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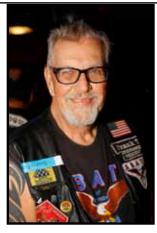
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from Your President

ABATE Southeast Chapter President's Remarks April 2016

Happy Easter and Happy Spring everyone. The weather has been very agreeable for riding our bikes, but please be careful. We had several of our Southeast Chapter members involved in accidents, one resulting in injury and the other in death. Be on the lookout for the cages; they obviously aren't able to see us.

Please take a few minutes to read the Southeast Chapter's meeting minutes posted in this newsletter. The minutes are an official account of what is and has happened in your Chapter.

At the upcoming April 17th Chapter meeting the election process for Executive Board and Trustees begins with nominations for these positions. At the May 15th meeting nominations will also be accepted and the process ends with the elections taking place at the June 19th meeting. Please come out and support our election process. We need members to step up and hold positions and keep our Chapter growing and supporting our mission of motorcycle safety and biker rights. We need at least four individuals to hold the Executive Board positions (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer) in order to keep our Chapter open. I want everyone to know that it has been an honor to serve as your Chapter President this past year. To make it official, after my term of office ends on June 19th, I will be unable to accept the nomination for President or any other Board or Trustee position for the next year.

ABATE Southeast Chapter 36th Annual Memorial Day Event is scheduled for May 29th starting at noon at Mickey's Tiki Bar in Pompano Beach. Mark your calendars and come and support your local motorcycle safety and rights organization.

On a personal note: I had the opportunity to ride to Daytona Bike Week once again this year. Harry Ness and I rode up on Thursday before the 75th Annual was scheduled to begin. The weather was dry, warm, and very windy. The traffic was relatively light on the turnpike to Ft. Pierce and a welcome break at Steak & Shake and fuel stop there. Rode I-95 to Port St. John and visited with ABATE advertiser and ABATE Southeast life member Sharkey, of Sharkey's BLVD Lounge. It was early afternoon and we rode over seemingly miles of dirt roads, to visit with Southeast life members Shaky Bob and Princess Sharon, who had relocated from South Florida to a very nice home and acreage. They were in good spirits, happy, and it was fun to see them again.



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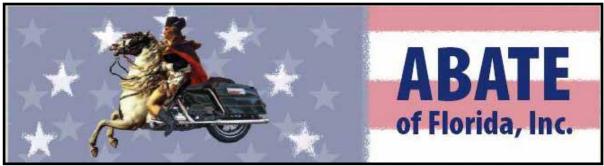


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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Mar 20, 2016

Sergeant at Arms Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:17 am. There were 20 members and 2 guests in attendance. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence and a prayer by Poppi.

President's Report: Frank thanked everyone for coming to the Davie Moose Lodge for the meeting. Since our last meeting the Chapter has had one member injured and another killed in traffic accidents. Daniel "Airborne" Ortner (States MC) was injured and on the mend. Glenn "Swede" Malmstrom was an active American Legion Post 222 rider and life member of ABATE, who succumbed to his injuries. Please keep both of those guys and their families in your prayers.

Each ABATE member has a \$4000.00 Death and Dismemberment Insurance Policy as part of your membership dues. Please fill out the insurance beneficiary card which determines where the insurance payment goes, if something happens to you (God forbid) and you do not have a beneficiary listed, the money goes into probate for your estate, which will take longer to receive the money. If you need a new beneficiary card please contact our Membership Trustee T-Man.

I received a message from Joel and Kathy Honeycutt, our Products Trustees. They had decided to move to their other home near Lake City; they actually pulled out of town the day before today's meeting. They did an outstanding job for the Chapter and will be greatly missed.

This year ABATE did not have any success in the

Florida State Legislation. The proposed \$300,000 ABATE Safety Money was hacked in the Senate before going to the Governor for signature (where the Governor vetoed it last year). Additionally, the Vulnerable Road User's Bill (Stiffer Penalties) passed all committees but "died" on the table in the Senate, never getting a vote.

The State has asked the Chapters to consider three amendments for annual and life dues. The floor was opened for discussion. Paraphrased Amendment #1: \$20 annual and \$600 life membership; Chapter's give the State Treasury \$10 for each annual and \$400 for life membership. Paraphrased Amendment #2: \$20 annual and \$150 life membership; Chapter's give the State Treasury \$20 for each annual and \$150 for life membership (all membership revenue goes to the State Treasury). Paraphrased Amendment #3: \$30 annual and \$300 life membership; Chapter's give the State Treasury \$20 for each annual and \$300 for life membership. Chapter members in attendance voted unanimously in support for Amendment #3.

