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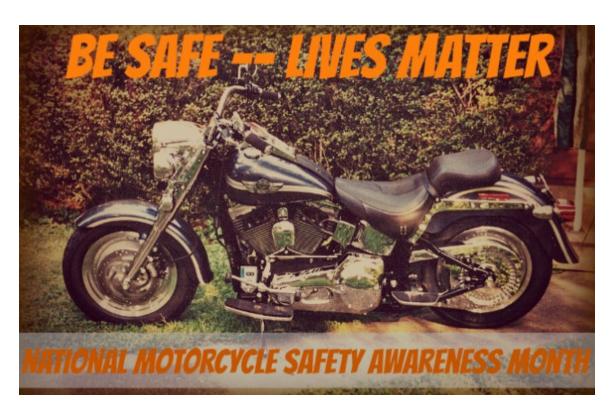
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Bills At A Glance

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AB 43 Friedman (D – Glendale, Chair of Assembly Transportation). 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. Re-referred to Committee on Transportation 03/23/2021.

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May 2021

AB 122 Boerner Horvath (D – Oceanside) Vehicles: required stops: bicycles: This bill would require a person riding a bicycle, when approaching a stop sign at the entrance of an intersection, to yield the right-of-way to any vehicles that have stopped at the entrance of the intersection, have entered the intersection, or that are approaching on the intersecting highway close enough to constitute an immediate hazard, and shall continue to yield the right-of-way to those vehicles until reasonably safe to proceed.

Passed Appropriations Ayes 12. Noes 3 April 14th, currently on Assembly Floor.

AB 232 Gallagher (R – Yuba City) Off-highway vehicles: reciprocity: Existing law requires every off-highway motor vehicle that is not registered under the Vehicle Code to display an identification plate or device issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, with certain exceptions, including an off-highway motor vehicle with a currently valid identification or registration permit issued by another state. Except as otherwise specified, a violation of the Vehicle Code is punishable as an infraction. 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.

Passed Appropriations April 14th, currently on Assembly Floor.

SB 66 Allen (D – Santa Monica) California Council on the Future of Transportation: advisory committee: autonomous vehicle technology: This bill would require the secretary to establish an advisory committee, the California Council on the Future of Transportation, to provide the Governor and the Legislature with recommendations for changes in state policy to ensure that as autonomous vehicles are deployed, they enhance the state's efforts to increase road safety, promote equity, and meet public health and environmental objectives. The bill would require the council to be chaired by the secretary and consist of at least 22 additional members, selected by the chair or designated, as specified, who represent, among others, transportation workers, various state and local agencies, and a disability rights organization. The bill would require the council to gather public comment on issues and concerns related to autonomous vehicles and to submit, no later than January 1, 2024, a report to the Legislature with, among other things, recommendations for statewide policy changes and updates, and to continue to update the report, or submit a new report, of its recommendations biannually thereafter, or more frequently at the secretary's discretion. The bill would require the council to create subcommittees focused on one or more specific topics and to form one subcommittee led by the Office of Planning and Research focused on furthering the state's environmental, public health, and energy objectives, as specified. The bill would require the subcommittee to submit policy recommendations to the council and the Legislature by January 1, 2024, and to make those recommendations publicly available.

Re-referred to Committee on Transportation 04/14/2021.

SB 227 Jones (R – Santee) 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. The bill would impose restrictions on the operation of a competition motorcycle or ATV on public lands, including, among others, a requirement that a rider possess a current and valid competition card from a competition-sanctioning organization when practicing for a sanctioned event on public lands. Because operating a competition motorcycle or ATV on public lands in violation of those requirements would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Passed Senate Transportation 04/13/2021 Ayes 12, Noes 2, with Chair Opposed.

SB 799 Glazer (D – Orinda) Off-highway vehicular recreation: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area: Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area: This bill would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to preserve the portion of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area known as the "Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area" for conservation purposes, as specified. The bill would make implementation of this provision contingent upon at least \$9,000,000 being appropriated by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or another statute, transferred, or donated to the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund for its purposes. Passed Senate Natural Resources 04/15/2021 Ayes 6, Noes 2.



