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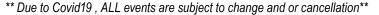
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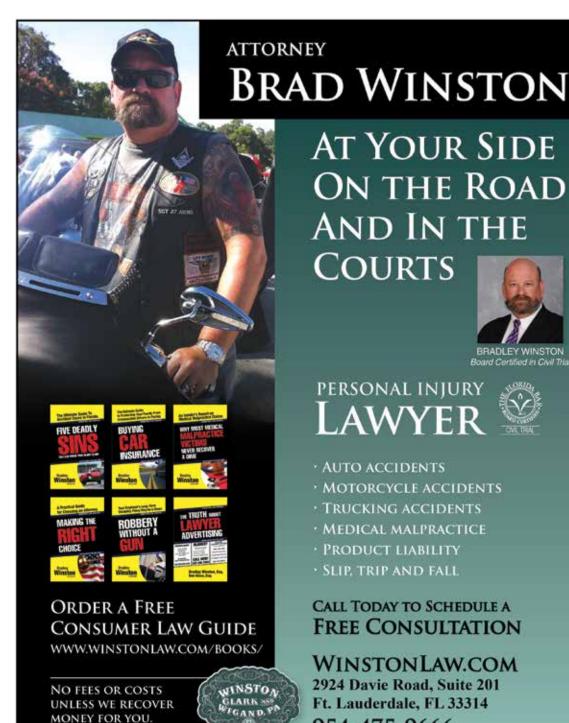
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WHO WE ARE

- 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.

There are no requirements to join us and we respect and welcome all motorcycle clubs or any other motorcycle associations or organizations. We do not have any mandatory meetings or rides.

Paid Membership Includes:

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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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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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From Your President

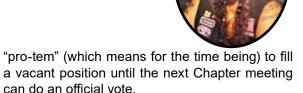
Looks like we got a couple important months coming up for our Chapter. We're going to have our first round of nominations for the Board and Trustees starting in April. We have the second round of nominations in May, and the final vote in June. Some of these positions seem more important than others, on the surface, but in our Chapter, in reality, every single position is just as important as the other. We really work like a team and take the opinions of all of our members to heart.

The members who are elected to these positions will set the tone for the next year. There are some positions that the State By-Laws require, be elected positions, where others can be appointed. Our Chapter elects each and every one of our Board and Trustees. We are always talking about motorcyclists having a voice in Tallahassee, with ABATE loudly being that voice. So also, in our Chapter, we want all our members to have a voice in the leadership for the next year, so we vote. God Bless America!!!

If any of y'all want to step up for a position, that would be awesome. Some of us have two and three different positions and we can always use the help. You will be helping out a good group of people that work hard to keep Southeast chapter going.

So, what are some of the duties of these Officers and Trustees? I am going to share a few of them, and again, based on the State By-Laws, summarized, and skipping a few just due to space. "State," as used here, refers to the ABATE of Florida Inc. State office.

The duties of the **President** are to be the chairperson at all Chapter and Board meetings, to insure that the other Board and Trustee members are accomplishing their duties, act as a spokesperson for ABATE, and appoint a member as a



The duties of the *Vice-President* are to act as assistant to the President, and to perform the President's duties if he/she become incapable of doing them, even temporarily, and to be the chair-person of all committees.

The duties of the **Secretary** are to record (in writing) all Chapter and Board meetings, to complete all correspondence of the Chapter, and to record and file the records.

The duties of the *Treasurer* are to receive, record, and account for all of the Chapter's funds, to dispense funds in accordance with the Chapter Board policies, to maintain records of withdrawals and deposits, to furnish financial records to the Board, and to send all financial reports to the State each month.

The duties of the **Sergeant-At-Arms Trustee** are to be in charge of all security/safety arrangements for all Chapter events, to co-ordinate, maintain, and secure all Chapter equipment, and responsible for the annual inventory of equipment, which will be reported to the State Sergeant-At-Arms annually.

The duties of the *Membership Trustee* are to work with the Treasurer and Secretary to maintain the membership records, to receive, maintain, and process all Chapter applications, to issue membership cards, and to mail membership reports to the State monthly.

The duties of the **Products Trustee** are order-ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC - SOUTHEAST CHAPTER ing inventory, collecting product sales money, and remitting to the Treasurer, and submitting annual inventory to the State.

The duties of the **Newsletter Trustee** are to be responsible for printing and publishing the newsletter, to select material that portrays a positive image of ABATE to the general public, and to work with advertisers on their ad content.

The duties of the **Safety Director Trustee** are to be responsible for the overall operation of the Chapter Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program (MSAP), to coordinate activities in furthering ABATE safety and awareness program, and to identify, train, and develop individual chapter MSAP instructors.

The duties of the **State Delegates** are to attend the State meetings (there are 6 per year) and to keep the Chapter informed, bring back to the Chapter, all State news.

Our other Trustee positions are Billing & Invoicing, Distribution, Events Coordinator, Hotline, Legislative & Legal Counsel, Photographer, Public Relations, Quartermaster, Road Captain, Social Director, and Webmaster.

Our Chapter, and ABATE, is not just for people who ride. Many of our Board, Trustees, and members do not ride, but we all share the same goals, to help educate the public about safety, and in the legislature, to fight for biker rights and safety. It's so important for everybody to help support each other. This is how we can help the motorcycle community going. Even if you are an independent, and it doesn't matter what you ride, or if you ride, ABATE is for YOU!

Okay, so think about it. Even if you don't or can't step up to a full position, we can always use assistants in many positions. Come to the April meeting and we can tell you more about the positions, and come anyway, the more the merrier.

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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Motorcycle Rights & Safety Dedicated to "Freedom of Choice, Freedom of the Road"

You may know us as the motorcycle organization that got the helmet law repealed in Florida or from our motorcycle rights and safety rally's throughout the year. ABATE of Florida is not a club, we are a motorcycle rights & safety organization dedicated to promoting motorcycle safety while remaining ever vigilant of the legislative issues concerning motorcyclists' nationwide.

