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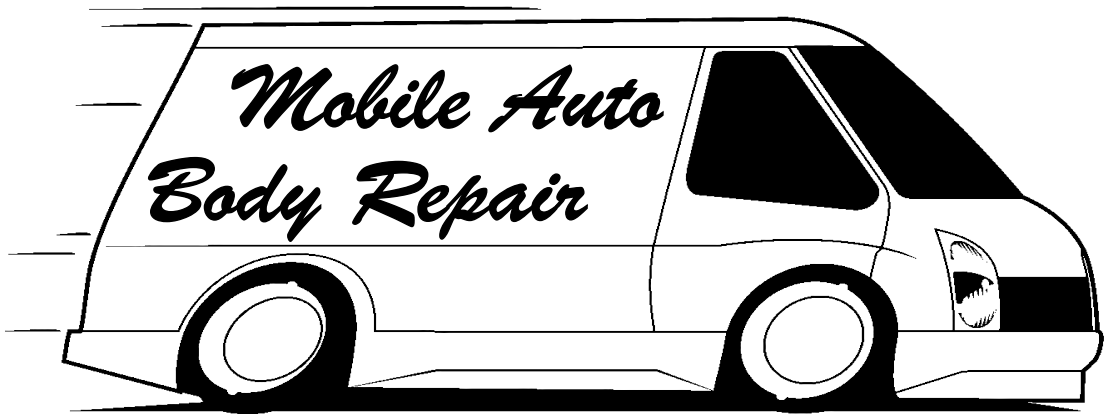
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# FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings brothers and sisters, thank you for picking up and reading our 417th issue of our chapter's monthly newsletter, and Happy Easter/Passover!!!

Once again, the Keltics MC threw another kick-ass St. Patrick's Day party at J.P. Mulligan's! Critter and I had a great time attending that event, and the Off-Annual Party hosted by U.S. Military Vets MC Chapter 1.

April begins nominations for our chapter, and I hope to see a good percentage of the membership stepping up to take over positions, or filling a vacancy. I would like to remind the membership not to take nominating, or being nominated lightly. Have a handle on what the position entails to ensure your level of commitment. Best of luck to everyone that runs!

The last thing I would like to convey, but most assuredly not least, goes to whom so ever may pick up this newsletter to read it that is not a member. If you are a motorcycle rider, no matter what make or model, or just a motorcycle enthusiast, or someone who is a family member of a rider or enthusiast, I would strongly urge you to consider becoming a member. I cordially invite you to attend our next chapter meeting in order to get a better idea of how we operate and what we stand for.

So with that, I'd like to thank everyone for his or her continued support of our chapter and state organization and as always...

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With Honor and Respect,  
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**Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes  
Held at American Legion Post 222  
Oakland Park, FL  
March 18, 2018**

Nighthawk, called the meeting to order at 10:10 am by standing up and asking everyone to say the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for all our brothers and sisters who lost their lives this year. There were 17 members and 3 guests present.

**President's Report:** Magneto thanked everyone for coming out. He said he was happy to see Postal at the meeting, as well as other States MC and Scurvy Few MC members. He said he was happy that everyone made it through St. Patrick's Day unscathed.

**Vice President's Report:** Johnny Rose thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He let everyone know that Barry, our photographer, is in the

hospital with some stomach issues and asked for everyone's prayers. He mentioned that he and Jimmy Les worked on a memorial for Paul Melcer, who was our secretary for 20 years. The Chapter paid for the memorial plaque.

**Secretary's Report:** Sheila Rose called for a motion to accept the minutes as printed. A motion was made, seconded, and all were in favor. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Critter read the Treasurer's Report for February. She entertained a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion was seconded, and all were in favor. Motion was passed. Critter also mentioned that she has drawing tickets for the State rifle drawing that will be held in December. If any members want to buy tickets, or check out books to help sell the tickets, they should get with her after the meeting.

**Sergeant at Arm's Report:**

Nighthawk mentioned that he has been out of the loop because he was in charge of the restoration efforts at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. He relieved to be finished and thus able to attend the meeting.

**Road Captain's Report:** This position is open.

**Safety Director's Report:** This position is open.

**State Representative's Report:** Critter spoke about the texting bill we have been following. The bill had passed 3 committees each in both the House and the Senate. However, Senator Bradley, Chair of Senate Appropriations Committee, refused to put the bill up for a vote in that committee. According to Baxley, he did not agree with the bill because he felt it would be used for profiling, even though there were protections against that built into the bill. Therefore, the texting bill is now dead for this session. (See the full article on the texting bill in this issue of the newsletter.) The next State meeting will be hosted by Peace River Chapter on April 14 in Port Charlotte.

**Products Report:** This position is open. Sheila currently has the products at her home. If anyone wants products, please call Sheila and she will make arrangements to meet you.

**Membership Report:** Sheila Rose reported that membership is going well. We had 4 new members and 7 renewals since our last meeting in February.

**Events Coordinator:** This position is open.

**Newsletter Editor:** Critter said that articles are due today. Critter said she will not be running for newsletter editor this next term as she will be accepting the position to do the Masterlink for the State.

