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"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You may know us as the motorcycle organization that got the helmet law repealed in Florida or from our motorcycle rights and safety rally's throughout the year.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.

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President's Message



In my last article I incorrectly reported that ABATE of Florida, Inc would receive state funding for our Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Program. At the last minute Governor Rick Scott used his line item veto on our allocation. This is a blow to our Chapter and ABATE of Florida, Inc and our lobbyist in Tallahassee will continue to fight to have it reinstated although it is a long shot.

My good friend Budd "Stronbgbow" Aubrey has stepped down as President of the Palm Beach Chapter after serving for seven years. He was a member of our Southeast Chapter for many years and served as our Sgt at Arms. He left Southeast chapter to form the Palm Beach Chapter and has built it to the great

chapter it is today. He is being replaced by Ed "Nighthawk" Lattari who had served as Vice – President. I'm sure he too will do an outstanding job.

On July 1st we took a group ride to celebrate the passage of HB 1911 which gave riders freedom of choice regarding helmet use. We met at Lesters diner at midnight as we did twelve years ago and took the same route to US1 and AIA ending up at Mickey's (Brownies, the original destination is no longer in business.) It was a great night for a ride with an almost full moon shining over the ocean. I hope to make this an annual event to celebrate our right to ride free. We partied at Mickey's and a great time was had by all.

On July 13th & 14th I attended the leadership seminars for ABATE of Florida, Inc. in Clermont along with Vice-President Alan "Big Wheel" Loper and Treasurer Frank T. Hammons. On the 13th I attended quite a few of the seminars including Membership, Products, Insurance and Sgt at Arms all before lunch. In the afternoon I was back again for Safety and ended up with Newsletter and that was enough for day one. On Sunday we attended the President & Vice-President's meeting led by our new President Dan "Doc" Fish and Vice-President Jim Gladstone. Rest assured ABATE of Florida; Inc. is in capable new hands. All in all I had a great time and learned a lot of information to bring back to our Chapter. I met and made friends with many of our great brothers & sisters throughout the State.

Remember:
HERE TODAY GONE TODAY
BARS

Welcome New Members

Luis Alvarez
Max Asman
Christopher "BC" Billings
Gene "Werewolf" Cruncleton
Tony "Hammer" Digiovanni
Joseph Aloysius Kelly
Steve Mendelson
Bob Moser
Ed Newman
Kathy Olsey

Wayne "Indian" Salvatore
Todd "Chopper" Schreiber
Charles "Digger" Tresize
Ricki "Redz" Tresize
Debbie "Trick" Waterbury
Wendy "Moon Dancer"
Wetherington
Dennis "Puck" Wood

Membership Due

August 2012

Noreen Abrams	Lisa Hammons
Ronald Anania	Alfie Lipschultz
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Joe Andrade	Rick "Big Papa" Morales
Greta M Bello	Ermelindo "JR" Onativia
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William E "Chief" Brown	Tom Pierceall
Pat "Tank" Chase	Dave Sim
Ronald Cormier	Reese L Singleton III
Claude Crevier	Debbie "Sweetiepie" Tessar
Robert "Halftime" Dechant	Louis "Louie" Torrella
Martin "Tank" Essenburg	Jerry Wojcik
Scott Fitterer	David "Woody" Woodruff
Pete "Mr Pete" Fuller	
Sixto "Six" Granda	

Thanks if you have already renewed

September 2012

Jimmy "Yogi"	Belitsis	Pete B "Trash"	Straut
Jeff "Bandit"	Benedix	Ruben C	Vento
Justine "Troublemaker"	Benedix		
Bill	Cleary		
Don "Zilla"	Hansard		
Leslie L	Jensen		
Raymond H	Kowalski		
Jeffrey "Wildman"	Morgan		
Jaques	Papouchado		
Frank L	Raffetto		
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Amy "Pixie"	Sonnenfeld		



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* PLEASE NOTE *

You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership, or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any changes.

We need your help. When you receive your renewal it is in your best interest if you fill out the renewal portion. I know this sounds stupid, but it does happen, more often than not, so please fill in the information SO WE CAN READ IT. You cannot believe the renewals we receive which are not filled out at all. So PLEASE take the time to fill out the renewal. Also make sure you renew in the month you joined and before the 30 day grace period ends.

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**ABATE of Florida, Southeast
Chapter Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2012**

Sgt @ Arms "GEO" called the meeting to order at 10:10am. There were 49 members, 16 guests. Total in attendance: 65. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Suzanne.