A reminder that the Southeast Chapter elections for Executive Board and Trustee positions will begin with nominations in the months of April and May with the election taking place at the June meeting. Last year, we had difficulty filling the four required positions in order to continue as a Chapter; those positions are president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. If Chapter members are not willing to step-up, the State ABATE office will attempt to find within our Chapter's 500+ members four individuals willing to fill each of these positions. If unable to do so, the State will close the Chapter and the membership will become at-large members and the

Chapter's assets will be returned to the State office. I encourage anyone wanting to be on the Executive Board or hold a Trustee position to speak-up, stepup, and run for a position.

<u>Vice-President's Report:</u> Poppi thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to come out and support the Southeast Chapter Elections. You can nominate someone or even yourself to any position that you might want. We are having great riding weather and please watch out for cages. Additionally, Southeast Chapter member Papa Harley is sick, was placed in hospice, but now has returned home. Please keep him in your prayers.

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> (Marie was excused. She is very sick and at home. Please pray for a quick recovery.) A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed, seconded, and no discussion. Motion was passed. (A special thanks to Joanne "Critter" Napoli for stepping up and taking the minutes for today's meeting.)

Treasurer's Report: T-Man read the financial report for February. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor, and the Motion was passed. T-Man said 41 members had to be refunded \$10 for over payment of the dues. The Chapter presented a \$1,000.00 donation to the State Treasury at the February meeting. Also the Chapter gave an additional \$300.00 to support the State sponsored drawing tickets.

Sergeant at Arms' Report: Steve thanked everyone for coming today. He reminded everyone that tomorrow is the beginning of spring break at our local school districts, but there is still a lot of schools open for sports, etc. Please be careful near our schools.

Road Captain's Report: Gambler was excused. Poppi spoke about the last ride to Mickey's. It was a good ride but all the road rules are not being followed, especially changing lanes. We need to follow basic road rules and that Gambler should put them in the next newsletter.

Safety Director's Report: Frank spoke in place of

Gambler. He mentioned that we had a Safety booth at a 4X4 event on March 12th in Miami Gardens. They signed up a new ABATE member and collected \$11.00 safety donation. Gambler wanted to remind everyone that the Chapter would have a safety booth at the States MC April 3rd event and if anyone wanted to help out please do. An ABATE driver safety class was given on March 18th at the Miami Lakes Voc Center.

<u>Products Report:</u> The Products Trustee position is open due to Joel and Kathy moving away. If you are interested in volunteering, please let any of the Executive Board members know. Currently Frank has the products in his garage. If you need anything just give him a call.

Events Coordinator: Frank said the paperwork for the May 29th; our 36th Annual Memorial Day Event is awaiting approval from the State office. The event, if approved, will be held at Mickey's in Pompano Beach. Bob Anz will be cooking for this event. Plus Jimmy Les and Suzanne are planning something special for Memorial Day.

<u>State Representative Report:</u> There was no State meeting this month. The next meeting is April 9th, in Cocoa, FL starting at 2 pm.

Membership Report: T-Man reported for February, we had 13 new members joining, 23 renews, 3 new life members, for a total of 529 active SE Chapter members. He said people used to join because it was safe to ride with us. We need to get back to that. A reminder, when submitting all membership forms **PLEASE** fill them out completely and legible so that we can read it, and send it in a timely manner. Thank you very much for your support and membership to the Southeast Chapter.

<u>Newsletter Editor:</u> Squeezer was present and as of Friday he had not received any articles for April. This month he will meet with Ada and start training her to take over for next year.

<u>Legislative Report:</u> Brad spoke and told us that the Legislature had its last session on March 11th.

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The VRU Bill failed. All we had to do was let the legislators know that this was important and it would have passed. When there is a call to action – we need to take action.

Public Relations: Fern was excused. She is always out there promoting ABATE and keeps our Southeast Chapter Hotline updated weekly. To stay informed about the Chapter's activities please contact the Hotline 24/7 at 954-310-4636.

