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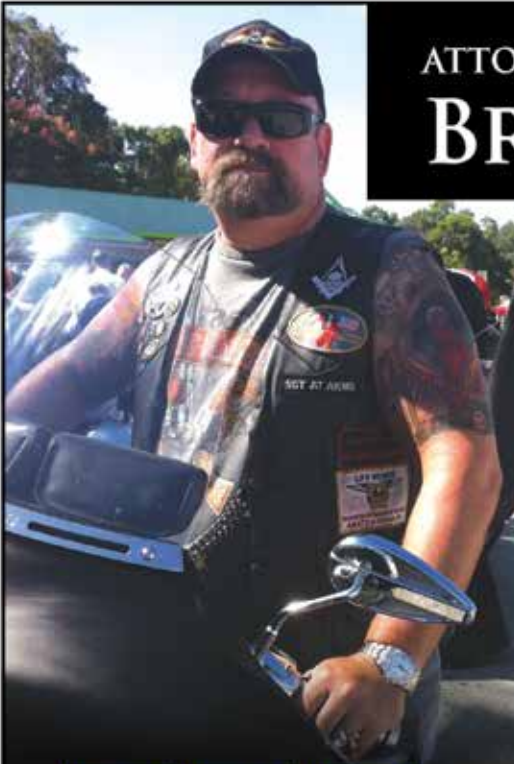
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- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation 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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2020 was our 20th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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'll tell you what, for all the hard work we put in, I'm glad we finally got our safety and awareness money back after eight years of being without it. Maybe you didn't know this, but upon registration of a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped, in addition to the regular fees, there is an additional \$2.50 fee that is paid for motorcycle safety education. This extra fee had been going to the DHSMV (Division of Safety and Motor Vehicles) but as of October 1, 2023, this fee, that can be more than \$1,500,000 per year, will now be going to a group of three non-for-profits, that consist of ABATE of Florida, LAMA, and American Legion Riders. There are more than 650,000 motorcyclists in Florida. We believe that this collaboration within the motorcycle communities will result in safer roads, fewer crashes, and fewer motorcycle deaths and injuries.

It sure is nice for us to have safety and awareness products to give away at our Safety Booths again. Maybe now we can get more people in the cages to notice us again. I remember years ago, when everywhere you looked, you would see a Watch Out for Motorcycles or Look Twice for Motorcycles sticker on car bumpers. Heck, we even had them on the billboards going down the Turnpike and I-95. Believe it or not, it made a big difference, motorcycle deaths and injuries were down.

I feel like ABATE is on a roll again, there is new energy. We recently got our Vulnerable Road Users Bill passed almost unanimously through the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate. All we need now is for Governor DeSantis to sign it into law, and we expect that to happen soon. There will be some repercussions out there for people running us down. And it isn't just motorcyclists, vulnerable road users are also scooters, bicyclists, pedestrians, runners, construction workers, even people riding horses, which we see all the time in Davie.

It is about time we got this passed. Just sayin', you know.

And with gas prices on the rise and cars and trucks becoming so expensive to buy, I expect more and more people will be starting to ride motorcycles and scooters.

And besides the expense, it is the best feeling, being in the wind, free!! So, the Safety Money and the Vulnerable Road Users bill will be helping even more bikers.



If you are reading this newsletter and are not a member of ABATE, we need you to join and help us make it safer to ride. Remember that everything is voluntary with ABATE. If you would like to help us, come to our next Chapter meeting, and we have a Memorial Day Event at the end of May. I always say, "it is a numbers game," that for every member we get, the politicians feel that you have three or four friends that think alike and that could be 5 votes for them. And with these two bills passing recently, you can see the power of those numbers. You don't have to own a motorcycle to join us. We have a lot of active members who don't ride, but who share the same heart for our cause. So, let's keep on keeping on, how we are going, and all pull together and make ABATE a stronger and louder voice in Tallahassee. Join us in helping make it safer for our two and three wheeled community.

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

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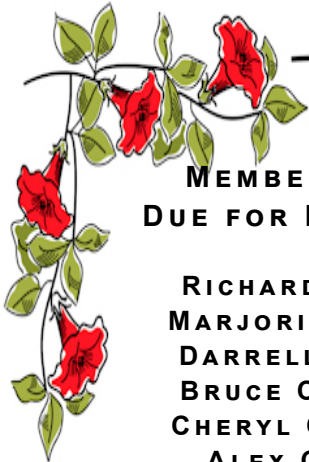
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God bless America!!!!