We Are Not ANTI-HELMET, We are ANTI-HELMET Law!

One of the most popular misconceptions about ABATE is that we are anti-helmet. Nothing could be further from the truth.

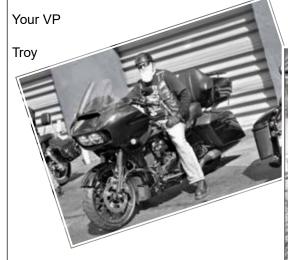
We are "anti-helmet law" if you choose to ride with or without a helmet it's your choice, it is your right to decide whether wearing a helmet is right for you. ABATE is an organization fighting to protect your rights.

Vice- President

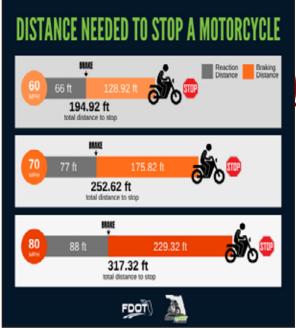
CHECK TWICE SAVE A LIFE

CHECK TWICE FOR MOTORCYCLES

While at Daytona Bikeweek this year I was sitting at the Famous Iron Horse Saloon listening to the great bands, checking out all the motorcycles, just enjoying being around like-minded people. What a great time. Then while chill'n I start looking around and what do I see, an Abate of Wisconsin, Check Twice for Motorcycles bumper sticker on the wall. Glancing around more there's another one, this time from Georgia. Then driving home on the Turnpike, the FDOT digital billboard reads Check Twice for Motorcycles. A smile comes across my face because I know that its Abate that promotes all this. Yes, you may know that Abate of Florida has 17 Chapters across the state and is about 6000 members strong but what many may not know is Abate is a Nationwide Organization with each state running independently yet all still with the same common goal. Not only fighting for your motorcyclist rights in the legislative arena but also Abate is a safety organization whose objective is to Educate and promote safety awareness. Even this catchy slogan can be a reminder while someone is driving down the road and when seeing this simple bumper sticker can trigger a mindset to Look Twice Save a Life and always Check Twice For Motorcycles. You never know that one time a cager looks twice may be your life that is being saved.













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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Held at American Legion Post 142 171 SW 2nd St Pompano Beach FI, 33060 March 20, 2022

Mike "Bubba" Travis called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and there were 34 members present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Bubba, and a prayer by our Chaplain, Chrissy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JOHNNY ROSE:

Johnny thanked everyone for coming. He gave us the Sean "Bugsy" update. Another reminder that elections will start with nominations at the April Meeting. Please start thinking about if you want to run for a position. Teddy Bear (Barry Sadoff) is Officer of Elections.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - TROY WAUGH:

Troy spoke about the upcoming State Meeting in Melbourne on April 9th, to let him know if you want to go up and back the same day together. He spoke about thinking about ABATE as 3 branches, the first one being the "legislative" branch, which is our State organization and our lobbyist. The second branch is Safety, which Wavy is the Trustee for, setting up Safety booths and helping get the word out through MSAP. The third, is the "people," all of us here at the meeting and other events. We are 3 separate branches, all equally important, and all working for the same cause, safety, and education. He thanked and recognized Gideons MC and HOG members, also ABATE members, at our meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT -

HOLLIE "DREAMER" SADOFF:

Motion to approve minutes in newsletter, motioned, seconded, approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read the Treasurer's report for December, motioned, seconded, approved.

<u>SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT –</u> <u>MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS:</u>

Bubba spoke about slowing down in school zones, has noticed lately, a lot of police presence with radar guns, also mentioned he has noticed a lot of scooters, going around school buses with flashing lights, reminded all that too many tickets will result in a lost license. Reminded all again, when wearing anything with ABATE on it, you are representing ABATE, please keep that in mind and act accordingly.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT - TROY WAUGH:

Troy reminded all that ABATE is not a club, we are an MRO, a Motorcycle Rights Organization.

There are a LOT of upcoming events.

After today's meeting, Sunday, March 20 - 20/20 Riders Annual, Dade Council, at Buffalo Tiger Airboats

Saturday, March 26 -

Fly-In Wheels Annual at Mickey's Tiki

Sunday, March 27 -

Hermandad MC Annual

Sunday, April 3 -

Mystic Seven MC Off-Annual at their club house

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Saturday, April 9 -

ABATE of Florida State Meeting in Melbourne, FL

Sunday, April 10 -

States MC Annual at their clubhouse

Sunday, April 17 –

CMA Easter Service – checking with CMA to get more info

April 22nd-24th,

Leesburg Bike Fest, ABATE Lake County Chapter will **NOT** have their camp ground set up this year, but will return in 2023

Saturday, May 7 -

Southern MC Annual – more info at April meeting

Sunday, May 8 -

Mother's Day

Saturday, May 14 -

ABATE of Florida 5-Star Event in Ft. Myers

Sunday, May 15 -

Leathernecks MC Party

Sunday, May 29th -

S.E. Chapter ABATE of FL Annual Memorial Day Event Post 36, with Post 142 doing the Honor Guard

June 17th-June 19th -

NCOM Convention in Nashville, TN

August -

Tattoo Expo is back, dates will be coming later

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JON "WAVY" VIGER:

Excused, Johnny spoke on his behalf, please note, lane splitting, only allowed in CA, and here, there is up to \$1,000 fine, and if the rider is injured, insurance can deny claim due to illegal act

<u>STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT-</u> <u>MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS & HOPE TRAVIS:</u>

Hope spoke to let us know, ABATE is very saddened to report that John "Frizz" Stevens, the President of Gator Alley Chapter was killed in Daytona while riding his motorcycle. The details are very limited, but we do know that the crash

happened Sunday March 6th with him being hit by a truck. As for now, we are all respecting the family's privacy during this time of mourning. Frizz was truly devoted to ABATE of Florida, Inc. and very active in his home Chapter, Gator Alley. Frizz touched many lives and left an imprint on us all. There will be a moment of silence for Frizz at the upcoming 5 Star event as he was one of the leaders for the event.

