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Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by Jim Lombardo Sr., Lobbyist

The Lombardo Group - Government Relations

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The Legislature is finishing up actions on bills before the Summer month recess. We have been battling two bills to require tickets for loud pipes! SB 1079 Portantino would allow ticketing for loud pipes with roadside noise meters. Due to ABATE's Opposition it was amended down to require the CHP to do a study to see how these devices can pick out loud pipes with multiple vehicles tracing down a roadway in 6 unspecified cities.

The second one AB 2496 Petrie-Norris will allow law enforcement to issue a ticket because they think the Pipes are too Loud!!! You will NOT be able to Register your Motorcycle until YOU prove it's not too loud! Impossible! No one has a system you can take your bike to to prove the noise from your bike is not too loud! More to come AB 2496 Pietrie- Norris as it will be in Assembly Appropriations soon

We did very well in the June Primary!!! We recommend 39 races and Won 36. They now will face off with the Second place finishers to try and win their Race this November 2022!

Thanks again to Members, Local Chapters & Businesses' continuing financial support to keep us in the Capital fighting for Motorcycle Rights and FREEDOMS!

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Thank you,

Sporty Milligan Chairman of the Board

Politics – Legislative: Bills At A Glance

Presented by The Lombardo Group, ABATE Lobbyist

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

This bill would authorize 6 unspecified cities to conduct a pilot program, as specified, using sound-activated enforcement devices, as defined, to capture vehicle noise levels that exceed the legal limits. As part of the pilot program, this bill would require the participating cities to, among other things, adopt a Sound-Activated Enforcement Device Use Policy, administer a public information campaign, and prepare and submit a report to the Legislature, annually, on December 31, that evaluates and determines the effectiveness of the pilot program. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2028. (Assembly Appropriations Committee)

AB-2496 Petrie Norris (D - Huntington Beach) Vehicles: exhaust systems

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. 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 only if the certificate is not provided to the court within 3 months of the violation date. The provisions of the bill would become operative on January 1, 2027. (Oppose – Senate Transportation Committee)

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 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. (Support – Senate Transportation Committee)

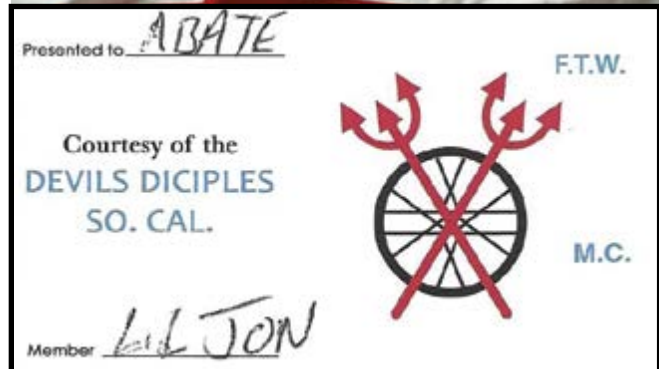
SB 894 Jones (R – San Diego) Off-Highway Vehicles

This bill would require, a specified vehicle identification number/product identification number for an OHV's that is model year 2022 and beyond, that is used solely for competition. This would require that a competition motorcycle display that identification plate or device on the left side of the motorcycle, commencing January 1, 2024. (Support – Assembly Appropriations Committee)

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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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

OK, here's the Membership report for July. I will start out by saying if you're due for a renewal, please renew your ABATE Membership. We could use your renewal, as we're always on the lookout for members to continue to help us fight bad ideas and concepts against motorcyclists. Without members, Locals would have a tough time. You know where I am going with this. This year has been especially challenging with inflation slapping us in the face. So, again, if you're due for a renewal, please renew your ABATE Membership.

We are at the midway point of our Membership Drive. Hopefully you have been out there rounding up new ABATE members. You know how to do that. The longer daylight hours mean bike nights. If you have a bike night in your area, try setting up an ABATE Membership booth. Don't forget to renew and new member trinket plan. Reward your members with a little something to show how much you care about them. Remember, the more members your Local has, the more volunteers you'll have for events.

Final thought: There is unity and strength in numbers of members.

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Unfortunately, that has directly affected the Locals by not getting monthly membership reports as they are accustomed to getting them. And members have not been getting their membership cards or member year pins. Rest assured, this is not because you have been missed, or forgotten. It is just that operations critical to keeping the organization going have been the top priority. All renewals and new memberships have been entered into the database, and a side list of those members has been kept. Member reports is the next priority to learn and process. We hope for them to be available by the end of June - and worst case - by the quarterly Board of Directors meeting a week and a half later. Then the membership cards will follow. We are sorry for the inconvenience, and thank you all for your patience in this transition.