Billing and Invoicing: Pixie was not present, but excused - Frank said everyone is up to date. He also mentioned when getting a new ad remember to get the application filled out and get the check. Please remember to support our advertisers, because they support us.

Social Director's Report: Patty said we have a beautiful cake. Frank asked if we wanted to move our birthday parties back to our advertiser's locations in lieu of having the party after the chapter meeting. For now, we'll stay put after the meetings, but will ask again next month. T-Man suggested having our birthday parties at the American Legions during their bike nights.

Newsletter Distribution: Frank thanked Poppi for picking up his newsletter route while he was in Daytona. Poppi reported all is going good, and that we might need someone to pick-up Airborne's route – hopefully he will be recovered by then. Poppi also mentioned some places have excess Newsletters left at our distribution locations and to note how many old Newsletters that are picked up so an adjustment can be made for the next delivery.

Quartermaster Report: Bob reported that there is no report.

Photographer's Report: Ada was excused.

<u>Web-Master's Report:</u> Rogue was excused but reported that everything is up and running.

Legal Counsel: Demetrios was not present.

<u>Old Business:</u> There was no old Business to report.

<u>New Business:</u> There was no New Business to report

Good of the Order: Following the meeting some of us are going to J.P. Mulligans for the Keltics MC Annual. American Legion Post 321, Cooper City is having a Bake Sale on March 26th at 10 am. Jimmy Les donated \$75.00 to the Chapter and shared a great story on how he earned the money "dancing on a bar in his chaps." Thank you Jimmy Les.

EVENTS UPCOMING:

March 27: CMA Easter Service, Peterson's North

April 3: States MC 50th Annual

April 7: Mystic Seven MC Party at their Clubhouse April 9: ABATE State Meeting, Cocoa, FL starting at 2 p.m.

April 16: Outcast MC Party

April 17: ABATE Southeast Chapter meeting at the Davie Moose Lodge 1798 starting at 10 a.m.

April 22-24: Leesburg Bike fest

A motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is April 17th at the DAVIE MOOSE.

Joanne "Critter" Napoli
On behalf of
Marie Baxter
Secretary S.E. Chapter



...President's Message continued from page 4

That same evening was a planned SpaceX rocket launch from the NASA rocket pad, so we rode the bikes to a local watering hole on the west side of the Indian River to watch. This was the fifth time they had attempted to launch this rocket and we were not disappointed. There appeared to be lots of people who enjoy this kind of thing because the joint was packed. Plus the rocket launched successfully. Now it was getting late and Sharkey suggested we spend the night there. His invite went something like this "I have two couches, an inflatable mattress, two bedrooms, one of which is rented out and the other is mine and in which is a king size bed and I sleep in the nude, take your pick." Sharkey also tells us that this is his stock line when he invites anyone to stay there. Needless to say we took the couches option. We enjoyed a big steak dinner that night along with numerous shots of Old #7 and needless to say we had no trouble sleeping on those couches.

The plan for Daytona was to have "no plan", which worked for us, even finding parking. For example, first trip to downtown cruising on Main Street early evening from the west and, as we approached the Boot Hill Saloon - there is a parking spot large enough for three bikes front and dead-top-center of the Boot Hill. Old Buddy Timing!! Parking was not a problem. Getting to your destination was the problem. It took us awhile on Hwy 415 in order reach the Antique Bike Show and Cabbage Patch due to the two lane road. Otherwise we were able to visit: the No Name Saloon, Antique Bike Show. Iron Horse, Cabbage Patch (where we ran into ABATE life member Axman, his lovely wife Vicky, and about 14 friends visiting from Germany), Daytona Speedway, Destination Daytona, Bank & Blues, Boot Hill, Dirty Harry's, and Bad Boys Saloon, just to name a few. We also supported the local American Legion Post 359. We ended up staying at Sharkey's house the entire trip due to his hospitality and because he's a good friend.

Not bad for a five day trip and great fun.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the Southeast Chapter's monthly meetings and events. Currently the monthly member birthday party is being held after the Chapter meeting.

Our next meeting is April 17th at the Davie Moose Lodge 1798, 4483 SW 64th Ave. Davie, FL at 10 a.m. Prior to the meeting a breakfast buffet is provided for a nominal fee by the Lodge. To keep up-to-date with the ABATE Southeast Chapter, checkout our website (abatese.org) or call our Hotline 24/7 (954-310-4636) for current Chapter information and notices. You may always contact me at pres@abatese.us. RIDE FREE RIDE SAFE!!!