Reminder, State Meeting in Melbourne on April 9th

PRODUCTS REPORT - LAUREL "LITTLE BIT" CONNER:

Excused, with friends in West Virginia. Troy showed us an example of the shop rag we want to purchase was shown, to give out at Safety and Membership booth.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read in the Membership report.

EVENTS COORDINATOR - GABE CARRERA:

Excused.

Our Memorial Day Event in May will be at American Legion Post 36, with American Legion Post 142 doing the Color Guard, approved by State of the event. Flyers available for members to ask local vendors to post them, and also please start asking for door prizes from places that member frequents.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – ADA "ABBY NORMAL" HIBBS:

Articles due today. We have a Classified section in our newsletter, which runs 6 months, free for members, and \$5 for non-members, for individuals, not businesses, to sell items. Please take pictures when you are out an about, and send to Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. Please help sell ads, often these ads are also posted on our Facebook page.

<u>NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – JON "WAVY" VIGER:</u>

Going well, but we are dropping down to 700 newsletters, as some of the places we used to drop off have closed.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Excused. Troy spoke, letting all know that Brad is also our "legislative" branch, monitoring bills that affect us. Unfortunately, he 3 Bills that ABATE was

supporting, HB 743 Vulnerable Road Users, HB 2573 to get ABATE money back, and SB 1252 Traffic Offenses all died in committee, were never read. There are quite a few steps to get a bill to become a law. We will try again next year.

LEGAL COUNSEL - BRAD WINSTON:

Excused.

<u>PUBLIC RELATIONS –</u> DAWNE "THUNDER" KIRK-WATERS:

Excused. Sheila let all know that Thunder was promoted to Assistant Manager of Motorclothes at Alligator Harley Davidson, congrats, well deserved.

BILLING AND INVOICING - HOPE TRAVIS:

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SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:

"Bear" brought a delicious chocolate brownies and cheesecake for the March birthdays.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT – MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS: Nothing to report.

ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT – ADA "ABBY NORMAL":

Send pictures to her, if you have them, for newsletter and Facebook. Tag us and follow us on Facebook. Also send pictures to the Webmaster.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT - MIKE "ROGUE" HAGER:

"Rogue" was excused, all is going well.

<u>CHAPLAIN – CHRISSY LEONHARDT:</u>

Chrissy spoke about Galatians 6:9, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." When you are working hard towards goals, and you hit a wall, you want to push through that wall, as your reward is on the other side. Please pray for Jody, Jester, and the people of Ukraine. Bear also spoke, quoting John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends", just words to remember.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reminder, the April 2022 Chapter meeting has been moved to April 24th due to Easter. State Gun Raffle - received books from State, please sign out and sell them. They are due in December. Please note you are responsible for all books you sign out. Reminder, April begins nominations for Chapter Board and Trustee elections.

NEW BUSINESS:

The two 10' x 20' pop-up tents with sides that were recently purchased take 6 people to properly set-up.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bubba and Hope are trying to plan a birthday party for Jester at their home, he will be 78 years old on April 5th. Kim made some really cool beaded bracelets, with ABATE on them, donated to the Chapter to get donations for us. Boatman said to move the ABATE magnets around on your car occasionally, as they will start to bubble the paint, as does any other long-term magnet, and don't put on the sides of your vehicle, as they can easily blow off. After the April 24th meeting, we will have a Safety Refresher Checkup, weather permitting. Flyers on the table for upcoming events.

Motion to adjourn at 11:15am. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on April 24, 2022.

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff

Secretary Southeast Chapter









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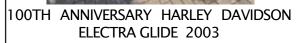


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SAFETY DIRECTOR

Good Day,

This month's article is about how you can help all motorcyclists be safer.

ABATE of Florida Inc. has a safety program which is mostly designed for non-riders. This program is called MSAP (Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program). It is designed to make drivers of other vehicles more aware of motorcycles. This program is conducted by trained members of ABATE all across the state of Florida. The program is free of charge and takes approximately 45 minutes to one hour. It is intended for any organization, school, group or even an individual that is concerned or interested in helping make it safer for motorcycle riders and themselves. Maybe you work with people that may be interested or possibly the company you work for. If so, please contact us at —

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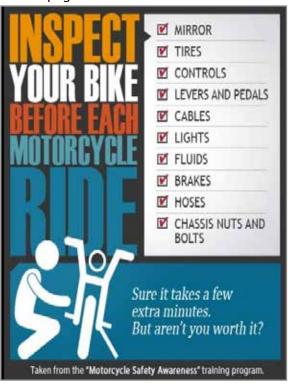
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Thank you and hoping to hear from you soon.

JON





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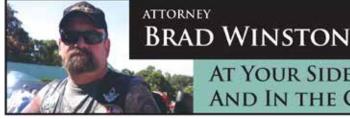
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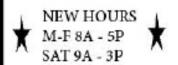
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THE FINE ART OF LETTING GO



Are you tired of things breaking? I especially get irritated when one repair hinges on the success of another, yet I don't have what it takes to fix either! The longer I'm alive, the more I realize there are an abundance of situations I have little control over. This used to bother me because I'm someone who likes solving problems, finishing what I've started, and keeping the peace.

I have a special place where I keep unsolved problems, unfinished business, and messes I can't fix. I put those items on a make-believe shelf, in an invisible closet, and then shut the door!

I use this same technique for positive ambitions like stockpiling dreams yet to be fulfilled, careful placement of lofty goals, and storing saddlebags full of travel plans. I call it my 'surrender closet.' The shelves are bowing; nevertheless, everything is safely tucked away.

Often it's not until I lose control that I realize Who is IN control. Some may call this giving up; I call it giving in to God. Sometimes I have to shelve things for a season and learn to trust where His paths lead.