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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 thru political and legislative action. ABATE promotes motorcycle safety through] education, training and public awareness.

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Executive Director Report written by Rick Robison

Well, 2021 started out a little different than 2020. I hope most ABATE Locals are

getting back to in-person meetings. My Local (Local 20) has been meeting in person for most of the pandemic. It was a little slim at some of the meetings, but we survived. We are currently meeting at our usual place, the American Legion Hall in Orange. We set up with social distancing in mind and it has been working well. I try to keep the meeting interesting with raffle prizes and a 50/50 along with plenty of information on legislation in California along with some Federal legislation.

As some of you might know, I am involved with a few different motorcycle rights organizations. Besides ABATE, I am on the Board of the Southern California Confederation of Clubs and involved with the Motorcycle Rights Foundation (MRF).



All of these organizations are working towards one goal, fighting for our rights as Motorcyclist! I say this all to remind you WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER! We are fighting for our right to ride our Motorcycles whether you ride a Harley or a Honda, whether you're an independent rider or in a club or riding group.

If you are reading this and are not a member of ABATE of California, it's easy to join. Just go to www.abate.org and click the "join us" link at the top right of the page and follow the directions.

If your ABATE membership needs to be renewed, you can also do that on the same Web Page. Or you can contact me directly at local20abate@ gmail.com and I can assist you.

I encourage all Motorcyclists in California to get involved in the fight for your rights by joining ABATE. When you join ABATE you are joining one of the biggest Motorcycle Rights Organization in California. We have legislators in Sacramento helping us lobby for laws that effect all riders.

If you are already a member of ABATE of California, thank you for your support. We can't do this without you!

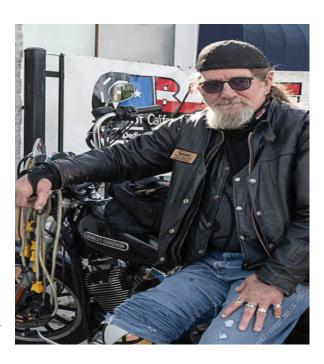
Membership Report written by Sporty Milligan

Greetings All! I am hoping that those who have Membership raffle tickets have been selling their allotment. Sell, sell, sell those tickets. As always do what it takes to keep your Local's renewal memberships.

The pandemic is winding down and that means events to push our ABATE program and signing-up new members.

Bike nights are making a comeback and they are great ways to attract the prospects for new members. The same goes for bike runs and bike camp outs.

When you go visit your dealerships, bring Membership raffle tickets and Membership cards with you. Please be mindful that the more we push our agenda, the prospect of getting new members increases. So please try to sign-up new members and keep your Local's renewals.



Regards, Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman, ABATE of California.



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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.

Please help us help you by either joining or making a contribution to ABATE today to help protect your right to ride!



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Lobbyist's Legislative Report

Lobbyist's Report by James Lombardo, Sr, Lobbyist The Lombardo Group - Government Relations 916.424.1148 <u>info@lombardogroup.net</u>

The Legislature is in full operation mode once again, after last year's fiasco, and trying to figure out how to deal with proposed legislation without hearing from the public due to Covid 19. They are using both floors to hold hearings besides the large hearing rooms 4202 (Assembly) and 4203 (Senate) where our motorcycle bills have been heard.

I actually testified from a microphone in the Senate Gallery for the Senate Transportation Committee this week! Different times, which we are having to adapt - Zoom calls with members, staff and the Committee Consultants not to mention the issue of Legislature temporarily moving to new temporary building across the street while they attempt to retransform Capitol Annex over the next year or two.

Many more bills are being heard this year, almost twice as many as last year and we will keep you posted. We have had success in passing two off-road bills this year, working with our off-road allies, the Off-Road Vehicle Coalition, and Nick Haris, American Motorcycle Association.

Thanks to all who support the dedicated Lobbyist Fund to keep us in the Capital fighting for Motorcyclist's Rights!

Please take a look at our Bills at a Glance section for Motorcycle Related Bills moving through the Legislative process.

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Business Member Spotlight by Sporty Milligan

Hello All! This is another segment in our ongoing Business Member segment. I am Spotlighting a Business member from ABATE Local 1. I hope that other Locals will start writing about their Business members as well.

