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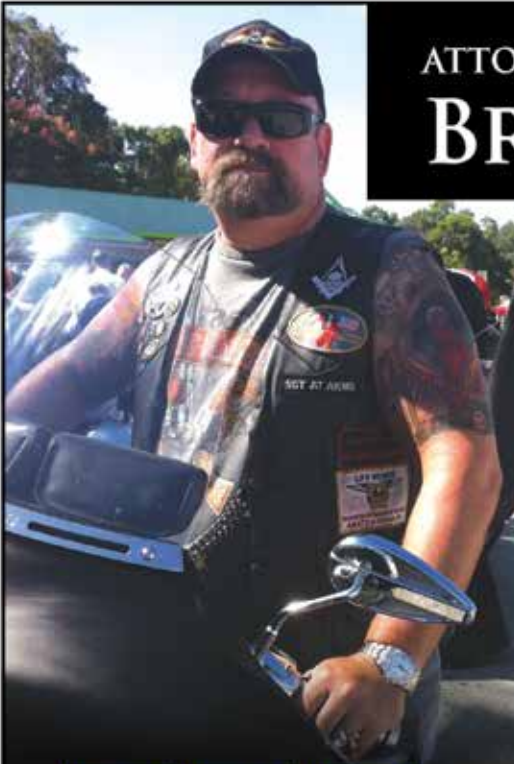
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- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation 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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2020 was our 20th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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.

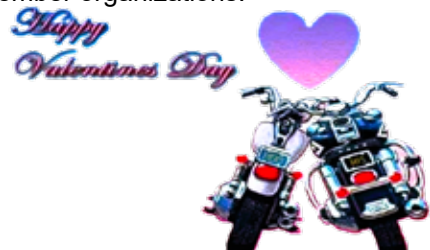
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PRESIDENT’S ARTICLE

I would first like to thank everyone who showed up at our Semi-Annual event at the Boar’s Nest. This was very important to us because we recently had our trailer stolen, and we lost everything!!! I’ll talk about that more in my rant.

On February 11th, we have our State meeting in Tallahassee, and then February 12th, we have ABATE’s Annual Ride to the Capital. It’s pretty cool. We get a police escort all the way to the Capital. And we get to park in the Courtyard between the old Capital building and the new one. We set out a giant American Flag, flags for all of our Armed forces, and a MIA/POW flag. Then we do the Pledge of Allegiance and then we ring a bell and say the names of all our fallen brothers and sisters from last year. Then we go into the Capital, around to all of the representatives and senators and let them know about the bills we are trying to pass, and let them know who we are, voters!!! This year we are trying to pass a bill that will have stronger consequences for drivers who hurt vulnerable road users. The Senate bill is 1528 and the House bill is 1133. These bills are to protect everyone on the road, that’s not in a cage (car or truck), and will include bystanders, like police officers, firefighters EMT’s, tow truck drivers, motorcyclists, people on scooters, skateboard, bicycles, joggers, and just people walking down the sidewalk. Heck, it will even cover people sitting on a bus bench. The way the law is right now, if the driver is not on drugs or alcohol and have legal driver’s license, the only fine they get for killing and maiming us is a \$65 fine. And that’s what our families will get to bury us, or to pay for our hospital stay, that ain’t cool. Don’t get me wrong. I don’t want to see grandma or grandpa go to jail because they pulled out in front of a motorcyclists and hit them, but I do think they should get some consequences for that. They should pay a hefty fine, maybe get house arrest and loss of a driver’s license and have to take safety courses to get their license back. I mean,

they just can’t drive away with a \$65 dollar fine. Something has to change, you know.



Back to the ride to Tallahassee, and now you see why we do what we do, anybody can come, and everybody is welcome. The more motorcycles we have on this ride, the louder our voice will be heard in Tallahassee. So we need everyone to try and take a few days off of work and ride up there. The only way we can truly make the road safer is to get bills passed, and educate the public. We want our “Watch Out for Motorcycles” and “Look Twice for Motorcycles” signs out there.

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!

ANYONE WHO RIDES SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF ABATE!!!!

God bless America!!!!

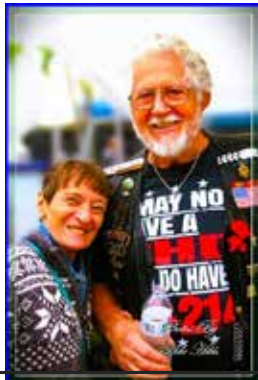
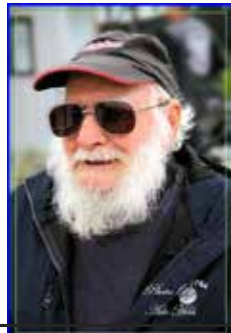
Peace,
Johnny Rose
President
Southeast Chapter



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IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RENEWED YOUR
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VICE-PRESIDENT

Our health care system is a mess. One of the top reasons for personal bankruptcy behind job loss is medical bills. On average doctors' compensation according to at December 31, 2023 survey by Medscape indicated that US doctors' average compensation is \$352,000 compared to Canada with \$273,000 and Europe's highest, Germany at \$160,000. The survey did indicate that education in the US and Canada was 2-3 years longer than the other regions mentioned above and the number of doctors per capita was lower in the US than other developed countries.