This reminds me of a situation where I had to 'shelve' a ride that was strategically planned. Early one morning,

a group of my friends coordinated an all-day ride that would include lots of twisties, hairpin turns, a few scenic overlooks, lunch, and a festival at the end of the day. But within seconds, everything changed. My destination became completely uncertain because one person changed their mind. Everyone scrambled and I had no control over the well-laid plans we made. It was a mess that I couldn't fix. Right then, I had to choose... would I give up and go home, or yield, trusting in where His path might lead? I chose to trust. Ironically, one of the stops involved a tiny little town called Trust, NC. Shelving my plans and allowing God to reroute me literally affected my entire destiny.



Surrender Rd. can be bumpy. And if you're by yourself, it's lonely to boot. On the flip side, for those who've already mastered the act of shelving, the detours can lead to unexpected blessings.

Proverbs 16:1-3 says, "We humans make plans, but the Lord has the final word. We may think we know what is right, but the Lord is the judge of our motives. Share your plans with the Lord, and you will succeed." That's the key... sharing your plans with the Lord. That typically means abandoning your plans for His plans.

Every once in a while, I open that invisible closet and rummage through the contents on my shelf. I find that 90% of what I tucked away was futile OR God has fixed what was once broken. It's through this simple exercise I've learned the fine art of letting go and letting God.

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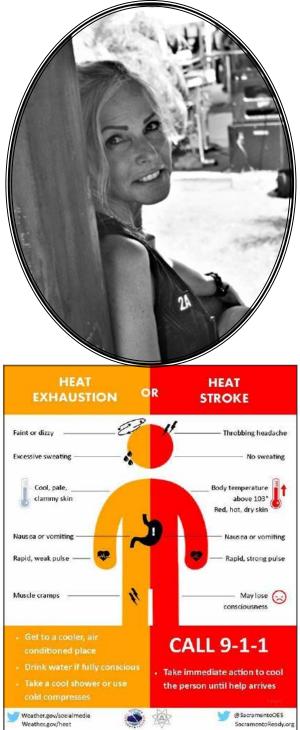
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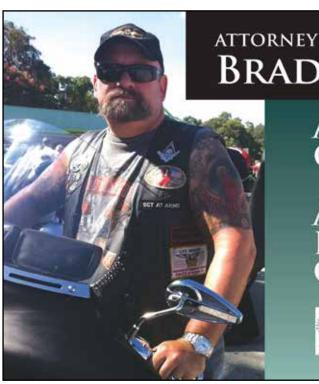
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SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

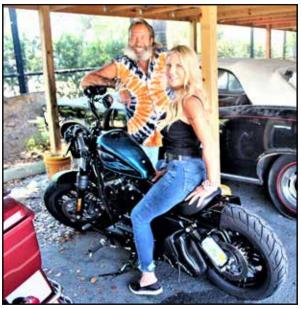
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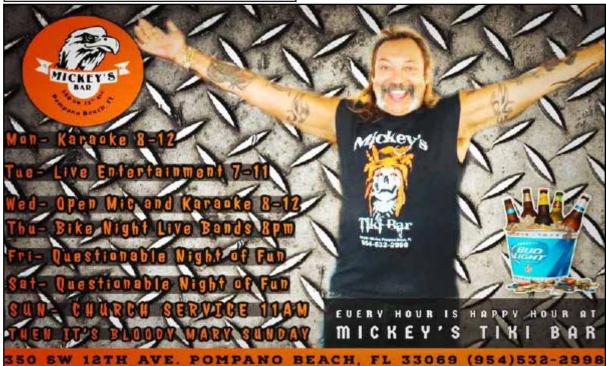
WEDNESDAY

>Blues Nite at Mickey's >Mickey's Open Mic and Karaoke 8PM-12AM

THURSDAY

>Mickey's Bike Night Live Bands 8PM





APRIL

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3 MYSTIC SEVEN MC PARTY	4	5	6	7	8	9 ABATE STATE MEETING
10 STATES MC - ANNUAL	11	12	13	14 E-Board Meeting	15	16
17 CMA - EASTER SERVICES	18	19	20	21	LEESBURG BIKEFEST	23
24 LEESBURG BIKEFES ABATE SE Meeting	25	26	27	28	29	30

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WEDNESDAY

2nd and 4th Wed

Hermandad MC Open House 8PM-2AM

THURSDAY

1st & 3rd Thurs -

Leathernecks MC Open House 8PM - Midnite Hermandad MC Open House, 8PM-2AM



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Kingdom of Brothers MC Open House

Every other Friday

Fearless MC Open House 8PM-1AM

3rd Friday

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APRIL

2nd-Sat

3rd-Sun MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY

9th-Sat

10th-Sun STATES MC - ANNUAL

16th-Sat

17th-Sun CMA - EASTER SERVICE

23rd-Sat

22nd-24th LEESBURG BIKEFEST???

<u>MAY</u>

7TH-SAT SOUTHERN MC – ANNUAL 8th-Sun

8th-Sun Mothers Day

14th-Sat OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL
15th-Sat LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY

21st-Sat 22nd-Sun

NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL

28th-Sat

29th-Sun S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

30tht-Mon Memorial Day

<u>JUNE</u>

4th-Sat AOA SOUTH FLORIDA
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5th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - PARTY
11th-Sat MIDNIGHT CLUB REAPERS MC - ANNUAL

SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL

12th-Sun 18th-Sat

19th-Sun Fathers Day

25th-Sat US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL

26th-Sun



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<u>JULY</u> 2nd-Sat

3rd-Sun

4th-Mon Independence Day 9th-Sat

10th-Sun

ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL

16th-Sat 17th-Sun

SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC

BROWARD - ANNUAL

23rd-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILL COOK-OFF

24th -Sun

AUGUST

5th-14th 82nd STURGIS MOTORCYCLE

RALLY

12th-14th 25th Annual South Florida

Tattoo Convention

14th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. -

56th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

27th-Sat

28th-Sun SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL

SEPTEMBER

3rd-Sat SOUTHERN MC TEDDY BEAR RUN

4th-Sun

5th-Mon Labor Day

10th-Sat

11th-Sun STATES MC -

KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY

17th-Sat

18th-Sun

24th-Sat KINGDOM OF BROTHERS MC -

ANNUAL



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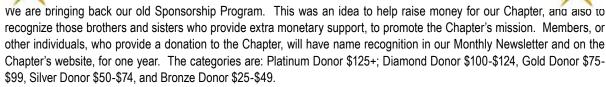
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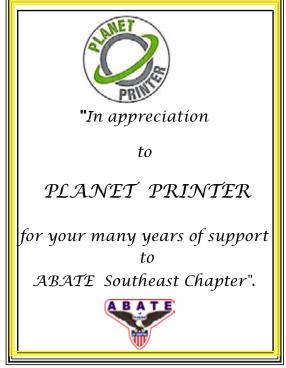
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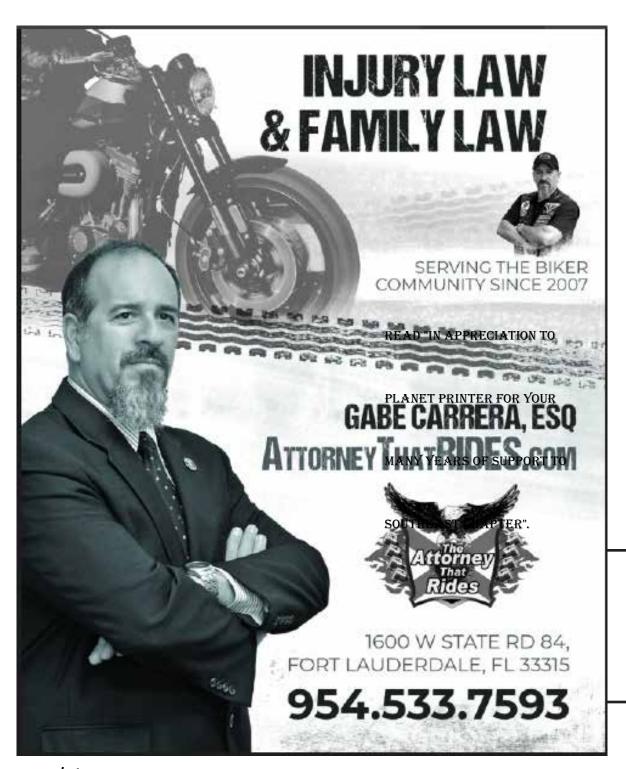
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We were sitting around, just talking, and we did our March article about Harley-Davidsons, and thought it might be a good idea to also do one for Indian Motorcycles, and they were America's first motorcycle company. Sheila's Mom, who was born in the 20's, used to ride on one, wish I could find the picture, with the Marlon Brando Wild One style motorcycle hat and full white leathers. Thunder, back when she lived in upstate New York, had a few, and would pick a different one to ride each day. We decided to find out more about this historic and current motorcycle company.

In 1897, George M. Hendee founded a bicycle production company called the Hendee Manufacturing Company. Along with co-founder and chief engineer Oscar Herdstrom, Hendee opened the company's first factory in downtown Springfield in 1901. Before founding the Hendee Manufacturing Company in 1897, George M. Hendee was an accomplished bicycle racer and manufacturer from Watertown, Massachusetts. Oscar Hedstrom hailed from the small parish of Lonneberga, Sweden, and it was his initial design of the motorized pacing bicycle that laid the groundwork for the rapid growth of America's first motorcycle company.

What followed was half a century of unparalleled growth in motorcycle production and innovation, and foundational leadership in curating a true American riding culture. In 1923, the company changed its name from The Hendee Manufacturing Company to The Indian Motocycle Company – no "r" in "motocycle" when the word was first used with the name Indian. Less than two decades later, Sturgis, South-Dakota -based Jackpine Gypsies rider group held a race called the Black Hills Classic, which evolved to become the world's largest motorcycle rally.

The Hendee Manufacturing Company's early racing years were marked with paramount success in endurance rides. In the company's first reliability trial in 1903, co-founder and chief engineer Oscar Hedstrom rode one of his motorcycles to a new world speed record of 56 miles per hour and won

*Educate, don't legislate stuff we thought you might like to know

-by: Sheila, Sandy, Little Bit, & Thunder

an endurance race from New York City to Springfield, Massachusetts, and back. Building on the co-founder's success, in 1906 dealers George Holden and Louis J. Mueller rode an Indian motorcycle from San Francisco to New York City in a record 31 days without a mechanical problem.

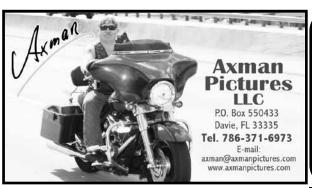
In 1906, the first V-twin factory race bike was built. In 1920, the company released the first Indian Scout. This fast, reliable, maneuverable bike enticed many people to start riding. Following the introduction of the Scout, the company released the Indian Chief, a new platform that proved a sturdy foundation for Indian Motorcycle's early growth. The Indian Ace, released in 1927 after Hendee's acquisition of the Ace Motor Corporation, quickly became a staple of the company's pioneering production in its initial years of development.

As the institution of American motorcycle racing grew, the company's competitive focus shifted to the track. In 1937, renowned racer Ed Kretz won the first Daytona 200 race on an Indian Sport Scout. This early era of racing success also saw the founding of the Indian Motorcycle Wrecking Crew in the late 1940's, a record-breaking racing team consisting of legendary racers Bobby Hill, Bill Tuman, and Ernie Beckman. By the early 1950's, the Crew was dominating on both dirt and road courses; Bobby Hill won the Springfield Mile back-to-back years in 1951 and 1952, and teammate Bill Tuman completed the three-peat for Indian Motorcycle in 1953.

The U.S. Army began using Indian Motorcycles in 1913, and with the arrival of World War I, Indian Motorcycle dedicated a majority of its production to the war effort once the U.S. entered the field in 1917. Overall, the company contributed nearly 50,000 motorcycles from 1917 to 1919.