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Locals Report (continued on page 18)

Local #01 Los Angeles

Greetings from Local 1 and As mentioned in the previous month's report, we had a barbecue meeting. In June we're doing a male agenda meeting as our meeting date falls on the 19th, which is Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to all the Dads in Local 1! We will again have a live meeting July 17th.

In the meantime, do ABATE events and, if your Membership is up for renewal, please renew!

Regards, Sporty Milligan, President ABATE Local 1

Local #08 Orange County

ABATE Local 8 and all of ABATE of CA has lost a valued member and friend. John Kopp's awesome Celebration of Life was held on January 29, 2022, at which we learned so much about his extraordinary life. Our love and thoughts are with his wife, Cheryl (an ABATE member) and his family.

At our February 2022 meeting, we were informed that American Legion #354 would no longer be open on Mondays. Local 8 held its meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at American Legion #354 for years. We held our meetings twice a month since we thought things were moving so fast politically that we needed to have meetings twice a month in order to stay on top of things. Later, when we thought things had slowed down a bit, we changed our meeting schedule to once a month at American Legion #354.

At our February meeting we voted to change our meetings to the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. We chose the 3rd Thursday because that date would fall directly after the ABATE Board of Directors meetings and we could more closely stay in tune with ABATE's activities.

We felt that in-person meetings were important to maintain cohesion between members, but over the last couple of years our members have grown to like on-line meetings. We chose to have in-person meetings in January, April, July, November, and December. December was added so that our members could get together for our annual Christmas party. Other month's meetings will be on-line.

We hope that we can retain the support of our membership. Life goes on and changes. ABATE Local 8 is doing its best to remain an important part of ABATE of California. We hope to get together with our members for 5 meetings a year and at Local 8's and other Local's events. We also hope to see you on-line for our other meetings. Your participation is important.

Local 8 is tentatively planning a booth at the Long Beach swap meet on July 10th. We can definitely use your support in person and with donations for that event. This has been our major fund-raising event over the last couple of years. Helping Local 8 raise funds allows us to support ABATE of California. Local 8 is also planning speedway outings and other fun events. Call Daniel at 714-365-5907 or email dpaffly@gmail.com to check things out.

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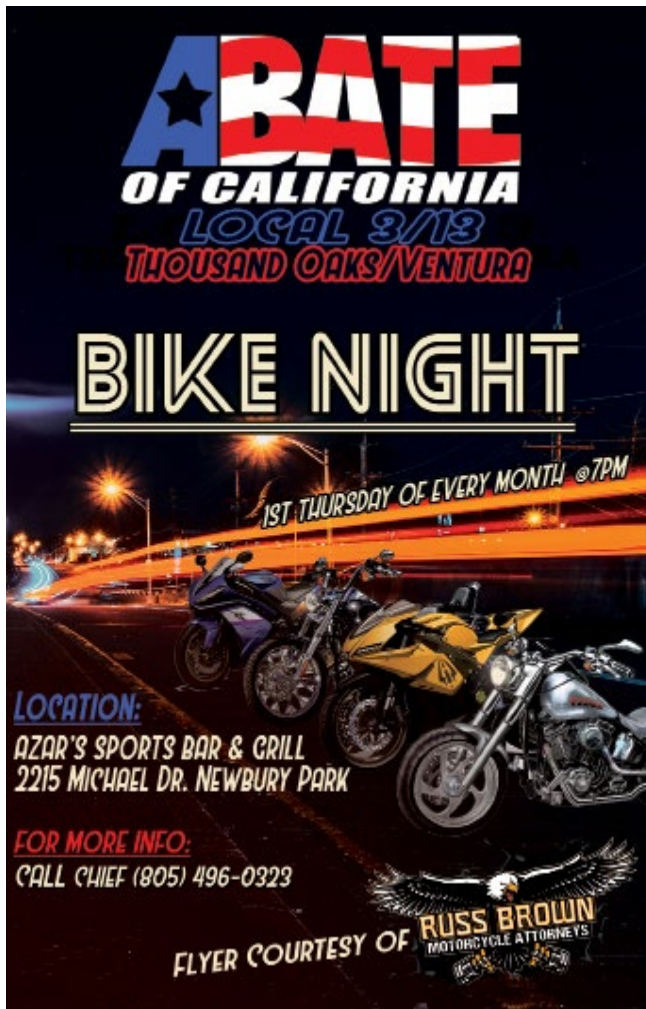
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Sporty's Rides

by Sporty Milligan

Hi All! This month's Sporty's Rides is being brought to you by me, Sporty Milligan. I have been at this for a long time, writing about the mad cap adventures in my life. Apparently, you have enjoyed my adventures or you would not have been reading my column for all these years.