If you ride your bike like I do, you are bound to need brakes and tires. In the San Fernando Valley area, the place to go for tires and brakes is CT Motorcycle Tires. The address for Chris's location is 7444 Reseda Blvd, Unit O, Reseda CA 81335, telephone (818) 776-0051. He is located in the back of the automotive complex.

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I highly recommend CT Motorcycle Tires. You will not be disappointed.

Tell him Sporty Milligan sent you!

ABATE Events & Bike Nights for 2021

2021 Events:

- May 1st ABATE Local 17 Bike and Hot Rod Show (see flyer this issue)
- May 1st ABATE Local 38 Stimulus Fun Run (see flyer this issue)
- May 8th ABATE Local 23 Box of Love (see flyer this issue)
- May 18th MRF Bikers in the Beltway (see flyer this issue)
- May 23rd ABATE Local 8 Long Beach Swap Meet (contact L8 for details)
- June 4th-6th Messengers of Recovery 25th Anniversary Celebration Camp out (see flyer this issue)
- -July 23rd-25th NCOM Convention (see flyer this issue)
- July 25th ABATE Local 2 25th Anniversary Sweaty Buns Poker Run (see flyer this issue)
- August 20th-22nd Shagger's 7th Annual Tehachapi Mt Run & Campout (see flyer this issue)

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- ABATE Local 3/13 1st Thursday of the month (see flyer this issue)

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

ALL ABATE Events must have event insurance Contact the ABATE State office for information.



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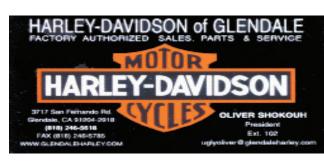






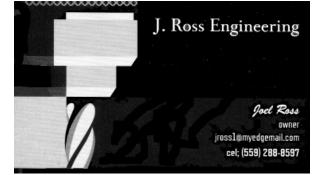












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At our April Board Meeting David "D-Man" Seiler stepped up and took an open seat on our Board of Directors. A 4-year member of ABATE and President of the Horseman MC this is the 2nd time D-man has been on our Board. We look forward to his refreshing and energetic presence on the Board.

Welcome and Thank you D-Man



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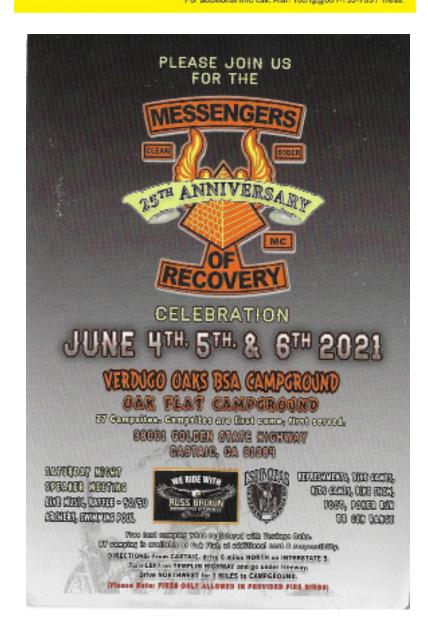
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for framing, their membership card with VIP printed on it, and their names printed on this list. ABATE of California appreciates their extra support.









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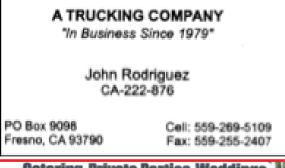
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Thank YOU for your contributions in helping to preserve "Freedom of the Road" by supporting ABATE's paid Lobbyist and the General Fund!

Our Members that renew thier Membershis and those that join us - that too helps in preserving and fighting for Motorcyclists Rights! And of course, the Locals that contribute to the funds regularly when they do events, THANK YOU. It's a Team effort, so we thank you for being a part of the ABATE Team!