According to Investopedia, the drug and health-care & product industry spend \$5.17 billion dollars on lobbying efforts over the last 24 years in an effort to get favorable laws and regulations enacted. This top spot was followed by the insurance industry at \$3.3 billion dollars which includes health and other forms of insurance.

There seems to be a common factor that when a service is covered by insurance, costs tend to be higher on those services in the industry. This is true in auto repair, healthcare and other industries as well. If you show up to the emergency room the first question you are asked is do you have insurance and in the case of injury, did you get hurt at work.

Health Insurance companies negotiate prices that they will pay for services provided to their insured customers. Once services are rendered you ordinarily get a statement that indicates the billed rate and the discount rate that you pay if you are subject to a co-pay and or deductible on your insurance policy. Those differences can be and usually are substantial. My question is why? Why are health care providers allowed to charge people without insurance many times what insurance or Medicare reimbursement allows.

Healthcare should not cost you more if you do not have insurance. That is just morally wrong on so many levels. The healthcare industry claims

that innovation in treatment methodologies and the need to treat the uninsured costs are covered by... Essentially those who can pay.... the bankruptcy rate suggests.... that they can't afford it. Government does pick up the tab in the form of Medicaid for some of those who are unable to pay, but that still doesn't encourage the health care industry from charging at least twice as much to those without insurance for same services.

The other day I was at a doctor's office and I needed an Air cast for my leg. The assistant came out with two sizes still wrapped in plastic to size me up and asked me to sign a Medicare document. She wasn't aware I wasn't on Medicare yet.. The charge for this Air Boot to government sponsored Medicare was approximately \$320. I got the same EXACT BOOT at Amazon for about \$90 delivered.

By the way if you are wondering who is picking up the tab to cover the healthcare costs of the millions if illegal immigrants in our country, it's the taxpayers getting the bill.

BOTTOM LINE Here in the state of Florida we do not allow individuals to gouge us during times of emergency like a hurricane. Vendors who charge you too much for gas or a bag of ice can face stiff penalties for doing so. I consider a medical emergency such as a disease or broken bone no less an emergency and I feel should be subject to the same type of price gouging scrutiny as a gallon of gas or a bag of ice.

WHEN ARE WE THE PEOPLE GOING TO INSIST SOMETHING CHANGES. If the high costs resulting in personal bankruptcy in large numbers isn't enough.. I don't know what is.

I feel better getting that out. Let me know what you think we should be doing about this problem in America, because it is a big problem..

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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JANUARY 14, 2024**

Louis "OB" Russo called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., there were 11 members and guests present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JOHNNY ROSE:

Johnny gave the group an update on Troy and let us know that he is now home and hanging in there. We are all praying for Troy. He also informed us that Lee, our newest life member is also finally home from the hospital. As you may know, he and his wife Laurie had an accident on Griffin Road on their way home after the toy run, the result of a massive pothole on Griffin Rd. Lee is very happy to finally be back home with his wife, who was also injured during the accident. Laurie sends her thanks to everyone for their prayers. Also, there will be an event at Smoken Daddy Cigar Lounge in Davie, Florida on January 26th 2024, during which there will be a raffle benefitting Lee & Laurie. He has a long road to recovery, so any assistance is greatly appreciated.

The group was also reminded that volunteers are needed for both our upcoming Semi-Annual, to be held on Sunday, January 21st at the Boar's Nest Saloon and the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show up on Saturday, January 27th. Southeast Chapter will be handling parking for the event and will also have a booth at the event.

Finally, the theft of the ABATE trailer was dis-
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cussed. Our trailer was parked at American Legion Post 142 on the night of Saturday, January 13th and was gone the following morning. This was discovered just prior to the start of the chapter meeting and was the reason for the delayed start. This is a major loss for the chapter, as it contained all our products, patches, tents, tables, chairs, banners and much more. The chapter went on to discuss the details and resolved that the things in the trailer are only just that, things, and things can be replaced. The chapter would like to formally recognize and thank both Brad Winston and visiting ABATE of PA member Richard Freeburn for pledging donations to the chapter to assist in replacing what was taken. We would also like to recognize Tony Thackham from the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show for offering assistance. We thank and appreciate you all.