It's been a weird year and the political folks are trying to hit us with some bills on noise pollution. You can see what I am talking about when you check out the Lobbyist's section, Bills At A Glance. There you can read about them and see where they are currently standing. The more you know about the issues, the easier it gets to do something about stopping them. Or at least trying to stop them.

These days that's saying quiet a lot. Apathy plays a big part in the political types getting their way on issues that affect us bikers. We have been trying to get anti-profiling legislation passed. It starts with a resolution from both the state senate and state assembly. It's been successful in the state senate with SR41 Caballero Resolution that passed last year 39 to 0. It's been a bit of a struggle in the state assembly where they have not taken up the issue yet. So, we're stalled at this point.

On the federal level H Res 366 hasn't enough support to make the resolution a bill. So, we'll keep on keeping on. Well that's what's up – politically – from Sporty's point of view.

Now I'll delve into the events I attended from the last time you read my column. About 3 days before my birthday, which was May 20th, I tested positive for Covid. I was confined to my house for 10 days with only a small 30 - 45 minute walk. My case was considered mild, but I was held in captivity in my house. I got tested again and the Covid was gone. So, on May 27th I attended the Steely Dan concert at the Hollywood Bowl that had been put off for 2 years. Rode my bike and it cost \$10 to park. There is only one member of the original band left, Dan Hagen. The musicians who accompanied Dan were good. What a great concert! I enjoyed myself. The next week was the Messengers of Recovery, San Fernando Valley Chapter, campout near Castaic. I planned to stay Friday, leave for a few hours Saturday, come back, spend Saturday night then go home Sunday. Saturday in Pacoima we had a celebration of life for George Robinette who died from a nerve disease on Mother's Day. I shared that George won the raffle from last year's Membership drawing, but sadly he passed away.

Went back to the campout and spent time with my Shaggers brothers. At the award ceremonies they called me up and presented me with a trophy for Rat Bike for my 2007 1200L Sportster – bitchen! The boys left and I spent the night. Breakfast burritos started the day. Then rode to the monthly Shaggers meeting in Lancaster.



Okay nothing until the June 11th HOG Chapter meeting in Glendale. Then a ride through little Tujunga and Placerita Canyon to Santa Clarita HD. After a brief stay at the dealership, went to Rattlers for lunch. Nice day with the HOG Chapter members. The final event was the Local 3/13 ABATE run on June 12th. Started at Azar's Sports bar in Newberry Park. Chuck put on a good run; no check points just a good ride. Then returned back to Azar's for lunch. Good day, good raffle prizes and good silent auction prizes. Thanks, Chuck, for a wonderful event and day.

This concludes this month's Sporty's Rides. As always, do ABATE events first and foremost.

Till next month, ride safe!

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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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GAS PRICES FUEL MOTORCYCLE BOOM

Gasoline prices are soaring to new heights daily, with many consumers considering two wheels instead of four, so as fuel surges past five dollars a gallon, motorcycle sales are skyrocketing.

A typical motorcycle will get you an average of 44 miles per gallon, while an average car gets you around 24 mpg. That fact is not lost on new bike buyers, as new data from the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) shows bike sales are up more than fourteen percent year over year, and many consumers who are switching to two wheels are looking at bigger bikes.

Coinciding with the boom in bike sales, consumers have a strong demand for rider training and education as well. According to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), class enrollment increased 48% from 2021 to 2022.

PAIN AT THE PUMP IS MAKING BIKERS RIDE LESS, AND MORE

Gas prices have surged to record levels causing what economists and strategists call "demand destruction," where the prices will affect actual consumption. They have already begun to cause a shift in driving habits. The average U.S. retail gasoline prices have risen by over 30% since the start of the year, according to data collected by analysts at RBC Capital Markets. As recently reported in Newsweek; "These prices are affecting how Americans spend time on the road, including how they ride their motorcycles."

Motorcycle sales site Cycle Trader recently surveyed 2,209 shoppers on the effect of the high prices. Among the respondents, 35% said that high gas prices have caused them to adjust how they ride.

The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) claims that 10 million U.S. households have at least one motorcycle, so that translates to roughly 3.5 million riders feeling the sting at the pump. Among those who

have made changes, 34% of riders have decreased how often they ride, cutting down on recreational trips or only going out when necessary. Another 21% said that they have decreased the distances that they ride, while 12% have stopped riding entirely until gas prices go down.

However, many motorcycle riders have adapted their time on the road in different ways, opting to ride more. Roughly half of those who have made riding adjustments have increased their biking as a fuel-efficient alternative to driving their cars and trucks that require more gas.

