not much traffic until you get to the 14 Fwy in Lancaster. I arrived at the dealership and it was not very crowded. I had a cup of regular coffee. After dropping off the Bailing Wires I had brought along, I departed the scene and proceeded to go to Top Rocker HD via the 14 Fwy to the 5 Fwy to the 405 Fwy to the 101 Highway then getting off at Topanga Canyon Blvd and arriving at Top Rocker in Canoga Park. Stayed there for a while, bought some oil for the bike then went home.

Saturday, August 15th, I will attend a Memorial service for one of the Messengers of Recovery members who passed away recently. We're meeting at the north end of the Cerritos mall then going about 6 miles to the service. My account of this sad journey will to be in next month's Bailing Wire.

Okay this will do it this month's Sporty's Ride. Tune in next month for more adventures, commentary and thoughts from your pal, Sporty Milligan, ABATE Bailing Wire scribe.

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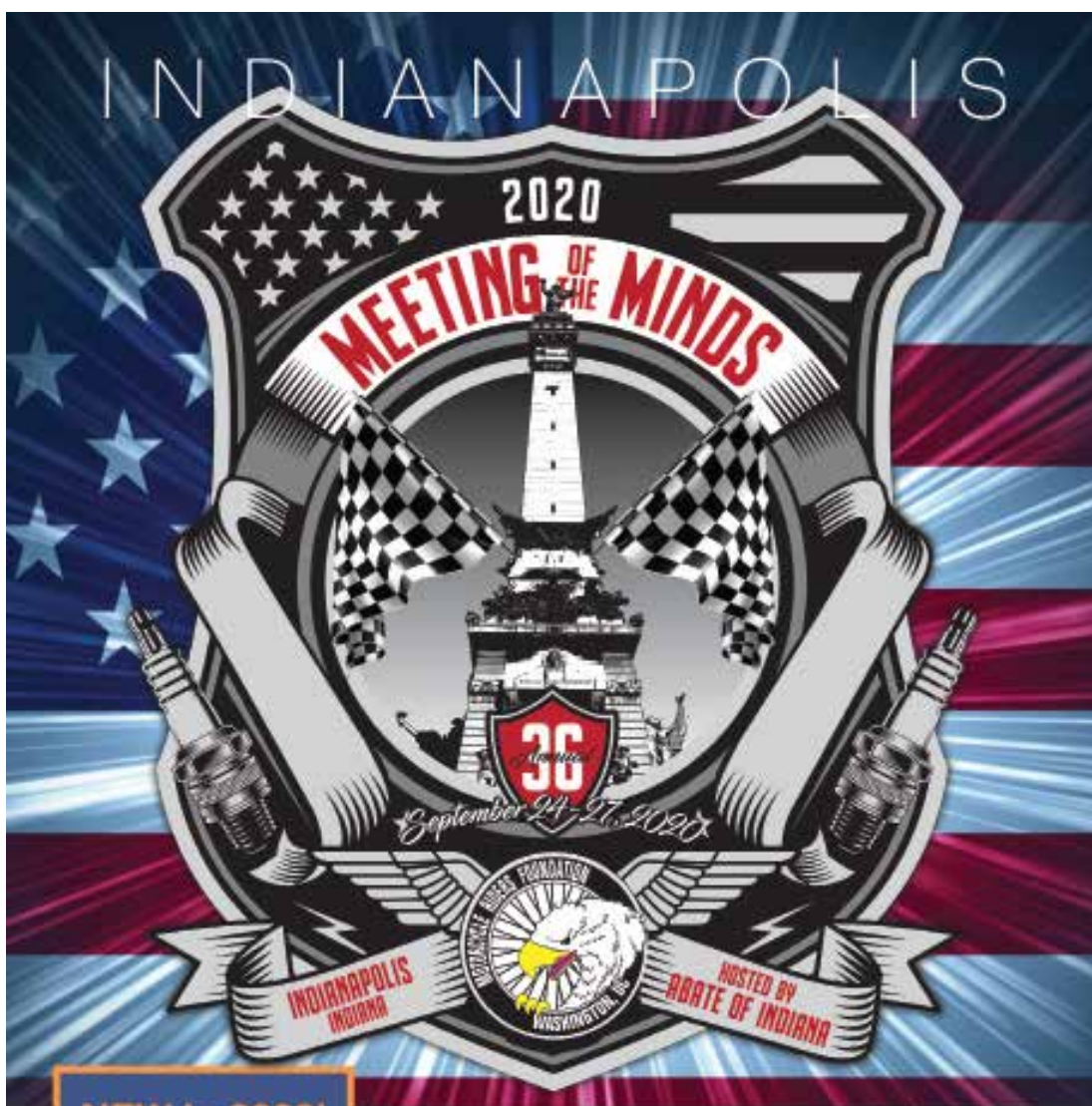
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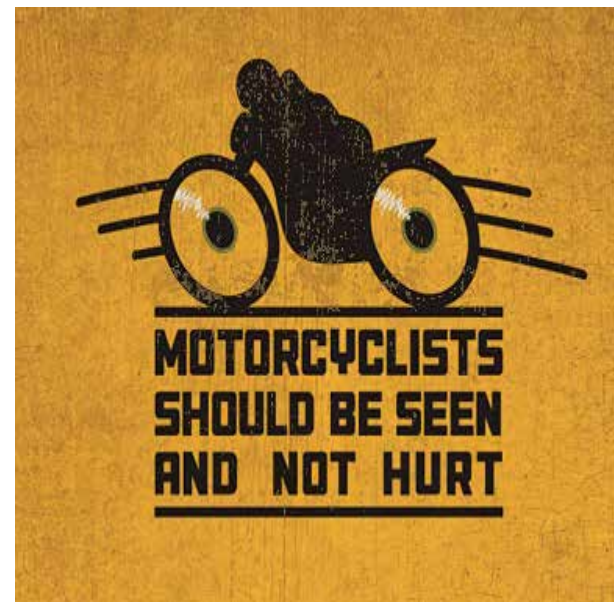