Two decades later, the U.S. was entangled in yet another cataclysmic global conflict: World War II. Yet again, Indian Motorcycle stepped up as they focused virtually the entirety of their production from 1940 to 1945 to the Allied cause in WWII. Indian Motorcycle first produced bikes primarily for the French government and the U.S. Army in 1941. Over the Continued on page 36

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span of WWII, Indian Motorcycle delivered \$24 million worth of motorcycles and spare parts for the war effort, culminating in over 35,000 bikes sent to Allied troops.

The rise, fall and return of Indian reads like a novel. Indian was once the largest motorcycle company in the world. Around World War I, Hendee and Hedstrom, the two men who had been responsible for Indian's success, retired. Management went to a group of financiers who had little understanding of how to make a go of a motorcycle company. In the 1920s, some people in management were literally stealing from the company treasury. At this point, E. Paul DuPont, a member of the DuPont paint family, bought stock in the Indian company. He soon learned of the underhanded dealings, and used his knowledge to buy out the prior owners and put his own people in. With DuPont's competent manager running the business, Indian looked ahead to a bright future.

Then the Depression hit. Sales dropped like a rock. DuPont was forced to use his own money to prop Indian up. By 1935, the company had gotten back to its feet, but still had to make payments on back debt, some of which was



owed from the time when the thieves were in control. As the 1930s struggled to an end, it was becoming obvious that the United States would soon become involved in World War II, and Indian started exploring contracts with the U.S. Army and Allied armies in other countries. Sales to France ended when that country was overrun by the Nazis. After the main U.S. Army contract was awarded to Harley-Davidson and his long-term manager died, DuPont decided to throw in the towel and find a buyer.

The buyer he found was Ralph Rogers, who took over the Indian company right after World War II ended. Ralph Rogers wanted to build lightweight motorcycles, similar to the bikes then being built in England. It was a good idea, but the vertical single and twins Indian ended up building were not well

designed and suffered from lack of quality control. While Rogers was trying to overcome these problems, Indian continued to build 74-cubic-inch V-twin Chiefs. They were fast bikes, but the engine design was somewhat outdated and by 1948 production of Chiefs was cut to 3,000 bikes.

In retrospect, this was not a good move. Many GIs had encountered motorcycles in Europe and liked what they saw. Indian sold thousands of motorcycles to returning veterans. and probably could have sold thousands more if they had produced the bikes that buyers wanted. In the 1940s, American motorcycle buyers had a choice — they could buy an Indian Chief, with a side valve engine, a Harley-Davidson with overhead valves, or one of the newly imported foot shift English motorcycles, which were much lighter and easier to ride. The English bikes were also proven designs, and much more reliable than the Indian vertical twins. The final blow came when the British government devalued the pound in September 1948. English bikes were now not only easier to ride and more reliable, but they were also cheaper. With bankruptcy staring him in the face. Rodgers worked out a deal with J. Brockhouse and Co., an English conglomerate. In return for a \$1.5 million loan, Brockhouse got the right to supply Indian dealers with motorcycles. Rodgers resigned in January 1950, and Brockhouse management took over. By 1953, due to financial problems, the original Indian Motorcycle company halted production of all models, and this kicked off a five-decade break in the company's rich history. Although several efforts during this era of brand history saw the trademarked 'Indian Motorcycle' name on several different imported bikes, these tumultuous times plaqued by several major changes in ownership proved to be a real divergence from the overall path to success laid by Indian Motorcycle's original trailblazers.

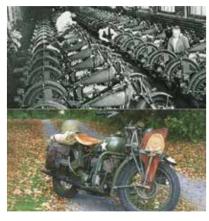
Industry leader Floyd Clymer bought the rights to the brand name in 1963, and again tried rebranding British bikes with the 'Indian Motorcycle' badge until his passing in 1970, when his attorney took ownership of the trademark. Under Clymer's attorney's direction, sales sharply declined, and operations ceased yet again in 1977.

Brand-exclusive production of Indian Motorcycles resumed in 1998. A merger of nine companies formed the Indian Motorcycle Company of America (IMCA), which opened a production facility in Gilroy, CA. The IMCA produced modi-

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fied versions of some of Indian's successful early models like the Chief and Scout models, before going bankrupt in 2003.

Following the end of the IMCA, London-based private equity firm Stellican Ltd. purchased the Indian Motorcycle assets and established an Indian Motorcycle Company manufac-



turing facility in King's Mountain, North Carolina. The facility produced a modest number of bikes until 2011.

The period of uncertainty finally ended when Po-

laris Industries, which had the deep pockets necessary to develop the brand, acquired the Indian Motorcycle Company in 2011, decisively ushering-in a period of renewed success reminiscent of the company's early sustained growth. The 2010's have been a decade full of exciting development and growth for Indian Motorcycle. Indian Motorcycle has since rejoined the trail blazed by the company's early pioneers in the first half of the 20th century. Today, Indian is charging ahead, racking up flat track championships and enjoying skyrocketing sales.

AND resuming the company's legacy as a firm supporter of the military, Indian Motorcycle launched a multi-year partnership with Veteran's Charity Ride (VCR) to Sturgis in 2015. The VCR is a non-profit organization that dedicates itself to providing healing experiences for wounded, severely injured, and amputee veterans from all branches of service. God Bless American veterans!!

Till next time.....and hope to see you then.

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*Always carry your license, registration, motorcycle insurance, and health insurance cards on you when you ride.

*Consider keeping a list of emergency contacts in your wallet. Also consider keeping a list of all medication you are taking, especially of any allergies (like penicillin).

*Research motorcycle injury attorneys and familiarize yourself with your state's motorcycle laws.

WHAT TO DO AFTER AN ACCIDENT.

*Don't say anything to anyone until after you have talked to an attorney. Don't post anything on social media.

*Never apologize or admit to an accident being your fault. Just state the facts. RE-MEMBER everything you say during a 911 call gets recorded.

*Take photos of the accident scene. Take wide-angle shots of the vehicles where they landed before anything is moved. Wide-angle shots of the debris on the roadway before it's cleaned up. Close-up shots of the damage to the vehicles and your motorcycle.