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


Hunter was excused.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – ROSS HAERTTER:

Ross made a motion to approve the minutes, as printed in the December 2023 Newsletter, seconded, and approved. He also reminds the group that the Ride to the Capital is coming up fast. The ABATE of FL state meeting will be held in the Tallahassee area the day prior to the ride, Sunday the 11th. The escorted Ride to the Capital is scheduled for the following day, on Monday the 12th.

TREASURER'S REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila gave the Treasurer's Report for the checking and savings account, seconded and approved. She also reminded us that she will be stepping down from both her position at the end of the current term. She will not be running for either Treasurer or Membership in the next election. She lets us know that she loves this organization and our cause, but due to other commitments she cannot commit the time next year. She will be available to help whoever decides



to step up, and gets elected. She reminds the group that neither position needs to be especially difficult. You do not have to be great in math or have a particular background to be a Treasurer, which is an executive board position. She will further discuss the actual requirements of both positions in more detail at an upcoming meeting.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT –
LOUIS “OB” RUSSO:

OB started by also pledging to make a donation to assist the chapter in rebuilding. The entire chapter thanks him. He also told us that Pony Boy from KOB donated a leather vest and that it was to be given to our very own Webmaster Erik Sadoff, with full backpatch for all his continuous hard work and effort. However, since our patches were stolen along with the trailer, this moment needed to be delayed until a future date, but the chapter wants Erik to know we appreciate everything he does for the group and that we are glad he is one of us.

ROAD CAPTAIN’S REPORT –
KRIS “THAT GUY” KEYZER-ANDRE:

That Guy reinforced the sentiment that while we lost our trailer and all it contained, that is just stuff which can be replaced. He then reviewed the upcoming community events on the calendar:

- January 14th- Wings of Gold Annual
- January 21st - ABATE Southeast Chapter Semi-Annual
- January 27th - Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show
- January 28th - Der Krieger Annual
- February 3rd - Gideons Annual
- February 11th- AOA Annual
- February 17th- Wheels of Man Annual

SAFETY DIRECTOR’S REPORT –
KRIS “THAT GUY” KEYZER-ANDRE:

That Guy discussed the recent accidents and crowded roads, and reminded us that it is still dangerous out there and to be careful. He then talked in-depth about the current push to end combustion engines and the continuing importance of what ABATE means for motorcyclists.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT -
JOHNNY ROSE & MARTIN “HUNTER” NEBOJSIC:

Johnny discussed his recent meeting with Kirk “Hardtail” Willard, the current president of the MRF and all that they do for motorcyclists. He spoke about the various efforts at the national level to limit our rights as motorcyclists, especially the right to repair and modify our motorcycles and also the push to end the internal combustion engine. That Guy reminds us that the greatest thing about the United States is the freedom to make a choice and live your life as you see fit. If you choose to buy a combustion engine or an electric vehicle, that choice should be yours. Ross mentioned that Ohio recently passed legislation which banned the state of Ohio from adopting a ban similar to what was recently enacting in the State of California. So it appears, motorcyclists in the State of Ohio will be free to choose a little longer, as long as we can come together and stand with the MRF to prevent a national version of the same ban.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON & LEGAL COUNSEL –
BRAD WINSTON:

Brad discussed how the insurance industry got a big gift from the state of Florida. A gift which is bad for us. They were able to pass legislation that limits a motorcyclist’s chances of being adequately compensated for damages suffered in an accident. This legislation only benefits the insur-

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ance companies. He also discussed some great work he's been doing with a national organization of motorcycle attorneys, of which he is a founding member, and invited Richard Freeburn, motorcyclist and attorney from Pennsylvania who was in attendance to reach out to discuss those continuing national efforts further.

Brad also discussed ongoing legislation, which if passed, would allow contractors and subcontractors to be covered under the same umbrella of sovereign immunity that currently protects both the State and their inspectors from lawsuits. These bills would provide a \$200,000 cap, no matter the level of resulting damage and associated expenses. The on-going efforts and need to prevent these bills from moving forward was discussed.

PRODUCTS REPORT – ROSS HAERTTER:

We are currently waiting on an order of long-sleeve t-shirts and will soon be considering ordering a limited amount of short sleeve t-shirts, both the black & white and the popular color shirt. However, prior to any order, a survey will be taken to see if any active members require shirts and that will be considered when placing the next order. We will be keeping the volume of inventory fairly low going forward. Sheila also informs the group that the vendor said they do have a few patches in stock, so those at least will be available for the upcoming semi-annual.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read the membership report and discussed the total number of members, and the amount of new members and renewals.

