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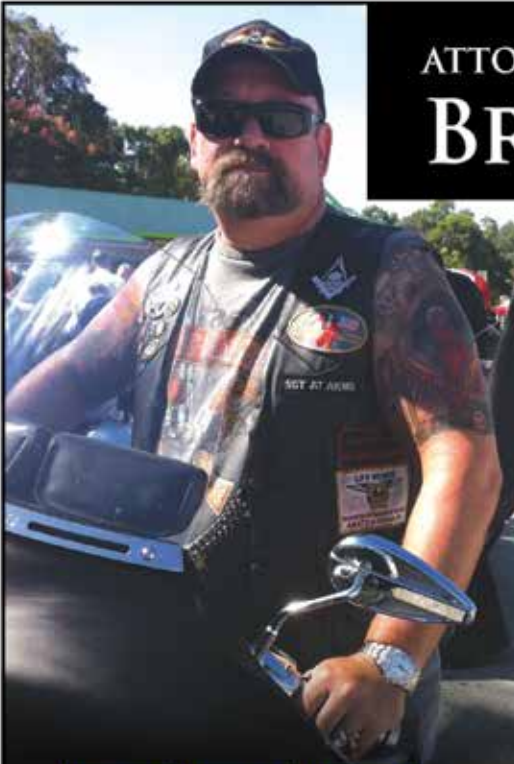
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- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non–profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.
- We promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness.
- We fund our work by holding a series of annual events at different locations within our service area and other motorcycle activities.
- We are your neighbors and friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community.
- We serve and support our country and believe in freedom.
- We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.
- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of Florida as a motorcycle rights organization or MRO. We are currently the only political MRO in Florida representing the interest of its members and the motorcycling public at-large.
- WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.

ABATE is open to all individuals age 18 and older interested in motorcycle rights, safety or education. It doesn't matter what you ride or even if you ride. Everyone is welcome to join ABATE of Florida, Inc., which ensures YOUR opinion and views on motorcycle laws will be heard.

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Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2020 was our 20th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.
- We've become the 4th largest State Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the country (IN & IL are 1&2, we regularly switch for 3rd & 4th with PA).
- We got the handlebar heights law modified.
- We successfully fought a bill that would forbid our children from riding on our bikes.
- We successfully fought the bill that would confiscate motorcycles for going 30MPH over the speed limit.
- We developed an effective MSAP program that has raised motorist's perceptions and awareness of motorcycles, and have received funding from the State of FL totaling over \$750,000 to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.
- We successfully fought the bill against vertical tags that had over \$1,100 in fines for a first offense.
- Supported and fought for a texting-while-driving ban for the last few years.
- Our 2009-2010 Stiffer Penalties Bill made it through five of the FL House & Senate's committees; this is the farthest it has gone in the number of years we have tried. On the last day of session, a committee member strenuously attempted to attach a revival of the helmet law to our Bill. To avoid a new helmet law in Florida, we had to kill the Bill.
- We publish monthly Press Releases and/or Articles of Interest in many online & print publications, including Florida Full Throttle.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. has been asked to be on and currently sits as a member of The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C. The Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation may appoint a representative from only two State MROs throughout the entire U.S.A. to be on this council.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. sits as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Collation of Motorcyclists (NCOM). NCOM has over 1000 member organizations.

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PRESIDENT’S ARTICLE

I would like to start out by thanking everyone who took the time to call all the Senators and the House Representatives about the Violations Against Vulnerable Road Users bill. We were able to get House Bill 1133 and Senate Bill 1528 passed. The basic text is “Violations Against Vulnerable Road Users; Requires person who commits infraction that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes death of, vulnerable road user to pay specified civil penalty; requires person’s driver license to be suspended for specified period; requires person to attend specified driver improvement course.” Now it will be on the desk for the Governor DeSantis to sign into law. Good job, everyone!! We make a difference!! I’m not sure when the Governor will get a chance to look at this bill, but it surely wouldn’t hurt for everyone to call up the Governor and ask him to support this bill. When he does, I will let everybody know. Keep your fingers crossed!!

This month, April, we will start nominations to elect all the positions for our Chapter. This is the Board and the Trustees who will steer our Chapter in the coming year. If you are interested in stepping up, we sure would appreciate the help. Only members in good standing can run for a position. And if you can’t commit to a position, come to our meetings and help, just by being there, and voicing your opinion, and joining in the conversations.

Our Chapter meetings are on the third Sunday of each month, and the next one is April 21st. We meet at the American Legion 142, 171 SW 2nd St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060. The meeting starts at ten o’clock and usually runs until about twelve. If you get there early, they have a really good breakfast for a reasonable price. Many of us get there around nine so we can eat and then do the meeting. There is also usually a group of friends that go on a ride after the meet-

ing, sometimes to an event, and sometimes just to ride. You do NOT have to ride a motorcycle to join ABATE or to be an active member of our Chapter, all you need is the desire to help educate the public to watch for motorcycles.



Please support all your American Legions and VFWs. God Bless America, the military, and the veterans who have helped keep this Country free.

And to the younger people out there, you have the chance to inherit an organization that stands up and fights for biker rights and safety. Help us make a difference, now, and for the future!