*Talk to witnesses and get their contact information if possible.
Insurance is not retroactive – once an accident happens it is too late to add coverage.

*Visit your policy and be sure you know what your insurance coverage is.

*Consider getting GAP insurance if you have a new bike and you finance it.

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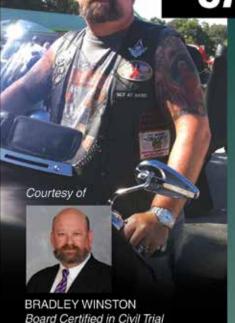
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JOHNNY'S RANT

Hey, just to let everybody know, our State lawmakers didn't even let our Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) Bill get out of committee and that's just a damn shame. It is common for a driver who kills or seriously injures a VRU to just get a ticket for careless driving. A VRU is us, motorcyclists, but also bicyclists, skateboarders, people in wheelchairs, even people working by the road, or just walking, anyone not protected by a "steel shell", like cars. Did you know that Florida has the highest fatalities for bicyclers? A VRU Law would provide criminal penalties to the person who causes the harm, and to pay increased fines, serve some house arrest (or jail) time, require a driver improvement course, and temporary loss of their license. So this is only if the driver is not impaired, just careless, negligent, not LOOKING TWICE FOR MOTOR-CYCLES and other VRUs.

The other bill we were trying to get passed, HB 2573, ABATE of Florida Safety and Education that would provide an appropriation of \$300,000 for ABATE to use, to promote safety and education, of course. The \$300K is a very small part of the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. That did not get out of committee either, but we have been fighting that for years.

But look on the bright side, the State Legislature did pass a Bill that made Strawberry Shortcake our official State dessert, that Governor DeSantis signed into Law. Do you mean to tell me that they think more about a stupid cake than they do about a law that would help protect vulnerable road users? Give me a break! I was a little angry at first thinking that was totally stupid but then I did a little research and realized that our Governor did that to help out our strawberry farmers, so that's a good thing. Still, I would have wanted more attention on helping protect motorcyclists, with stiffer penalties for hurting us.

I guess we'll have to work harder this year, so we can get those bills passed next year. We need your help. Write to your Congressmen and let them know you want stiffer penalties for cagers who harm VRUs, and we'll keep you posted, in our newsletter, about when and who to contact coming into the next legislative session which runs from March 7th through May 5th, 2023.

Peace Johnny Rose





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MOTORCYCLISTS HELP OUT UKRAINE

Motorcycle brands across the spectrum of biking are coming together to assist people affected by the Russian invasion of neighboring Ukraine, while multiple manufacturers have announced they will no longer sell bikes or supply parts to people in Russia, including Harley-Davidson, Suzuki and Honda, which is donating one million Euros to the Japanese Red Cross as humanitarian support for Ukrainians suffering through the enemy occupation.

Joining in on a growing list of economic sanctions, Yamaha, BMW, and Polaris have also halted exports to Russia in the wake of the ongoing crisis.

Ural publicly called for an end to the hostilities, while Timur Sardarov, the Russian CEO of MV Agusta, described the "horrific atrocities... conducted by the Russian regime" as the "biggest tragedy in his 40 years of existence" in an open letter. Both incredibly brave moves by Russian owned businesses.

There have also been moves from motorcycling groups from around the world to condemn Russia's militaristic actions. Europe's FIM (The Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) has suspended all Russian and Belrusian riders' licenses, with the British ACU (Auto Cycle Union) joining them in applying the same suspension for the UK. The FIM have also cancelled three MXGP rounds of racing that were due to take place in Russia.

E.U. BANS MOTORCYCLE EXPORTS TO RUSSIA

The European Union officially enacted additional trade restrictions on exports to Russia, in light of the latter nation's February 2022 invasion of Ukraine, including a ban on the export of European motorcycles and/or parts with values

over 5,000 Euros. The measure comes as part of a list of additional prohibitions and restrictions on Russia as it continues this assault.

The motorcycle pronouncement, along with other decisions, were published in the Official Journal of the European Union on March 15, 2022 and, in accordance with the E.U.'s rules of governance, these rules immediately went into effect as of that publication date.

The new rules address energy sector concerns, importation of iron and steel products, and matters concerning European luxury goods and their export to Russia. "Motorcycles" specifically come up on the "luxury goods" list, which also includes horses, wines, cigars, perfumes, clothing, jewelry, precious metals and stones, electronics, and yachts.

<u>U.S. TRAFFIC FATALITIES / FATALITY RATE HIGHEST</u> IN A DECADE

On March 2, 2022, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration released its 2020 Annual Traffic Crash Data, revealing the highest number of lives lost on U.S. roadways since 2007, despite fewer miles traveled.

While the number of crashes and traffic injuries declined overall, fatal crashes increased by 6.8%, with 38,824 fatalities nationwide. The fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled increased to 1.34, a 21% increase from 2019 and again the highest rate since 2007.

In some good news, the estimated number of police-reported crashes in 2020 decreased by 22% as compared to 2019, and the estimated number of people injured declined by 17%.

In 45% of fatal crashes, the drivers of passenger vehicles were engaged in at least one of the following risky behaviors: speeding (up 17%), alcohol impairment (up 14%), or not wearing a seat belt (up 14%).

Fatalities amongst all vulnerable road users was up across the board; Motorcyclist fatalities up 11% (highest number since first data collection in 1975), Bicyclist fatalities up 9.2% (highest number since 1987), and Pedestrian fatalities up 3.9% (highest number since 1989).

Obviously 2020 was a uniquely anomalous year, with a global pandemic affecting every facet of everyday life, but it's troubling to see such increased carnage even with less

travel.

Total vehicle miles traveled (VMT) decreased by 11% in 2020, from 3,261,772 million to 2,903,622 million.