Peace,
Johnny Rose

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DUE FOR MAY 2024**

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**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

**DEBBIE FARMER
EDWARD FERENZI
JOHNNY PENNINGTON
STEVE KLAPACH**

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RENEWED YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

Thank You



HELP WANTED!!!!

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.



Vice PRESIDENT

Vice President – Throw-back July 2022 MOTORCYCLIST PROFILING

Although profiling and stereotyping are technically different by definition, they really are quite similar. Bottom line is you're viewed guilty before being proved innocent by just the way you look or dress. Have you been pulled over by the law or not allowed into a bar or eating establishment because your wearing Colors or biker paraphernalia? It still happens all the time, if you don't believe me just go down Main Street during Daytona Bikeweek and see how many places you can walk into with Colors on. I've been rejected entrance in establishments before for just even wearing my ABATE patch!

ABATE has successfully introduced and lobbied Bills that have become laws against profiling. There are two in Florida currently on the books, FL Statute 943.1758 and FL Statute 166.0493. Although these were huge wins for ABATE and all Florida motorcyclists, during the process they became watered down. So now we want to try to strengthen them by introducing new Profiling legislation geared towards anyone wearing specifically motorcycle paraphernalia, a Patch, or just looking like a Biker. It's going to be a tough road ahead and may even take years to accomplish through the legal system, but that is what ABATE is all about, fighting for motorcyclist rights. How can you help? Join Abate, for \$10 of the one-time \$20 annual membership fee goes directly for funding our fulltime lobbyist in Tallahassee. Without your support we won't have a fighting chance. Help us help you by joining today.

Your VP, Troy



After mowing their lawns, many homeowners simply blow or sweep grass clippings into the street or onto the roadside without considering the potential consequences. While this may seem like a harmless act, grass clippings can create hazardous conditions for motorcyclists.

Here are just a few examples of the dangers of grass clippings:

Reduced traction: Grass clippings on road surfaces can significantly diminish traction, particularly in wet conditions. This loss of traction increases the likelihood of skidding or losing control of the motorcycle, especially during cornering or sudden braking maneuvers.

Hidden hazards: Grass clippings can conceal other road hazards such as potholes, rocks, or debris. Motorcyclists may not see these hazards until it's too late, leading to abrupt swerving or collisions.

Increased risk of slipping: When grass clippings accumulate on roadways, they create a slick surface that can cause motorcycles to slide out from under the rider, particularly when navigating curves or making turns.

Difficulty in maneuvering: Thick layers of grass clippings can impede the motorcycle's ability to maneuver smoothly. This can make it challenging for riders to maintain control, especially at higher speeds or in tight spaces.

Visibility issues: Grass clippings can obscure road markings and signs, reducing visibility for motorcyclists and increasing the risk of missed cues or directions.

Overall, grass clippings on roadways pose serious hazards to motorcyclists, increasing the risk of accidents and injuries. If you've been in a motorcycle or bike accident, contact our lawyers today to learn about seeking financial compensation.

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APRIL 21, 2024**

Louis "OB" Russo called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., and there were 27 members and guests present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President's Report – Johnny Rose:

Troy is doing is OK, he is with family. Bear is excused. He also provided an update on Lee, our newest life member, keep praying for him and his family. strong and still fighting. Johnny then spoke about the upcoming elections and designated Bruce Sonnenfeld to be the Officer of Elections. He then informed us that at the next state meeting there will be leadership training for ABATE board members.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT -

MARTIN "HUNTER" NEBOJSIC:

Hunter let the group know that he will not be running for VP in the coming election. He also has some business to attend to this summer that may require him to miss the June meeting. He thanked the group for a great year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – ROSS HAERTTER:

Ross made a motion to approve the minutes, as printed in the March 2024 newsletter, seconded, and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila gave the Treasurer's Report for the checking and savings account, seconded and approved. She then pushed for members to seek out new advertisers and hand out newsletters.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT –

LOUIS "OB" RUSSO:

Discussed his attendance at the recent state meeting hosted by Lagoon Chapter. He encouraged the group to bring the board any new ideas. OB also thanks Harold from Gideons for his recent and future contributions to the newsletter. He also spoke about the recent support given by Marelys of Ridin' South Florida, who recently put the ABATE logo on some promotional materials for her event and may be submitting some articles for the newsletter.

