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AIR RESOURCES BOARD

The arrogance of everybody related to Government - i.e. the Assembly, Senate, Government agencies etc. - is just incredible.

In its "wisdom" the California Air Resources Board (CARB) had decided to introduce a new regulation that would force all auto service providers in California to check and adjust tire pressure on every vehicle they serve. The day (or D-day as we called it) was supposed to be September 1, 2010.

At this point let us not discuss the regulation itself, but just look at how it was handled:

- Before any legislation or regulation is official it must be reviewed and approved by the "Office of Administrative Law."
- During the months of July and August we were constantly in contact with the CARB commission trying to find out the status of the proposed regulation.
- By August 20 we had still not received an answer, but the indications were that if approved that late - i.e. towards the end of August - the regulation would not take effect until October 1.
- **On August 31 - at 1:23 p.m. I received and e-mail from tmanders@arb.ca.gov informing me that the regulation had been approved and would take effect on September 1. (Or as the e-mail said: "The petition for an early effective date of September 1, 2010 was granted)."**

At this point the agency says that it will concentrate its efforts on "outreach." Let us see how this "outreach" works:

Carol Dellabalma, owner and president of TP Tire Service in Arcata called the staff of CARB. She had a few questions regarding the regulation and - as she told me the standard answer to any of her questions was: "Where were you when we had the public hearings - the regulation is what it is. and there will be no changes."

So much - for the "outreach" of the staff of CARB.

It is thus quite evident that not only do we have arrogant officials and commission members - the arrogance filters right down to their staff members.

It is sad to notice that the "ruling class" in today's California is Government and Government employees. Non of them earns a salary - they are all being paid by the private sector - and that means you and me.

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