**Newsletter Distribution:** Newsletters are getting distributed. Magneto thanked Randy for stepping up and helping with distribution of the newsletters.

**Legislative Report:** Brad was excused.

**Legal Counsel:** Brad was excused.

**Public Relations:** Fern was excused.

**Billing and Invoicing:** Sheila reported that all current advertisers are up to date.

**Social Director:** Sandy brought cupcakes and decadent mini cakes for March birthdays.

**Quartermaster's Report:** Bob Anz was excused.

**Photographer's Report:** Barry was excused.

**Webmaster's Report:** Rogue was excused.

**Old Business:** Johnny and Sheila Rose reminded the members on how to contact American Income Life in order to get their insurance certificates mailed to their houses. American Income Life's phone number and website are on page 9 of the newsletter.

**New Business:** There was no old business.

**Good of the Order:** Nighthawk mentioned that March 29th is "Welcome Home Vietnam Vets Day" and the membership should be thankful to them for their service. Johnny mentioned

that the Keltics MC's party was being held at JP Mulligans after the meeting. He also stated that U.S. Military Vets MC Chapter 1 will be hosting their off-annual on March 24, and that Mystic 7 MC is hosting their off-annual the second weekend in April.

Magneto entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am.

Our next Chapter meeting is April 15, 2018 at the American Legion Post 222, in Oakland Park, FL. We look forward to seeing the membership at our next meeting!!

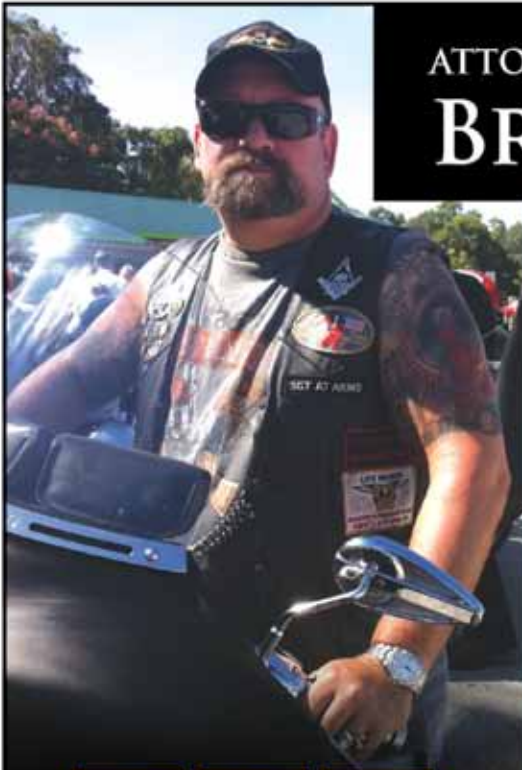
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*Sheila Rose*

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We had a beautiful ride down to Homestead at the beginning of March. We dropped off some newsletters to the US Military Vets MC (Dirty Dozen). On the way back, we went to the Hermandad MC Annual Party in Miami. They had a great turn-out.

Then, this past weekend, we went to the Keltics MC Annual St. Patty's Day Blow Out. As always, they had great party and the band, Hired Gunz, rocked the place!

Next month is nominations for our Chapter. Please come out to the April meeting, especially if you want to nominate someone or volunteer yourself for a position. This is a great organization to be involved in. We get things done.

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

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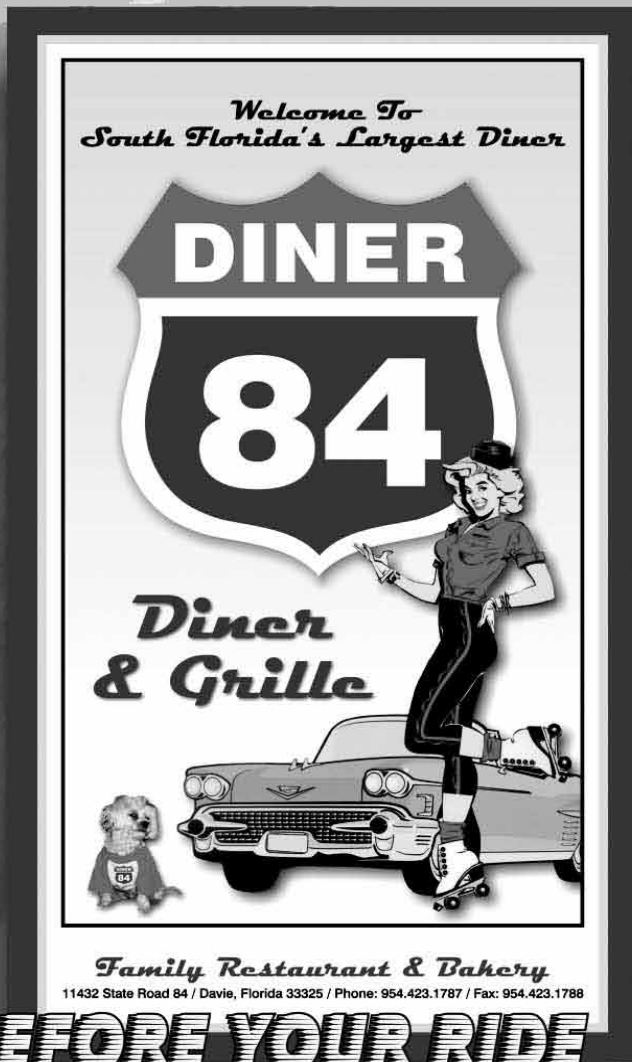
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BY DAN SWEENEY - CONTACT REPORTER - SUN SENTINEL - MARCH 1, 2018 - TALLAHASSEE

This was supposed to be the year the Florida Legislature got tougher on texting while driving. Instead, the idea appears to be dead.

