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From Your President



Abate Southeast Chapter President's Message August 2015.

After the first month as President of the ABATE Southeast Chapter all I can say is that it has been challenging, interesting and rewarding. It is challenging in the fact that there is so much to do, especially during the transition of the new Directors and Trustees. Our Chapter has 24 positions to support our business activities. Several of these positions were filled by new Board members such as, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership, as is all of the Chapter's positions, these are critical to the effective operation of the Chapter.

Remember that we are all volunteers and devote our most valuable resource, which is time, to support ABATE and its mission of motorcycle safety, training, driver awareness, and to fight for our rights to RIDE FREE RIDE SAFE.

It is rewarding to work with this core group of dedicated people that makes up the Southeast Chapter. Many of whom work without much recognition. For example, we deliver our monthly newsletter to over 38 distribution locations within Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. Just in this distribution activity there is a central pick-up point where the newsletters are sorted out to accommodate each person's delivery route. These routes include Peterson's North and South stores and several locations to the Palm Beach county line. Our goal each month is to get these newsletters delivered within one or two days from the date of print. Last week I got an opportunity to assist in this effort because one of our members is recovering from surgery and is not physically able to do so. So VP Poppi and I split up the route and got the job done. A big shout-out goes to the distribution team of Jon and Kathy, Poppi, Ace, Gambler, Bars, Hope, Postal, and Primo.

This past month the State ABATE office conducted its annual two-day Leadership Conference and Presidents meeting in Vero Beach. Several of us rode our bikes up for the meeting, which was informative and provided an opportunity to meet and network with other ABATE members from across the state. On the return trip we teamed up with several Palm Beach members, Snooze and Fred, and rode back together. It was a blazing hot day but dry.

I have been out and about the past several weeks visiting with our local MCs, and advertisers, many of whom are ABATE SE Chapter members. It is my intent to visit each of you within the next several months. Thank you all for your support. A bunch of us attended the Wheels of Man Chili Cook-off at their clubhouse on July 18th. There were at least nine chili pots entered including our very own SE member, Suzanne Keen, who prepared a delicious batch and entered on behalf of the SE Chapter. She went home with an empty crockpot. The Wheels of Man did an outstanding job hosting this event and I encourage everyone to check it out again next year.

The SE Chapter conducted our monthly meeting on July 19th. One of our Southeast Chapter members provided a chilling eyewitness account that happened on July 12th.. It began as a leisurely group ride and ended with a pick-up truck killing the Road Captain of the ride. There were fifteen motorcycle riders riding on Sam Jones Trail (CR 832) in Hendry County toward Clewiston. The person sharing this experience was riding in the number five position. They were riding staggered, on a two-lane highway, double yellow line (no passing zone), all bikes were preparing for a left turn at a T intersection. Picture this: fifteen riders, all with left arms extended, bike left turn signals flashing, and the group doing what they were supposed to do. Sud-



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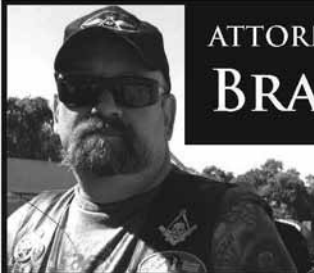
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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes July 19, 2015

Sergeant at Arms Steve “Nighthawk” Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:13 am. There were 30 members, one guest. Total in attendance: 31. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence and a prayer by Poppi

President’s Report

Frank thanked all members for coming and he welcomed two members who had not attended in a long time and one guest. He recognized the CLUBS – our brother MC’s and Associations with representation today from the American Legion Riders Post 321, Post 180, American Freedom Riders Post 36, Widows and Sons, Masonic Riders, Keltics MC, States MC. Frank reminded us to support our advertisers. He spoke on issues the State office has requested of the Executive Board and their responsibility to ABATE. His goal this year is to have fun and bring back the Southeast Chapter to the way it was – one of the best in the State. The Chapter is going to have many ABATE sponsored rides throughout the upcoming year.

Frank stated that one of his major goals is to unite the Southeast Chapter. You may not be able to meet with us at our monthly meeting but will attempt to unite the Chapter electronically via email and social media. As supporters of the mission of ABATE, we must have a voice in getting legislation passed that protect us as riders and protect our freedoms and to RIDE FREE RIDE SAFE.

Frank then recognized Postal and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for ALL of his hard work and dedication to the Southeast Chapter. Thank you very much Postal. Some of the unsung heroes were also recognized who work behind the scenes such as, our newsletter distribution team. This team works to have our Southeast newsletter at 38 distribution locations in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties within two days of printing. Thank you all for your dedication to the Southeast Chapter.