AS FUEL COSTS SPIKE, MORE PEOPLE RUNNING OUT OF GAS

Adding yet another obstacle to avoid on the roadways, AAA reports an increase in roadside assistance calls from motorists stranded with empty fuel tanks. It seems that for lots of folks, the higher gas prices go, the lower the needle on the gas gauge goes, with many drivers running on fumes or even running out of gas.

For the months of April, May and early June, AAA Blue Grass has seen a 60% increase in assistance calls for empty tanks compared to last year's numbers when unleaded gasoline was around \$3 per gallon. AAA, the nation's largest motor club, told FOX Television Stations that it responded to more than 200,000 out-of-gas calls from January - April, up from 153,668 at the same time last year. In April alone, AAA received 50,787 roadside assistance calls from stranded drivers out of fuel.

The surge of drivers short on cash to fill up their gas tanks has been noted by top executives at gasoline retailers who have reported that drivers are buying less fuel at the pump.

CRIME RISES AS TRAFFIC LAWS NOT ENFORCED

Los Angeles and some major cities have stopped enforcing some traffic laws, like broken tail lights or expired stickers, all in the name of racial equity, but critics have said letting people get away with breaking the law will only lead to more crime, and

the current crime wave may prove them right.

Back in March, Philadelphia became the first city to ban police officers from pulling over drivers for minor traffic violations like expired tags and broken lenses, but now the Philadelphia FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) is suing to invalidate the new city law, saying it illegally preempts existing state laws on traffic violations. L.A., Minneapolis and the entire state of Virginia have passed similar prohibitions on low level traffic stops, which they claim disproportionately targets Black drivers.

ILLINOIS PLANS ELECTRIC VEHICLE REBATE, INCLUDING MOTORCYCLES

On July 1, 2022, the state of Illinois is set to kick off a slate of electric vehicle rebates for residents -- and with fuel prices at an all-time high, the timing couldn't be better. The good news for riders, according to RideApart.com, is that street electric motorcycles are included in Governor J. B. Pritzker's rebate plans.

Some details are still being worked out, but unlike some EV rebates, the Illinois state EV rebate does include road-going electric motorcycles. A cool \$1,500 rebate can be yours if your electric motorcycle purchase qualifies (\$4,000 for electric cars), but be aware that electric off-road bikes and mopeds do not qualify, however.

Who can qualify? All Illinois residents who purchase their electric motorcycles or other vehicles in the state of Illinois after July 1, 2022 and file the appropriate forms may qualify. It's also worth noting that vehicles purchased out of state are not eligible. Plug-in hybrids are also ineligible; only fully electric roadgoing vehicles meet the eligibility criteria.

When Illinois lawmakers hammered out this package in 2021, they included some key provisions aimed at reducing inequities in these types of programs. For one, it isn't just purchases of brand-new electric vehicles that qualify for the rebate -- it's also purchases of used EVs, which

is a big deal considering the high sticker prices.

E.U. CLOSER TO COMBUSTION VEHICLE SALES BAN

Back in July 2021, when the European Commission -- the executive body of the European Union -- adopted a slate of proposals to lower the E.U.'s greenhouse gas emissions called the "Fit for 55" package, it called for a 55% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, and a 100% reduction by 2050. For vehicle users, perhaps the most standout proposal in the package was a requirement that 100% of all new cars and vans be zero-emissions vehicles by 2035.

The combustion vehicle sales ban just took the next step toward becoming reality as of June 8, when members of the European Parliament (MEPs) met to discuss matters in Strasbourg, France. The body voted in support of an E.U. ban on the sales of all new gasoline and diesel cars throughout the 27-nation group, effective as of 2035. The measure passed with 339 votes for, 249 against, and 24 abstentions in total. MEPs also signed off on a requirement of a 55% reduction in CO2 emissions from automobiles by 2030, which is where the "Fit for 55" initiative gets its name.

This vote doesn't make the measure law throughout the European Union just yet. Now, E.U. MEPs must take the proposal up with all 27 of the E.U. member nations for final approval.

'TIRE POLLUTION' COULD BE THE NEXT GREEN ISSUE

As the internal combustion engine gets ever cleaner and battery power increases, "tire pollution" could become the next point of focus as a new study claims Tire Pollution is 1,850 times worse than Exhaust Emissions.

Independent British research firm Emissions Analytics tested a number of tires at multiple stages of life to reach its conclusions, contained in their report titled "Tyres Not Tailpipe," which focuses on the particulates produced when driving and riding that do not emanate from a vehicle's tailpipe.

Tires as they wear produce tiny beads of microplastics, which are so small they can be carried on the breeze and, in some

cases, end up getting washed into water courses and washed out to sea. Here they can be ingested by small animals and eventually end up back in the human food chain.