The legislation has stalled in the Senate and will not be heard in its final committee. Its chair, state Sen. Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island, cites worries about police invading drivers' privacy and minorities being treated unfairly.



The decision comes despite support in the House. House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O'Lakes, had announced support for the bill, which would make texting and driving a "primary offense," allowing police to stop a driver immediately if they saw the person texting. Currently, officers need another reason to stop the car first.

The House on Thursday passed a texting bill by a vote of 112-2, a month after a South Florida Sun Sentinel investigation revealed that crashes typical of texting and driving increased at a staggering rate between 2013 and 2016. The total number of accidents increased by 11 percent in Florida during those years, but crashes caused by careless driving rose by as much as four times that amount, the Sun Sentinel found.

According to the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration, about 660,000 drivers use electronic devices on America's roads on any given day. That led to 391,000 people injured in distracted-driving accidents in 2015 and 3,477 killed.

Yet Florida's texting laws remain among the weakest in the country. Most states already make texting a primary offense. Only six states have laws as lax as Florida's: Arizona, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio and South Dakota.

"It was very disappointing over the years to see how people didn't think it was a serious thing," said Delpha Samuels, who lost her brother, E'arron Haley, to a texting driver. Haley had been shooting a Rollerblading video at C.B. Smith Park when a texting driver killed him at the entrance to the park. Haley was 12 years old. July 2 will mark a decade since the accident, but Samuels still hurts. "I really hope they will come to an agreement, whatever needs to be done, and it will be made a primary offense, because it's about time Florida does it," she said.

The current law passed in 2013. Every year since then, lawmakers have tried to make texting a primary offense. Never have they come as close as this year. Samuels called the House vote a "victory coming to pass for us finally."

But that victory may be short-lived. Bradley, the Senate Appropriations chair, said Thursday that his committee won't hear the bill. Several black Democratic lawmakers have also worried about racial profiling. They cite an ACLU report showing that after Florida passed a mandatory seat belt law, black motorists were pulled over two to four times more often than white ones.

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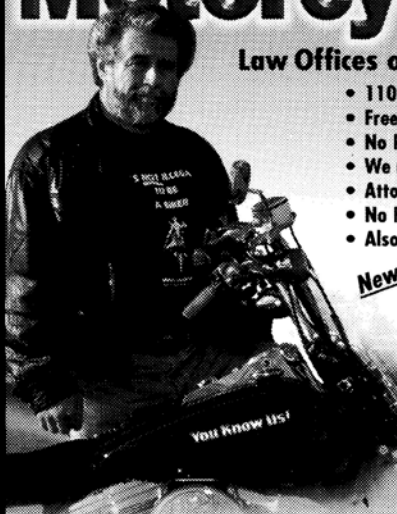
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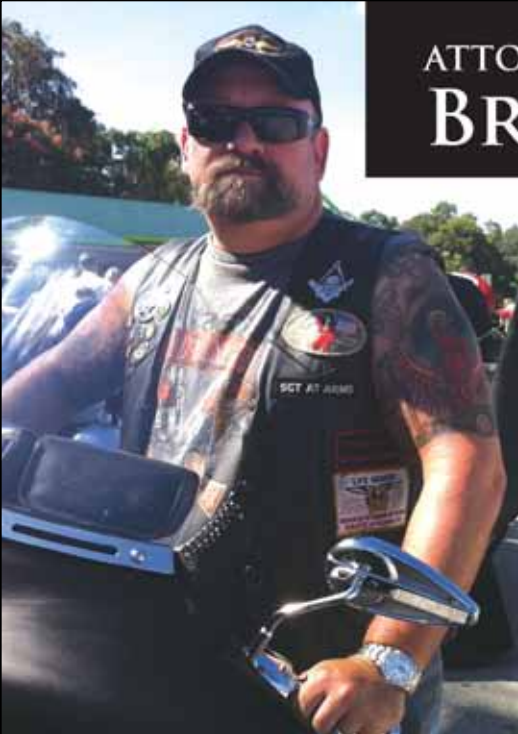
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To quell those concerns, the bill has been updated so that police would have to inform anyone pulled over for texting while driving that they could refuse police requests to search a phone. Police would then have to obtain a warrant. Additionally, police would have to note the ethnicity of drivers they cite for texting, so statistics can be gathered to show whether racial profiling is occurring.