Vice-President’s Report

Poppi welcomed the new Executive Board and Trustees. He then spoke about wearing the ABATE SE Patch when you are out and about, be proud of it and display it.

Secretary’s Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes as written for the June Chapter meeting. Motion seconded, all in favor motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

T-Man read the financial report for June. A motion was made to accept the financial report; the motion was seconded, all in favor motion passed. T-Man said that the Chapter had received the ABATE of FL annual drawing tickets. The drawing tickets sale for \$5.00 each, with a chance to win \$7,000 first prize, \$2,000 second and \$1,000 third. The drawing takes place in March 2016 and you do not have to be present to win. See any Executive Board

member if you need tickets.

Sergeant at Arms Report

Nighthawk thanked all the members who always come out to support our Chapter. Discussed school zones. Even though the majority of schools are out for the summer, there a number of summer school classes taking place. If you see the yellow flashing lights of a school zone, slow down. August 23rd the schools will reopen.

Road Captain's Report

Frank spoke on behalf of Gambler: He spoke about doing rides – sanctioned rides and that he is open to suggestions. One of the suggestions was to ride to our fellow Chapter's in the region such as, Gator Alley and Southernmost and to visit during one of their meetings. Stay tuned because you will receive advanced notice because these rides require a minimum of 30 days to acquire liability insurance to support any sanctioned ride that we announce in our Chapter meetings. We are a riding organization and we are going to ride.

Safety Director's Report

Gambler is still recuperating so Steve, "Nighthawk" spoke on his behalf. Stay hydrated. It is still very Hot outside and remember to CHECK your bike before taking off; just a quick look over can prevent a problem. Frank reported that he and Gambler had composed a letter that was sent to the Broward County Schools Superintendent to discuss the possibility of providing our one-hour ABATE motorcycle safety and driver's awareness training to the schools' driver education classes. Safety and Training are key components to the Mission and we are going to make every attempt to expand our activities in the SE Chapter's region.

Products Report

Joel reported if you need anything; feel free and give them a call at 954-818-4481. We are in need of XXL shirts.

Events Coordinator

Frank spoke about our October event which is planned to occur at Mickey's on October 11th. The January event is still in the early planning stages with discussions with Chester's Harley Davidson. They have always been very supportive of the SE Chapter, and are excited that we are hopefully returning. Postal spoke about Jimmy Les' flag and what a hit that is with everyone – locals and out of towners. Thank you Jimmy Les.

State Representative Report

Ada reported on the seminars she attended in Vero Beach . Frank spoke about the August State Meeting in Tavares and if anyone has idea or suggestion please see him and he will bring to the State. He mentioned the safety monies legislation ABATE was to receive from the State of Florida and vetoed by the Governor just might be brought back to life. The State legislation is supposed to meet this coming October for two weeks and our lobbyist said there was a chance for the veto to be overridden. Our State President is working on this issue.

Membership Report

T-Man reported we have **553** members on the books. A reminder when submitting all membership forms, **PLEASE** fill them out completely, send it in a timely manner, and provide your personal information written so that we can read it. Thank you very much for your support and membership to the Southeast Chapter.

Newsletter Editor

Squeezer reported all articles are due today with the exception of our President's and Secretary's reports. Again it was mentioned we have the best newsletter in Florida ABATE.

Legislative Report

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Brad was excused, he is out of town.

Public Relations

Fern was excused. She is set up at most events always supporting and promoting ABATE. Thank you Fern and for doing a great job with the hotline.

Billing and Invoicing

Pixie reported all is well. Frank has stepped up and helped Pixie with the collections. We have three new advertisers in our newsletter this coming month – Candy’s Cycle, Mickey’s Bar and Joel Honeycutt’s Small Engine Repair. Thank you and welcome to all. **Support our advertisers, because they support us.**

Social Director’s Report

Patty was away and Ace spoke on her behalf. The Southeast Chapter August Birthday Party will be held at the Pembroke Pines Moose Lodge on Saturday August 8th at 7:30 p.m. Food will be available for purchase.

Newsletter Distribution

Jon thanked Frank and Poppi for all of their help with the distribution of the newsletters. If anyone can help with distribution see Frank or Jon. Our Chapter’s Newsletter is the best in the State, let’s keep it that way.

Quartermaster’s Report

Bob was excused no report.

Photographer’s Report

Ada reported please keep sending pictures. Rogue has his hands full with family matters please keep him in your thoughts for his Mom.

Web-Master’s Report

Frank reported for Rogue, he was excused. Please keep him and his Family in your prayers. We do have the best website in the ABATE of FL. Thank you Rogue.