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VULNERABLE ROAD USER'S BILL 2024

ABATE of Florida, Inc. had made numerous efforts in years past to pass a vulnerable road users (VRU) bill in an effort to get justice for those who were hurt or killed by someone who committed a traffic infraction. Previous efforts each got stopped in committee because we had Jail time included in the bill.

This year we removed the Jail time and got the bill passed. Granted it is not everything I would have liked and it still has the attorneys upset because it has mandatory minimums for causing serious injury or killing a VRU. The defense attorneys have said that mandatory minimums take the discretion out of the hands of the judge. Frankly if you run a red light or violate the right of way and turn left in front of a biker, I don't flipping care why you did it, there is no mitigating the injury that your bad act caused.

There are specific provisions related to traffic infractions in school zones or construction sites but the main gist of the bill otherwise is as follows. If you commit an infraction and it is proven in court and that infraction causes serious injury to a VRU you will get a fine of \$1500, be required to attend a driving school regarding the rights of VRU's and surrender your license for 3 months. If you commit a traffic infraction and kill a VRU, your fine is \$5000, you still have to attend a VRU rights traffic class and have your driver's license suspended for a year. If you ask anyone who's been hurt and kept out of work as the result of the carelessness of some bone head that caused the accident, they would resoundingly agree that jail time should be part of the deal. I AGREE..

The victory of this law's passage is a good start in my view because we lost too many from our community as a result carelessness of cage drivers and laws that have no teeth to make sure

they think about what they did. Maybe the SOB's walking or having to take a ride-share everywhere they go for a period of time might make them think a little and look out for motorcycles. The Florida House and Senate versions of the bill passed WITHOUT A SINGLE NO VOTE in either the house or the senate which suggests to me that we have some friends in Tallahassee. The Bill goes into effect on July 1, 2024.

Our heart felt thanks to all of you that took the time and picked up the phone to call your legislators.

PLEASE BE SAFE OUT THERE...

Again.... as always Rubber Side Down Martin (Hunter) Nebojsic, Vice President Abate of Florida, Inc. Southeast Chapter



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HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 142
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MARCH 17TH, 2024**

Louis "OB" Russo called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m., there were seventeen members and guests present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Pop from BACA.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JOHNNY ROSE:

Johnny discussed attending Oogie's celebration of life the day before and let the group know that there will be a ride to the service today, for those who can attend. It was then announced that the Memorial Day Event will be held at the Boar's Nest. He then talked about, and highly recommended, the state provided leadership training scheduled for July in Vero Beach, FL. He also asked those in attendance to start thinking about the upcoming elections and nominations. He informed the group that he will be stepping down as President of the chapter and will be running for VP to support and assist the next president. He asked Bruce "Pygar" to consider the role of officer of elections, and he accepted.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT -
MARTIN "HUNTER" NEBOJSIC:**

Martin announced that he will not be running for VP for another term. However, he will be running again to be one of our State Representatives. He then discussed some of the items we may be able to request funding for from the State.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – ROSS HAERTTER:

Ross made a motion to approve the minutes, as printed in the February 2024 Newsletter, seconded, and approved. He then let the group know that all the paperwork has been completed and sent to State for the Memorial Day event.

TREASURER'S REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila gave the Treasurer's Report for the checking and savings account, seconded, and approved.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT –

LOUIS "OB" RUSSO:

OB presented Erik with his Webmaster patch to a round of applause. He let the group know of the gift that Bull made to the chapter. A big thank you to Bull. Then Brad Winston attempted to arrive unnoticed to the meeting, but we noticed and were happy to see him. OB then discussed the need to reignite interest and public recognition of ABATE and our purpose. Discussions were held about reintroducing ourselves to the local community, especially with the ongoing changes in leadership and the need to for more active members. He requests rebranding and t-shirt ideas and asks us to bring them to the next meeting.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT –

KRIS "THAT GUY" KEYZER-ANDRE:

That Guy spoke about next weekend with Fly-In Wheels Annual at the Boar's Nest next Saturday March 23rd at noon, and the fundraiser for our very own Bull on Sunday March 24th from 4p-9pm at Cagney's. There will be a buffet at Bull's fundraiser and a 75" TV will be raffled off, so make sure you come out to support Bull if you are available. He then spoke about getting out and supporting those who support us, even if you can't ride, it's just about being there for each other.

Saturday March 23rd,
Fly-In Wheels MC Annual
Sunday March 24th,
Fundraiser for Bull

Sunday April 7th,
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Sunday, April 21st,
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(After our April chapter meeting)
April 26-28,
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SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

KRIS “THAT GUY” KEYZER-ANDRE:

That Guy continued to speak about and inform the group about recent accidents. He talked about spring break and St. Patrick's Day and the need to be constantly on the lookout.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT -

JOHNNY ROSE & MARTIN “HUNTER” NEBOJSIC:

Johnny informed the members that our “Vulnerable Road Users Act” bill has passed both houses and is now awaiting our governor's signature. Great job to everyone for all their efforts. He also tells us that State really needs more people to step-up and complete their MSAP training.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON & LEGAL COUNSEL –

BRAD WINSTON:

Brad explained the details of the “Vulnerable Road Users Act” and other legislation of interest to ABATE.