Presidents Report

BARS thanked all members for coming. I am proud to be your new president and since this is my first official meeting, please bear with me. What a great showing of support from our brothers and sisters from Der Krieger MC, Wings of Gold MC and The Scurvy Few MC Stateside Chapter. Scurvy Few President Howie gave the background of their club and advised that all of his members will be members of ABATE Southeast Chapter. In addition he presented a check to BARS, a donation from his club to help support motorcycle safety since Governor Scott line vetoed the \$250,000.00, which was to be used to promote motorcycle safety. Thank you Howie and all the members of The Scurvy Few MC. The state is having a membership challenge in trying to raise membership by 10%. Well if you take a look at the number of new members who joined today including 3 new life members, this one is a lock for us. Just take a look at the **Membership Report**.

Vice-Presidents Report

Big Wheel thanked the members for their support. He discussed the leadership seminars in Deland and advised which of our Board Members and Trustee's who did not attend. And yes, as stated and as in the past, your secretary for 13 years did not attend.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of June's meeting as printed in the newsletter, seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Frank thanked all the members for their support. He attended the leadership seminars and learned a lot. Frank then read the financial report for June. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurers report. All in favor, motion passed.

Sergeant at Arms Report

Geo reported there was nothing to report

Road Captain's Report

Big Wheel reported on the Ride to the Heartland. This event is October 5,6 7. Check the hotline for updated information. Right after today's meeting we will be taking a group ride to the Chrome Angels Event.

Safety Directors Report

Dave was excused. BARS reported that the line item veto of our safety money is being looked into.

Products Report

Alice reported we have products, whatever you need we have. Alice will be bringing a few items to each meeting but our full line of products will not be available until our October event. We need a member to step up. We need a Products Trustee. This is not a hard position but you do need to have a vehicle that can transport the products. If any member is interested in becoming our Products Trustee please contact any board member. In the interim, if you need any products, please contact Alice @ 954-567-5720

Events Coordinator

Big Wheel reported he is meeting with Lisa at Mickey's this Tuesday to finalize plans for our Oct. 14th event. He will keep us posted.

State Reps Report

Chris was excused. BARS reported there was no state meeting. Next state meeting will be held on 8/11/12 at West Coast Chapter in Sarasota.

Membership Report

George reported we have 682 members. We are number 1 in the state. When you get your renewal in the mail, PLEASE take the time to fill out completely, send it in timely and when you fill it out, please do it in a way that we can read it.

Newsletter Editor

Old Hippy reminded all members that all articles etc are due the day of the chapter meeting. If the articles are not turned in on time, they will not be printed. The only exception will be the minutes taken by our chapter secretary. He needs pictures; if anyone takes any G Rated pictures at any event, please email them to him. Charter Member "Trash" reported he found an old box of ABATE pictures dating back to the early 80's and will get them to Old Hippy. Many Thanks Trash

Legislative Report

Old Hippy reported all is quiet as legislation is out of session. Orlando has shut down the red light camera-ticketing program pending a decision from the Florida Supreme Court. This was due to a class action lawsuit being filed.

Public Relations

Fern was excused. No report

Advertising

Pixie was excused. No report. Old Hippy reported all advertising payments are up to date. Please support

our advertisers, they SUPPORT us. We need more advertisers to offset the cost of the newsletter. The newsletter is the number 1 cost item that we have, it is also one of the best, if not the best newsletter printed. Business card ads generate the most revenue per page in comparison to a full-page ad. Big Wheel reported there are 27 businesses that we deliver our newsletter to. Out of the 27 there are 10 businesses that do not advertise with us. If your business wants our newsletter, at least they can do is take out an ad to support us.

Social Directors Report

Patty reported the last birthday party at Luke's was a huge success. Everyone had a great time and what a showing by our brothers and sisters from Der Krieger MC. Next months birthday party will be right here at the American Legion on 8/25/12. A little birdie states there might even be a band!!!!

Newsletter Distribution

Debbie advised last months delivery went real well with only a few hiccups. She has asked for all members involved with distribution to please keep track on the amount we pick up when we exchange them out.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob was excused. No report.

Photographer's Report

Wildcat is out of town. No report

Web-Master's Report

Mike was excused. No Report.

Legal Council

Chris was excused. No report.

Old Business

None

New Business

Steve reported even though school does not start for 24 days, starting next week the flashing lights in school zones would be tested. On Monday and Tuesday you will be given a warning, after that even though no school is in session, YOU WILL BE TICKETED. The fine, as reported by one of our members who recently was ticketed for doing 31 in the school zone \$400.00. Hurts don't it.

Good of the Order

BARS reported we had a great group ride on July 1st celebrating the anniversary that gave Florida motorcycle riders their freedom of choice. The American Legion will be having a tailgate party on 8/11/12 with bus transportation to watch the Marlins play the Dodgers. Cost is only \$40.00 per person. Please check with Karen or any Legion Board member.

On 9/9/12 a memorial poker run will be hosted by the legion. Kick stands up at 1130am. A special thanks to Dave, Vice Commander of the post who provided breakfast this morning. Short handed he "Did it All". Many thanks.