Legal Council

Demetrios reported there was nothing to report, but to advise him on any motorcycle related tickets or issues.

Old Business

Old business was the elections last month. No other old business was reported

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented before the Board.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Southeast Chapter member Steve Cohen gave an eyewitness account of a horrific fatality where the Road Captain from the Southern Cruisers was killed /broadsided and the driver just was cited with a traffic ticket. Demetrios spoke about getting the STATE involved and notifying the nearest ABATE Chapter, if they don’t know what happened about it. Frank spoke about supporting the “stiffer penalties” legislation and this accident is a classic example, and would check with the State President to see if they are aware of this incident.

Suzanne Keen mentioned the upcoming activities and events for 9/11 at the American Legion Post 321.

Upcoming events were announced: Wings of Gold Miami - August 2nd ; Tattoo Expo August 8-10 the Chapter will set up our Safety Booth at this event, stop by and visit; AOA August 9 – Anniversary Party; State of Florida Avon Park Autumn Bike Fest will is October 1-4, ABATE member volunteers are still needed for this Event. Volunteer forms are on the State of FL website or contact the SE President.

A motion to Adjourn was called, seconded and

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...Minutes continued from page 10
our meeting was adjourned till August 16th,
2015.

Marie Baxter
Secretary S.E. Chapter



...President's Message continued from page 4

denly a cage, the truck, hit his horn and came blasting past the group on the left, in the no passing zone and as the group leader executed his turn left, the cage T-boned the bike and killed the rider instantly. This is a terrible experience that no one would want to witness or be involved in, and the eyewitness showed signs of shock of having it unfold before his eyes and retelling the story. Guess what the cage driver was charged with? He was cited for "PASSING IN A NO PASSING ZONE" a mere traffic violation. This really pisses me off. I apologize for the language but I can't think of another adjective to express my anger because this happens more times than not in Florida. Kill a bicyclist riding across Rickenbacker Causeway – you will most likely go to jail. Kill a motorcyclist – you will most likely get a traffic ticket. **BIKER LIVES MATTER!!**

ABATE of Florida has been trying to get a "stiffer penalties" law passed for at least the last six years. The proposed legislation basically says, if you kill a biker with your cage and it's your fault, you get a criminal

charge and not a traffic ticket. However, this proposed legislation has not been enacted. Why? In my opinion, The motorcycle community has no clout with our politicians, and we are not united enough to generate the numbers of individuals who are willing to become one voice in their support (email/call/write) to raise hell with our legislators and tell them that we are tired of having our Brothers and Sisters killed by a car and having the killer walk free after paying a traffic citation.

Hopefully, you will join ABATE in this effort, and provide your contact information so you can be kept abreast of who and when to respond and get Tallahassee to take notice. Personally, I ride a motorcycle and if some idiot kills me while driving a vehicle and I'm operating my bike lawfully, I want that person to spend some time in jail thinking about what they have done. If you are interested in providing your voice to protect yourself, email me and I'll put you on the contact list.

Please come and join us at our Southeast Chapter's monthly meetings and events. Even if you are not an ABATE member, stop by and check us out. Our next meeting is August 16th at American Legion Post 321, 9081 SW 51st St., Cooper City, FL, at 10 a.m. Look at our webpage abatese.org or call our hotline at 954-310-4636 for information. My email is posted on the heading of this article; you can contact me at your convenience.

With respect.

Frank T.



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Vice-President



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We are open to suggestions to move our chapter in the direction you want it to go. There will be glitches that will be taken care of as soon as possible if we work together as a unit moving forward.

Let's take the attitude to work together so any issues or problems that may arise can be resolved.