“At the end of the day, the people that are texting and driving, it’s very clear and very obvious – they’re looking down and not paying attention. It doesn’t matter if you’re black or white, it matters that you’re texting while driving,” said Samuels, who is black. “It’s sad that a lot of people are hiding behind the race thing.”

The House bill is sponsored by state Rep. Jackie Toledo, R-Tampa, and state Rep. Emily Slosberg, D-Boca Raton. Slosberg’s twin sister, Dori, died in a car crash in 1996. So like her father, former state Rep. Irv Slosberg, Emily has made road safety her primary mission in public life. “We have eight days left,” Slosberg said of the legislative session, which ends March 9. “Rep. Toledo and I are not going to quit. We hope the Senate will follow the House’s lead.”

It’s still possible the bill could be added in its entirety to another bill as an amendment, or in some other way be brought to the Senate floor, but such maneuvers are rarely done.

<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/florida/fl-reg-texting-while-driving-20180301-story.html>



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# FORD IS ARRIVING WITH A SOLUTION TO MIAMI'S TERRIBLE DRIVERS: ELIMINATE THEM

BY BY ROB WILE - FEBRUARY 27, 2018

Can autonomous cars possibly be worse than Miami's current drivers? We're about to find out. On Tuesday, Ford announced it had chosen Miami-Dade to be the first large-scale test site of its self-driving vehicle fleet.



The cars will be traveling throughout the county to test their readiness to handle a challenging urban environment like Dade — and give residents a sense of what the future of transit could look like. Though they will be controlled by computer, the cars will feature a human “safety driver” as backup.

Miami Mayor Carlos Gimenez has previously hinted at self-driving cars as a solution to solving the county's transport woes. In a new interview, Gimenez said he foresees a future in which autonomous vehicles combine with ride-sharing operators to create a scenario that makes owning a car less attractive for Miamians — taking more cars off the road.

“The new generation absolutely wants less and less to drive their own vehicle,” he said. “Even someone in my generation, if I can with a high degree of certainty summon a car that safely takes me where I want to go [and] that reduces my cost by 50 percent, I'm doing that.”

Does that mean long-standing efforts to expand mass transit will take a back seat? Said Gimenez: “We're still committed to mass transit. This doesn't take away from that. This is giving people options.”

Despite Miami's notorious traffic, the Magic City was chosen over about nine competitors because of its weather, its variety of driving environments — from its densely packed downtown to its more residential exurbs — and the receptiveness of city officials to the new technology, said Sherif Marakby, Ford's vice president of autonomous vehicles and electrification.

“Miami had a really nice composition, and the city itself and the openness of [Mayor Gimenez] and the city to this solution was a big factor in it,” he said. The testing fleet that hits the road Tuesday will be relatively small — Marakby wouldn't give an exact number — and shouldn't affect already messy traffic, he said.

The project will come at no cost to taxpayers, and Ford is assuming full liability for anything that goes wrong during the project, which will have an indefinite run time. Ford will be rolling out two types of vehicles, which will be housed at an undisclosed depot in Wynwood. The first will come equipped with mapping technology and will have the task of learning to adapt to Miami's urban environment, with the goal of improving Ford's wider autonomous fleet.

The second fleet will be tasked with delivering the classic delivery cuisine: pizza. Ford is partnering with Domino's to test how people will react to getting their food by what is essentially a rolling robot. Ford is also partnering with delivery service Postmates to bring other goods to residents here.

While Ford's cars will not be taking passengers in this early test, Marakby hinted that they could do so in the future. Ford has already formed a partnership with Lyft.



APRIL 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>CMA EASTER SERVICE</b> 	2	3	4	5 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	6	7 <b>MYSTIC SEVEN MC PARTY</b>  Passover Ends
8	9	10	11	12 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	13	14 <b>ABATE State Meeting (Peace River)</b>
15 <b>STATES MC ANNUAL</b> <b>CHAPTER MEETING</b>	16	17	18	19 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	20	21
22 <b>ALTERNATIVE MC ANNUAL</b>	23	24	25	26 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	27 <b>LEESBURG BIKEFEST April 27-29</b>	28
29	30					





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Mother's Day



MAY 2018

MEMORIAL DAY 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	4	5
6 SOUTHERN MC ANNUAL	7	8	9	10 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	11	12
13  Mothers Day	14	15	16	17 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	18	19
20 WINGS OF GOLD MC ANNUAL  CHAPTER MEETING	21	22	23	24 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	25	26 SE ABATE MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
27	28  Memorial Day	29	30	31 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT		

# 2018 CALENDAR

MANDATORY CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD



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## FEBRUARY

- 3: US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD-ANNUAL**
- 11: AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
- 14: Valentines Day
- 17: SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY
- 24: WHEELS OF MAN MC - 45th ANNUAL**

## MARCH

- 4: HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL**
- 9-18: 77th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
- 17: St. Patrick's Day
- 18: KELITICS MC - ANNUAL**
- 25: US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY

## APRIL

- 1: Easter
- 1: CMA - EASTER SERVICE**
- 7: MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
- 15: STATES MC - ANNUAL**
- 22: ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL**
- 27-29: LEESBURG BIKEFEST

## MAY

- 6: SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL**
- 13: Mothers Day
- 20: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL**
- 26: S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
- 28: Memorial Day

## JUNE

- 3: NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL**
- 9: AOA SOUTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers
- 10: WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
- 17: Fathers Day
- 24: LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY

## JULY

- 4: Independence Day
- 8: US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL**
- 15: SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD - ANNUAL**
- 28: WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

## AUGUST

- 5: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
- 3-12: 78th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
- 10-12: SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION
- 12: AOA FT. LAUD.-51<sup>st</sup> ANNIV. PARTY-MOLDY'S B-DAY
- 19: SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL**
- 26: KINGDOM OF BROTHERS MC - ANNUAL**

## SEPTEMBER

- 2: SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN(??)
- 3: Labor Day
- 9: STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
- 14-16: PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN(??)
- 23: KELITICS MC - PARTY

## OCTOBER

- 7: MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL**
- 14: S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL**
- 18-21: DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
- 20: WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY
- 27: ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY
- 28: CMA - MEMORIAL

## NOVEMBER

- 3: HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL**
- 11: Veterans Day
- 11: USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL**
- 17: LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL**
- 22: Thanksgiving Day

## DECEMBER

- 9: SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN**
- 15: ALIGATOR ALLEY TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
- 15: HERMANDAD MC-ALFREDO MEMORIAL & TOY RUN
- 15: USMVMC - REATHS ACROSS AMERICA
- 16: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN
- 25: Christmas Day



# MONTHLY EVENTS



## FRIDAY

Outlaws MC WPB Open House at 7pm  
 USMV MC Ch 2 Open house at 8pm (Dania Bch)  
 Der Krieger MC Open House at 8pm  
 Mystic 7 MC Open House...Ladies drink FREE!  
 Keltics MC Open House 8pm  
 Scurvy Few MC Open House at 7:30pm  
 States MC - Fri Night Pizza 6-8pm  
 1<sup>st</sup> Fri - Soldiers for Jesus Open House 7-10pm  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri - Kingdom of Brothers Open House  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri - Wings of Gold MC Open House Davie  
 4<sup>th</sup> Fri - American Legion Post 36 Bike Night

## SATURDAY

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat - AOA MC Dania Open House 8pm  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat - USMV MC Ft. Laud. Open House  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat - Mystic 7 Open House  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat - Kingdom of Brothers Open House

## SUNDAY

Free pool at Sharkey's Lounge Margate  
 Wind Rider Church Services at Mickey's

## WEEK DAYS

Mon - States MC Pompano Dinner Nite 6:30pm  
 Mon - Ladies nite at Sharkey's 9-2, 241 drinks  
 Tues - Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House  
 Last Tues - USMVMC Palm Bch Open House  
 Wed - Blues Nite at Mickey's  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Weds - States MC Open House 8pm-9  
 Thurs - Leathernecks MC Open House 8-mid  
 Thurs - Hermandad MC Open House, 8-2am  
 Thurs - Mickey's Bike & Cruise Night, 7:30pm  
 Thurs - Scurvy Few MC Open House/Texas Holdem  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs - Peterson's Harley South Bike nite 6-10pm



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2. What does the word "equinox" mean?
3. What kind of animal is the Springbok?
4. What is the name or the Roman goddess of spring?
5. In Australia, what month does Spring begin?

Answers hidden somewhere in this issue



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**April Showers**  
**Arbor Day**  
**Baseball**  
**Blossoms**  
**Bonnet**  
**Brunch**



**Bunny**  
**Chocolate**  
**Earth Day**  
**Easter**  
**Egg Hunt**  
**Equinox**  
**Flowers**



**Garden**  
**Good Friday**  
**Hay Fever**  
**Jellybeans**  
**Lamb**  
**Lily**  
**Matzah**



**Mother Nature**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Passover**  
**Seder**  
**Spring Break**  
**Sunshine**  
**Traditions**

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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Bob Amann

Charlie "Crash" Wagner

Darrell "Driver" Byers

Dennis "Shovelhead" Ramos

Donna Gregory

Michael "Big Mike" Burress

Randy Gettinger

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**Answers to trivia on page 28**

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# Easter



We are about to celebrate 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 the 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 them in your heart and soul, knowing God always knows what's 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, not by anyone or anything. Let Jesus do His work in you and I guarantee you will see change in your life. He will take care of all your needs; He knows them all.

God Bless all my brothers and sisters; He will keep you all safe.

As always,  
Your Chaplain  
Poppie



## FORD IS ARRIVING WITH A SOLUTION TO MIAMI'S TERRIBLE DRIVERS *Continued from page 23*

The project was borne from Gimenez's visit to the 2017 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, where he spotted a Ford vehicle with no steering wheel or pedals. He also found out that Ford was partnering with five other cities on its Ford Chariot shuttle service. The mayor's office spent the rest of the year recruiting Ford to Miami, and a final decision was made two months ago.