Jimmy Les has a 20" bicycle for sale. All it needs is 2 new tubes. According to Suzanne, if you want it, it's yours. Jimmy was up in Illinois recently and was warmly greeted by the members of ABATE of Illinois. They shared a few and they also have their own cable program. Many Thanks to the members of ABATE of Illinois for their gracious hospitality. American legion Post 142 will be holding a Civil War Reenactment the weekend of 8/11 & 12 in Deerfield Beach.

A very special welcome to "Standing" ABATE of Florida Duval Chapter Sgt. @ Arms for stopping in at today's meeting.

On a sad note, Jimmy Les reported that Robin D' Avignon wife of Jim "Big Dog" blillid" Avignon passed away from complications from diverticulitis. She was only 57 years young. Please keep Jim and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

A motion was made, seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting **adjourned** at 10: 49am.

Please check the hotline for any changes and updated information regarding all group rides.

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

Paul A. Melcer
Secretary





WELCOMES ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC STATE MEETING – AUGUST 11, 2012

Meeting Place:

Ramada Sarasota -- 7150 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243

State Board Meeting Time: 12:00 Noon

State Delegates Meeting Time: 2:00pm

From the North

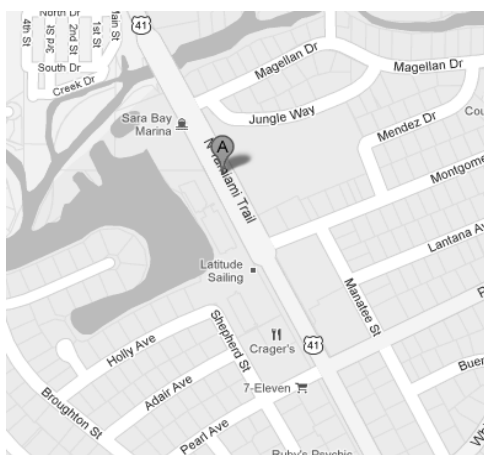
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Heat: A Major Killer

Heat is the number one weather-related killer in the United States, resulting in hundreds of fatalities each year. In fact, on average, excessive heat claims more lives each year than floods, lightning, tornadoes and hurricanes combined. In the disastrous heat wave of 1980, more than 1,250 people died. In the heat wave of 1995 more than 700 deaths in the Chicago area were attributed to heat. In August 2003, a record heat wave in Europe claimed an estimated 50,000 lives. North American summers are hot; most summers see heat waves in one or more parts of the United States. East of the Rockies, they tend to combine both high temperature and high humidity; although some of the worst heat waves have been catastrophically dry. Your body has automatic “thermostats” to protect the core organs from heat stress, including sweating, vasodilation, increase in heart rate and reduction of blood pressure. If these tactics don’t keep core temperature within the redline, the body gives you warnings such as heat cramps. If you don’t take care of the problem, it gets more serious, including heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

The body has sweat glands to keep the skin damp. The evaporating sweat sucks heat from the skin, and transfers it to the air. Of course sweat is primarily water, so it’s critical to keep replenishing the supply. That’s one reason why we need to drink about a pint of water every hour during hot, dry conditions. One problem for motorcyclists is that at highway speed, the sweat glands may not keep up with the evaporation. Or, if the sweating uses up too much water, your body temperature regulating system goes on the fritz, like a dry battery.

To help cool down the core, blood vessels enlarge to circulate more blood (and therefore body heat) towards the skin. If ambient air temperature is lower than body temperature, excess heat can be absorbed by the air. But if the air gets hotter than the skin, the increased blood flow simply soaks up more heat from the air and pumps it back to the core.

The heart responds to increasing heat (“hyperthermia”) by increasing the heart rate to pump more blood into those enlarged blood vessels. As the air temperature rises, heart rate (pulse) can increase 50% to 70% faster than the normal resting rate. The increased flow causes blood pressure to drop, and blood flow is shunted away from muscles and brain, towards the skin. Consider the implications of those changes on a motorcyclist. The lowered blood pressure reduces muscle control and brain activity,

and more blood is pumped towards the skin-- where it is vulnerable to road rash
The human body won’t take much of an increase in core temperature without complaining. The symptoms of overheating are leg cramps, tired muscles, headaches, dizziness, and even fainting. The various symptoms are trying to tell you how overcooked you’re getting.