Your V.P.
Poppie

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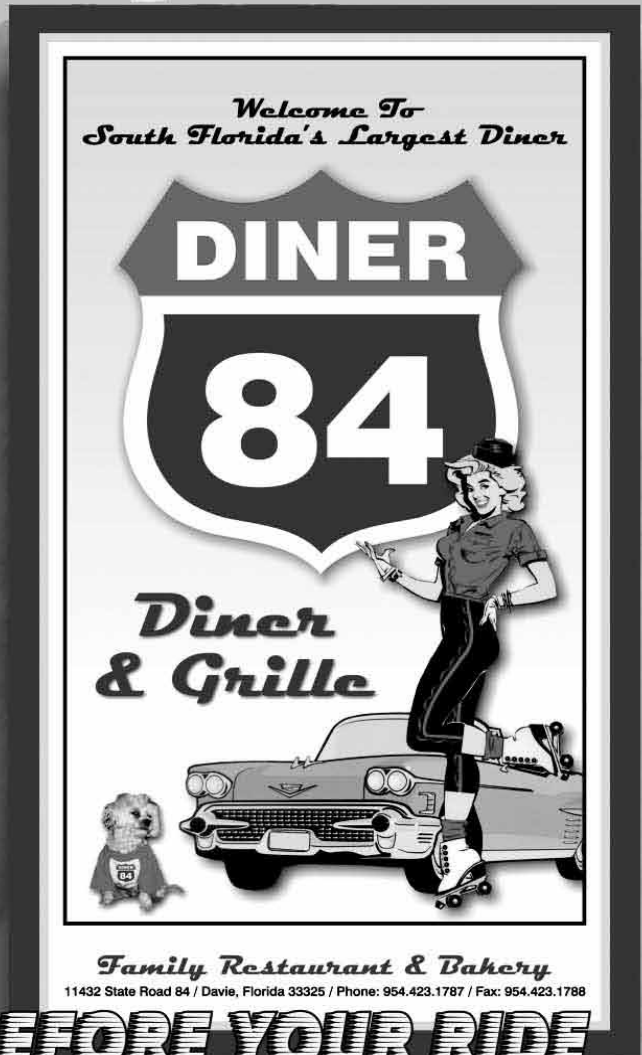
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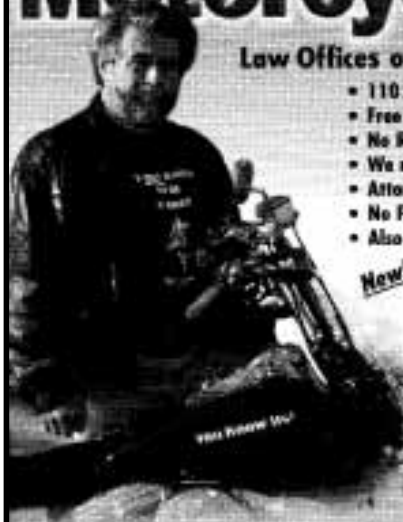
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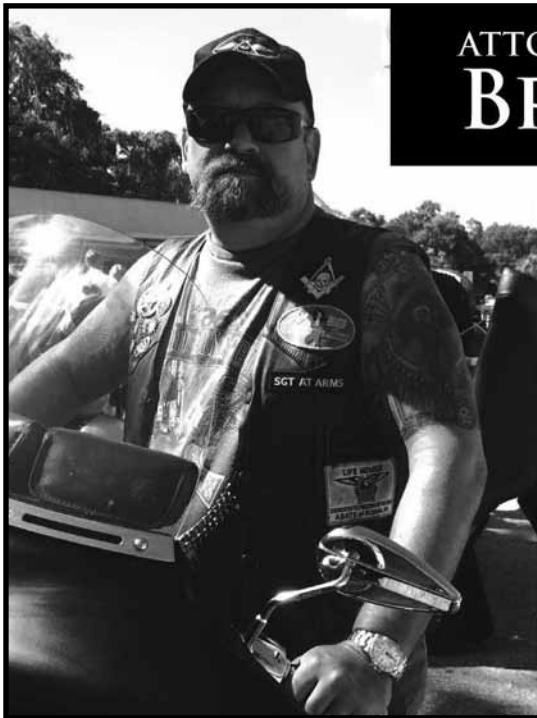
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August

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9 AOA FT. LAUD. - AN- NIVERSARY. PARTY	10	11	12	13 States MC Pompano Dinner	14	15
16 <u>Chapter Meeting</u>	17	18	19	20 States MC Pompano Dinner	21	22 LOS CO- QUIS MC - SMOKEY/DIE- SEL B-DAY
23	24	25	26	27 States MC Pompano Dinner	28	29
30	31					

Additional Info:

08/02/15 - WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY

08/04/15 - 74th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY

08/08/15 - ABATE Members Birthday party @ Moose Lodge Pembroke Pines

08/08 - 10/15 SO FLORIDA TATTOO EXPO

08/09/15 - AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNIVERSARY PARTY

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September

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13 STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY	14	15	16	17 States MC Pompano Dinner	18 PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN	19 PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
20 <i>Chapter Meeting</i>	21	22	23	24 States MC Pompano Dinner	25	26
27 KELTICS MC - PARTY	28	29	30			

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09/06/15 - SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
 09/12/15 - OUTCAST MC - PARTY
 09/13/15 - STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
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SEPTEMBER

6-SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
12-OUTCAST MC - PARTY
13-STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
18th-20thPETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
27-KELTICS MC - PARTY

OCTOBER

4-MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL
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25-WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY

NOVEMBER

7-US MILITARY VETS MC CH 1 - ANNUAL
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DECEMBER