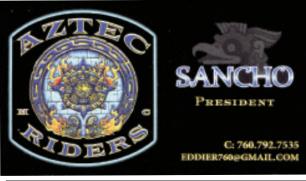






















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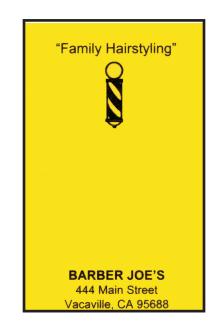
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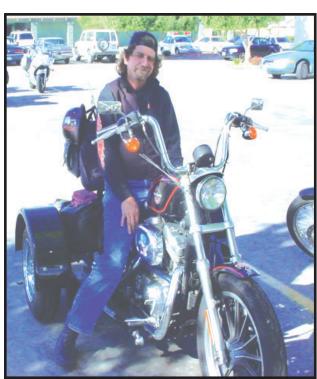
Sporty's Rides

Hello All! Time again for another chapter in the saga of Sporty Milligan. This time I'm focusing on different events that might interest you, the reader. We'll start by doing my political rant and appeal for ABATE members to step up to the plate and volunteer to fill positions in the state office.

There is nothing as exciting or as informative as being a state officer. You are part of the group that makes things happen in California for bikers. Please consider being one of the state officers. Call the state office or look in the Bailing Wire for details.

April 17th was our 2nd quarterly Board of Directors meeting. It was a Zoom meeting and lasted about 3 hours. Hopefully the 3rd quarterly Board of Directors meeting in July will be a live meeting.

Now to the fun stuff. March 21st was the Local 1 meeting. It went well. After the meeting, I scooted up to the Elks Lodge in Tujunga to have their Sunday breakfast. I sat next to some bikers and sold them some raffle tickets. Then went to the next table and sold a bunch more. When the breakfast was over, I stayed and helped clean up.



Nothing was going on until the following weekend when I rode to the Shaggers' club house for a ride to Rosemont for a memorial service for our new prospect's Dad. The church is in one of those steel buildings. The paster was an older, bearded man who read the scripture and said nice words about the prospect's Dad who was a biker type. After the paster's kind words, folks came up and shared thoughts about the prospect's Dad. They had a ton of food that we enjoyed. After saying my 'good-byes', I headed to my next stop.

The next event was the Devil's Disciples" annual event at Screaming Sally's Saloon (formally the Screaming Chicken) in San Bernardino. This event was a run for Downed Bikers' support. It had been put off last year due to the pandemic. From Rosemont I took the 14 Freeway South to the 138 East then to the 15 Fwy. I pulled into a gas station and asked an officer how to get to Devore. The officer suggested I go South on the 15 then take the 215 Fwy and get off at the first exit and – Bam! - I was there.

I drank cokes, ate food they provided and had a great time seeing all my club brothers from the different clubs. The food & drink servicers were really friendly. There was a band that played good music. I left at 8 pm and headed down the 215 Fwy to the 210 Fwy. As usual stopped at the Mobile station off Lake in Pasadena before going up the hill and home.

The next day we had a memorial service for Go-rilla's son who had died recently. We were to meet off the 126 Fwy and head to a beach off the 101 Fwy. In route to our destination, my helmet strap was whipping my check. Attempting to fix the strap my helmet unclipped. I got the strap with my teeth, but I lost my cap. We pulled over and I fixed my helmet so the strap would not slap my check. We finally arrived at our destination, Rincon Beach. Go-rilla's family owns a small restaurant. They took our orders and I ordered a chicken sandwich - yummy. Stayed for a while then left on my own.

Headed home down the 101 Hwy. Got off at Central Ave and went to Ventura HD. Dropped off flyers for a run that is happening April 24th. Sold some more membership raffle tickets to a group of folks that were sitting at the picnic table in the parking lot. From there I went home.

The final two events were on April 10th and April 11th. On April 10th I attended the first HOG Chapter meeting for the King's County Chapter (formally Top Rocker) at the Elks Lodge in Canoga Park. We had a good breakfast. I had a breakfast burrito - yummy. I won the HOG member style hat, which replaced the hat I had lost. Good food and good friends.

I spent the next hour and a half at my sponsors' condo. From there went to Mulholland HD and sold more membership raffle tickets. I left and went to Glendale HD. Stayed there for a while then went to the Tujunga Elks Lodge for the chicken dinner. It was really tasty. I rounded out the day with an AA meeting.