Gimenez said Dade residents should see Ford's project as a way to prepare for what's to come. "We need to start getting used to seeing vehicles with no driver in them picking up passengers. That day is coming a lot sooner than people think."

<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/business/article202331374.html>



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# Legislative Update – Post Session



**HB 2103** Motorcycle Safety and Education

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APPROPRIATIONS PROJECT by Stan McClain (R - District 23)

Motorcycle Safety and Education; Provides an appropriation for the Motorcycle Safety and Education. APPROPRIATION: \$300,000.00 Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Last Action: Passed the Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee with 14 Yeas, 0 Nays. Now in Appropriations Committee. Introduced -HJ 128. 1st Reading on Tuesday, January 09, 2018.

**HB 215** This is the bill that is trying to classify the new “autocycles” as motorcycles

General Bill by Rep. Bobby Payne (Republican-District 19) and Rep. Joseph Geller (Democrat-District 100) Autocycles; Defines “autocycle” & revises definition of “motorcycle”; requires safety belt usage by autocycle operator/passenger; authorizes autocycle operation without motorcycle endorsement; provides applicability. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Last Action: Approved by both chambers, signed and sent to the Governor for action. Related bill: SB 504

**SB 504** Autocycles

General Bill by Senator Keith Perry (Republican-District 8)

Autocycles; Defining the term “autocycle”; requiring safety belt or, if applicable, child restraint usage by an operator or passenger of an autocycle; including an autocycle in the definition of the term “motorcycle”; authorizing a person to operate an autocycle without a motorcycle endorsement, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Last Action: This bill has been “Laid on Table”, referring to HB 215.

**HB 583** Motorcycle and Moped Riders

General Bill by Rep. Charles Wesley “Chuck” Clemons, Sr. (Republican-District 21)

Motorcycle and Moped Riders; Increases age at which person operating or riding upon certain motorcycle or moped is exempt from protective headgear requirements; requires moped registered to person under 21 years of age to display license plate; provides penalty. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Last Action: Died in Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee. Related bill: CS/SB 346

**CS/SB 346** Motorcycle and Moped Riders

General Bill by Senator Keith Perry (Republican-District 8)

Motorcycle and Moped Riders; Increasing the age at which persons who are operating or riding upon a certain motorcycle or a moped are exempt from protective headgear requirements; requiring a moped registered to a person under a specified age to display a license plate that is unique in design and color, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Last Action: Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development.

**SB 116** Operation of Vehicles (a/k/a Vulnerable Road Users bill)

General Bill by Senator Dennis Baxley (Republican-District 12); Co-Introducers - Passidomo; Book Operation of Vehicles; Requiring drivers to vacate lanes closest to, or reduce speed and pass, vulnerable road users, authorized emergency, sanitation, and utility service vehicles or workers, and wrecker operators under certain circumstances, subject to certain requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Last Action: Died in Transportation. Related bill: None

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## **CS/SB 90** Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving

General Bill by Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Sen. Perry; Co-Introducers - Garcia; Mayfield; Rodriguez; Campbell; Baxley; Stewart; Taddeo

Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving; Revising the legislative intent relating to the authorization of law enforcement officers to stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are texting while driving; requiring deposit of fines into the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund; requiring a law enforcement officer to inform a person who is stopped for texting while driving of the person's right to decline a search of his or her wireless communications device, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2018

Last Action: Died in Appropriations. Related bill: CS/CS/HB 33

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## **CS/CS/HB 33** Texting While Driving

General Bill by Government Accountability Committee; Judiciary Committee; Jackie Toledo (R-District 60); Emily Slosberg (D-District 91)

Texting While Driving; Requires law enforcement officer to inform motor vehicle operator of certain rights; prohibits certain actions by officer; requires officer to record race & ethnicity of violator when issuing citation; requires law enforcement agencies to report such information to DHSMV; requires DHSMV to annually report certain data to Governor & Legislature; removes requirement that enforcement be accomplished as secondary action. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Last Action: Died in Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities.

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## **HB 419** Seeks to require insurance for motorcycles

General Bill by Rep. Don Hahnfeldt (R-District 33)

Motor Vehicle Insurance: Revises definitions of “motor vehicle,” “motor vehicle insurance,” & “policy” to include motorcycles in provisions relating to financial responsibility for property damage, regulation of insurance rates, motor vehicle insurance contracts, & Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Last Event: Died in Insurance and Banking Subcommittee.

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## **CS/HB 19** Motor Vehicle Insurance

General Bill by Commerce Committee; Rep. Erin Grall (R-District 54); Co-Introducers - Grant, J.; Hahnfeldt Motor Vehicle Insurance; Creates Responsible Roadways Act; revises security requirements & proof of such security for owners & operators of motor vehicles; repeals Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law. Effective Date: 1/1/2019

Last Action: Died in Banking and Insurance. Related bill CS/SB 150

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## **CS/SB 150** Motor Vehicle Insurance

General Bill by Banking and Insurance; Senator Tom Lee (R-District 20)

Motor Vehicle Insurance; Repealing provisions relating to application of the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; revising garage liability insurance requirements for motor vehicle dealer applicants; requiring specified motor vehicle liability insurance policies to include medical payments coverage; providing insurers a civil cause of action against certain persons who are convicted of or plead guilty or nolo contendere to certain acts of insurance fraud associated with claims for medical payments coverage benefits, etc. Eff. Date: 1/1/2019

Last Action: Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services.