6 SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
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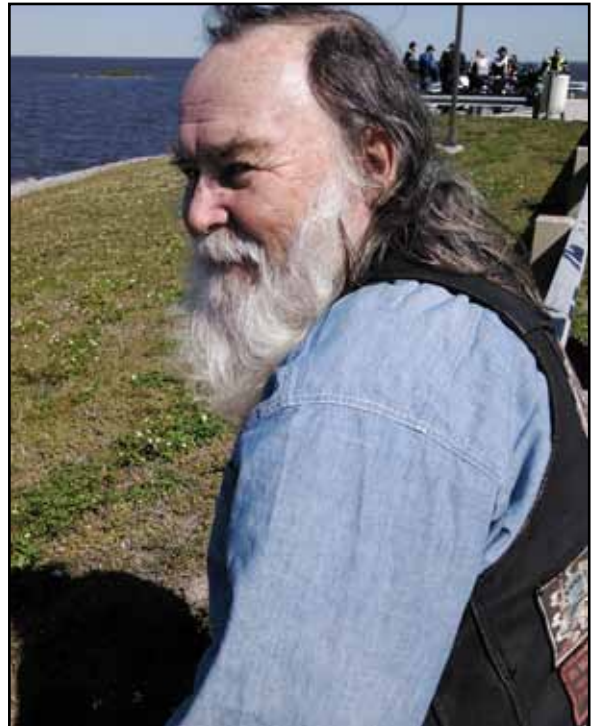
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Road Captain's report

t's difficult to write an article on taking rides when your Road Captain has been out of commission for two months. I just want to ask each of you to respect our new President and start riding together like in the old days. Visit the clubs on Friday night or any other night they have an open house. Join in on rides and show support, especially, for the other ABATE members who join in almost all the time. With 566 members of this chapter you would think that at least 5% of the members could ride. Sometimes I ask myself why some of you even have bikes? Yes that may sound cruel but I am a man that speaks my mind. Now I do realize that not everyone can ride all the time because of work or family commitment, but let's do our best. Give me a real reason to lead this fine group of my brothers and sisters. Make me proud and let's show the other chapters what leaders we truly are. Let's show the MC's that we support them and we appreciate that they support us. Let's continue to promote ABATE and tell independents what we are all about. Let's recruit new members and get more involved. Each and every one of you are marketing executives, so get out there and sell ABATE.

I hope to get a list of members so I can send you notices and reminders about rides and events. Please make sure we have all your current information including phone numbers and email or gmail addresses. So clean the dust of your ride, fill up with fuel, inflate those tires and let's ride. We are going to have fun this year, I promise.

Until next time, keep the shiny side up and ride safe.

Jim "Gambler" Willard
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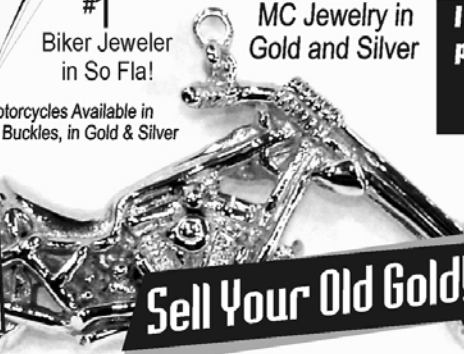
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If I may digress for a moment...

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Extremism is a plague that keeps dividing us. It seems now a day that your voice does not count unless it is radical or extreme. The radicals have control of the media and keep trying to pit us against each other when it comes to politics, religion, and social issues. But the realities are that the majority of us lay somewhere close to the middle on most issues. Unfortunately, the media overlords have plenty of sheeple who are willing to be boisterous and to picket on their behalf. And even when the picketers are not as numerous as they would like, they will film the action from all different angles and bombard us with the images 24X7 to try to make it a bigger issue than it really is.

Since the printing of the July Newsletter we have had a couple of high profile shootings. Both shootings were committed by people of extreme views and both were treated differently by the media. The first was a white, 21 year old, with extreme racial views, who shot up a religious establishment. The second was a brown, 24 year old, with extreme religious views, who shot up two military establishments. On the face of it, they are both very similar, two young males with extreme views and enough mental disorder to feel it is okay to take it out on innocent people. The reactions driven by the media, however, were totally different.

In the first shooting, because there was a picture of Dylann Roof holding the Virginia battle flag (or Rebel flag as I always knew it), we were bombarded with reasons to banish this flag from existence. This was done, because some see it as a symbol of hatred. Even though to most of us, at least to me and most people I know, it just invokes memories of the Dukes of Hazzard, Charlie Daniels, Lynard Skynard, Kid Rock, and Southern Rock in general.