While the title would have you believe it centers around tires alone, it also notes other consumable parts such as brakes as being an area that adds to airborne particulates. The study found that no matter how clean running a petrol engine or electric motor is, there is a bigger picture to understand when it comes to localized air pollution.

And don't think the report is all about bashing the internal combustion engine either, as it seems electric vehicles -- in particular large electric SUVs -- could produce more non-tailpipe emissions than conventional combustion engines. The report cites electric vehicles' increase in mass as being one factor that could increase tire and brake wear.

MILLIONS AWARDED TO WOMAN "INJURED" WITH STD AFTER SEX IN A CAR

In a stranger-than-fiction case that could have far-reaching legal ramifications, a Missouri woman was awarded a \$5.2 million settlement by a three-judge panel after claiming she got a sexually-transmitted disease from her ex-boyfriend after they had sex in the back of his 2014 Hyundai Genesis. The Missouri Court of Appeals upheld the judgment against the insurance company that was entered during earlier arbitration proceedings. Reportedly, the woman had been seeking monetary damages from GEICO, which insured her ex-boyfriend's car, because she claims she contracted HPV, human papillomavirus while having sex in the car.

When you think of insurance payouts to cover injuries sustained in a vehicle, you'd usually imagine crashes and other vehicular accidents. But now it seems they'll also have to think about injuries incurred from getting freaky in the back of a car.

According to court documents in the case, the woman alleged that her ex-boyfriend knew that he had HPV, and still chose to have unprotected sex with her, without informing her of his condition. Last year, an arbitrator determined that their sexual liaison in the man's car

"directly caused, or directly contributed to cause" the woman's HPV infection.

This determination is what led to the judgment that, by not disclosing his condition, the man was on the hook for the \$5.2 million in damages. While a lawsuit over contracting an STD from the insured driver may be the first of its kind, this award shows that it's not a stretch for someone to file against an insurance company for any actions occurring in a motor vehicle, or perhaps even go after their home insurance. The entire insurance industry is certain to be looking at this case, because it could have ramifications in all kinds of situations, and you can bet there'll be notifications of changes to our insurance policies in the near future.

FINALLY, A FLYING VEHICLE

Since before The Jetsons, we've been promised that someday soon we'd all be tooling about in flying cars, and now that dream may be about to take off. The Japanese company A.L.I. Technologies has been taking their XTurismo flying machine on the road, or over it, premiering their finished object for the Top Marques Monaco 2022 in June, an event that showcases supercars, hypercars, exclusive motorcycles, and other forms of unique transportation.

Whether you call it a hoverbike, a flying car, or some combination of the above, the XTurismo looks like a sportbike ran over a drone. The XTurismo's claimed curb weight is 300 kilograms, or a hair over 661 pounds. It's 3.7 meters long by 2.4 meters wide by 1.5 meters high (approximately 12.1 feet by 7.87 feet by 4.9 feet), has a range of approximately 30 to 40 minutes, a top speed of 80 kilometers per hour (just under 50 mph), and has a rated load capacity of 100 kilograms (or 220 pounds). The company is currently accepting preorders for the 200 initial XTurismo Limited Edition units it plans to produce, at a cost of ¥77,700,000, or about \$610,710.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The price of freedom of religion or of speech or of the press is that we must put up with, and even pay for, a good deal of rubbish."

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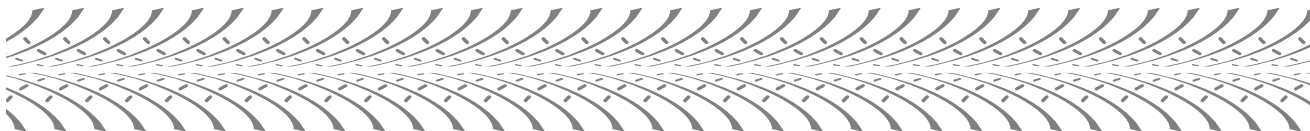
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ABATE of California Goes to DC & Locals Reports...continued

by Rick Robison

When the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) announced that the Bikers Inside The Beltway event was "ON", ABATE of CA and the So Cal Confederation of Clubs (COC) made plans to attend. The ABATE of CA Lobbyists, The Lombardo Group, went to work emailing our California Representatives to schedule appointments.

Bikers Inside The Beltway is an annual event where motorcyclists can meet with their State Representatives located in Washington, DC. Bikers educate and lobby lawmakers on issues that impact our right to ride. A pre-event briefing was held by the MRF on May 16th and meetings with lawmakers on May 17th. The MRF provided printed materials for the visits.

Moonie and Spider were honored to represent ABATE of CA and the So Cal COC. Lawmakers were very busy with many urgent issues that had risen, but a few appointments were confirmed. Moonie and Spider had in-person meetings with representatives from the offices of Congressman Obernolte and Congressman LaMalfa. A virtual appointment was also offered by the office of Congressman Antonio Cardenas.