The new trailer, which had been well secured to prevent theft, has been broken into and some items stolen. This will be further discussed after the meeting.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT –

KRIS "THAT GUY" KEYZER-ANDRE:

That Guy talked about how May is a busy month with lots to do, Leesburg is next week. BACA's 100-mile ride is also coming up in May, as well as the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride to raise research funds and increase awareness for men's mental health issues and prostate cancer.

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

KRIS "THAT GUY" KEYZER-ANDRE:

There will be an ABATE booth today after the meeting at the States MC Annual and then there will be a ride for International Women's Day and we will have an ABATE booth at a stop on the ride (Alligator Alley Harely Davidson) and at the ride's final destination.

Be vigilant, no one is looking for us out there on our motorcycles, no one. Pay attention, keep your eyes open and stay safe.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT –

ROSS HAERTTER:

Ross highlighted some of the information and takeaways from the recent state meeting hosted by Lagoon Chapter. These included the following: Griz, President says the safety booth paperwork needs to be submitted asap. Steve, VP, told us that each chapter is required to book three room nights at the hotel for the June leadership training. Lynn tells us that any addresses on flyers must include zip codes. Tate, Sergeant at Arms, indicated inventory sheets need to be submitted now, and on the official state inventory sheets. Make sure to send them directly to the state Sergeant at Arms. Memberships let us know that SE Chapter had the most new members for January followed by Lagoon Chapter for February. Lagoon had the largest percentage growth for January and was in a three-way tie with Daytona and Gulf Coast Chapters for February. Tara, the membership trustee, stated lifetime memberships must go through her, not products. If the application is submitted online, make sure to email her and let her know, or the member will be placed at large. If you need to reach her text, instead of calling, for a quicker reply. Russ, the Safety Director, reminds us that safety reports and instructor certs must be sent to three people, the Safety Committee, the Safety Director and State Office. We need MSAP trainings, get them completed. Also, that he will not be running for the office in the next election. They are essential to show we are making progress and will be important when it comes to renewing our contact with the State of Florida. Booth information is needed back to October 1, 2023. Boneyard will be hosting the next state meeting.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Vulnerable Road Users passed and is waiting to be signed by the governor, chances of veto are expected to be very small.

LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON:

See above.

PRODUCTS REPORT – ROSS HAERTTER:

No updates.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read the membership report and discussed the numbers of new members and renewals.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – GABE CARRERA:

Brad stated it was good to have Gabe back at the meeting(s). Then it was suggested we discuss an event or ride out to Lucky Cole's similar to the Ride for Life.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – ADA HIBBS:

Ada was excused. Articles are due. Get them in asap.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – TONY CANTY:

Tony discussed some recent issues which have delayed print but overall, all is good.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

DAWNE "THUNDER" KIRK-WATERS:

Thunder was excused.

BILLING AND INVOICING –

HOLLIE "DREAMER" SADOFF:

Hollie informs the group that everything is up to date. Hollie challenges the group to out and get sponsors and talk to businesses and people.

Social Director's Report –

Barry "Bear" Crown:

Bear is excused. We are all thinking of you Bear!

PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT – ADA HIBBS:

Ada is excused. Johnny reminds al to take a few pictures when your out and send them to Ada.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT – ERIK SADOFF:

The website is running smoothly. Erik reminds everyone to contact him through the webmaster email, as published in the newsletter.

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CHAPLAIN – CHRISSEY LEONHARDT:

Chrissy was excused.

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN – BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:

Bear was excused.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for the upcoming elections will be done both at the April and May Chapter meetings. The current nominations are as follows:

PRESIDENT:

Louis “OB” Russo

VICE PRESIDENT:

Johnny Rose

SECRETARY:

Ross Haertter

Treasurer:

Sheila Rose

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Kris “That Guy” Keyzer-Andre
Bruce Sonnenfeld Poet

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Barry “Rush” Gilsbert
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Nighthawk Steve Chomiak
Kris “That Guy” Keyzer-Andre
Bruce Sonnenfeld, Poet

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Bob Anz

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Harold Thistle
Axman Wojnar

WEBMASTER

Erik Sadoff

CHAPLAIN

J.R.
Chrissy Leonhardt

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A card was passed around for member in the hospital. We ask everyone for their prayers.

Johnny made a motion to adjourn at 11:35 am, seconded, approved. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on May 19th, 2024.

See you out there.

Ross



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It's been a pretty mild winter this year and we've had the opportunity this year to ride in some amazing weather this past dry season. The bad news is that the rainy season is right around the corner. That means that we all have to brush up on our wet weather skills. Riding in the rain in Florida is just a thing that we must deal with, even the most carefully planned out day trip could be hit with an unexpected storm. One of the worst rainstorms I've ever ridden in was on a day where the weather was perfect until about 4 o'clock, after that it was the apocalypse. Just another summer day in the sunshine state.