If you experience heat exhaustion and just try to “tough out” the heat without getting cooled down and rehydrated, the body thermostats will begin to fail. Core temperature continues to rise (may go as high as 106 or 107 degrees F.), sweating stops, the heart beats even faster, and you may pass out. If you are coherent enough to recognize the symptoms, immediately get medical aid while you are still mobile. And watch you’re riding buddies for any of the following heat stroke symptoms. 1Victim incoherent, staring vacantly, blanking out, or unresponsive2. Skin hot, red, dry (no perspiration)3. Rapid pulse 4. Body temperature elevated Yes, heat stroke is life threatening. It’s a medical emergency. Don’t be bashful about calling 911 for assistance. In the meanwhile, 1. Get the victim into some shade, out of riding gear, and cooled down by any means available. If possible, get the victim into an air-conditioned room, or use fans to help provide evaporative cooling.2. Repeatedly sponge skin with cool water or rubbing alcohol. Apply cold packs or ice cubes if you can get them. The goal is to get body temperature below 102 degrees F.3. Don’t give the victim any stimulants, especially not any alcoholic beverages.4. If the victim’s temperature begins to rise again, repeat the cooling process.5. As soon as possible, get the victim to emergency treatment.

The other important tactic for hot weather is to drink lots of water, to replenish your electrolytes and refill your sweat glands. We’re talking at least a pint per hour. Exercise drinks containing “electrolytes” (salts) are acceptable, unless you have high blood pressure. And flavored drinks may be very high in sugar, too. Carbonated soft drinks are better than nothing, although it would be best to get the water without large doses of salt, sugar and chemicals. Almost all grocery stores and convenience markets have chilled filtered water in plastic bottles, handy for both drinking and wetting down your bandana.

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OldHippy's Corner



With elections coming up in November I decided to do a little bit on big business. Face it they are the big bucks behind any election. Without them, (unless they are like our Governor) it would make it impossible to put out such a large propaganda campaign where they try to influence us to get them elected.

I am going to a few paragraphs from a speech Roosevelt gave before the 1936 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 27, 1936 to show; even then the power was noted. And not much has changed.

"America will not forget these recent years; will not forget that the rescue was not a mere party task. It was the concern of all of us. In our strength we rose together, rallied our energies together, applied the old rules of common sense, and together survived.

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Since that struggle, however, man's inventive genius released new forces in our land which reordered the lives of our people. The age of machinery, of railroads; of steam and electricity; the telegraph and the radio; mass production, mass distribution - all of these combined to bring forward a new civilization and with it a new problem for those who sought to remain free.

For out of this modern civilization economic royalists carved new dynasties. New kingdoms were built upon concentration of control over material things. Through new uses of corporations, banks and securities, new machinery of industry and agriculture, of labor and capital - all undreamed of by the Fathers - the whole structure of modern life was impressed into this royal service.

It was natural and perhaps human that the privileged

princes of these new economic dynasties, thirsting for power, reached out for control over government itself. They created a new despotism and wrapped it in the robes of legal sanction. In its service new mercenaries sought to regiment the people, their labor, and their property. And as a result the average man once more confronts the problem that faced the Minute Man.

The hour's men and women work, the wages they received, the conditions of their labor - these had passed beyond the control of the people, and were imposed by this new industrial dictatorship. The savings of the average family, the capital of the small-businessmen, the investments set aside for old age - other people's money - these were tools which the new economic royalty used to dig itself in.

Those who tilled the soil no longer reaped the rewards which were their right. The small measure of their gains was decreed by men in distant cities. An old English judge once said: "Necessitous men are not free men." Liberty requires opportunity to make a living - a living decent according to the standard of the time, a living which gives man not only enough to live by, but something to live for.

For too many of us the political equality we once had won was meaningless in the face of economic inequality. A small group had concentrated into their own hands an almost complete control over other people's property, other people's money, and other people's labor - other people's lives. For too many of us life was no longer free; liberty no longer real; men could no longer follow the pursuit of happiness.

We are poor indeed if this nation cannot afford to lift from every recess of American life the dread fear of the unemployed that they are not needed in the world. We cannot afford to accumulate a deficit in the books of human fortitude."

Nothing has really changed. Basically, the conservatives of today are the Tories... and every bit as untrustworthy now of America, the only entity with the size and authority to offset corporate power is the government.

That may be true. Unfortunately, we are living in a kakistocracy where the government is controlled by the very people from whom we hope the government to save us.

So the question becomes — is there any hope for

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this Great Country of ours once the bankers are in control of our government?

I think it's a combination of both irrational behavior and rational anger at the government. The vast majority of terrible policy is supported by both parties - on foreign policy, human rights, and finance industry, Obama might as well be Bush term 3.

For the vast majority of people, the government is an entity that makes your life difficult for no good reason - the city of LA telling homeowners they can't cut down trees over 4" in diameter, the USDA forcing small farmers to comply with factory farm regulations, the police that don't investigate robbery, the zoning board that tells you that you can't build an addition, the licensing fees and training requirements to braid hair... But for large corporations, the government is an entity that does you favors. It writes you bailout checks, insists your oil spills weren't that bad, lets you track with unknown and potentially hazardous compounds...