She also said to reach out and go see Lee and Laurie, they are happy to have and appreciate visitors from the community.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – GABE CARRERA:

Gabe was excused.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – ADA HIBBS:

Ada let us know that we have one week to get articles and photos in for the newsletter. Make sure to include the what, why, where and who for all submitted photos. Also, everyone who receives the unpublished copy of the newsletter for review, make sure you review it before it goes to print.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – TONY CANTY:

Tony has been working to decrease lag time and increase efficiency, and its distribution is going smoothly. He comments that while it was decided last month that we were going to be cutting back the number of printed newsletters by two boxes, effectively saving the chapter 100 dollars, that we have not yet cut back and that after the semi-annual and vintage motorcycle show this month, the number of newsletters will need to be revisited.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

DAWNE “THUNDER” KIRK-WATERS:

Thunder was excused.

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Hollie “Dreamer” Sadoff:

Everything is up to date.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:

Bear brought some amazing foods for all to try. Thanks again Bear!

PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT – ADA HIBBS:

To allow for clearer, better-quality photos, Ada informs us she will be putting fewer but larger photos in the newsletter. However, as always many of the additional photos will be available on the chapter's Facebook page for all to enjoy. Also, you can reach out to her for a copy.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT – ERIK SADOFF:

Everything is good.

CHAPLAIN – CHRISSEY LEONHARDT:

Chrissy was excused.

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN – BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:

Bear offered prayers for all.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Johnny will reach out to Legion 36 and confirm if we can have our Memorial Day event at their location. He will also reach out to a local band he knows and determine if they are willing to play the event and provide an update asap.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Some friends will be riding to WOG after the meeting for any who would like to attend.

See you out there,

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From Your Safety Director

Hello again everyone and thank you for taking the time to read my article. This month I'd like to talk about one of the most important pieces of safety equipment that we almost never think about, brakes and braking. It's something we all use, and don't really think about until it becomes an issue. My front brakes recently went out on me, and it brought this subject to my attention. When I spoke to a couple of people about it, I was actually surprised at how many different techniques people use to stop their bikes. I'll go over a few here.

I'm going to start off with the method that I use since it's the one I'm most familiar with. When I'm traveling at higher speeds or in the top part of my gears, I tend to engine brake more than anything, it's very effective, and I don't have to worry about the back wheel locking up. At lower speeds, and when coming to a complete stop, I use a lot more front brake than rear. I do it this way because I have anti-lock in the front and a drum in the back that locks up fairly easily. One of the more tense moments I've had on this bike was the first time I locked that rear brake up and the back of the bike tried to swing around to the front. I used to do this deliberately on dirt bikes when I was a kid, but these heavier cruisers aren't so forgiving.

One of the people that I spoke to had just recently switched from a racing bike to a cruiser. They told me that these days, on the cruiser they were more reliant on the front brakes than the rear. He made a great point in saying the weight of the bike has a lot to do with that. I remember when I had my Kawasaki, if I used only the front brake, the back would lift off the ground a little. That doesn't seem to be of much concern with the cruisers.

A couple of the people that I spoke to very religiously use the engine brake method to slow down most of the way and then feather the front brake and press heavy on the back ones to come to a complete stop. The point here is, there is no wrong way to use your brakes as long as you effectively stop the bike before it hits something. I just found it interesting that people had so many different takes on how to do it.

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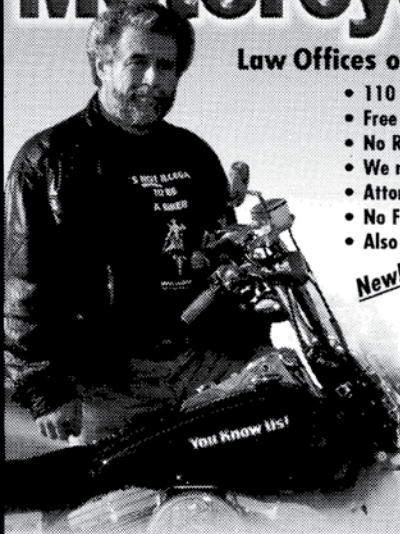
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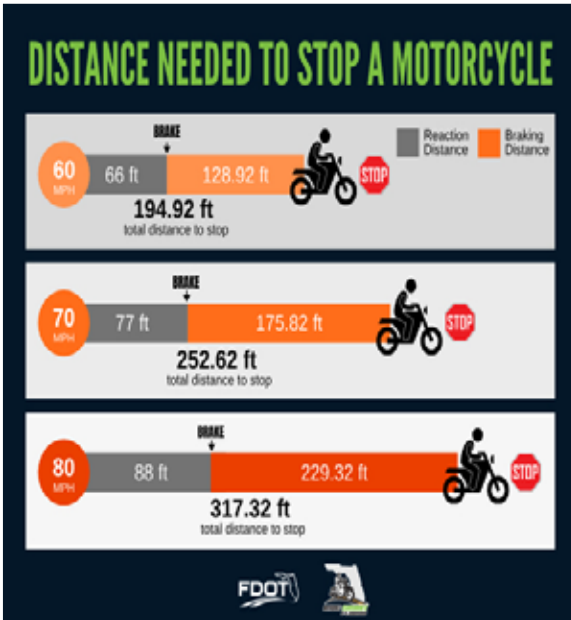
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LESSONS LEARNED