In the second shooting, we know that Muhammad Youssuf Abdulazeez came from an extreme Islamist upbringing and even spent some time last year in the Middle East, including some months in Jordan, a training and recruiting ground for religious terrorist. However, there has been no talk of removing the Koran (Quran). Many of us find this offensive and as a symbol of hatred. Instead, the focus has been on Youssuf's depression as a mental illness.

Why the difference in the reactions to both of these shootings? Why have the Dukes of Hazzard been pulled from TV, weren't they "Just'a good ol' boys, Never meanin' no harm."? Why can I no longer get a Rebel flag or t-shirt at Wal-Mart, but I can still buy a Koran or any number of Che Guevara items? Something just doesn't seem right.

Your editor - "Squeezer"



God helps those who help themselves?

When things don't go the way you want them to go, we have the tendency to try to take care of those things ourselves. Things like, sickness issues, jobs, money, relationships, which sometimes are big problems, and sometimes they're not so big. We do try to handle them on our own, sometimes it seems to work, but most often it doesn't. The reason for that is that God wants us to ask Him for help through Prayer. He has a plan for your life, and He is the only one that has all the right answers to make that plan work.

Now we might say "God helps those who help themselves", but I tell you that saying is not correct, in fact that saying is not even Biblical it comes from an ancient fable. When you need help in any situation the only true help comes from God through prayer.

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The best way to keep hydrated is drink plenty of water during the day. Water is the best remedy. If you don't like plain water add lemon or lime, or another flavor. There are plenty of water flavored additives to choose from at the grocery store. Sport drinks like Gator Aid or Power Aid are also good because they contain carbohydrates that can prevent low blood sugar and can also help replace electrolytes that are lost with body fluids. But don't confuse sport drinks with energy drinks that may contain high doses of caffeine and sugar.

Stay away from caffeinated beverages like coffee, tea and some sodas. These are diuretic which means they will cause your body to eliminate more water and fluids than it takes in. You should also know that beer and other alcoholic beverages are also diuretic and should be avoided. While it may seem like they are rehydrating your body, it is only temporary. They in fact will also cause an increase in the output of bodily fluids.

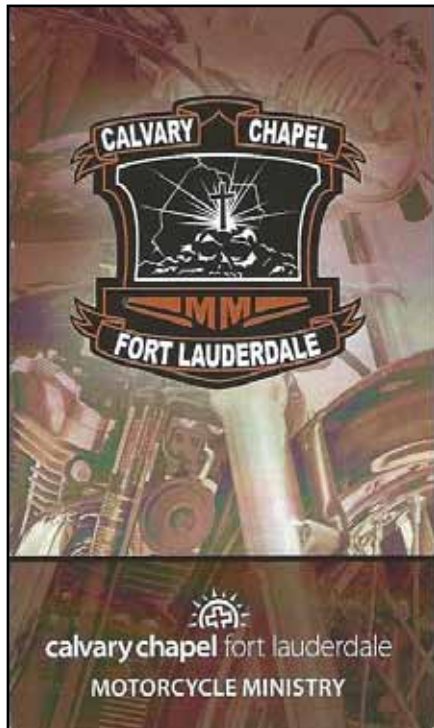
It all comes down to this, stay hydrated, stay safe, stay healthy, and have fun, and remember, don't gamble with your safety or the safety of others.

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HAWAII TO ELIMINATE ETHANOL IN GASOLINE

Legislation to repeal the requirement that gasoline offered for sale in Hawaii contain a percentage of ethanol was signed into law by Governor David Ige, and the new law becomes effective December 31, 2015.

The law recognizes that the requirement of blending ethanol into gasoline does not produce any economic benefit for the state and the import of ethanol creates an economic burden for state residents. Ethanol increases water formation, which can then corrode metals and dissolve plastics and rubber, especially over a period of time when the vehicle is not used. Current high-performance specialty parts along with pre-model-year '01 cars and parts may be most susceptible to corrosion, and no motorcycles or ATVs are approved for higher blended fuels. The lifespan of vehicles and equipment can be dramatically reduced with the wrong fuel, and owners could be confronted with breakdowns.

More than a dozen states have ethanol mandates, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, but only Hawaii and Florida have passed such a repeal. Florida ended its mandate in 2013, the same year the Environmental Protection Agency proposed reducing the amount of ethanol in fuel, acknowledging that a federal push wasn't working as well as expected.

There have been no changes to federal law on the issue since the EPA report, but Pennsylvania Republican Senator Pat Toomey and California Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein have introduced a bill seeking to repeal the corn ethanol mandate in the federal Renewable Fuel Standard.