Moonie and Spider tag-teamed presentations to educate Representatives about many key issues such as the profiling of motorcyclists (H. Res 366), the effects of E-15 fuel on our vehicles, the lack of safety of automated driving systems, and the fair treatment of motorcycles for taxes and transportation funding. With nearly 1 million motorcyclists in California, our Representatives were shocked that they were not aware of our issues and there is NO California representation in the Senate and House Motorcycle Caucuses.

Overall, Moonie and Spider felt that the meetings were productive. They were delighted to shed some light on motorcyclist's issues and our Representatives showed sincere interest. They were hopeful that they were able to provide the right level of awareness and gain their support for our causes now and in the future.

For more information on the Motorcycle Rider's Foundation (MRF), visit www.mrf.org.

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

Local 17's meeting started with the usual Pledge of Allegiance to the flag outside Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon. Glenn ran the meeting and one of the subjects discussed was member attendance at the monthly meetings. Not only do we need our members at the meetings, but also at the events that are held through the year.

Our next event is the Summer Bingo Run on July 10th. This will start at the Moose Lodge in Vacaville with breakfast starting at 9:00 am, followed by the first game at 10:00 am.

October 2nd is Local 17's Fall Bingo Memorial Run; so be sure to put this on your calendar.

Our Local also needs our members to volunteer to help with these events, please give Glenn a call (707-624-6310) if you can help out or just let him know at a meeting.

December 10th is our annual Holiday party held at the Moose Lodge and starting at 6:00 pm.

Don't forget to add Local 17 to your Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ABATE17NorthernCalifornia

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Down the Road, Greg

Local #19 Pomona & San Gabriel Valley

We did a great send off of the Run For The Wall riders. We stocked up on some stuff to help us do a better job next year. And now most of those riders are returning safely home. To those riders, welcome back... and thanks for representing us on your patriotic mission to D.C., and the new Sandbox Route.

In our meetings we are following closely on what is going on Sacramento, particularly with the noise and speed issues, that the Lombardos are keeping us up on. Remember folks, it is good to be aware of what is going on. But until YOU contact YOUR legislators, all we can do is watch our rights fade away. Part of the recipe is that the legislators need us to

back up what the Lombardos are telling them in the Capital.

Our non-legislative focus is now squarely on The Toy Run and our Bike Drive in support of it. With the cost of everything else, the bikes and helmets we give are up 60%. That means we can give fewer bikes, or we have to bring in much more money. I like to remind everyone that the bicycle is the gateway drug to riding motorcycles. There are not many riders that did not first have a bicycle as a child. If you want to see another generation of riders, it is good to support them with the gift of a bike. If you would like to help in this effort, don't hesitate to contact me. You can email my cell phone at JRBassler@gmail.com or phone/text me at (909) 919-0783. We welcome all input... and hope to see you at the event in December.

Jeff Bassler

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members! The heat is here. Stay hydrated. Triple digits can do a number on you if you're not careful.

I want to thank everyone who helped make our Stimulus Run a success. We sent a check to the ABATE State office from our proceeds. We also sent a check for our allotment of raffle tickets.

On Memorial Day we did a no host breakfast ride to Yuma, AZ. We went to Black Bear Restaurant. There was a dozen of us. We were seated fairly quick. Service and Food was pretty good. Another plus was the price of gas in AZ!

Once again, join us at our monthly meetings. Get information about issues that can affect your right to ride. We have our Turkey and Toy runs that we'd like you to help us plan. Our Turkey Run is turning 25 years. Our Silver Anniversary.

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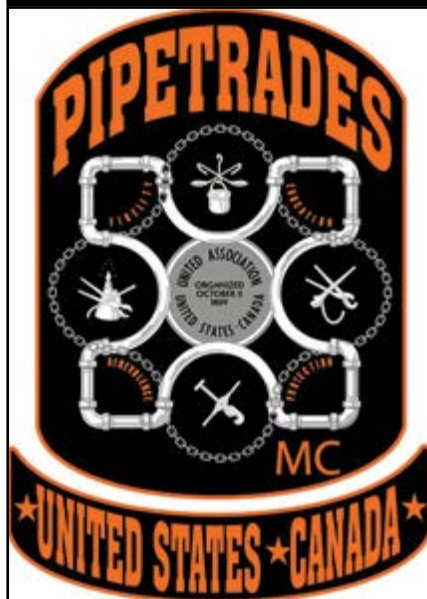
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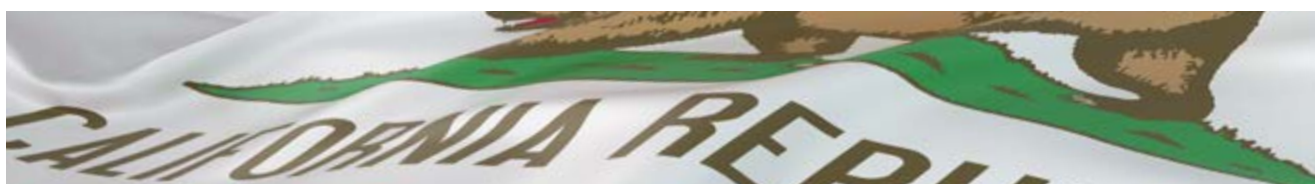
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Joneses For June