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Clayton was a biker for life. He joined ABATE Local 1 in 1989 and was a member for 30 years. His daughter, Shannon, said his other biking interests included being a member of the 5th Chapter and founder and president of the Tribe MC.

He is riding in the clouds of heaven watching to see if we are keeping our credo of dedicated to our cause of Freedom of the Road.

Thank you for the donation of \$100 in his memory to help support ABATE.

Clayton will be missed by all the Freedom Fighters of Local 1, ABATE of California and all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

Regards in Sadness, Sporty Milligan, President ABATE Local 1

Attention ABATE of CA Membership!

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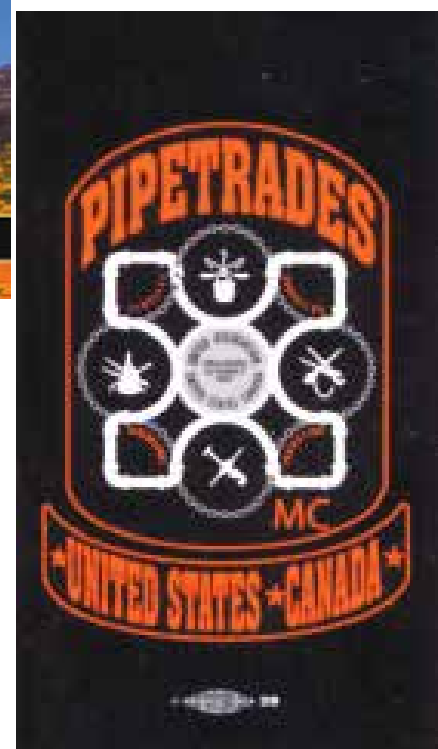
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