The motorcycle community encompasses the most supportive people I know. We go from club to club, seeing some of the same faces at every event. Yet, how many of us take the time to get to know those we frequent?

I enjoy hearing your stories. We all come from such different walks of life. Our experiences shape who we are, how we think, and how we relate to one another. But we'll never know what intriguing tales lie behind those familiar faces unless we ask. So lately, I've been doing just that: asking questions so we can get to know one another.

So far, I've found that many of us are hard-working individuals just trying to make it one day at a time. We leave our leathers on the hook, and most of us either punch a clock, snag a shift, or work in our own business. Some of us are finally enjoying retirement, too. We have varying types of education... everything from college degrees to a Master's in the School of Hard Knocks. We are good fathers and mothers who try to balance club life with quality family time. Our bodies show signs of aging, but we are in good health. We come from different parts of the country for different reasons. One thing we have in common is we love to ride.

Yet, some of us came here for work or may even be unemployed, with just enough food in the cup-

board for the week. Our family situations are less than desirable, and we haven't spoken to some of our relatives for several years. Our health limits us more than we'd like, and our aches and pains have cut our pace in half. But we still love to ride.

Give or take, the circumstances I've mentioned might be better or worse than described. But either way, we have a unique story worth telling.

From a talking donkey to a man eaten by a whale, the Bible has plenty of folks with crazy stories, too. According to 2 Kings 5, Naaman was a highly respected commander in the Syrian army who, despite his courage and strength, had one problem that cast a shadow on his reputation: leprosy.

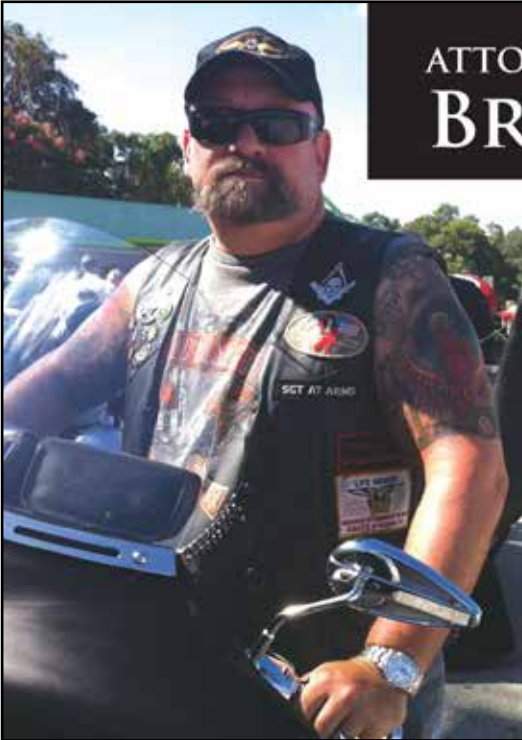
Even though the disease didn't seem to phase him or those around him, Naaman kept going about his business. On one of his raids, a young Israelite woman was taken captive who suggested he see the prophet Elisha, who was known to heal people. Naaman was willing to try just about anything, so he made the journey to Samaria. (This trip might have been equal to a visit to one of those obscure clinics you hear about in Mexico!)

Elisha's prescription for healing turns out to be quite unusual. The prophet tells Naaman to wash in the Jordan River seven times, and he will be healed. What would you do? I'd wash, but Naaman is unsure of the river and what might lurk in its waters. He complains to Elisha, asking why he can't wash in his local river.

Naaman's friends reason with him, and Naaman finally does what the prophet says, rising out of the river a completely healed man. Wow! What a story worth retelling!