So the same government that won't let someone in San Francisco expand their porch allows mining companies to remove mountain tops. (I realize these are separate government entities but that fact is lost on most people).

American democracy no longer exists. Our representatives rarely understand and comprehend the legislation which they pass. Minority parties (e.g. the Republicans in the Senate and the Democrats in the House) are often prevented from getting their amendments and bills on their respective agendas. And in many cases, the Executive Branch does the actual 'legislating' without approval of Congress.

Nevertheless, we call the United States a Constitutional Democracy. Limited liability corporations are creatures of the state and, thus extensions of it. The distinction between these creatures and their creator has become blurred to the extent that the abuses of the one are intermingled with the abuses of the other.

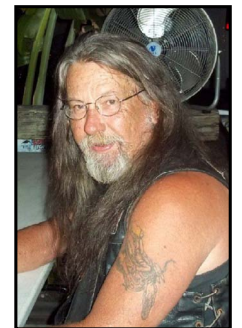
The blurring has proceeded in a cycle of advance and retreat since the supremacy of the federal state over its constituent states was settled in the aftermath of the civil war of 1861-65, first in the great consolidations of commercial power 1865-1913 (capped by the establishment of the Federal Reserve System), then in the regimentation imposed by the first chapter of the World War, 1914-1918, the corporate state expansion in the 1930's to address the financial and economic crisis

generated by WWI and its consequences, the reprise of total mobilization for chapter 2 of the World War, 1939-1945, and the expansion of the warfare-welfare security state incubated by the 45 year 'cold war' which established habits of covert governance and massive spending for the security organs that persists to the present.

The end product of this development which we now inhabit is a Special Interest State that is codependent with its corporate enablers, whether serving the financial/capital allocation system, the internal and external security organs, or the welfare-education-entertainment-indoctrination establishment.

"Fascism should more appropriately be called corporatism because it is the merger of state and corporate power."

- Benito Mussolini
Till next time
Keep the Shiny Side Up
and the Greasy side Down



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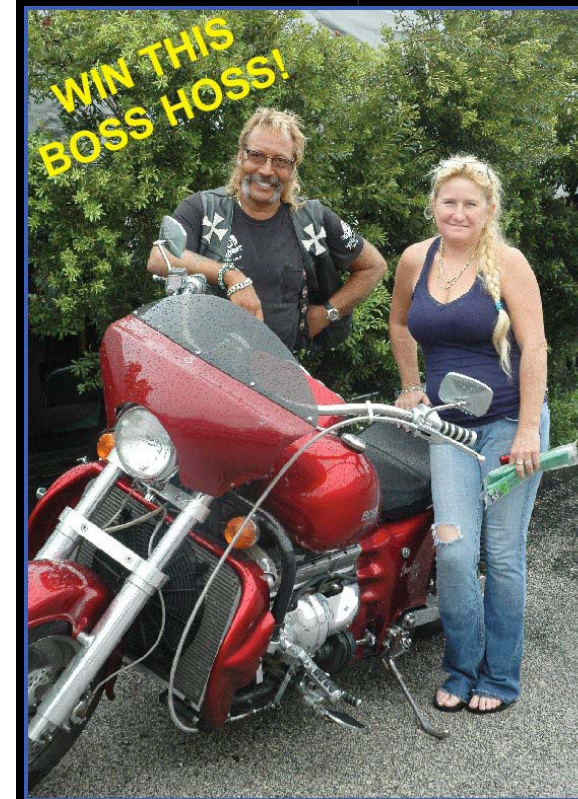
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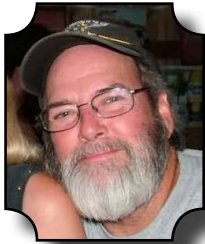
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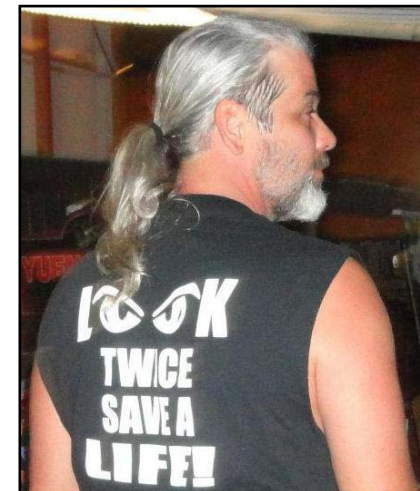
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23 SOUTHERN TEDDY BEAR RUN	24	25	26	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	27	28 Luke's Place Bike Night
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You have to prepare for school, we have to prepare for our jobs, our relationships, and more.

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Congress Clears Highway Bill

As reported by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation in a previous release, the US Congress has passed the much anticipated highway funding legislation.

The bill soared through both chambers this afternoon. Both chambers did have some nay votes, all coming from Republicans because of a few riders that were attached concerning student loan rates and the national flood insurance program.