CALIFORNIA REQUIRES MOTORCYCLISTS TO REMOVE HELMET FOR TRAFFIC STOPS

Known as the "Identity Confirmation Act," Assembly Bill 346 will require a motorist to give law enforcement an unobstructed view of their face during a traffic stop, said California Assemblymember Scott Wilk (R-Santa Clarita), author of the measure which primarily targets motorcycle riders.

The Facial ID bill was inspired by a Simi Valley, CA police officer who told the assemblyman about having cases thrown out of court because he couldn't positively identify someone, Wilk told the Simi Valley Acorn, specifically relating the case of a motorcyclist who refused to remove their helmet.

Wilk admitted to the paper that motorists are compliant 99% of the time, and currently if a driver refuses to show their face during a traffic stop, police can arrest them for resisting or delaying an officer, and can result in going to jail until they can go before a judge.

"From an 'identification' legal view, all citizens are required to prove their identity when asked by law enforcement," said Chuck Pedersen, State Legislative Director for ABATE of California. "From a helmet ticket defense, an officer cannot ask for you to remove your helmet for the purpose of inspection. I don't see a need for this additional legislation."

Nonetheless, AB 346 passed near-unanimously through the State Assembly, was approved by the Senate, and is now headed to Governor Jerry Brown's desk.

HANDLEBAR HEIGHT LIMIT REPEALED IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Just in time for the 75th Sturgis Rally, starting July 1st, ape-hangers are now legal in South Dakota. The \$20 fine for riding with your hands too high was wiped off the books as Governor Dennis Daugaard signed Senate Bill 85, effectively abolishing South Dakota codified law that prohibited such handlebars.

Until now it was a petty offense in South Dakota if you rode motorcycle on a public street or highway with the handlebar grips positioned at or above shoulder height, but as of now there are no more regulations on where to hang your hands.

EARPLUGS BENEFICIAL, BUT ILLEGAL FOR OHIO MOTORCYCLISTS

Ohio's motorcycle operator manual says hearing protection, like earplugs, can help reduce noise while allowing a rider to hear important sounds like horns or sirens, but it also says riders should adhere to state laws, which creates a problem: using earplugs in Ohio while operating a vehicle is illegal. There are exceptions for emergency personnel, or road workers, and even for people who wear hearing aids...but not for

motorcyclists.

It isn't the sound of the motorcycle causing all the noise; "It's the wind noise that can cause permanent hearing loss," explains A.I.M. Attorney Ralph C. Buss, who has represented the interests of motorcycle riders for over 30 years. "Deafness is a serious problem that people don't think about, don't address," Buss said in an interview with WCPN public radio in Cleveland.

Attorney Buss challenged that law in court. His client: Tom Varsel, who happened to be a retired noise expert for GM who was pulled over for riding his motorcycle in Ohio while wearing earplugs. Varsel was fined \$37, but his case continued to an appellate court. He lost a constitutional challenge to the earplug law, but the case raised interesting issues of health and safety that the court ruled were matters for the legislature to address.

"What's clear is that wind noise on a motorcycle can be very intense, intense enough to damage your hearing," says Eric Healy, a professor of hearing science at the Ohio State University who testified in Varsel's case. "And what's also crystal clear is that earplugs can remedy that, almost completely."

To determine the level of wind noise motorcyclists face, Healy took a recording device for a drive with PhD students. Imagine a mannequin head with anatomically correct ears, stuck out a window, and the measurements recorded from that experiment, Healy says, matched previous work published in well-known British journals in the mid 1990s. He found that at speeds as low as 35 mph, wind noise exceeded 85 decibels.

"Sounds over that are known to cause hearing damage. The levels that we measured were in the range from 110 to 130db," Healy told WCPN radio host Tony Ganzer. Even helmets don't prevent the wind noise, though earplugs offering some 30db of potential reduction, might help.

But the wording of the law in Ohio and other states, which dates back to 1989 and was enacted largely in response to stereo headphones in cars, doesn't allow earplugs to be worn by motorcyclists or motorists.

A similar law in California, which allowed only for

"custom earplugs," was amended in 2004, allowing individuals to wear earplugs that don't block the sounds of horns or emergency sirens. Under exceptions to their Headphone and Earplug law, it was added (V C Section 27400):

"(d) A person wearing personal hearing protectors in the form of earplugs or molds that are specifically designed to attenuate injurious noise levels. The plugs or molds shall be designed in a manner so as to not inhibit the wearer's ability to hear a siren or horn from an emergency vehicle or a horn from another motor vehicle."

ILLINOIS LIGHTS IT UP

A bill in Illinois to legalize accent lighting on motorcycles passed unanimously through the legislative process and on June 18 was sent to the Governor.