Sunday, April 11th, we had our monthly Shaggers meeting at the club house in Lancaster. Meeting was an hour. Good seeing the guys. From there I rode with a prospect to the Devil's Disciples clubhouse in North Hollywood for their fund raiser. We ate sausage style hot dogs and beans. I stayed there for a couple of hours. I had a great time.

That's it for this month's column. If it's possible, do ABATE runs and try to sign-up new members for the ABATE Membership drive.

Till next time, be safe on your travels.



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ABATE of Washington April Safety & Education by Texas Larry Walker

"Texas" Larry Walker is a nationally certified Rider Coach for novice, intermediate, and advanced training. He is the Senior Instructor for Navy Region Northwest, a long-time motorcyclist rights advocate, with well over 40 years of riding experience.

Well, folks, it's that time of year again. The weather is warming up and the "solar powered" motorcycles are beginning to emerge from their annual hibernation. For all of the riders who drydock their steeds during the winter, for whatever reason, and really, for each and every one of us, it is a good time to start revisiting some of the basics. "Geeze, Texas, I've been riding for over 20 years. Why should I revisit that basic stuff?" Well, if you haven't practiced the basics in a while, such as how to actually corner, how to properly manage the throttle, or how to actually develop good sight lines, then I'm talking to you. The more we work on keeping the rust off of our basic skills the better our rides become.

This month's topic is braking. Not the gradual slowing to a stop at the traffic light or stop sign, but the braking required when the world is going to hell in a high wheeled handcart in front of you and you have to make your trusty steed squat down right now to keep from becoming a statistical data point. (That's called crashing.)

In my profession, or more accurately my paid hobby, I see way too many riders who have almost zero idea on how to actually do a super hard stop. It is universal across all platforms and styles, from 300 CC entry level bikes through the ginormous road sofas, sport/naked to heavy cruiser. People cannot stop.

Here is Stopping 101 in a nutshell. The vast majority of your braking power comes from your front brake, 70% on the cruisers to over 90% of the upright/naked/sport bikes. The catch is that that braking power is not instantly available, it has to be developed by how you deploy the front brakes. When you are screaming inside your helmet like a kid at a Miley Cyrus-Justin Bieber show and you reach out and grab that front brake the front end will lock up and the bike will take an asphalt nap.

Ya gotta start gently and ramp up the pressure for the most bang for the buck. I tell my students, both novice and advanced, to approach the front brake like you are shaking hands with your grandmother, the rich one who still has you in the will. To begin, gently shake hands with Nana, but as the brakes begin to work and the forks begin to compress, begin to squeeze that front brake more firmly, transferring more load to the front. That increases the traction, which in turn allows you to add more pressure, transferring more weight, and so on and so forth. It's not how fast you get to the brakes, it's your progressive commitment to them.

Here is a good practice drill for you to use to develop your braking, and it can be done behind your local Albertsons. Roll up to a screaming 15-20 mph, and when you pass a certain point (crushed pop cans make good markers) reach out and shake hands with Nana and continue with the squeeze for a five count, gently and progressively continuing with your pressure. Keep your feet on the boards or pegs, leaving the rear brake alone. Consider the image of going from staying in Nana's will to treating her like a used car sales dweeb over the space of 5 seconds.

When you get comfortable here, begin to up the ante, making it a 4 count, then a 3 count. Then bring the speed up to 20-25 mph, and repeat the process. Continue up to higher speeds until you are truly comfortable with doing good hard stops at road speeds. Once you get proficient with the front brakes begin to add the rear back into the mix. It may be only 10-30% of the overall package, but it is still part of the package.

Finally, try to practice some hard stops every time you take the scooter out of garage just to warm up the hands and feet. I don't know about you, but if I need to do a quick stop to save my bacon, I do not want it to be the first one of the day.

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LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles

Hi All! It might seem that Local 1 is a Local that tends to report about future stuff. Well, that may be so, but it's because the deadline for reports to be submitted to the Bailing Wire is before the



monthly meeting. So, you get speculation of what the meeting is going to be like. For now, ABATE Local 1 is holding its own and making its commitments.