President Obama is expected to grant the measure swift passage into law.

The Highway Bill has been in the past, a vehicle for pro and anti-motorcycle issues. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has worked closely with the primary authors of the legislation to ensure that this bill was all pro-motorcycle and had no anti-motorcycling issues.

The bill continues the grant program that was designed and implemented into law in 2005 by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), along with many State Motorcycle Rights Organizations (SMROs). Since 2005, the program has infused over \$46 million dollars directly into the motorcycle safety community. By law, the cash can only be used on rider education and motorist awareness campaigns. The new program continues this tradition.

Historically, the bill has been used to implement nationwide mandatory helmet laws. Due to the hard work of the citizen lobbyist motorcyclists of this country, that's not the case this time. Such good work in fact that there was never any official talk of attaching a helmet law on this bill. The last time Congress passed a highway bill, Sen. Lautenberg (D-NJ) offered an amendment on the floor of the Senate, just prior to passage. That amendment was defeated 68-29.

The reauthorization of the Highway Bill goes through 2014 and is expected to cost roughly \$120 billion dollars.



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COURT REJECTS ORLANDO RED-LIGHT LAW

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The New Drunk Driving

Distracted driving is the new drunk driving. Even though research shows that certain influences (such as drowsiness or conversation) cause greater impairment than driving drunk, over 7 million people believe that their focus is unaffected by these behaviors.

“Despite the fact that it deadens a driver’s reactions more than alcohol, and in its consequences is as destructive and devastating as drunk driving, attitudes to driving while using a hand held mobile phone and driving under the influence could not be more different” Calum MacDonald, The Herald. Distracted driving has eclipsed drunk driving as the number one safety concern of the driving public. Drivers on mobile phones are more impaired than drivers at .08 BAC, (University of Utah study). An estimated million people each day chat on their mobile or send text messages while driving, (The Herald).

Distracted driving is the number one killer of American teens. Alcohol-related accidents among teens have dropped. But teenage traffic fatalities have remained unchanged, because distracted driving is on the rise. (Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and State Farm Insurance Study and NHTSA Study) We need to go beyond the message of drinking and driving and also talk about the message of distractions. Dr. Flaura Winston, National Teen Driver Survey.

Over the past two years almost every legislation session has considered or passed laws which address distracted driving. Nine states have banned hand held cell phone use and a majority of states has banned texting while driving.

The New Jersey Legislature even considered a bill that would mandate the same penalties for cell phone users and drunk drivers when involved in a fatal accident. New Jersey is also the only state in the country to ban driving while fatigued.

10 states, D.C., Guam and the Virgin Islands prohibit all drivers from using hand held cell phones while driving. No state bans all cell phone use for all drivers, but many prohibit use by certain subsets.

32 states and D.C. ban all cell phone use by novice drivers.

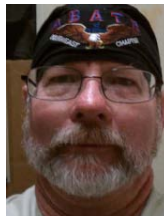
School bus drivers in 19 states and D.C. may not use a cell phone when passengers are present.

39 states, D.C., Guam and the Virgin Islands ban texting for all drivers. An additional 5 states prohibit texting by novice drivers. 3 states restrict school bus drivers from texting.

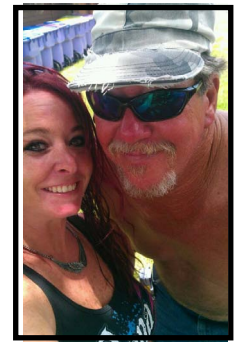
Florida does not have any laws or legislation on the use of hand held, or hands free cell phones, or texting while driving. (Governors Highway Safety Association)

Motorcycle sales are up 16% over last year. Is the reason, the economy is recovering; the price of fuel or even the winter motorcycle riding season may be getting longer? Whatever the reason for more motorcycle sales, the more on the road the better, and we need to put an end to the distracted driving.

David “Gimpy” Gregory
Safety Director
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Hard at work on South Florida Motorcycleist's Memorial Garden at Cafe 27



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CALIFORNIA LAWMAKERS BAR MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS

On Friday, July 13, California became the fourth state in the country to oppose roadside checkpoints that target motorcyclists. Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 1047 into law, joining with Virginia, North Carolina and New Hampshire in prohibiting law enforcement agencies from using safety grant money to fund motorcycle-only checkpoints. "Persistence pays off!" said Jim Lombardo, lobbyist for ABATE of California. "It took two years of hard work to get our bill through Transportation Committees, the Assembly and Senate Appropriations Committees, passed by both Houses and then returned to the Assembly for concurrence to a stronger amended bill!" AB 1047, sponsored by Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries (R-Lake Elsinore), passed its final legislative hurdle by a unanimous 77-0 vote in the Assembly. The new law becomes effective Jan. 1, 2013. "The funding of such checkpoints has made the passage of AB 1047 of paramount importance," noted a letter of support circulated to legislators by C.O.I.R. through the US Defenders program; calling the checkpoints discriminatory and un-American, they noted that "Across California, law enforcement agencies have been using these funds, not to establish generic checkpoints intended to stop all vehicles looking for impaired operators, or unsafe vehicles. Rather, these checkpoints have been stationed adjacent to motorcycle events and stop only motorcycle riders while automobile drivers are waved on."