PRODUCTS REPORT – ROSS HAERTTER:

Ross detailed the recent product sales and inventory information. He asks that if we you want something specific or a size we do not have in stock, to please let him know and he will make sure it gets included in the next order, if possible.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read the membership report and discussed the total number of members, and the number of new members and renewals. We are quickly approaching 700 members, just a little bit more to go.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – GABE CARRERA:

Gabe was excused.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – ADA HIBBS:

Ada reminds the group of the ability to sell items in the classified section of the newsletter. Also, if you speak with someone in the motorcycle community who might be interested in writing an article, please discuss it with them. Let's go get some articles, we want some new and interesting content, motorcycle related of course.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – TONY CANTY:

The newsletters have all been picked up and distributed. Premier Billiard's is no longer in business.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

DAWNE “THUNDER” KIRK-WATERS:

Thunder was excused.

BILLING AND INVOICING –

HOLLIE “DREAMER” SADOFF:

All bills have been sent out.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:

Bear was excused.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT – ADA HIBBS:

Ada asks that when you send photos to her email, make sure to include the who, what, when and why for the photo submitted.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT – ERIK SADOFF:

Erik let the group know that the issue that was brought to his attention regarding the newsletter page is now resolved. Erik let the members know he will be running for webmaster for one more year, but that after next year, he will be unavailable, as he will be focused on finishing college. However, he suggests we nominate an Assistant Webmaster, to learn how to manage the webpage

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prior to his departure.

CHAPLAIN – CHRISSEY LEONHARDT:

Chrissy was excused.

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN – BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:

Bear was excused.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be a tour of the new trailer immediately after the meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Tony provided details on the Distinguished Gentleman’ Ride on May 19th, and suggested we investigate having a booth at the event. The group agreed, and OB, Tony and Kris will be looking into the requirements.

BACA’s Pibble discussed the next 100-mile ride, of which the details will be provided asap. BACA also brought memorial patches for Coach, the proceeds of which go to assist Coach’s family. Thank you BACA.

Motion to adjourn at 1110 am, seconded, approved. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on April 21, 2023.

See you out there,

Ross



**H E L P
W A N T E D ! ! ! !**

This is a call for help !!!! Your SE Chapter of ABATE has recently been hit with some significant setbacks. Aside from our trailer with all of our safety supplies, tables, tents and merchandise being stolen, in the past year the chapter has lost many of our leadership positions, from Vice President, Safety Director, a Photographer, and two Sgt.-at-Arms, just to name a few. And while these positions have been filled by other ACTIVE members, the number of active members has decreased to just a small handful. With a chapter membership around 680 (largest in the state), this is a call out for our members to step up, attend a monthly meeting (Usually the 3rd Sunday of every month, details are on the back page of this newsletter) and become an ACTIVE member in your local Southeast Chapter of ABATE. We need active members that are willing to lend a hand so that we may continue to do what we do effectively. AMERICAN BIKERS AIMING TOWARD EDUCATION. Look forward to seeing some new faces at our monthly meetings and events.

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SPRING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TIPS FOR FLORIDA RIDERS

Springtime in Florida is a thrilling season for motorcyclists. With the sun shining, the breeze blowing, and the roads beckoning, it's time to rev up your engine and hit the pavement. However, as enjoyable as riding can be, safety should always be a top priority.

With that in mind, here are ten essential spring motorcycle safety tips specifically tailored for riders in the Sunshine State. Remember to contact Winston Law Firm today to speak with a Florida motorcycle accident lawyer if you've been in an accident.

Here are 10 spring motorcycle safety tips for Florida riders.

1. INSPECT YOUR BIKE REGULARLY

Before embarking on any ride, especially after a prolonged period of storage during the colder months, thoroughly inspect your motorcycle. Check the tires for proper inflation and any signs of wear or damage. Examine the brakes, lights, signals, and fluid levels to ensure everything is in optimal working condition.

2. WEAR PROTECTIVE GEAR

Florida's warm climate might tempt you to ditch some of your protective gear but don't succumb to temptation. Always wear a DOT-approved helmet, sturdy footwear, gloves, long pants, and a durable jacket, even in the heat. This gear not only protects you in case of an accident but also shields you from the sun and elements.

3. REFRESH YOUR SKILLS

Whether you're a seasoned rider or a novice, brushing up on your skills is crucial. Consider taking a refresher course or enrolling in advanced riding classes to enhance your knowledge and techniques. These courses often cover defensive riding strategies, which are invaluable for navigating Florida's busy and sometimes unpredictable roads.

4. WATCH FOR WILDLIFE

Florida is known for its diverse wildlife. Be vigi-

lant, especially when riding through rural or wooded areas, and keep an eye out for animals crossing the road. Reduce your speed and use caution, particularly during dawn and dusk when wildlife is most active.

5. BE AWARE OF CHANGING ROAD CONDITIONS

Spring showers are a common occurrence in Florida, leading to slippery roads. Road surfaces may have deteriorated during the winter months, so stay alert for potholes, gravel, and other hazards that can compromise your traction. Adjust your speed accordingly and maintain a safe following distance from other vehicles.