With respect,

Frank T.





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Vice-President



About time we got great riding weather. I hope you're out rlt's coming close to voting time for board members, and we have positions that have to be filled. It's very important. So think about stepping up into one of those positions; they have to be filled. Think about nominating someone, you can even nominate yourself if you would like to fill one of the po-

sitions, it's very important!!!

With that being said, on a high note, we've had great riding weather, so get out and enjoy it. Ride safe and always watch out for the cages we share the road with.

Your V.P. Poppie



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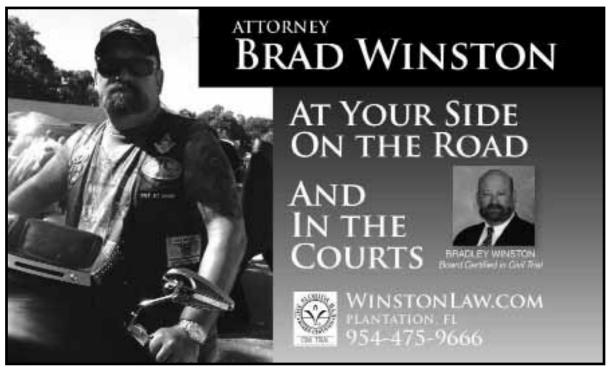






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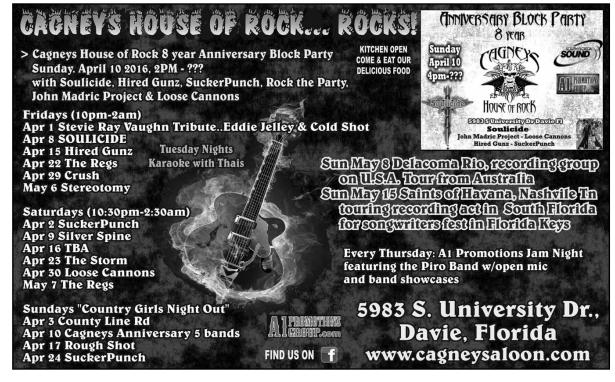
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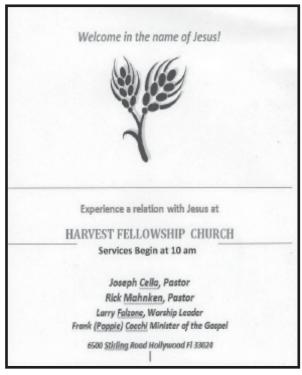






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Road Captain's report

RIDING WITH ABATE

Well let me start by saying that I hope everyone rode over to the polls and voted in the March primary. I can't see any clear cut candidate to be my president. If you ask me, they are all lacking something. I worry about this country and its future. But, enough politicking.

Your road captain led one ride in March, but like always I'm disappointed in the number of riders that show up. The few that did ride, rode over to the USMV Chapter 1 Annual at Mickey's Tiki Hut Bar on March 13. Mickey's is always a great place to party. It's like they roll out the red carpet when the bikers party there. Anyway, USMV Chapter 1 had a great party. Good food and good beverages, if you know what I mean. A really enjoyable afternoon.

Sometimes I think the ABATE members forget that more than 50% of this chapter's members come from MCs. That means that a lot of our funding comes from the MCs. They attend our events. We need to show up at theirs in large numbers. All we ask, and I especially, is that we show them that we appreciate their support by attending their club parties. So let's ride as a group and show our

support. If you want to go out to Café 27 or some other spot that's fine. Just hang around for an hour or so. Is that too much to ask? Be a part of this team.

Until next time, keep the shiny side up and the rubber on the road.

Jim "Gambler" Willard
Road Captain - ABATE SE Chapter







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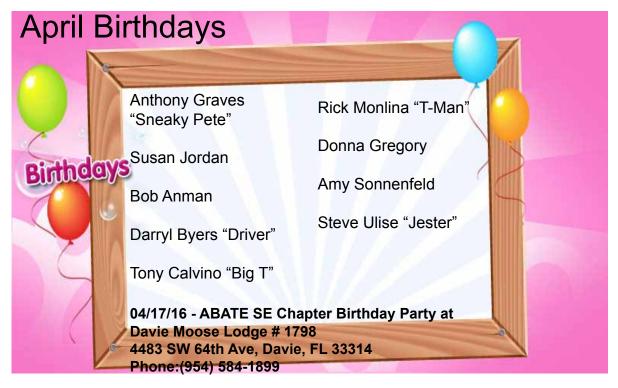
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If I may digress for a moment...