ARIZONA LEGISLATURE APPROVES LANE FILTERING

Lane Splitting and Lane Filtering bills are popping up more frequently, and if Senate Bill 1273 is signed into law by Arizona's Governor Doug Ducey (R), it would be a welcome relief for riders stuck in Phoenix traffic on a 110-degree day.

While "Lane Splitting" allows motorcyclists to ride between moving lanes of traffic, like California has allowed for many years, the term "Lane Filtering" allows riders to move between stopped traffic such as riding to the front of traffic at a stop light.

Arizona's neighbor, Utah, made headlines in 2019 when it adopted lane filtering, and Montana legalized filtering in March of last year. Oregon came close to legalizing filtering last year, but the bill was stopped by the governor's veto.

The allowed filtering described in Arizona SB 1273 is similar to Utah's, with riders able to filter to the front on multi-lane roads, between two lanes going in the same direction, where the speed limit is 45 mph or less and surrounding traffic is stopped, and riding no faster than 15 mph.

Arizona's bill, passed by the state legislature and awaiting their governor's approval, is the latest in a trend towards Utah-style lane filtering over California-style lane splitting. This popular compromise allows motorcyclists to move through the worst parts of traffic, but in a milder method than the lane splitting practiced in many other parts of the world.

<u>NEW HAMPSHIRE LEGISLATOR CLAIMS BEING PRO</u> FILED FOR RIDING A MOTORCYCLE

While testifying in support of House Bill 1000, which would prohibit profiling of motorcycle riders by law enforcement, House Speaker Sherman Packard suggested he was profiled during a traffic stop several years ago in New Hampshire.

Packard (R-Londonderry), who is the highest-ranking member of the Republican majority, testified in the Public Hearing that he was stopped on Route 1A in Rye, N.H. about nine years ago. "I was in a pack of motorcycles and was the only one stopped by an officer," he testified.

Packard said he was told by the officer he had passed a car on a double yellow line. He said he denied it, and the officer

then told Packard he was riding on the double yellow line, which he again denied doing. He said he was detained for about 20 minutes, indicating he felt it was a case of profiling because he was a motorcycle rider. He also said he did not know why the other motorcycle riders he was with were not stopped.

Sherm Packard, a longtime motorcycle rider and champion of bikers' rights, was a founding member of the NCOM Legislative Task Force and developed the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' informational brochure "A Biker's Guide to Getting Elected to Public Office".

Packard is also a cosponsor of HB 1000, which was voted out of the House on March 11 with an "Ought to Pass" recommendation.

MOTORCYCLES ARE GOOD FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY

A new study shows that motorcyclists are less stressed and more fulfilled than car drivers

The scientific study originally set about trying to find out if bikers were constantly riding in fear of being involved in an accident, but inadvertently proved the opposite! The results center around a certain hormone called Cortisol that is released in the brain when we become anxious, finding that bikers produce 28% less Cortisol during testing than drivers on the same course.

The study was conducted by The Institute of Neuroscience and Human Behaviour (INHB) in a controlled manner, with 50 motorcyclists and 50 car drivers making their way around a closed course for 20-minutes. During this time, the team measured the user's heart rate, Cortisol, and adrenaline levels, and monitored brain activity.

Results indicated that when riding, the subjects experienced increased sensory focus and resilience to distraction. Riding also produced an increase in adrenaline levels and heart rate, and a decrease in Cortisol levels -- the kind of results you often get after a light exercise session, which also is a stress reducer.

The news regarding the mental well-being of motorcyclists goes hand in hand with a study that found that riding a motorcycle can burn anywhere between 170-600 calories an hour -- as much as an hour at the gym -- making motorcycles good for your mind and body!

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SMART MOTORWAY FAILS

Within days after the Stopped Vehicle Detection system (SVD) failed to prevent a fatal crash on England's M25 smart motorway, a series of internal emails from Highways England paint a horrifying picture, with sections of the road described as effectively blind to stopped vehicles.

The problem stems from the SVD system that should detect a stopped vehicle in a live lane, alerting the control room to close the lane with red 'X'.

The Daily Mail reports that transportation staff are plagued with similar outages on the smart motorway network, with staff seeing errors and outages so much, they don't actually have the time to report the error. Indeed, at the time of the M25 outage, a bug prevented an alert from being broadcast to the staff, meaning they had no warning of an incident they could react to.

As the catalogue of failings grows and the death toll mounts, the cry for smart motorways to be scrapped altogether grows louder and louder. And it isn't just the public that is outraged, as politicians on all sides have called for the 'fatal' scheme to be axed, once and for all.

2022 NCOM CONVENTION - NEW DATES & LOCATION ANNOUNCED

Mark your Ride Calendar NOW for the upcoming 37th annual NCOM Convention to be held June 17-19, 2022 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, located at 10 Century Blvd.in Nashville, Tennessee (615/871-0033 for room reservations).

Concerned riders from across the nation will attend, to learn and share information and experiences regarding mutual topics of concern. All motorcyclists are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to preserve Freedom of the Road.

Agenda items will cover legal and legislative issues, with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.

So, plan now to be part of one of the largest gatherings of motorcyclists' rights advocates in the world. For more infor-

mation, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

H-DAY FOR EUROPEAN TRAFFIC PATTERNS

In a stunning joint international transportation announcement, all countries in Europe will begin switching over from left-sided driving to the right.

Per the cooperative trade agreement, effective midnight April 1st, on H-Day (for Högertrafikomläggningen, Swedish meaning "right-hand traffic"), all Cars and Trucks in every European foreign country will immediately pull to their right and henceforth drive on the right-hand side of the road like we do here in America.

If successful, in a carefully orchestrated 2-step governmental roll out period, the following April First all buses and motorcycles will switch sides too. =))

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By the way, in reality, the islands of Britain, Ireland, Malta and Cyprus are the only four European countries still sticking to the left, and historians think the archaic lefty rule of the road originated in the eighteenth century with the prevalence of right-handed swords.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Have an open mind, but don't let your brain fall out."

~ Bazooka Joe (1952-2012), Topps Candy Co.

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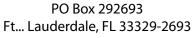






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GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

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,

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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