There are a few ways to make those rainy days a little easier and safer. One big difference maker is a full-face helmet. There's nothing more important when riding than being able to see. The shield on a helmet protects your eyes and face from the falling rain and helps with visibility. They don't fog as easily as goggles or glasses, and you can clear the water while you're moving by simply turning your head. I've read in a couple of places that there are gloves that have a finger squeegee built into them as well, but I haven't seen any myself. Even if you don't usually use a full helmet most of the time, it might be a good idea to keep one around in the summer just in case.

Gloves are also important in my opinion, since they improve your grip on the handlebars, and that's almost as important as being able to see. Rain gear and waterproof boots are helpful in the sense that you will be more comfortable if you are able to stay somewhat dry. If you use rain gear, try to get a type that is either brightly colored or has reflective material to help others see you. In my experience, waterproof boots only stay dry if you have rainsuit pants on, otherwise the water goes through your pants and down into the boots. I've dumped gallons of water out my shoes over the years because of this. I've been caught in the rain with my reeboks on and while

the water doesn't accumulate in them as quickly, my feet were definitely the same amount of wet. It's not unsafe to have wet feet, but it still sucks all the same.

Another important thing is not to panic when the rain starts. If a person is nervous or stiff they tend to make more mistakes. Just stay calm and use common sense, you know that your traction isn't going to be great so slow down, don't make sudden stops or turns and try to stay in a good lane position so that it's easier for the cagers to see you (not that they do in the best conditions, but it's worth a try). Try not to take unnecessary chances be on the lookout for standing water, which combined with speed and worn tires could cause you to hydroplane.

I should add that you should never go out in any weather that exceeds your ability. There's no shame in waiting for the storm to pass if it means we get to see you tomorrow.

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THROW-BACK ROAD CAPTAIN ARTICLE – MAY 2021

NEVER ROAD CAPTAIN FROM BEHIND

There's nothing better than meeting up with some of your closest friends and riding in the wind. Few things can bring about that experience of freedom while traveling down that stretch of open road just cruising, all the while sharing that same experience with someone else. But invariably, the question always comes up before the group hits the open road, "Who is going to lead?" That's when everyone looks at each other with that blank stare, then eventually someone is chosen to be Road Captain for that ride. From that point on, for the rest of the ride, everyone else just needs to live by that decision and deal with it. That's right, pick a Road Captain for that ride and live with it. It doesn't always have to be the same person but whoever you choose that's the leader of the pack from beginning to end. Here's what seems to be so easy but very rarely ever happens, everyone from that point on needs to stay in their place and their position till the end of the ride. We have all seen it, we get to the hook up point, we choose who is going to lead, we hit the open road and someone else in the pack thinks they know a better way or thinks it's time to change lanes and switches lanes on their own expecting everyone else to follow. You also have that person who thinks the person in front of them is going to slow so they decide to change positions in the middle of the ride. Don't be that person! Riding in a group just by itself has enough of its own dangers and at the beginning of the ride a person was chosen to lead so deal with it.

Yes, there may be a little shorter route or the Road Captain, God forbid, may miss a turn, just deal with it. Just stay in your position and continue to follow, for it may be a situation where your Road Captain knows something you don't! Or another example, you're in your correct position of the lane riding staggered, cruising, enjoying the ride and the person behind you zips by you! WTF. Stay in your lane and stay in your position. Park your ego, let the Road Captain of the ride lead it. If you feel you can do a better job, guess what, you lead next time or ride with a different group of friends or better yet just meet them at the destination. Trust me, the other riders will applaud you for not only are you distracting to the rest of the group, you're making it an extremely dangerous ride for everyone else. Bottom line, choose who is going to lead the ride and deal with it and above all else stay in your place and position throughout the whole ride and Never Road Captain from Behind!

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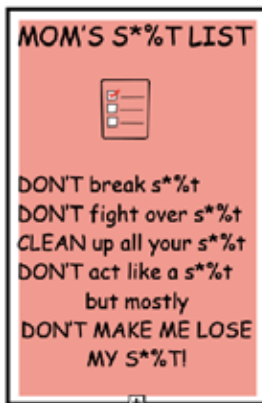
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(My middle son bought this sign for me on Mother's Day. It says it all)

May is the month we set aside to honor all mothers. Some of ours are alive and well, while others have moved on to their rest. They nurtured and loved us before we could talk. And when all we could do was cry, they rocked and soothed us using every method known to man. If you were the firstborn in your line of siblings, then you were the guinea pig whom your Mom experimented on. If you were the last one born, forgive her for not taking as many pictures of you as the others.