Finding the center balance

Everything in life has a center and knowing how to find it is very important. It helps us keep balance between the extremes. Not being able to find that center will lead to failure in some way or other.

Before a baby can learn to crawl he or she needs to learn where its center of gravity is. Until the baby learns this, it will tumble to one side or the other until it finds the right balance. After mastering crawling, the child learns to stand up and again needs to learn where that center of balance is located. The child needs to learn this before being able to stand unassisted and then again when taking the first steps. The consequences of not finding this balance is falling on our butts or falling on our faces, neither of which is good.

We must continue to learn to find centers of balance throughout our lifetime or risk some form of failure. In our school years we must learn balance between studying and playing, joking and seriousness, flirting and making a move. And as adults we must learn to balance work life, social life, and family life. At work between socializing with coworkers and producing results for management. It seems that all of life is about finding a center of balance.

Going too much to one extreme of anything is bad. Too much water and we drown, too little and we dehydrate. Too much food we get fat, too little we become anemic. I think you get the picture. We need to find the center balance.

Finding balance also goes for politics. Unfortunately this election year we will end up with an extremist wining the White House. On the Republican side we have a choice between Trump and Cruz, both extreme conservatives. On the Democrat side we have a choice between Clinton and Sanders, both extreme liberals. Why doesn't either party have a moderate or a centrist? Is it that the American people will not vote for one or because the RNC and DNC will not give a moderate or centrist any support?

I know that one of the candidates is running under the banner of "Make America Great Again", which is ironic, because we already are great and I challenge anybody to tell me which country is greater. That being said, we could be better. What we need are politicians that are willing to put America before party. We have already seen the consequences of an extreme Right Wing and of an extreme Left Wing Congress. A President alone is not going to fix our ills, we need a Congress that is balanced and willing to reach across the aisle and make compromises.

If our politicians start embracing the center and maintaining balance, instead of seeking the extremes, America will not fail.

Your editor - "Squeezer"







Easter

We just celebrated the Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the one and only son of God. Now realize the Father in Heaven, creator of everything, allowed His Son to be crucified on the cross, to suffer a horrible death, then be risen from the dead on the third day to sit at His side in Heaven. Why would He do that?

To sacrifice His Son for our Salvation He took away all the sins that where ever committed and ever will be committed, so that we can have everlasting life in the Kingdom of God.

Now I ask you, do you know how we take advantage of His sacrifice? All you have to do is ask Jesus Christ into your life. Now how do you do that? Confess to God that you are a sinner. Believe in your heart that Christ died for our sins and that He rose from the dead on the third day. Repeat these words believing in your heart and soul, knowing God always knows what is in your heart: Lord Jesus, I am a sinner and need Your salvation. I believe You died for me and rose from the dead. I now call upon Your name and ask You to save me!

It says in John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live." Now you have salvation, it can never be taken from you, by anyone or anything. Let Jesus do His work in you, I guarantee you will see change in your life. He will take care of all your needs, He knows them all.

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From Your Safety Director





WATCH OUT - HERE WE GO AGAIN

First let me say this has been a good month for your Safety Director, and I'm happy to report that on Saturday March 12 Frank "Road Dog" Gartin and I set up a Safety Booth at the 4 X 4 Jeep Show in Miami Gardens. We got one new member and some donations. Thanks to Scott Harap, ABATE member and President of Black Sheep 4X4 Jeep Club, for inviting us. I always wanted to branch out to auto shows, because my classroom presentation is geared towards the cage drivers, to recognize and respect motorcyclist. On Friday Night March 18 Jimmy Les and I taught a Safety Class at the Miami Lakes Educational Center. Thank you Les. Always a good experience, and these future truck drivers were really into it. **Now onto the article.**

The bad news, there is danger all around us. If you have lived in South Florida for any length of time you have noticed that the traffic situation here is getting worse every year. And, to top it off, the tourist and winter residents have returned to escape the harsh northern winter. Talk about crowed streets and highways. Oh crap! It doesn't matter if you are in a cage or on your bike, we are all in danger. There are those drivers that are always in a hurry and they don't care who they run off the road. Even when you have your turn signal on or use the manual arm signal to change lanes, they speed up so as not to let you in and they zig zag in and out of traffic as though they are the only ones on the highway. No one is courteous anymore and you are not safe.