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## NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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### NCOM CONVENTION IN MOBILE INVITES NAMES FOR FALLEN RIDERS TRIBUTE

With the 33rd Annual NCOM Convention in Mobile, Alabama 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 last year's Convention, so that we may honor their memories with the traditional "Ring of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies.

Dedications should be e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at [NCOMBish@aol.com](mailto:NCOMBish@aol.com), or can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board.

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 33rd annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 10-13, 2018 at the Renaissance / Riverview Plaza Hotel, located at 64 S. Water St., in Mobile, Alabama.

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 \$114 by calling (251) 438-4000.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$85 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on

Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. All motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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**TWIN PEAKS UPDATE** On the eve of a Feb 7 hearing at which two Twin Peaks shootout bikers were seeking to disqualify McLennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna from prosecuting their cases, on a variety of grounds, Reyna instead dismissed one of those cases and recused his office in the other to avoid the disqualification hearing.

Subsequently, Reyna announced on Feb 28 that he's seeking the dismissal of cases against 13 more bikers indicted for engaging in organized crime in connection with the deadly melee in Waco nearly three years ago, and dropping charges against 24 others who weren't indicted.

Also, in early February, 73 indicted bikers had their cases dismissed, and eight unindicted bikers had their charges dropped.

Only one of the scores of bikers indicted in the shootout has gone on trial; Jacob Carrizal, President of the Dallas Bandidos chapter, whose trial on RICO and murder charges ended with the judge declaring a mistrial in November after a hung jury was unable to reach a verdict.

The May 17, 2015 shootout left nine bikers dead and 20 more injured. Police arrested 177 bikers after the incident, all of whom were charged with engaging in organized crime and all of whom were initially ordered held in lieu of \$1 million bonds.

DA Reyna has been highly criticized for his handling of the cases, and recently lost his re-election bid.

### **TRADE WAR COULD IMPACT HARLEY-DAVIDSON**

President Donald Trump's recent announcement of



tariffs on steel and aluminum would likely lead to global retaliatory consequences for iconic American industries such as Harley-Davidson motorcycles, Levis jeans and whiskey.

In response to Trump's announcement of his intention to impose tariffs of 25% on imported steel and 10% on aluminum to reduce an \$800 billion trade deficit and protect the interests of American workers, European Union leaders threatened to target quintessential American goods such as blue jeans, bourbon and motorcycles.

H-D could suffer from a negative two-pronged effect from the tariffs on steel and aluminum; the costs of production will rise, causing the cost of the bikes themselves to increase; both of which would be passed along to the consumer.

"A punitive, retaliatory tariff on Harley-Davidson motorcycles in any market would have a significant impact on our sales, our dealers, their suppliers and our customers in those markets," say Harley-Davidson officials. Roughly 16% of Harley-Davidson's sales are to Europe, representing more than half of its international sales.

American-made Polaris is not as concerned because 50% of its sales are made to Canada where, like Mexico, the country would be exempt from the tariffs, so no retaliation is expected.

The U.S. has previously threatened to hike import duties up to 100% on European motorcycles in response to an EU ban on American bred beef from cattle raised on growth hormones.

**HONDA 'RIDING ASSIST' SYSTEM COULD ADVANCE MOTORCYCLING** New patent images give a glimpse of Honda's self-balancing technology that could be seen as a significant step forward for motorcycling. Although unthinkable until recently, the growth of automated systems such as traction control, stability control and anti-lock braking systems could soon lead to a bike that is virtually impossible to crash.

That could be a massive step for motorcycling and its acceptance on a wider scale, as most non-riders would cite the perceived risk as their number one concern.

Honda's Riding Assist system, which adds a computer-controlled steering system between the bars and the front wheel, is the next step. Modern bikes can already intervene in your application of the throttle and brakes, but to really save us from ourselves they need to be able to override the stupidest of our steering mistakes as well. "If a novice could jump on a bike with zero fear of toppling off it, even if they come to a halt without putting a foot down, then it becomes as user-friendly as a car while offering all the congestion-busting and emissions-reducing advantages of a bike," predicts Visordown.com.

While the new designs patents, just published on the European Union Intellectual Property Office website, shouldn't be taken as evidence that the Riding Assist system is going to go into production anytime soon, they provide a fascinating glimpse into one of the most radical projects in motorcycling at the moment.

**RIDERS RISK PERMANENT HEARING DAMAGE AT HIGHWAY SPEEDS** Motorcyclists are at risk of permanently damaging their hearing after just 15 minutes of riding at 62mph, seven minutes at 74mph or three minutes at 87mph, research has found.