Take it from me—sometimes, we mothers are given more credit than we deserve. As much as I babysat as a teen to earn fun money, I didn't learn enough from my on-the-job training to call myself a pro. By the time I had my first child, I was the young age of 25. The frontal lobe of my brain may have finally developed, yet what made me think I could be responsible for another human? Sadly, most of your mothers were just as handicapped as me.

I learned from my foolishness that there was no limit to how many times I could apologize to my son for my parenting mistakes. He was as patient with me as I was with him. I leaned on 1 Peter 4:8, which says, 'Keep loving one another earnestly since love covers a multitude of sins.' I knew if I loved more than I screwed up, he would hopefully turn out alright. I know he got a kick out of watching me do it repeatedly while his siblings became the next crash test dummies one by one!

Now, all four of my kids are grown and independent. They have houses, jobs, and even children. It's fun to look back in the rear-view mirror while they fumble

like I did. But how will we ever get this mothering thing right?!? Yet, that's the ONE THING I wanted to get right!

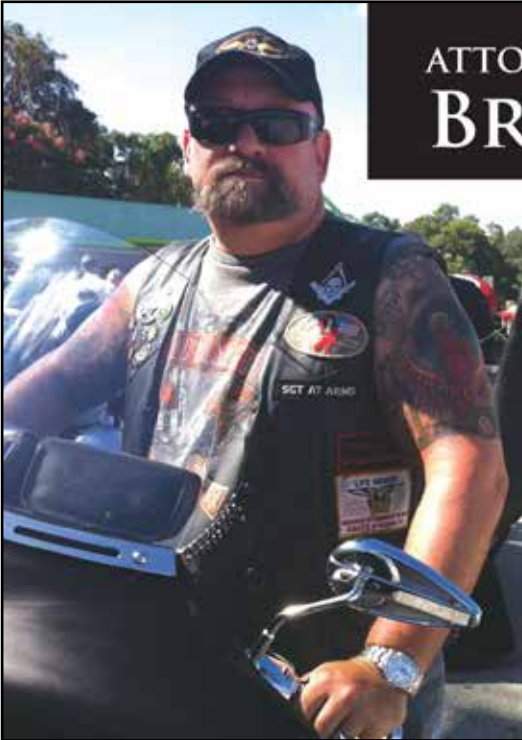
I'll speak for all the mothers and tell you we're sorry. We're sorry for all the times we messed up, all the situations we misinterpreted, the assumptions we made, accurate excuses we didn't believe, truths we thought were lies, unfair punishments, harsh disciplines, and general unfairnesses and inconsistencies. Please forgive us.

But, if I'm going to fess up, you need to. For all the times you provoked your sister, snitched on your brother, acted like a s*%t, broke something and didn't tell, made a mess, and lied through your teeth to your Dad, say you're sorry, even if your mother is dead and gone. God will hear you. 'If we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.' 1 John 1:9

Hear ye, all you mothers! Whether you're new to the job, almost done raising kids, or never had the chance, here is the key to successful mothering: humble yourself and say you're sorry... a lot, but only apologize for your mistakes. And don't forget to ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom. Each child is different. You'll be surprised at how he guides you in every situation. Lastly, forgive your mother and honor her this month the best way you can. Call her, take her to lunch, or put flowers on her grave. She is the mother God gave to you. 'Honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 19:19 □ □

Riding to my Mom's,
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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	

2024

JUNE

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11	12	13 EBOARD MEETING	14 	15
16 ABATE SE MEETING 	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29 LEAST OF SAINTS MC ANNUAL - TBA

2024 CALENDAR



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MAY

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

JUNE

Sat. 8th **AOA Ft. Lauderdale Memorial
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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**

NOVEMBER

Sun. 10th **Wings of Gold MC A**
Sat. 16th **Leathernecks MC ANNUAL**

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- 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 - ?)
OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 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
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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 –
last Saturday
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Kingdom of Brothers MC – Open House – 8pm – **4th Saturday**