Many years later, while in Nazareth, Jesus retold Naaman's story using his healing as an example. There were others whose stories were retold by

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11 AOA Ft. Lauderdale ANNUAL	12 ABATE Freedom Ride To The Capitol	13	14 	15 EBOARD MEETING	16	17 Wheels of Man MC ANNUAL
18 ABATE SE MEETING	19 	20	21	22	23	24 Scurvy Few MC Party THE CREW MC ANNUAL
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Sat. 19th **Wheels of Man MC**
 Halloween Party
19th – 22nd **31st Daytona Biketoberfest**

NOVEMBER OUTLAWS

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

DECEMBER

Sun. 8
th 37th **Annual Toys in the Sun Run**

February

Sat. 3rd **Gideons MC ANNUAL**
Sun. 11th **AOA Ft. Lauderdale ANNUAL**
Sat. 17th **Wheels of Man MC ANNUAL**
Sat. 24th **Scurvy Few MC Party**

MARCH

1st – 10th **83rd Daytona Bike Week**
Sat. 3 **1st CMA Easter Service**

APRIL

Sun. 7th **Mystic Seven MC Party**
Sun. 21st **States MC ANNUAL**
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**
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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**
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Sun. 11th **AOA Ft. Lauderdale 57th**
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Sun. 25th **Scurvy Few MC ANNUAL**

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- 02-10 OUTLAWS MC. OPEN HOUSE MIAMI
(8:PM- ?)
- 02-11 **OUTLAWS VALENTINE'S PARTY
FT LAUDERDALE 12-5PM**
- 02-15 THE CREW OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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- 02-16 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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- 02-17 CACIQUE RC – CARNIVAL OF HOPE /
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- 02-23 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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- 02-24 **THE CREW MC ANNUAL -TBD**

MARCH 2024

- 03-01 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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- 03-08 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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- 03-09 OUTLAWS OPEN HOUSE MIAMI (8:PM?)
- 03-15 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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- 03-16 **TWENTY TWENTY RIDERS MC/ST PATTY
ANNUAL (1-5PM)**
OUTLAWS MC. OPEN HOUSE FT PATTY
FORT LAUDERDALE (8:00PM - ?)
- 03-21 THE CREW OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 03-22 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8PM-?)
- 03-23 OPEN
- 03-29 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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APRIL 2024

- 04-05 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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- 04-12 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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- 04/18 THE CREW MC OPEN HOUSE (8PM-?)
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MAY 2024

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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 –
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Scurvy Few MC – Birthday celebrations – 7pm
Kingdom of Brothers MC – Open House – 8pm – **4th Saturday**

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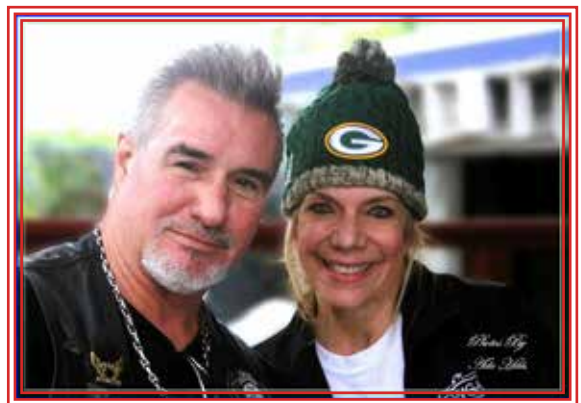
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Conceived by the experienced and passionate motorcycle instructor, Vicki Gray, IFRD transcends borders and affiliations, serving as a universally synchronized "JUST RIDE!"© day for women worldwide. Whether riding solo, in groups, or collectively, the spirit of "JUST RIDE!"© is embraced by women everywhere.

IFRD has evolved into a dynamic platform where women actively promote and spotlight female riders, contributing positively to the global advancement of women in motorcycling and powersports. Each woman who hits the road on IFRD becomes a role model, representing the diverse, unique, and shared passion that women have for motorcycling and powersports. Introduced in 2007 by Vicki Gray with the rallying cry of "just Ride," the International Female Ride Movement has grown under her guidance. With over 30 years of experience as a motorcycle enthusiast and instructor, Vicki Gray is also the creator of Motoress, a magazine/website for women motorcycle enthusiasts worldwide.

Reflecting on my own years of riding, I observed that many women with motorcycles lacked a com-

munity of fellow riders. Facing a similar situation when I started riding, I took the initiative through my riding group, Ridin South Florida Motorcycle Group, to coordinate an annual ride in South Florida, joining the global "Just Ride" day.

I've been organizing and leading the local IFRD ride in South Florida for several years, and each year sees increased growth with more women joining. The turnout for last year's ride was exceptional, with 50 beautiful ladies ready to ride and celebrate the day. We enjoyed an escorted ride to Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill in Key Largo for lunch. Behind the scenes, extensive preparation and thoughtful planning go into making this event special – from selecting the venue and route to securing a professional photographer to capture the day's essence. My goal is to create a memorable experience for all participating ladies.

Riding empowers me, and I'm passionate about inspiring other women to feel the same. Riding with these wonderful ladies on this special day brings immense joy, and my top priority is ensuring their safety and fostering the bonds of sisterhood. The connections and friendships that have flourished through this yearly event are a source of pride.