The study, carried out by Germany's automobile association, ADAC, has shown that riding a motorbike at 62mph typically generates a wind noise of 95dB, which can permanently damage hearing after a quarter of an hour. At 74mph, the wind noise can be expected to reach 98dB, which will prove harmful after just seven minutes of exposure.

Motorcyclists who regularly ride at highway speeds without earplugs are at risk of Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL), which can occur when exposed to long or repeated sounds 85dB or above. Prolonged exposure could result in tinnitus, a form of permanent ringing in the ears.

Helmets don't help, and it isn't the sound of the motorcycle causing all the noise; "It's the wind noise that can cause permanent hearing loss," explains Ohio A.I.M. Attorney Ralph Buss, who has represented a client who was ticketed for wearing earplugs. Using earplugs in Ohio while operating a vehicle has been illegal since 1989 and the law, which was enacted largely in response to stereo headphones in cars,

doesn't allow earplugs to be worn by motorcyclists or motorists.

That may soon change if ABATE of Ohio has its way, as legislation has been introduced to permit motorcyclists to wear earplugs for hearing protection. HB548 was introduced on March 13 by Representative Riordan McClain (R-Upper Sandusky) and would add motorcycle riders to a short list of mostly emergency personnel who are exempted from the law.

Similarly, a law in California allowed only for "custom earplugs," but was amended in 2004 to allow individuals to wear earplugs that don't block the sounds of horns or emergency sirens.

**ALOHA FREEDOM OF CHOICE** Resolutions have been introduced in the Hawaii legislature on March 1st "Urging the Department of Transportation to submit legislation for a universal helmet law in Hawaii requiring all operators and riders of motorcycles, motor scooters, mopeds and bicycles to wear safety helmets."

The partisan Democratic measures, House Resolution 41 and House Concurrent Resolution 53, call for the DOT to expedite implementation of its strategic goal for motorcycle, motor scooter, and moped safety by submitting legislation for a universal helmet law by the Regular Session of 2019. Both await consideration in the House Transportation Committee.

The Aloha State is currently one of 31 states that allow adult riders to choose to wear a helmet, with 19 states requiring all motorcyclists to wear approved headgear.

**CALIFORNIA INTRODUCES ANTI-PROFILING BILL** Anti-profiling legislation, Assembly Bill No. 2972, has been introduced in the California legislature to define the term "motorcycle profiling" and prohibit peace officers from engaging in motorcycle profiling.

Introduced February 16, 2018 by Assemblymember Anna Marie Caballero (D-Salinas), AB2972 would define the term "motorcycle profiling" as the illegal consideration of the fact that a person is riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle or motorcycle club-related clothing as a factor in law enforcement decisions.

Further, the bill stipulates that "A person who has been subjected to motorcycle profiling in violation of this section has a private right of action to enjoin that action and to seek damages, including punitive damages and reasonable attorney's fees and court costs, against the peace officer and the employing agency of the peace officer."

Several other states have considered bills to prohibit profiling motorcyclists, but Washington became the first state to pass such a law in 2011, followed more recently by Maryland in 2016.

In addition, two bills in Congress seek to end profiling of motorcycle riders on the federal level; H.Res.318 and S.Res.154 -- "Promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling."

**PORTSMOUTH POLICE PREPARE TO ENFORCE MOTORCYCLE NOISE LEVELS** Police in Portsmouth, New Hampshire are making efforts to address loud motorcycles this riding season, as Police Commission Chairman Joe Onosko, citing complaints about motorcycle noise, has called for stricter enforcement of noise laws.

Police Chief Robert Merner said he is aware of a proposed ordinance currently in a Senate committee that would ban "motorcycle-only checkpoints," but added that he has ordered decibel reading equipment for his officers to be used citywide.

The Portsmouth Herald newspaper reported that Merner said enforcement of noise levels will begin in the spring during motorcycle season.

However, a New Hampshire Superior Court has previously ruled that towns cannot impose their own noise limits that are stricter than state law.

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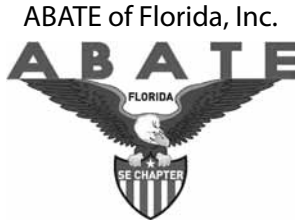
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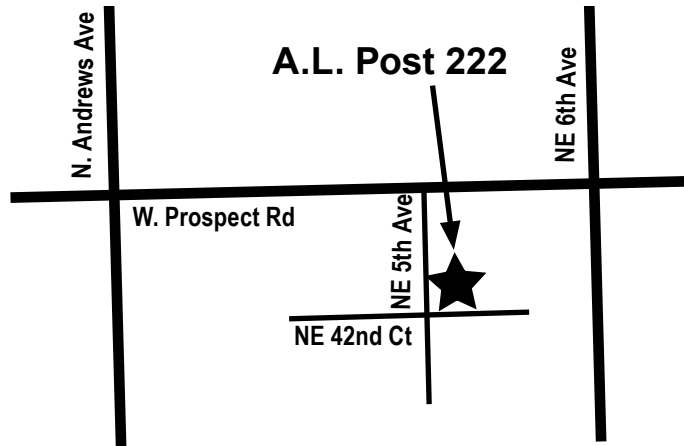
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