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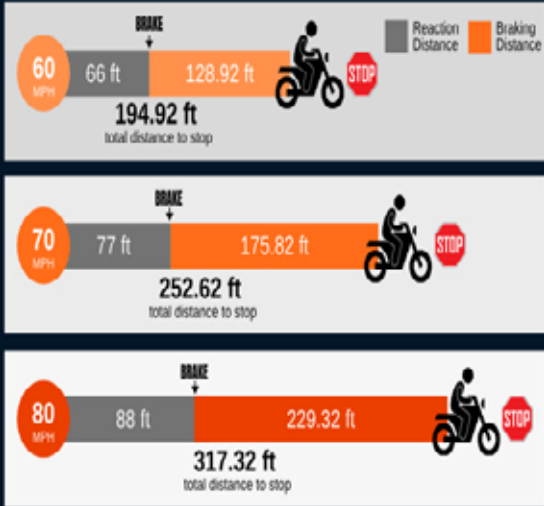




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-written by Tammi Munn



We are saddened to announce the untimely death of our beloved Donald “Freon” Ferrino, who passed away at age 63 on March 9th, 2024. He was a loving partner, father, son, brother, and friend. He will be forever missed by those who knew him well.

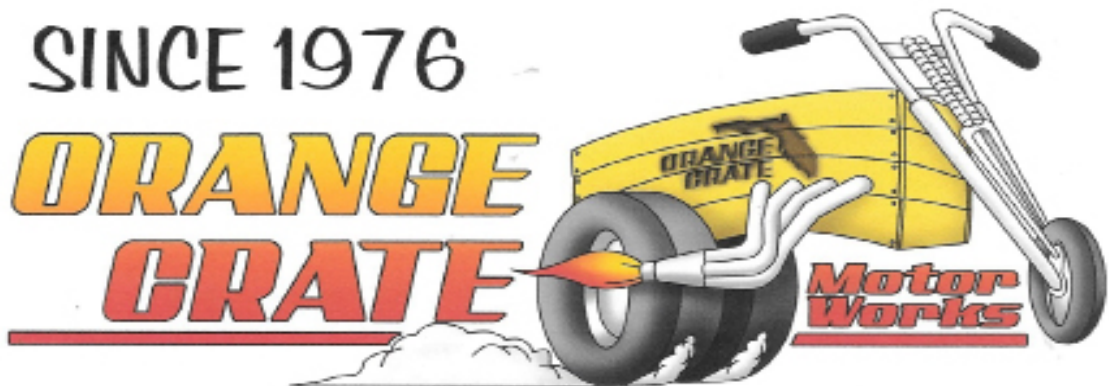
Donald Ferrino was born in Hammonton, NJ on June 23, 1961, where he was raised and attended Hammonton High School, where he made lifelong friends, who’ve remained loyal to him throughout the many years of his life. Later on, he moved to South Florida, where he became a small business owner of a local air conditioning company he called Don Aire Mechanical. He was a kind and generous man, always willing to help others make their hottest days feel super cool. Under the road name of Freon, he was a lifelong motorcycle enthusiast. He loved nothing more than to ride his bike on the open road with the sun on his face and the wind at his back. Freon often found his happy place riding his Harley Davidson bike. He was also considered a skilled mechanic who “could fix anything that had a motor in it”. As a lifelong tenured member of the Deerfield Beach’s Wheels of Man Motorcycle Club, he was always there to lend a helping hand, while remaining loyal to the brotherhood of both his club and its members.

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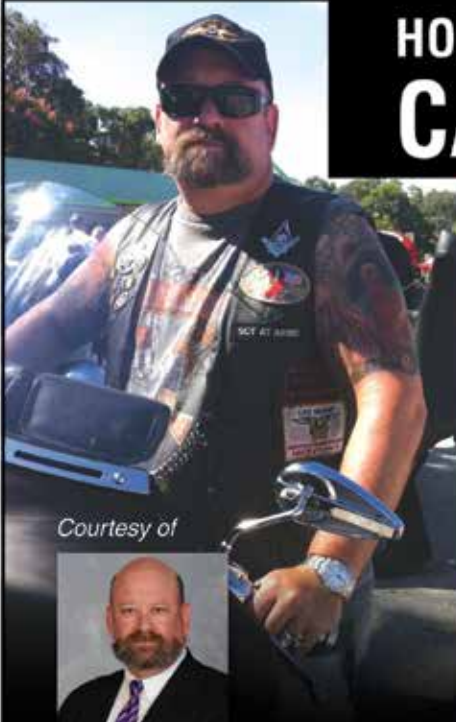
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I really don't have anything to rant about this month. Everything's been going so good in Tallahassee with our bills getting passed.