6. STAY HYDRATED

Florida's warm weather can quickly lead to dehydration, especially when riding a motorcycle. Drink plenty of water before, during, and after your ride to stay hydrated and maintain your focus and alertness. Consider wearing a hydration pack or keeping a water bottle within reach for easy access on the go.

7. BEWARE OF TRAFFIC

As a popular tourist destination, Florida sees heavy traffic year-round, particularly in urban areas and along coastal routes. Stay vigilant and anticipate the actions of other motorists, especially during peak travel times and in congested areas. Use your mirrors frequently, signal your intentions clearly, and always assume that other drivers may not see you.

8. PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE SUN

Florida's abundant sunshine can be both a blessing and a curse for motorcyclists. While it provides beautiful scenery and warm temperatures, prolonged exposure can lead to sunburn and fatigue.

Wear sunscreen with a high SPF rating, invest in a helmet with a visor, or wear sunglasses to shield your eyes, and consider wearing lightweight, breathable clothing with built-in UV protection.

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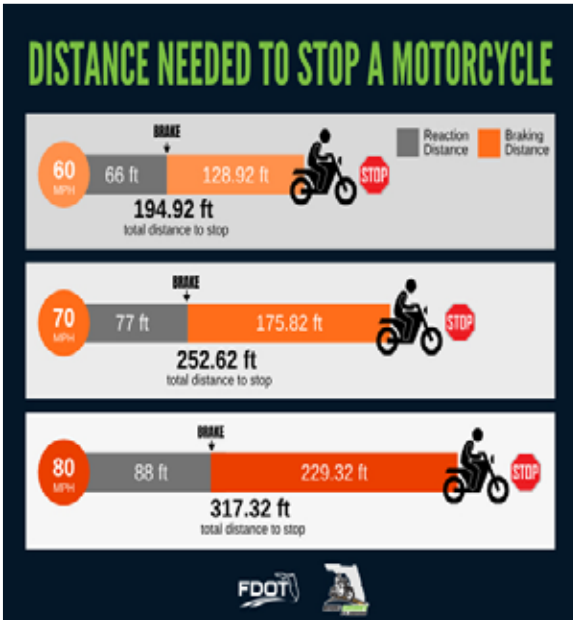
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A couple of weeks ago, my youngest daughter called to ask if I was available to attend a night of worship with her. A night of worship can be described as a music-only service where people can spend time singing and praising, along with a full live band. It usually lasts about two hours and is often divided by a short message of encouragement. Since I love to do this, I accepted the invitation and marked it on my calendar.

I started getting excited as the day approached, not knowing exactly what to expect. Not that I've ever been to a night of worship in the past, but this would be different. Normally, something like this would be held in a church or concert venue, possibly even outdoors. What made this different was that this worship service was held upstairs in the Adamec Harley-Davidson dealership in Jacksonville, Florida.

I've spent lots of time and plenty of cash at this store, but in the past, I never noticed an upstairs or that the building was two stories. When we arrived, we were greeted by several smiling faces who led us through the store to an obscure stairwell. After a few twisties and turns, we were then warmly welcomed by the owners of this store and its other locations, Mark and Diane Adamec. More friendly faces told us to grab a Chick-fil-A sandwich, chips, cookie, and a bottle of water. I said, "Who do I pay and how much?" She smiled and said, "It's free; enjoy!"

There were a few high-top tables to sit at, but mostly people of all ages already filling the room. Part of the upstairs dealership was probably offices and stock rooms, but a larger portion was wide open space, with lots and lots of Harleys stored around the perimeter. There was also a large concrete ramp used for moving bikes from one level to another.

The band started their first song, which was our

cue to find a few unoccupied seats. That was a problem; there weren't many left. In fact, as the evening progressed, they had to add more chairs. I mentioned people of all ages were worshipping; I saw grandmothers like me, adults, youth, moms with kids, and literally people from every walk of life. We had one thing in common though... we all came to worship Jesus. The room was full, and so was the music. Everyone was on their feet for almost the entire time we were gathered.

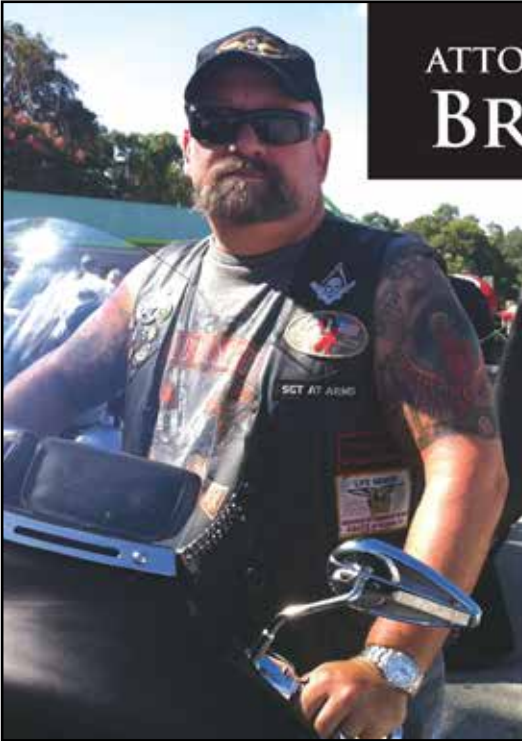
The worship leaders encouraged us throughout the night, but one of the highlights was when I spoke to Mark, the owner of these dealerships. I learned he was from a long line of Harley lovers. Mark learned the business from his father, who, in turn, learned from his father. The love for motorcycles obviously runs thick in the family blood; what a legacy!