We're at the halfway point of the year, yay! June is a great month year after year. It's about the weather giving you some heat and then some. It's like it's telling us it's gonna get hot then hotter, then really hot, but will give us some cool days to cool off or recover. June likes to help us remember what hot weather really means by gradually raising its temperature daily with some cool days that become less and less and then the next thing you know, the cool days are gone.

The month of June is preparing us for the July/August onslaught of 24/7 heat. Around the last week of June you'll be thinking about October and how much you miss it because there's no escaping the rapid changing of the weather and you're starting to get delirious with thoughts of cool weather riding as you wipe the sweat off your forehead.

There are good thoughts about the seasons change. Some people (I don't know who they are) actually like hot weather and prefer it over most weather scenarios and not just them desert folks, those peoples are everywhere. I look at June as preparation for the summer's riding adventures. Getting your body and mindset ready to deal with the weather change so you don't freak out when you left your bike parked on a black asphalt parking lot at 2 pm in August for a 2 hour lunch and your bike is so hot you need gloves just to start your bike and brand your butt with a 120 degrees seat, true story!

Over the years, as I have aged, the heat bothers me more than before. With medical issues, I have to be very selective when I ride. It's very important to know your body and how it reacts to riding in hot weather. From my research, it says that temperatures in the 90s are not healthy to ride in. If you're older than your kids, then you should consider the times of the day you want to ride. I have a thyroid problem and I sometimes overheat just thinking about hot weather.

The us generation are mostly 50 and up. The older you get, your body requires more fluids because dehydration is more prevalent in older people. Staying hydrated is very important. Remember this, it'll hit you when you least expect it to; you will feel groggy and tired at first, even while you're riding. If this happens, find a place that has shade, drink water and take your time until you feel better. Heat stroke is not too far away and you don't wanna deal with that, it usually requires you to call 911.

Here are some examples of possible heat stroke symptoms: Headache, nausea, muscle cramps, profuse sweating, dizziness, confusion, exhaustion, high body temperature, tired, rapid heartbeat, dry skin and hallucinations. Some symptoms can be more prevalent than others, everybody is different as well as the location you are at. Finally, use common sense. If the heat is intolerable, stay indoors when you can to avoid activities in direct sunlight or on a hot asphalt highway. This is not about being a

macho type of person where you think you are impervious to hot weather; it's about knowing when it's time to be cautious. If you're in a group and are riding in a hot zone, it is good to communicate with others in your party to make sure they are good, it's easy! Pay special attention to the elderly, infants, kids and anyone with a chronic illness, as they may dehydrate easily and are more susceptible to heat related illnesses. Being wise will prolong your riding life. It's about riding in the safest environment that you put yourself and possibly others in.

The month of June is the beginning of motorcycle riding bliss. For some it's just another day on the road. For the majority of us it's the start of one adventure after another. We have so many options - just you and the highway or getting out with your buds. We have the local scene (where ever you reside), bike nights and weekend sponsored biking events to state events and nationwide events. So many choices your head could spin like a top if you were inclined to do so.

This is a season about having fun, about freedom of the road, going out and enjoying life on 2 wheels or 3 wheels. We know about the local hang outs and the ones that require a road trip! We will ride 25 miles or 200 miles or more. It doesn't matter, just get on your bike and ride. The fun is the adventure of the day or week or however long you go and go you must. I have been doing this since I first started riding.

The good thing about our zone in So Cal is it's almost a year-round thing. There are a few states that allow this and I'm glad to be living in the best one! The good news out here is that we don't have winter lockdown and that's a true blessing. I've lived back east in the frozen tundra zone and that white stuff that falls from the sky will hibernate your bike real fast. I'm at the graceful age of 65 and let me tell you, the body has taken its toll on me. I've come to realize that my age does affect my riding, mainly because of my medical issues. Being diabetic doesn't help at all, in fact it makes everything worse. I can still ride, but with precautions. The summer time weather makes it harder for me to ride. I either go out early or towards the end of the day. I have to ride and this is how I have to do it during the summer months.