Do you know why our country is so great and we have so many freedoms? No, it's not because of the politicians and it's not because of the lawyers and it's not because of the businessmen and it's not because of professional athletes and it's definitely not because of the celebrities. It's because of all the BRAVE men and women who gave their lives to give us a free country!!

It all started with the Revolutionary War, which was fought and won in 1783 by Patriots in the 13 colonies against British Rule. They won us our American independence. Years later, in 1788, the Constitution was written and signed.

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

-Preamble to the United States Constitution

Just to give you an idea, the total number of US deaths by major war:

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American Civil War	1861-1865	655,000	sad, brother against brother, and the highest
World War I	1914-1918	116,516	
World War II	1939-1945	405,399	
Korean War	1950-1953	36,574	
Vietnam War	1955-1975	58,220	
Gulf, Afghanistan, & Iraq Wars	1990-2011	7,111	

And this is only the deaths and does not take into account the casualties of almost 3 million and more than 40,000 still missing.

And also, a thanks to those men and women who served and are currently serving, alive, but still putting their lives on the line to keep us free.

This month, May 27th is Memorial Day. Personally, I think every day should be Memorial Day, and I will never forget and always be grateful to those brave men and women who gave their all for this country.

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We were sitting around the other day, talking about another upcoming ride in May, and opposite of our April article, which was about The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, this month, we are going to tell you about the International Female Ride Day. This ride is celebrated on the first Saturday of May, so this year, May 4th. One of the South Florida stops is at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson, where our dear sister and one of the writers of this article, Thunder works. Stop by and see her. ABATE will also have a Safety Booth set up there, and at another stop down south. We also have another member, Marelys, who is very involved in this ride. ABATE is excited to be a small part of this event, this year. We are writing our article this month, about this upcoming ride. We hate to be unoriginal in our articles, but this time, it is said best by others. Most of this was taken directly from <https://motoress.com/about-international-female-ride-day/>

About International Female Ride Day - Origin, History and Now!

International Female Ride Day® (IFRD) is celebrated annually worldwide on the first Saturday of May. The day celebrates women motorcycle riders and is not country, group or organisationally specific – it is a globally synchronised “JUST

RIDE!”© day, for women. Vicki Gray created IFRD for all women individually, in groups and collectively – everywhere!

Women make International Female Ride Day® their day to “JUST RIDE!”© doing what they can to promote and highlight women riders while making a positive difference for women in motorcycling and powersports everywhere.

Every woman riding on IFRD is a role model for the diverse, unique and common passion women share for motorcycling and powersports.

The day has occurred for well over a decade and a half, with the first IFRD actions in 2007. It is an all brands and all styles motorcycling happening, and extends across all borders and cultures the world over.

Marked annually on the first Saturday in May, International Female Ride Day (IFRD) is one of the most important ride days of the year to:

Highlight the number of women who ride;

Encourage other women to take up the activity;

Raise awareness about women's equality in motorsports;

Celebrate women's advancements in motorsports and powersports;

Ride for accelerated gender parity.

What Is International Female Ride Day?

International Female Ride Day® (IFRD) occurring on the first Saturday in May, is a global day celebrating the cultural, social and active lifestyles of women who ride and enjoy motorcycling and powersports. The day also marks a call to action for fast-tracking gender equality, awareness, and respect for women in motorcycling or motorsport.

IFRD is created and owned by Vicki Gray. It is exclusively driven by Gray through her business platform MOTORESS®, the woman rider and motorcycle enthusiast online magazine and resource. Gray is an avid motorcyclist currently residing in Canada where MOTORESS® relocated to from Amsterdam, The Netherlands. IFRD is all about riding in celebration, unity, and support – whatever that looks like globally at a local level. But one thing is for sure, IFRD has been occurring

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for nearly two decades and continues to grow in strength and power, from ride to ride. IFRD promotes all women (those who identify as a woman) in motorcycling and encourages other women to take up the activity. The numbers of women motorcycle riders steadily increases, and certainly more so in recent decades (women's social values have changed, advanced, etc.) with the prominence of the IFRD occurrence. IFRD underlines this growth and the numbers.

History: International Female Ride Day
International Female Ride Day® (IFRD) has been observed since 2007. It is the sole brain child of motorcyclist Vicki Gray, globally recognised motorcycling instructor, road racer, motorcycling advocate and owner of MOTORESS® the motorcycling lifestyle online magazine. The idea had been in the works since 2006 but came to reality on Friday 4 May, 2007 – the very first “JUST RIDE!™” day launched in Toronto, Ontario Canada!