Excitement builds for this year's ride, and I eagerly anticipate the participation of even more ladies. Let's come together, support one another, and embrace our full potential on this exhilarating journey

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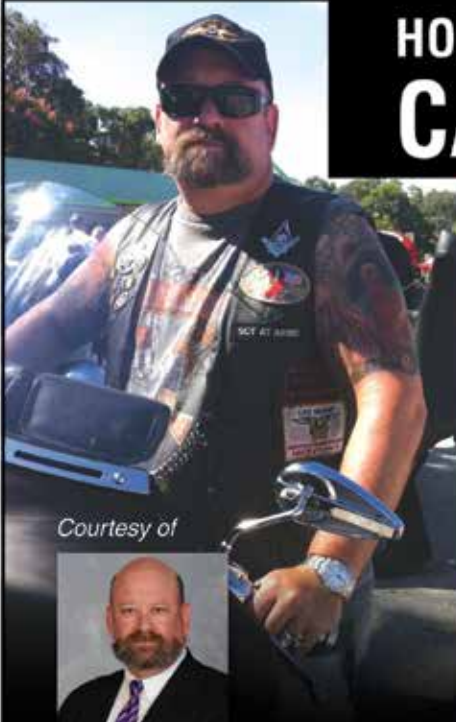
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JOHNNY'S RANT

I do have something to write about in this article. I'm pissed off. We all got ripped off, all of us, everyone out there who is a member of ABATE of Florida, whether you are a member of Southeast Chapter, or another chapter in our State. The only difference between me and you all, is that I'm on the Board and you're not, but it's still yours too. Our membership includes clubs, groups, and independents, all the way from Key West to the top of Broward County, that's three counties, and we also have a lot of members that live in other areas and states.

On the weekend of January 21st, some thieves stole our trailer, YOUR trailer, from an American Legion Post, super f'ing lowlife thieves, stealing it from the property that supports and honors our United States military. We had everything in that trailer. We had tents, tables, chairs, coolers, cones, safety flags, safety vests, and event set-up items. We had all of our products in the trailer; our t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, ball caps, patches, pins, and even some nice, tailored button-up shirts. We had all of our Safety Booth set-up too; the custom tablecloths, that really made us look professional, the safety banners, the flyers, and all the cool giveaways, like bumper stickers and key chains. We had 2 vertical "feather" banners with ABATE SE on them. Heck, we had a whole lot of banners, from our Chapter, through the years, and other things that can't be replaced. The trailer alone is a big expense.

I'll tell you, the thing that got me the most, what hit me hardest, was the Memorial Board. I know a few of you remember, a few years back, we had the Bikers Memorial Garden by Café 27, with plaques and memorial stones for bikers who had passed away for the past 20+ years. All that had to go at some point, so our Chapter bought a Memorial board, and we had some magnetic metal plaques made for al-

most all of those bikers, as most were members of ABATE. And then, sadly, we had to add more plaques over the past few years, for the more recently passed. I am the one who has gone to the shop to get these made, and I take it to heart, that this is to honor those who passed, and I remember them, and miss them. Now I will have to go and get replacement plaques and I know it will feel a little like losing them all over again. What kind of heartless #@% person does that?

But I know one da&m thing, Southeast Chapter is strong, and our community is strong, and we will rebuild and replace all that is lost. It will take some time, but we aren't going to quit until everything is back and better than before. This time, though, we are putting a tracker on the new trailer, and maybe some kind of wheel lock.

I had to delete a lot of cuss words before I sent this to print, and I am going to be mad for a while. It feels personal, and I'm sure to a lot of you too. I'm trying to be Christian here, and forgive, but also hoping for a little karma, and hope the thieves get what they deserve, "what goes around comes around". Just sayin', you know.



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We were sitting around the other day, bitching a little, you can imagine, about our stolen trailer. Sometime overnight, between Saturday, January 20th and Sunday, January 21st, some thief stole our ABATE trailer. We keep it parked out back of an American Legion, and there are 3 or 4 other trailers also kept there. This location is also directly behind a city hall. We have had this trailer for many years, donated to us by a beloved member, and it is painted nicely with our logo, and once a year, we do a “trailer” clean-out, where we spend a day pulling everything out, doing inventory, checking everything, and repacking it back. We also have a few members who check it for maintenance, making sure we have good tires, etc., just really taking care of this trailer, like it is our own, and it is, OURS. It’s not brand new, but it’s kept well, and it is OURS, and also all of our members, and all the members across the State, as we are one big family. We had everything in there that we needed to set up for events, to set up our Safety Booth, our products to sell, and on and on. We were really mad, and still are, if truth be told.