As a senior rider (I hate saying that), I'm a totally different rider/person than 20 years ago. The medications I take today, I didn't take 20 years ago and that means something - I'm being held together by pills! My body and mind are subject to change at any given time and that's the truth. If you don't feel like riding because you don't feel it, then don't. Trust yourself, because there are 364 other days you can ride. Don't let peer pressure change your mind. It's your body, so protect it.

I know there are older riders that always seem to be healthy and such, but I think the majority of senior riders take multiple medications just so they can ride, like me! It's always good to research your medications and even talk to your doctor and ask them if there any issues with your medications while riding in hot weather. Some of my meds make me thirsty and I'm never without water. Preparation is key to all. If you know your needs, then you can prepare yourself for a day of adventure. After all, it's all about riding!

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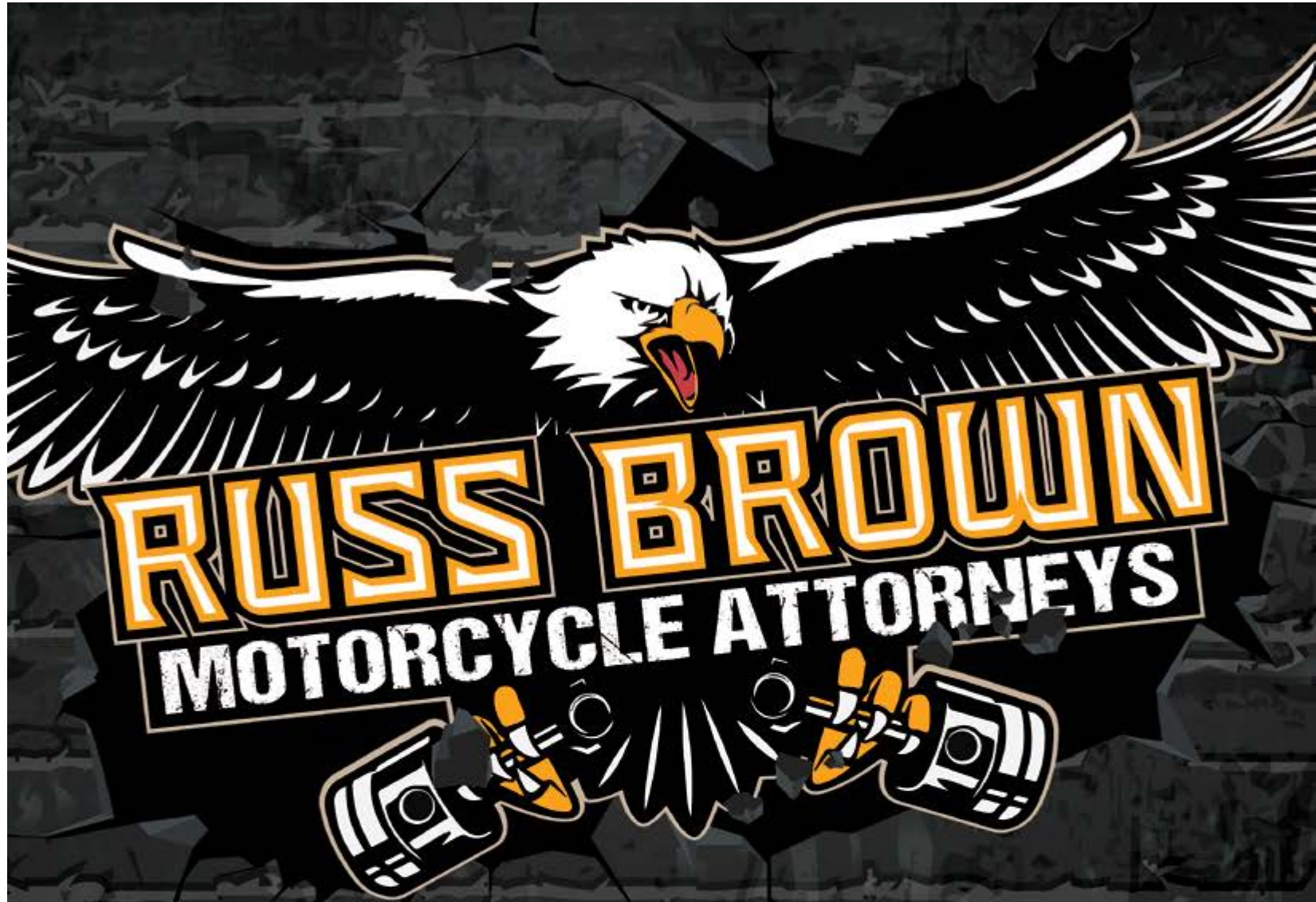
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