At the April 18th meeting we will discuss what transpired at the April 17th Board of Directors meeting. We might be missing our VP who has personal family business in Chicago, but I guess we'll survive in his absence!

So, let's just say I will have a handle on the meeting that Local 1 will hold at the Devil's Disciples North Hollywood club house. After the meeting, I'll make a quick trip to Tujunga for the 3rd Sunday Elks Lodge breakfast.

Sporty Milligan, ABATE Local 1 President reporting

Local #08 Orange County

We had our monthly meeting last Monday and attendance was a little thin. Sporty, we would like to thank you for your attendance and inputs.

Covid 19 has put a damper on all ABATE's activities. We are all looking forward to the effective end of the pandemic.

Each meeting we try to develop new methods of making Local 8's efforts more effective towards ABATE's goals and making our meetings more fulfilling. We have discussed having a meeting at the Long Beach Swap Meet, but Covid has made attending crowded events like that more concerning for many of our older members. We have talked aboutmoving the location of our meetings around each month to give the meetings more of a feeling of a social outing. Once again Covid gives us concerns.

Well, hopefully the pandemic is in its waning days and in the near future we will all be looking for a way to stretch our social legs, get out to see old friends, and to get more active in advancing motorcyclists rights - meaning getting more active in ABATE!

We, at Local 8, would love to have you drop by and bring your input and great ideas with you. We miss seeing more of our members and would like to meet your other friends.

Local 8 is having a space at the Long Beach Swap Meet on Sunday, May 23rd. We can use help manning the space. We can definitely use more stuff to sell. If you have donations or can help, call Daniel or Steve.

Thanks for your support!

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello! First off, I want to thank everyone for their support, prayers, cards etc. after the passing of my Mom. She

lived a full life of 97 years. She was in hospice care and we knew the end was near. The Heart is never ready, the time is never to say good-bye. She will be missed.

Shortly before her death, we pre-ran the route for our Stimulus run. It will be about 90 miles. It starts at Coyne Powersports then to Calexico Brewing Co. From there to Ocotillo landing at the Lazy Lizard Saloon. Back to El Centro to the I V Mall then to Holtville's Barbara Worth Country Club where the Pentagonal Brewery Co. is located.

Results to come.

See you down the road. Stay safe!

Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38



NCOM Convention by Bill Bish

NCOM CONVENTION IN DES MOINES WELCOMES RIDERS **NATIONWIDE:**

The 36th annual NCOM Convention is right around the corner, so plan now to be a part of one of the largest gathering of motorcycle rights activists in the world. This year's NCOM Convention, to be held JULY 23rd – 25th, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Des Moines - Airport, located at 6111 Fleur Drive in Des Moines, will draw hundreds of concerned motorcyclists to America's Heartland to address topics of concern to all riders. 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. All motorcyclists are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the many

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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

80TH DAYTONA BIKE WEEK HISTORICALLY SUCCESSFULL: As businesses are still recovering from a devastating year of COVID shutdowns and lower capacity restrictions, Daytona Beach is coming off one of their best Bike Weeks ever. Bob Davis, president of the Lodging and Hospitality Association in Volusia County, said it was one of the best Bike Weeks they've ever had for revenue, rating it "among the top 5" in event history.

Billing itself as "The World's Largest Motorcycle Event," Daytona Bike Week celebrated 80 years during the first full week in March, the 5th through the 14th, 2021

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throughout the ten days of festivities.

Last year, the nationwide lockdown to battle the pandemic began during the last weekend of Daytona Bike Week, and a year later the country is finally beginning to open for business. There are still health concerns, and signs encouraging social distancing and mask wearing were posted everywhere, but hopefully the successful turnout will signal better times to come as more and more events find their way back onto the ride calendar.

SAVE MOTORSPORTS!: SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) is challenging the EPA's motorsports regulations in court, arguing against the federal agency's contention that the Clean Air Act (CAA) does not allow any street vehicle - cars, trucks or motorcycles - to be converted into a racing vehicle used solely for competition.

A recent lawsuit between the Environmental Protection Agency and an aftermarket manufacturer, Gear Box Z, is the agency's latest action against racing. In the lawsuit, the EPA again maintains that once a vehicle has been certified as a street vehicle, it cannot be converted for racing even if that vehicle is trailered to the track and is never driven on public roads.