IFRD initially began as a national event and took its leap in May, 2007. It was launched fully intending to be International, and so it did! IFRD instantly became participated globally right from its inaugural year. Vicki's “JUST RIDE!™” theme, the action of IFRD, caught fire and went across the border. Women motorcycle riders in Canada, across the United States, The Netherlands and Australia joined in. Embraced by thousands of women riders, IFRD made its introduction and international success. Its achievements continue to drive it forward today, now over a decade and a half later is permanently etched into every woman rider's agenda – the first Saturday in May.

In 2008 International Female Ride Day observed women riders and activities in Australia, Greece; the further reaches of North America, England and The Netherlands, France and 12 other countries including locations in Russia. Within one year IFRD became embraced, decidedly by women riders themselves – its momentum continues to this day.

Each year “the movement” continues to expand

and grow to such an extent that has truly given it a unique global status. It is the largest all inclusive, borderless campaign for female motorcyclists of its kind, and in the world.

IFRD PHOTO CONTEST & SWEEPSTAKES

Since the very first IFRD, photo sharing on IFRD has been a key and fun part of the day. Originally, a free official IFRD souvenir or memento of the day was sent to the first 100 women riders who sent in a picture of themselves by email. This had to include their motorcycle and further depicting their “JUST RIDE!” aspect of the day. The response was overwhelming!

Within the years which followed, this eventually became too costly for Vicki to afford so she designed a photo contest where sponsors and partners donate valuable items to each winner of the photo contest.

In 2018 the number of global entries caused the MOTORESS®, where the photo contest is hosted, website to crash with over 17,000 photo entries within a few hours.

The photo submissions, shares and posts on social media including the use of #IFRD hashtags, have evolved to become a treasured component of the day, photo contest or not. IFRD has accumulated an extensive image archive of women riders though the years sharing their “JUST RIDE!™” day happenings!

So to all of our sisters out there, looking for a great ride, come out and join us at the events in South Florida.

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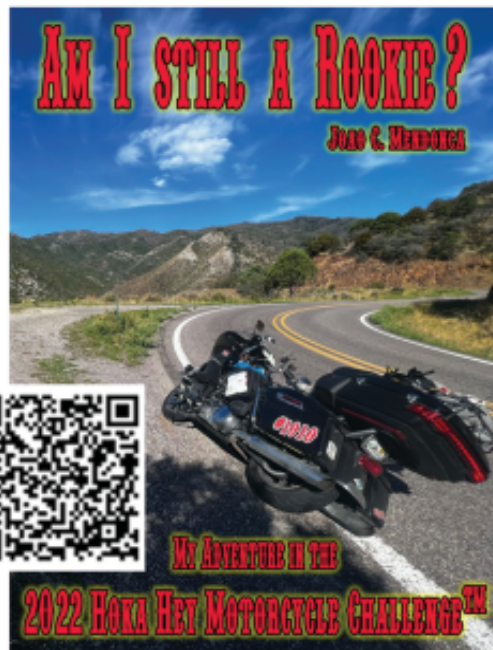
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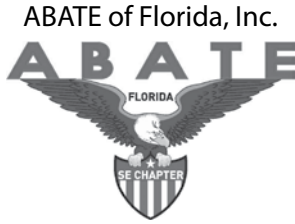
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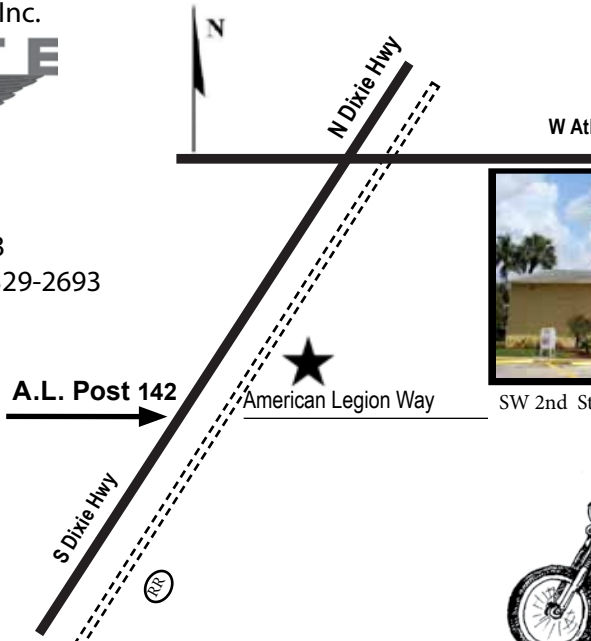
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