But I learned Mark loves something more than Harley Davidson's... he loves Jesus. He and his wife Diane started years ago by inviting people to their house for a home-cooked meal, a little worship, and maybe a bible teaching. They saw a great need for this type of community gathering. As their numbers grew, eventually they had to move it to their Baymeadows store. When I spoke to Mark about this, he said, "If I had known I would be doing this, I would have built this building a lot differently."

Mark and Diane are kind, loving, and generous with what God has blessed them with. The fruit of their generosity is evident not only in the prosperity of their business but also in how many people they reach just by opening the doors. Again, this is not a church; there is no membership, and they



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APRIL

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7 MYSTIC SEVEN MC SEMI ANNUAL	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 EBOARD MEETING	19	20
21 ABATE SE MEETING STATES MC ANNUAL	22 	23	24	25	26 Leesburg Bikefest	27 →
28 Leesburg Bikefest	29	30 				

2024

MAY

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 FEARLESS MC OFF ANNUAL
5 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 EBOARD MEETING	17	18 OUTCAST MC ANNUAL
19 ABATE SE MEETING	20	21	22	23	24	25 LEATHERNEC MC PARTY
26 ABATE MEMORIAL DAY EVENT	27 	28	29	30	31	

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APRIL

Sun.7th **7th Mystic Seven MC Semi Annual-
States MC ANNUAL**
Sun. 21st
26th – 28th **Leesburg Bikefest**

MAY

Sat. 18th **Outcast MC ANNUAL**
Sat. 25th **Leathernecks MC Party**
Sun. 26th S.E. **ABATE MEMORIAL DAY EVENT**

JUNE

Sat. 1st **AOA Ft. Lauderdale Memorial
GBNF**
Sat. 8th **Midnight Club Reapers MC
ANNUAL**

JULY

Sun. 14th **Alternative MC ANNUAL**
Sun. 21st **Solders for Jesus MC ANNUAL**
Sat. 27th **Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook Off**

AUGUST

2nd – **11th 84th Sturgis Bike Week**
9th – 11th **26th South Florida Tattoo
Convention**
Sun. 11th **AOA Ft. Lauderdale 57th
Anniversary Party**
Sun. 25th **Scurvy Few MC ANNUAL**

SEPTEMBER

Sun. 8th **States MC Tune-up Party**

OCTOBER

Sun. 6th **Mystic Seven MC ANNUAL**
Sat. 12th **Outcast MC Party**
Sun. 13th **SE ABATE ANNUAL**
Sat. 19th **Wheels of Man MC
Halloween Party**
19th – 22nd **31st Daytona Biketoberfest**

APRIL 2024

- 04-05 LBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 04-12 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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- 04-13 OUTLAWS OPEN HOUSE MIAMI (8:00PM - ?)
- 04/18 THE CREW MC OPEN HOUSE (8PM-?)
- 04-19 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 04-20 OUTLAWS MC OPEN HOUSE
FT LAUDERDALE (8PM-?)
- 04-26 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 04-27 OPEN

MAY 2024

- 05-01 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 05-04 **FEARLESS MC OFF ANNUAL**
- 05-10 LIBERTY MA. PEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 05-11 OUTLAWS OPEN HOUSE MIAMI (8PM-?)
- 05-16 THE CREW MC OPEN HOUSE (8PM-?)
- 05-17 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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- 05-18 OUTLAWS MC OPEN HOUSE
FT LAUDERDALE (8PM-?)
- 05-24 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 05-25 OPEN
- 05-31 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)

JUNE 2024

- 06-07 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - 06-06)
- 06-08 -OUTLAWS OPEN HOUSE MIAMI (8:00PM - ?)
MIDNIGHT REAPERS MC ANNUAL - TBA
- 06-14- LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 06-15- OUTLAWS MC. OPEN HOUSE
FORT LAUDERDALE (8:00PM - ?)
- 06-20- THE CREW MC OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 06-21 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 06-22 OPEN
- 06-28- LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 06-29 **LEAST OF SAINTS MC ANNUAL - TBA**



JULY 2024

- 07-05 -LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 07-12- LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 07-13 OUTLAWS OPEN HOUSE MIAMI (8:00PM - ?)
- 07-18- THE CREW MC OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM)
- 07-19 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 07-20 OUTLAWS MC. OPEN HOUSE
FORT LAUDERDALE (8:00PM - ?)
- 07-27- OPEN





WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS



SUNDAY

ABATE Southeast Chapter meeting – 10am-12pm - **3rd Sunday of the month**
BACA @ American Legion Post 180 – 10:30am – **2nd Sunday**
Mickey's Tiki Bar – Wind Rider Church Services Church – 11am
Sharkey's Lounge – free pool

MONDAY

Mickey's Tiki Bar – Karaoke – 8pm-12am
Sharkey's Lounge – Ladies' night 9pm-2am – 2 for 1 drinks