Back to the tourist. Many of them are new here and have no idea where they are going. They drive slowly just to be able to read the road signs, local maps and maybe even their GPS. They will either change lanes with no warning, sometimes across multiple lanes, or turn on a dime with no warnings. They either come close to hitting you or worse. You have probably had that experience, I know I have, almost daily. And the continuous road construction. IT NEVER ENDS! Four lanes become two lanes or they narrow the lanes, and I hate that uneven pavement. HAY D.O.T., WE CAN'T MAKE OUR VEHICLES ANY NARROWER! AND WATCH OUT FOR THOSE TRACTOR TRAILERS.

You have to be ready all the times whether you are in a cage or on your bike. You have to watch out for your own protection and that of your passenger. We have lost too many brothers and sisters because of reckless drivers. These drivers can kill a biker, be totally at fault and only receive a small fine and no jail time just because we are bikers and bikes are dangerous. I say BULL S#!T! It's time to tell our representatives in Tallahassee that Bikers lives do matter. Change the law to protect us too. I am asking everyone to write those so called law makers and let your voice be heard. I did.

And when you are out there enjoying the wind in your face remember, "Always be aware of your

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NCOM CONVENTION HONORS FALLEN RIDERS; INVITES NAMES FOR TRIBUTE

With the 31st Annual NCOM Convention in Atlantic City just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have died since May 2015, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional "Ringing of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board, or e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at NCOMBish@aol.com.

Attendees are also encouraged to bring an item on behalf of their organization for the Freedom Fund Auction, with proceeds benefiting the motorcyclists' rights movement nationwide through Getting Our People Elected donations, NCOM Speaker Program, lobbying activities and other pro-motorcycling projects as determined by the NCOM Board of Directors.

The 31st annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 5-8, 2016 at Harrah's Resort, located at 777 Harrah's Blvd in Atlantic City, New Jersey. This annual gathering will draw bikers' rights activists from across the country to discuss topics of concern to all riders, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of\$109 by calling (888) 516-2215.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$80 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$45 for the Convention only. All motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend. Meetings, seminars and group discussions will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and Freedom of the Road.

To pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motor-cyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

ANTI-PROFILING BILL HEARD IN MINNESOTA

A minority group claims its members are being unfairly profiled and stopped by police, and it's demanding a bill to prevent it. That group is motorcyclists, and the legislation, put before Minnesota's Senate Judiciary Committee by State Senator David Osmek (R-Mound), would require Minnesota's Board of Peace Officer Standards & Training to develop a statewide policy to eliminate motorcyclist profiling, including methods to identify and avoid it. SF1509 in the Senate, and companion bill HF59 in the House, would also require every law enforcement agency in the state to have "a written anti-motorcycle profiling policy."

In testimony, several members of Minnesota motorcycle clubs laid out a litany of their own experiences: Officers they believed had pulled them over on trumped-up pretenses questioned them about who they were and why they were in their community and, in some cases, photographed their tattoos & patches. "It's my constitutional right to be in a Motorcycle Club," said Jim Jahnke of Rochester, the National V.P. of the Sons of Silence MC.

Frank Ernst of Chanhassen, MN representing ABATE of Minnesota, and also chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists - Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF), described an instance in which he said he was pulled over by an officer who claimed he hadn't seen Ernst's protective eye wear, which he was wearing, but Ernst didn't file an official complaint.

Sen. Osmek admitted the bill is based largely on anecdotal evidence, but told the state's Daily Globe newspaper that "I'm focusing on something that constituents brought to me that they had issue with," and he urges motorcyclists to file complaints and collect data on their own in order to make a stronger case.

Meanwhile, a motorcycle profiling bill is gaining momentum in Maryland, having passed the state Senate unanimously 47-0 on March 3 and now moves to the House, positioning Maryland to become the second state in the country behind Washington to pass such anti-discrimination legislation.

FEWER AMERICANS GETTING A DRIVER'S LI-CENSE

It used to be a rite of passage into adulthood, but today fewer and fewer U.S. residents are lining up at their local DMV to get a driver's license, and new data indicates that all age groups are affected.