HB3944: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to provide that a motorcycle may be equipped with auxiliary accent lights, including standard bulb running lights and light emitting diode pods and strips. Provides that the auxiliary accent lights shall not be red or white or oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights. Defines "auxiliary accent light".

(a) A motorcycle may be equipped with any number of auxiliary accent lights, including standard bulb running lights and light emitting diode pods and strips of various colors.

(b) The auxiliary accent lights allowed under subsection (a) of this Section shall not be red or white or oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

(c) For the purposes of this Section, "auxiliary accent light" means any lighted lamp or illuminating device placed upon a motorcycle, other than head lamps, spot lamps, auxiliary driving lamps, signal lamps, or hazard warning lamps.

"Accent lighting are the small colored lights tucked in on the underside of motorcycle gas tanks and frames," explains ABATE of Illinois on their website (www.ABATE-IL.org), which supports the measure. "We are looking at legalizing them to be operating while the bike is in motion. They do not interfere with operator eyesight and will actually help in the reduction of bikers being 'T-Boned' at night with the extra lighting which will reduce Fatalities and Deaths. The bill increases visibility of motorcycles, especially at night."

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Unlike automobiles and light trucks which are required to have side marker lights or wrap around headlights / tail lights which are visible from the side, motorcycle lights are often only visible from the front and rear and do not have the same illumination as automobiles. NHTSA published a report on the effectiveness of side marker lights on motor vehicles, concluding that side marker lights are a cost effective safety device which reduce the number of nighttime angular collisions that occur in the United States.

A similar bill was recently signed into law in Texas, and Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and West Virginia have all passed similar legislation, while Missouri and Virginia are currently in the process of legalizing such lighting.

SPREADING MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS

Nate Hudson, co-owner of “British-American Motorcycle Club”, a bike shop in Long Beach, California, is currently in the middle of a 17,000-mile ride all over the U.S. to spread a motorcycle safety message for riders and awareness from car drivers. He visits the Department Of Motor Vehicles office in every state’s capital, where he hand delivers a request that the authorities consider including motorcycle awareness in both the driver’s license exam and the state’s drivers’ education curriculum.

Hudson’s journey is being sponsored by Allstate Insurance Company, and he’s riding a tricked out Indian Roadmaster donated by Indian Motorcycle painted in Allstate blue with logo and trim. So any photo of his bike, therefore, becomes a social-media ad for Allstate.

Posts and pictures about “The Ride Of Awareness” are published on social media channels, from Instagram to Twitter to Facebook, an efficient and credible user-generated content reaching online many more bikers than any television spot or print ad.

PAKISTANI POLICE EXEMPT FEMALE PASSENGERS FROM WEARING HELMETS

Reacting to public protests over a traffic regulation in which it was made mandatory for motorcycle riders as well as pillion (passengers) to wear a helmet, including women, police in Karachi have announced exempting female pillion riders from wearing a helmet.

Inspector General (IG) Sindh Police, Ghulam Haider Jamali announced here on June 10 that the decision was made after the repeated appeals of citizens. In an earlier statement, the police said in case of riding pillion without helmets, both will be fined, regardless of whether the pillion is male or female.

The people took the decision with a violent reaction when it was made mandatory for women as well to wear a helmet as a passenger, and some citizens also contacted the court in this regard to exempt women from this sanction. But before the court could take any action, IG Police keeping in view a number of complaints, appeals and violent reaction by the public, immediately announced to withdraw its decision, so now following the announcement women are exempted from the restriction to wear a helmet as a pillion rider.

SURVEY REVEALS RIDERS’ PET PEEVES

In an online survey of motorcyclists conducted in June by Erie Insurance, nationwide respondents were asked to share their top five pet peeves about both other motorcycle riders and car drivers:

Top Five Complaints About Fellow Riders: #1: Riding Recklessly (ie: speeding, weaving through traffic, doing wheelies) - 56%; #2: Passing on the Shoulder - 41%; #3: Lane Splitting - 36%; #4: Wearing shorts, sandals, tank tops, etc - 35%; #5: Riders who don’t wear helmets - 28%.

Top Five Complaints About Vehicle Drivers: #1: Drivers who don’t check their blind spots before changing lanes - 55%; #2: Texting while driving - 53%; #3: Reckless Driving (i.e., speeding, weaving in and out of traffic) - 50%; #4: Drivers who tailgate - 43%; #5: Not signaling when turning or changing lanes - 42%.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “Be as beneficent as the sun or the sea, but if your rights as a rational being are trampled on, die on the first inch of your territory.”

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) American poet & philosopher



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