TUESDAY

States MC – Taco Tuesday – 6:30pm
Wings of Gold MC – Open House – 7pm

WEDNESDAY

Mickey's Tiki Bar – Open Mic & Karaoke – 8pm-12am

THURSDAY

ABATE Southeast Chapter EBoard meeting – 6:30pm -
Thursday before the Chapter meeting
Scurvy Few MC – Poker Night – 7pm
The Crew MC – Open House – 8pm – **3rd Thursday**
Mickey's Tiki Bar – Bike Night & Live bands – 8pm

FRIDAY

Fearless MC – Open House – 8pm – **every other Friday**
Gideons MC – Open House – 8pm
Heathens MC – Open House – 8pm – **3rd Friday**
Outcast MC – Open House – 8pm
Scurvy Few MC – Open House – 8pm
States MC – Open House – 7-10pm
Wheels of Man MC – Open House – 8pm
Kingdom of Brothers MC – Open House – 8pm – **3rd Friday**
Liberty MA – Open House – 8pm

SATURDAY

AOA MC (Broward) – Open House – 8pm – **1st & 3rd Saturday**
AOA MC (Miami) – Open House – 8pm – **2nd Saturday**
Fly-In Wheels MC – Open House – 9pm – **2nd and last Saturday**
Leathernecks MC – Open House & Poker Night – 8pm –
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Scurvy Few MC – Birthday celebrations – 7pm
Kingdom of Brothers MC – Open House – 8pm – **4th Saturday**

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only meet once a month. There's no advertising, yet the place is packed. It's a business by day and a house of worship one night a month.

Here's my challenge: what can you give the Lord to be used for His glory? What do you have that you could share with others and be a blessing? "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7. It's that easy :)

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the road.

Johnny and I were sitting watching a program on a new 2024 Harley Davidson. The one showing on the screen shows the dash of the new ones, when Johnny looked at me and said you know I don't like the way they look and it doesn't look like a motorcycle. He said it's just too much on the dash I mean it just something I wouldn't want to ride. I just looked at him and said we are both getting old.

On the screen, granted it had a lot of indicators a lot of lights a lot of bells and whistles and also on the steering handlebars there was a lot of buttons and levers and all kind of things that you wouldn't find on a on an old basic bike. I just told him now we are just getting set in our ways and increase technology just kind of improves as time goes on. My how things have changed in many ways .

I remember back in the old days, when Harley you parked them there was an oil slick on the ground every so often and sometimes quite often you'd have to stop and tighten up all the screws. Also back then freaking license plate would fall off and you end up using bailing wire to put it back on

Back then we also had vehicle inspections which seemed like it was an excuse for the police to pull you over. It was always hard to find a place to put it where they could easily see your sticker and reason to be stopped by the law and checked out... my how things have changed!

Now we have all these fancy bikes with multiple displays all kind of button to do all kind of weird thing on them and of course it brings the cost and complexity of repairs up.

I wrote an hour ago a few years back for the magazine stating how when anything was adding they wondered if it would be distraction from driving a car, like windshield wipers and radios. They looked into anything.even though we all know that there was a few incidences of accidents , when someone was just looking down, trying to find a station on the radio and not keeping an eye on

There's one thing that I've always wondered about especially when it comes to the price of motorcycles. I was looking at the new Harley and I was thinking of cost. Granted my bike at one time had a retail price almost \$40,000, sure its 935 LB bike but it's still was \$38,000 for that bike. It had all the bells and whistles heated grips, heated seats, cruise control and upgrade sound system and with addition Chrome and custom paint.

This all got to me to think, so I did a little comparison especially with the new models. I took a look at a new base Road Glide at \$25,000. Bare minimum you know it didn't come with all the bells and whistles, but you know everything is modernized you know you got more sensors on your engine you gotta nice stereo system plus nice paint. It isn't a bare bones like the old bikes and but it's still \$25,000 and it only has two wheels and no windshield wipers.

So I decided to do a comparison. I looked up a price of a new 2024 Chevy trailblazer, it goes for about \$25,000 base price and it comes in with 4 wheel, airbags, Anti-lock brakes, nice sound system, automatic transmission and seats 4 comfortably whereas my motorcycle only seats 2. I figured out that that unit with its base price and its weight of 3029 LB was actually costing per pound price of \$8.25 a pound. Now on the other hand that 2024 road glide that I looked in it weighs in a little over nine 900 lbs which cost round the same price and cost of \$28.00 a pound, isn't that interesting The Harley costs almost four times as much per pound as a Chevy, makes you think why am I paying so much more for so much less and I know paint job on it doesn't increase it that much.