Analyzing decades of data from the Federal Highway Administration, a team from the University of Michi-

gan's Transportation Research Institute found that since 2011, the number of U.S. citizens with drivers licenses across all age groups, from 16 to 70, has decreased.

A recent University of Michigan report analyzed decades' worth of Federal Highway Administration records to show how licensure across all age groups has declined in the period stretching from 1983 to 2014.

Last year, nearly 77% of 20- to 24-year-old drivers held a license; in 1983, nearly 92% in that age bracket had one. Four years ago, the number was about 80%. For 16- through 44-year-olds, there has been a continuous decline in the percentage of people with a driver's license.

The news may not be surprising for younger generations, who are more likely to use public transit or a ride-sharing company, or telecommute, but researchers also found a decline in the number of older adults with a driver's license.

Other reports have detected related trends, such as a decrease in the distance driven per person and less travel time overall, but even as the age of driverless cars approaches, a driver's license will continue to be mandatory for years to come.

WHITE HOUSE PUSHES DRIVERLESS CARS

The Obama administration aims to remove hurdles to making autonomous cars more widespread, and the President's fiscal 2017 budget proposes spending \$4 Billion over the next decade to accelerate the integration of driverless cars on U.S. roadways.

The administration's multi-billion dollar proposal, which would require Congressional approval, calls on federal regulators to work with auto makers and others to craft policies and rules regarding autonomous vehicles and their development.

"We are going to do everything we can to advance safe, smart and sustainable transportation innovations," announced Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx at the Detroit Auto Show, "We are bullish on automated vehicles."

In addition to the new testing programs, Foxx also unveiled ambitious federal guidelines that he says

will get self-driving on the roads quicker -- and more safely -- than ever thought possible. "(These actions) will provide the foundation and the path forward for manufacturers, state officials and consumers to use new technologies and achieve their full safety potential" he said.

Now, NHTSA will seek input from automakers and others as the auto agency tries to wrap its arms around the deployment and operation of fully self-driving cars as the norm, not an anomaly.

In addition, the agency plans to team up with state partners and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators to develop a model driverless car policy states can implement, hopefully laying the groundwork for a consistent national policy.

CONGRESSIONAL RPM ACT WOULD PROTECT THE SPORT OF RACING

The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is attempting to regulate racing by prohibiting the conversion of street motorcycles and automobiles into competition-only racing vehicles, but newly-introduced legislation in Congress would prevent the EPA from impacting the lives of tens of thousands of armature and professional racers, their support teams and millions of race fans across the country.

Members of both chambers of Congress have introduced bipartisan versions of a bill that would protect the sport of racing by blocking the EPA from over-regulating the industry and ensuring that it remains legal to convert street legal motor vehicles for racing purposes.

The RPM Act (Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2016); "A bill to exclude vehicles used solely for competition from certain provisions of the Clean Air Act" H.R.4715, was introduced March 7, 2016 in the House by U.S. Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC) with 13 bipartisan co-sponsors, while companion measure S.2659 "to reaffirm that the EPA cannot regulate vehicles used solely for competition" was offered in the Senate on March 9 by Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) and three original co-sponsors.

H.R.4715 states, in part: "at the time the Clean Air Act was written, and each time the Clean Air Act has been amended, the intent of Congress has been, and continues to be, that vehicles manufactured for, modified

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for, or utilized in organized motorized racing events would not be encompassed by the Clean Air Act's definition of "motor vehicle".

The EPA recently re-opened the proposed regulation for more public comment. The regulation is scheduled for final approval this summer, so the time to act is NOW.

WISCONSIN BILL WOULD RESTRICT ACCESS TO BLACK BOX DATA

A bill that would require an owner's consent to access data in "black boxes" in cars and motorcycles seems more likely than ever before to come up for a vote in January 2017, according to members of ABATE of Wisconsin, a grassroots lobbyist group that deals with motorcycle issues but now finds itself leading the charge in fighting for privacy.

The bill covers not only Event Data Recorders or EDR's but any device that is recording any information or tracking user behavior. Anyone that took the information without consent faces potential fines ranging from \$200 to \$2000 per incident.

The bill says insurance companies would not be able to link the issuance or renewal of a liability policy to whether the vehicle has such a box, or whether the motorist allows the insurer to access or use data it collects.