We don’t think you all want to read an article about us being mad, mentally cussing and kicking things, but what came up while we were talking about this, what kept keep coming through, was how people have been stepping up and being so caring and kind about it. Time and again,

we have seen this, individuals and our community (meaning the Florida biker community), demonstrating that the worst situations tend to bring out the best in people and the organizations to which they belong. In every moment of darkness, it seems, there are countless moments of light — small gestures of compassion and connection that allow people to show who they are, how they want to live, and what matters to them.

We had our Chapter meeting on January 21st, which is when our President, Johnny Rose, discovered the theft. He was SO mad, more than anyone else, we think. He dealt with doing the police report, and letting people know. And then our meeting, wow, we were surprised, even though we know how amazing our group is. It wasn’t even half an hour into the meeting when several of our members spoke up and pledged to donate some significant money, for the replacement of our trailer and the contents. Now, at this point, we were still hopeful we would find the thief and get all of our stuff back, so this was big.

Ada, who manages our Facebook page, right away, even during the meeting, started posting about it, with a picture of the trailer, thinking the sooner the better, while the thief’s trail was still hot, at least we hoped so. By the end of our meeting, she had so many shares and people commenting and even updating the post with more information. Since then, everywhere we go, people are coming up to us, asking, with concern and care, about the trailer. We have had a few more pledges for the trailer and replacing what was stolen.

This coming together of the community, the love that we feel, is truly amazing. In her book, *A Paradise Built in Hell*, Rebeccas Solnit writes “The history of disaster demonstrates that most of us are social animals, hungry for connection, as well as for purpose and meaning. A truly dire situation, as tragic as it is, drags us into emergencies that require we act, and act altruistically, bravely, and with initiative in order to survive or save our neighbors, no matter how we vote or what we do

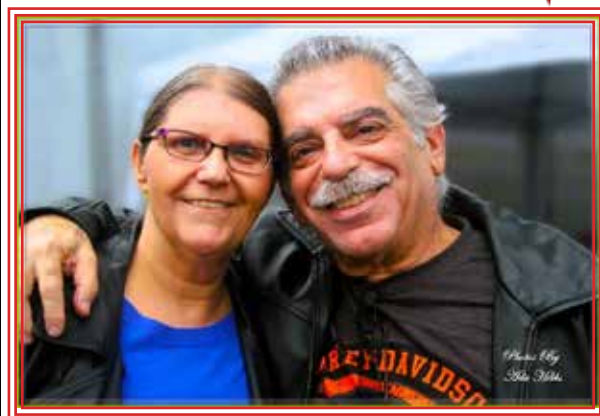
for a living.”

The theft of our trailer, while being a pretty rotten thing, does not, in any way, compare to other tragic things that many of us have experienced, especially loss of a human life, a friend, a brother or sister, mother, father, etc., and these losses seem to happen more in our community, where we have a lot of risk, riding the roads with distracted drivers. And we see, during these times, the coming together of our community, the sense of unity, the greater appreciation for life and loved ones, and the increased capacity for altruism, empathy, and the desire to act for the greater good.

In less than two months, we already had three of our members go down, in accidents while riding, and none were at fault, and thank God, than all are still alive and will recover, although a long recovery. We think, too, that because our community deals with more of these kinds of tragedies, that our sense of unity is greater, even in normal times. Sure, we all like to get together for events and we laugh and tell stories, listen to some good music, and then, later in the same year, or even same month, we are getting together over a hospital bed or at a funeral. The family feeling is there, at both. You know that if you want to celebrate, your “family” is there, and when you are falling, with a feeling of loss or hopelessness, your “family” is there to hold you, to pick you up, not let you face it alone. We love to be reminded of this, and it’s always with us.

So you know, Johnny Rose is still very mad, as are others, but I (Sheila) remind Johnny to look around, and see all the others who are also mad, and who are supporting us, not financially so much, but in brotherhood and camaraderie, so he sees that the burden is shared, like he doesn’t have to be so mad, since others are also mad with him. I really hope the thief is caught and gets what he (or she) deserves.

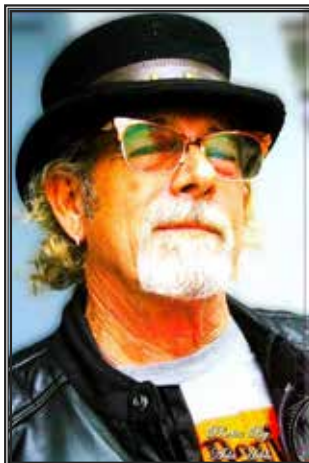
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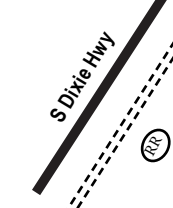
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