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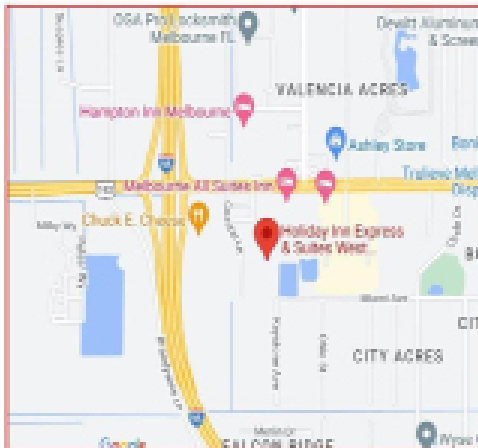
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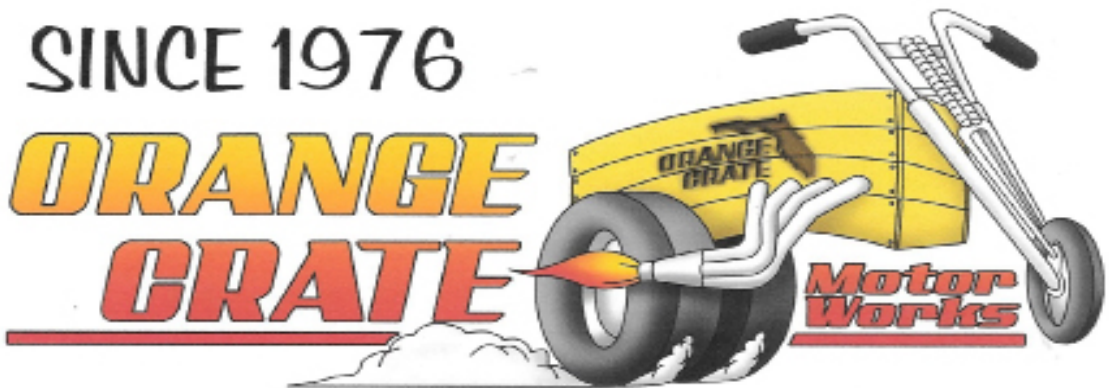
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About the middle of March, 2024, I attended two events to honor Andrius "Oogie" Sepe.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday In Pompano Beach, Florida, that was followed by a viewing for Oogie on the following Sunday in Hollywood Florida. Highly respected members of the South Florida biker community along with his fellow bikers and their ladies were on hand at both occasions to honor and say goodbye to their brother and dear friend.

I'm not going to mention where the Celebration of life was, but the place was packed so many bikers, I'm pretty sure we pushed the occupancy rules hard for this location. The place stayed packed inside until it was announced that fireworks were getting set off outside in Oogie's honor.

Oogie was a decorated military veteran that served in Afghanistan during the gulf war. He was awarded numerous medals for his actions in service of his country. Like many war veterans, he did not talk about his time in the service.

His close friends said that Oogie was direct in his words with fellow bikers but once you got to know him, you could not have a better friend. You knew he considered you his friend if you got a Oogie headbutt. He liked to make people laugh and would literally give you the shirt of his back to help if you needed it. One of his close brothers recounted that he almost made one of his biker brother's wives piss her pants because he made her laugh so hard. All that I spoke to said if they were in a fix and they needed help, Oogie was the first one they'd call for help. He was widely known for being a man of his word.

Oogie was a complicated guy that sometimes kept to himself. His brothers and sisters said that he was good hearted soul as evidenced by outpouring of love on social media from those he helped that were both inside and outside the biker community. He will be sorely missed by his close brothers and sisters and his godson. All felt we lost someone that was



truly one of a kind.

Oogie's dog Redneck was really important to him. His biker brothers will care for his pup for the rest of his days.

He was a genuine dear person that once you got to know him you had to love him. Many did not know this about Oogie but he wrote poetry about his life experiences that made him the man he was. If you are wondering about the title, Oogie's thing was Norse mythology.

I hope and pray that we can find a way to safely share the road with cages so all of us don't have to go through what those close to Oogie are feeling right now. PLEASE BE SAFE OUT THERE.

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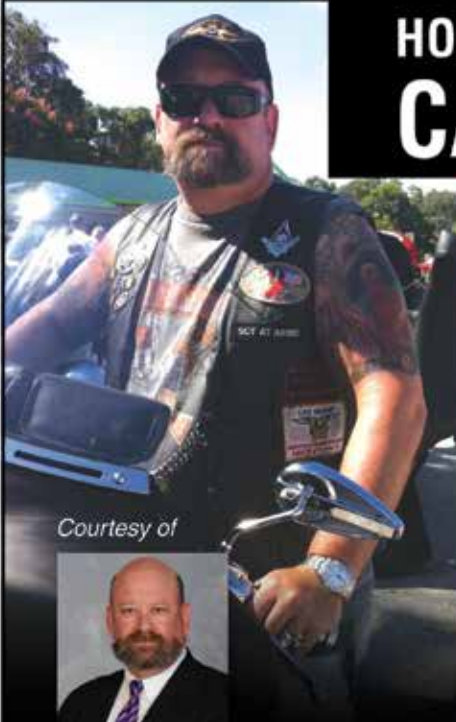
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With Spring Break going on now and everybody down here partying from up north, you know, the snowbirds, traffic is insane. It's bad enough that they don't know their way around town, but now they're on their phones, whether it's for the GPS or texting. I guess that's one of the shi%@y things about living in a state that thrives on tourism. But I have to say, I'd rather live down here where you can ride year-round, than live anywhere else. Yeah, we got the rainy season, but if you're gonna ride in South Florida you're gonna get wet anyway, but just keep riding, and most times, the sun comes out and your dry again, and still riding.... just sayin', you know.