Currently, the boxes record such data only in the seconds before, during and after a crash. But critics like ABATE, worry about how much more information the devices might collect as they become more sophisticated. ABATE says while the timing of the recordings may be limited now, safe guards need to be in place should that change.

At least 23 other states have passed laws defining who owns EDR data, according to Steve Panten, a spokesman for ABATE of Wisconsin, which supports the bill.

EX-COP SUES OVER MOTORCYCLE NOISE

A former Texas police officer is suing Arkansas officials over motorcycle noise. Rick Holtsclaw, a 31-year veteran of the Houston police department who placed an emphasis on noise enforcement, has sued city officials in Fort Smith and Fayetteville, Arkansas for their failure to enforce federal, state, and local laws regard-

ing motorcycle noise.

Holtsclaw's lawsuit cites the Noise Control Act of 1972 that makes it illegal for motorcycle exhausts to be altered or removed for the purpose of making noise. In addition, the Arkansas muffler statute requires every motor vehicle to be equipped with the quiet factory-installed muffler or a muffler duplicating the specifications of the factory-installed muffler.

Holtsclaw stated that "the law enforcement community in Arkansas has failed to intercede on behalf of the noise-beleaguered citizenry," particularly at rallies "where there are thousands of motorcyclists making illegally loud noise," and is seeking \$1,000,000 (one million) in damages from each municipality.

DRIVER WHO DELIBERATELY ASSAULTED MOTORCYCLISTS STILL IN JAIL

A viral video showing a Texas driver who without provocation intentionally crashed into a motorcyclist last October, causing serious injuries to the rider and his passenger, has been languishing in jail unable to post bail since the incident.

William "Bill" Sam Crum was indicted by a Hood County grand jury on two aggravated assault counts carrying punishment of up to 20 years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000 and is currently being held on \$150,000 bail in Hood County Jail since his arrest October 20, 2015.

While motorcyclists can take comfort knowing that Mr. Crum has been in jail nearly 6 months awaiting trial on criminal charges, because he purposefully crashed into the victims, his auto insurance won't cover any civil judgment due to the intentional act exclusion in every policy.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it."

~ Mary Flannery O'Connor (1925-64) American writer and essayist



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surroundings, have an escape plan in your mind, and be ready to react with great caution".

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Until next time, be safe, stay safe.

Jim "Gambler" Willard Safety Director

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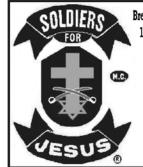


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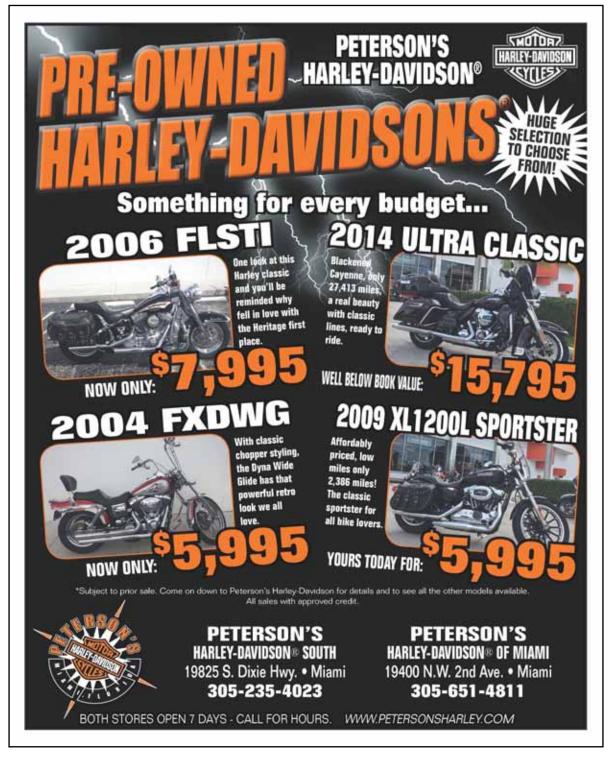
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To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.

To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

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April 17, 2016 - Sunday 10 am May 15, 2016 - Sunday 10 am at:

Davie Moose Lodge # 1798 4483 SW 64th Ave, Davie, FL 33314 Phone:(954) 584-1899 Just North of Orange Dr. on Davie Rd.

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