The SEMA Action Network (SAN) says the EPA's position left them with no choice but to strike back, filing an amicus brief in court arguing that the Clean Air Act does not apply to certified vehicles used exclusively on the track.

"As racers and fans know well, members of Congress introduced legislation to confirm what had already been understood for the previous 45 years: that the CAA did not apply to vehicles modified for racing use only," according to a SAN statement. Hundreds of thousands of enthusiasts have since contacted Congress urging passage of the "Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act" (RPM Act).

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"Enactment of this important critical bill into law would remove any doubt that it is legal to modify a motor vehicle for exclusive use on the track," writes SAN, adding that "It also would confirm that it is legal to produce, market and install racing equipment." The SAN continues to work tirelessly to pass this important legislation to counter EPA overreach, and save not only the sport of racing, but performance modifications.

CALIFORNIA WILL BE BANNING SALES OF NEW NON-ELECTRIC VEHICLES: Huge news, as the sale of new off-road combustion engine vehicles (including dirt bikes) will be banned in California by 2035 in an attempt to bring the state down to carbon-neutral, and reduce pollution in the most-populated state in the country. Golden State off-roaders will be looking at a future of electric power and no combustion engines, after Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order to ban the sale of any non-zero emission passenger vehicle (cars and trucks) by 2025 zero-emission passenger vehicle (cars and trucks) by 2035.

On the face of it, this will be affecting 4-wheels only, but it was ruled off-road vehicles of all types will be included in the forthcoming ban - be it off-road motorcycles, ATVs, quads, or side-by-sides. Bummer, dude.

MONTANA LEGALIZES LANE-SPLITTING: Montana Governor Greg Gianforte signed Senate Bill 9 into law on March 3rd, which will allow motorcycles to "filter" through stopped and slow-moving vehicles beginning October 1, 2021.

Lane splitting, lane sharing or filtering - whatever it's called, Montana now joins California and Utah in legally recognizing the practice that allows motorcyclists to maneuver through traffic.

Sponsored by state Senator Russ Tempel (R-SD14) and state Representative Barry Usher (R-HD40), S.B. 9 defines "lane filtering" as "the act of overtaking and passing another vehicle that is stopped or traveling at a speed not in excess of 10 miles an hour in the same direction of travel and in the same lane."

The entire text of the bill is one page long, and reads; "An operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle may engage in lane filtering when: A) the operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle is on a road with lanes wide enough to pass safely; B) the overtaking motorcycle is not operated at a speed in excess of 20 miles an hour when overtaking the stopped or slow-moving vehicle; and C) conditions permit continued reasonable and prudent operation of the motorcycle while lane filtering."

While controversial and contentious, even amongst motorcyclists, a UC Berkeley study confirmed that lane-splitting is less dangerous for motorcyclists than being stopped in traffic.

SPAIN PONDERS MANDATORY AIRBAGS FOR MOTORCYCLISTS: The Spanish Directorate-General for Traffic, within measures to reduce the accident and severity of its consequences on the motorcyclist collective, is considering the mandatory use of airbag vests or jackets.

65% of motorcyclists surveyed do not agree with the mandatory use of airbags, and many riders consider that before imposing more obligations, the Spanish government should fulfill its obligation to have the infrastructure in optimal security condition. Riders also want the government to fulfill old promises such as legalizing intercoms for motorcyclists.

"The problem we have is that, when a European country legislates something in relation to motorcyclists, others follow," said Juan Manuel Reyes, president of Asociación Mutua Motera, "This is what happened with gloves in France. When they became mandatory in our neighboring country, the Spanish government wanted to imitate the measure immediately. That is why I believe that any measure is approved in a European country, must be monitored by all European motorcyclists, because sooner or later, it is possible that it will be extended to others."