On a sad note, our community lost two more brothers, in the last couple of weeks, Oogie and Freon. My thoughts and prayers to their families and brothers.

When you all are at an event or an annual and you see your brothers and sisters, make sure you get a handshake and a hug, cause you never know when you might not be able to get another one from them again. I know what we do is risky, but there's nothing on earth I would rather do than twist the throttle. So let me leave you with this when you're out riding, keep an eye on your rear-view mirrors, so you have an out. You never know when something stupid will happen next to you or in front of you, heck, even behind you. And with all the roadwork going on, seems like it's always going on, watch out for road debris on the roadways and all the pot holes they're trying to fix.

My dear old friend and former President of our Chapter, Old Hippy, always says, "ride like everything's out to get you."

Peace,
Johnny Rose



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-BY: LITTLE BIT, SHEILA, SANDY, & THUNDER

We were sitting around the other day, talking about an upcoming ride on May 19, 2024, that one of our members, Tony, was talking about. Sheila's daughter, Alyse, also participated in this ride last year. It sounded like a fun and definitely different kind of ride, and of course, as many rides are, it is for charity. So, we wanted to write our article this month, about this upcoming ride. Most of this was taken directly from their website <https://www.gentlemansride.com>

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride is a global charity that unites hundreds of thousands of classic and vintage styled motorcycle riders from all over the world to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer research and men's mental health. The Ride was founded in Sydney, Australia, by Mark Hawwa. It was inspired by a photo of TV Show Mad Men's Don Draper astride a classic motorcycle and wearing his finest suit. Mark decided a themed ride would be a great way of connecting niche motorcycle enthusiasts and communities while raising funds to support the men in our lives. The Ride has raised over \$45 Million since 2012 and has had more than 500,000 riders from 121 countries around the world.

Founded in 2012 with 3,000 riders from 24 cities, the inaugural event, in Sydney, Australia, quickly made its way around the world with thousands of

dapper folks riding in solidarity to positively represent the global motorcycling community. By 2013, the Ride was up to 11,000 riders across 145 cities and raised over \$200,000. That year, the DGR began supporting prostate cancer research and partnered with the Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia. Then, in 2014, with now 20,000 riders, 257 cities across 58 countries, and raising \$1,500,000, the DGR began partnerships with Prostate Cancer Foundations in the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Canada, and New Zealand. That year was also when the DGR partnered with Triumph Motorcycles. In 2016, the DGR began partnering with Movember, which is a men's mental health and suicide prevention foundation. Now we skip to just last year, 2023, with 106,000 riders, \$7,450, raised, in 893 cities across 107 countries. The DGR is the world's largest on-road charity motorcycling event. That is an amazing advancement for just over 10 years since the start.



That goes to show how important, and how needed, DGR is, to help with men's prostate cancer and mental health. Prostate Cancer is the second most common cancer in men. Over 10 million men around the world are living with, or beyond, a prostate cancer diagnosis. Globally, on average, we lose one man to suicide every minute of every day. That's half a million men every year. The issue of suicide is incredibly complex. But we know this: improving overall mental health and helping men establish better social connections can re-

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duce the risk of suicide.

From Movember's website, <https://us.movember.com>

Men's health is in crisis. Men are dying on average 4.5 years earlier than women, and for largely preventable reasons. A growing number of men – around 10.8M globally – are facing life with a prostate cancer diagnosis. Globally, testicular cancer is the most common cancer among young men. And across the world, one man dies by suicide every minute of every day, with males accounting for 69% of all suicides. Movember is uniquely placed to address this crisis on a global scale. We fund groundbreaking projects all over the world, engaging men where they are to understand what works best and accelerate change.



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vention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer. Our fathers, partners, brothers and friends are facing a health crisis, yet it's rarely talked about. Men are dying too young. We can't afford to stay silent. We are the leading charity changing the face of men's health. We know what works for men – and what doesn't. Mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer – we're taking them all on. Since 2003, Movember has funded more than 1,250 men's health projects around the world, challenging the status quo, shaking up men's health research and transforming the way health services reach and support men.

More about the Ride, The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride is an annual motorcycle charity event that fundraises for Movember. Movember is the leading global charity changing the face of men's health through prostate cancer research and men's mental health initiatives. The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride looks to connect all riders around the world who own and ride classic and custom style motorcycles and scooters, to dress dapper and unite in a parade through the heart of their city to raise funds and awareness for men's health. Each ride is organized by volunteer ride hosts, and each city is limited to one ride. Even if you don't do the ride, you can also sponsor a participant or donate to the event, which will contribute towards our charitable goals and benefit all men around the world. The DGR is open to all genders. Riders are to dress up in a classic, clean and simple suit. This is a themed ride, remember, you need to look like a "distinguished gentleman".

There is a lot more that you can find out if you go to the websites, and we did, just don't have enough space to put it all here. The Movember one was especially educational to us. We were happy to learn more, and really surprised at all we did not know. This Ride, in and of itself, we are sure, helps with some mental health for the participants, just by like-minded people getting together for a good cause. We all feel better when we



hang out and ride with our friends, it helps us, and this even more, since it is for a great cause. If you want to know more about the local ride, come to our April meeting, and we'll introduce you to Tony, and he will be happy to talk to you.

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