On the federal level, dozens of Congressional Representatives have signed onto House Resolution 904 by Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) to bar the U.S. Department of Transportation from providing funds to government agencies for motorcycle safety-equipment roadside checkpoints. Meanwhile, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Mitchell Proner of NYC is appealing a federal judge's ruling that upheld the constitutionality of such roadblocks, vowing to take the fight on behalf of ABATE of New York and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

CONGRESS PASSES FEDERAL HIGHWAY BILL

The Highway Bill, HR 4348: MAP-21, has cleared both chambers of Congress and is expected to be signed into law soon by President Obama. The 600-page \$120 billion federal funding measure reauthorizes funds for transportation projects through 2014, and extends the motorcycle safety grant program to the states amounting to a percentage of each state's federal safety dollars that must be spent on rider education and awareness campaigns. Despite considerable lobbying by motorcyclists, language from HR 904 to block funding of motorcycle-only checkpoints was not included in the final passage due to technical germaneness issues, but on the flipside no provisions were adopted in the bill that would negatively impact motorcycling.

EPA OFFICIALLY APPROVES E15 FOR SALE IN THE U.S.

Putting E15 (a mixture of 15% ethanol and 85% gasoline) on sale in the U.S. has been all but official since April, when the Environmental Protection Agency approved the first applications to make E15. Now, "all but official" has become official, with the EPA giving approval for retailers to start selling the controversial biofuel, which many claim can damage smaller engines such as motorcycles and ATVs and void manufacturers' warranties.

NEVADA MOTORCYCLE CLUBS SUE POLICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS ABUSES

Four motorcycle clubs that belong to the Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs (COC) have filed a federal lawsuit against the Metro and North Las Vegas police departments claiming that their civil rights have been systematically violated. Dozens of club members of the Mongols, Bandidos, Vagos and Stray Cats allege they have been "unlawfully targeted and harassed" by the two police departments for several years, and the 78 complainants are seeking over

\$75,000 on each of its 15 different claims and punitive and exemplary damages of more than \$75,000. The lawsuit claims that Las Vegas police threatened to revoke the liquor licenses of local businesses if they served certain motorcycle club members or let them frequent their place of business. The legal action cites numerous other incidents of abuse, including police officers purportedly informing members of the Stray Cats that they had "no constitutional rights on the streets of Northern Las Vegas." Legal documents detail six encounters that occurred between June 2010 and September 2011 that violated the patch holders' First, Fourth and 14th Amendment rights, but attorney Stephen Stubbs and Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs President Guido Novicelli say the harassment has gone on for more than the two years the lawsuit covers. "All we're really looking for is to be able to meet and have a good time and ride motorcycles without being harassed," said Novicelli. "Everybody has the same constitutional rights," said Stubbs, serving as legal counsel for the 37 Las Vegas-based clubs that comprise the Southern Nevada COC. "The minute we start disregarding someone's constitutional rights because we don't agree with them, this country is in big trouble."

NY BILL WOULD REQUIRE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION FOR NEW DRIVERS

A New York bill that would improve motorcycle safety by including awareness training in the state Department of Motor Vehicles required courses passed unanimously in the Senate on June 4. S.7138 would amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law to create a two-hour motorcycle safety and awareness component to the DMV's mandatory five-hour pre-licensing course for new drivers. Specific requirements would be set by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. "This is just one more step towards making our highways safer for both motorcyclists and those traveling on four wheels," said state Senator Patricia A. Ritchie (R-Heuvelton) who cosponsored the bipartisan measure along with Sen. Kevin Parker (D-Brooklyn). "By teaching people how to properly share the road, we can cut down on accidents and help save lives." Now Senator Ritchie is looking for a sponsor to introduce the legislation in the general Assembly.

RHODE ISLAND RIDERS GET DESIGNATED PARKING

A new Rhode Island law will require all state and municipal buildings to provide designated parking spaces for motorcycles from April to November. The legislation, sponsored by Senator John J. Tassoni Jr.

(D-Smithfield) and State Representative Peter John Petrarca (D-Lincoln), was recently approved by the General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Lincoln D. Chafee (I). The legislation dictates that city and town officials create parking plans by this November for parking areas at municipal buildings and mandates that the new parking spaces, marked by appropriate signage, be made available by April 1, 2013. All state, city, or town buildings must establish a motorcycle parking plan by November, with the number and placement of the motorcycle parking spaces varying by building, and to be determined by the number of employees who use motorcycles. The law does not apply to state airport parking lots.