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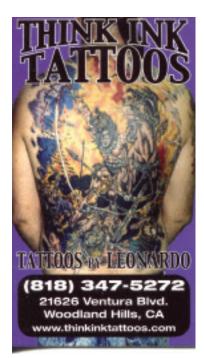


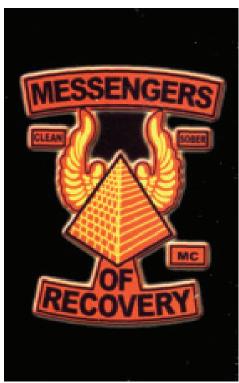
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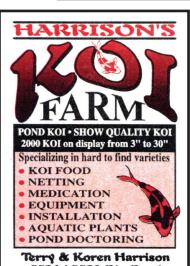
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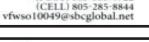
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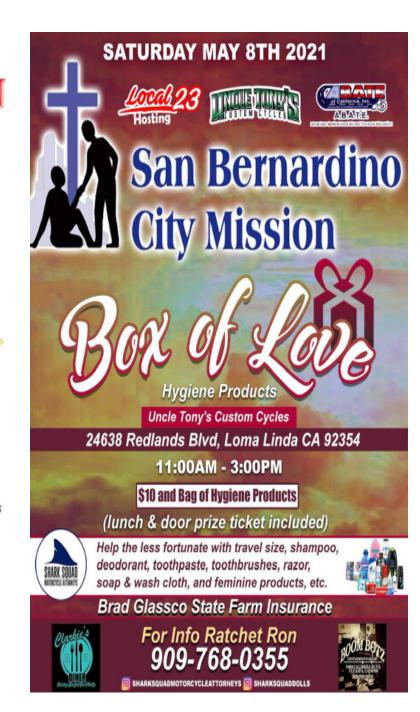


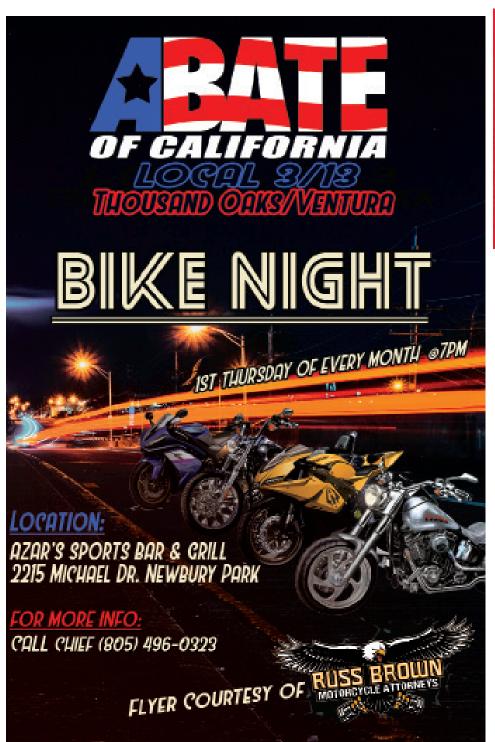
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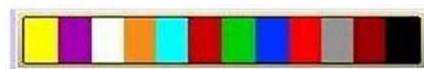
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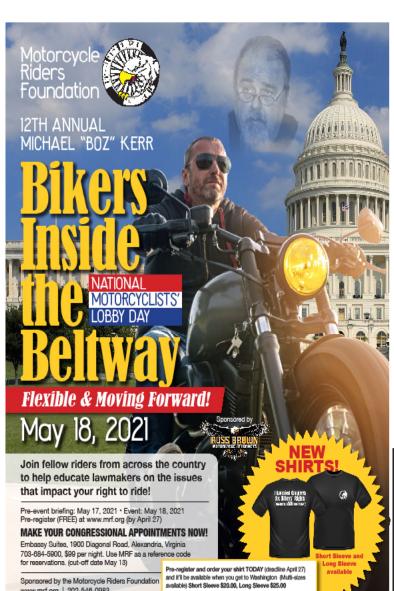


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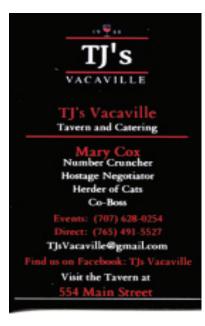
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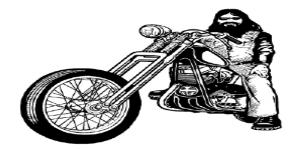
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