NOVELTY HELMETS OUTLAWED IN CANADA

A new provincial law announced by the Ministry of Justice requires motorcyclists in British Columbia to wear helmets that show proper industry certification, such as Snell or a U.S. Dept. of Transportation sticker. The law takes effect in July on Canada Day, and until now motorcyclists could wear anything that was sold as a motorcycle helmet, including so-called "novelty" models that are smaller, lighter and lack protective inner padding. "Many members of biker gangs and their followers wore such helmets," noted the Maple Ridge News in announcing the policy change. "A lot of the Hells Angels guys... they will wear the fake helmets, as well," RCMP Constable Tom Sparks told the newspaper. Once the helmet law is enforced, \$138 tickets will be handed out. In addition to a ticket, riders also will be required to park their bike if they're caught using an illegal helmet. "You cannot continue." Sgt. Dale Somerville added that police aren't targeting any particular segment of riders, but if there's a group that uses non-legal helmets more often, they'll get stopped more often.

EUROPEAN UNION PROPOSES MOTORCYCLE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

The European Commission proposes to include all types of powered two wheelers into a regulation on periodic roadworthiness tests and calls for annual inspection intervals for all vehicles more than six years old, according to the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA). The measure would cost riders over 1.2 Billion Euros extra per year, with no clear benefits for anyone, says FEMA in criticizing the proposal as unnecessary and ineffective and calls for its withdrawal.

On Friday, July 13th, the European Commission published a proposal for a "Regulation on periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers".

In comparison to the previous regulation (Directive 2009/40/EC) powered two wheelers (PTWs) are now also included (motorcycles, scooters and mopeds) and the Commission proposes to increase the testing frequency to four years after the date on which the vehicle was first registered, then two years and thereafter annually for all vehicles. Although the Commission claims that "8 % of all motorcycle accidents are linked to technical defects," FEMA doubts the accuracy of such figures and cites in-depth studies showing technical failures only account for 0.3% of all primary accident contributing factors. "In addition the countries in Europe with periodic testing regimes for PTWs do not show improved accident figures," according to FEMA. "This is nothing less than a tax on poverty for those who cannot afford a new vehicle every three years" says FEMA General Secretary Aline Delhaye. "In terms of time and money, the cost for citizens is going to be astronomical, with no benefits in return."

FREEDOM IN THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

New Mexico is one of 31 states that do not require adults to wear helmets, and that's not likely to change says KRQE-News13, noting that "Motorcycle rider rights organizations are working diligently to keep it that way not because they don't want people to wear helmets but because they want people to be able to decide for themselves." "Too many people are dying on our roads and all I'm asking is for people to look out for motorcyclists," said Annette Torrez, Chair of the NM Motorcycle Riders Rights Organization. "I don't want legislation telling me whether I should or shouldn't wear a helmet," said Torrez, who was recently recognized for her efforts at the annual NCOM Convention with a Silver Spoke Award. It's been about a decade since an adult helmet law was last introduced in the state legislature, and lawmakers told the news agency that is because the idea is always met with angry opposition not only from motorcycle groups but other lawmakers too. "There's always individuals that you're seeing here that come up to Santa Fe and institute their rights and say you know what, we really don't want to see it and these are individuals who wear helmets on a regular basis," said NM State Representative Rick Miera (D-Bernalillo County), a longtime rider and member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF).

MOTORCYCLE SALES REV UP

Cycle sales have fired up since the recession's effects have waned, according to new data from Sage-

works Inc., a financial information company. Sales at motorcycle and ATV dealers are up nearly 16% over the last 12 months, including used bike sales, and profitability has improved from near-breakeven in 2009 to nearly 3% profit margins, Sageworks' data shows. Sageworks analyst Robb Granado said sales are stronger at both dealers and manufacturers. "The fact that we see the retailers doing well shows it is actual end-user demand," he said. "That's a positive story for both the future of both the retailers and the manufacturers." Their analysis is bolstered by Motorcycle Industry Council numbers that reflect first-quarter industry sales of new units rose 8.8%, aided by higher gasoline prices and unseasonably warm weather across much of the country.

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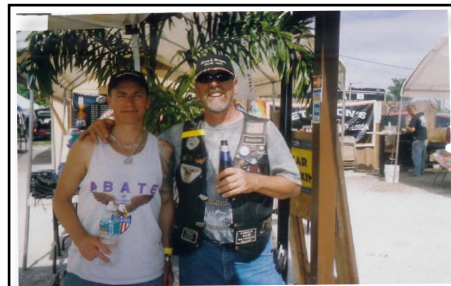
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