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President's Message Jimbo Sherrow



I want to start this month's article by thanking everyone who came out to the 29th Annual Rights Rally, which held at Mickey's in Pompano Beach on Saturday night, November 7th. The party was moved to Mickey's on short notice and although I was not able to attend due to my recent motorcycle accident, I heard that a good time was had by all. The weather and food were great and Hat Trick was smoking. It was also the first party we have had in recent memory with absolutely no rain, which was a nice change of pace for us. The Chapter would especially like to thank the folks at Mickey's for doing such a great job on short notice, and our emcee, "Bones" from Wheels of Man MC, who kept everyone laughing. I also want to personally thank all of the Board Members and Chapter members who stepped up to help out in my absence. Hopefully I will be back up and about for the Semi Annual Rights Rally in January 2010.

Speaking of accidents, my own recovery is going as well as could be expected after multiple surgeries, though they tell me that I still have several hard months of physical therapy ahead of me. I am currently at North Broward Hospital for my rehabilitation. One thing I have learned while being laid up is that any day above ground is a good day and something to be thankful for. No matter how bad you think things are going in your own life, there is always someone who is worse off than you. I am also thankful to the many Chapter members and friends who have stopped by to see me and helped with financial support over the past several weeks. I am currently in Room 411 at North Broward Hospital. No one ever wants to have an accident, but it is touching to know that my Brothers and Sisters are there to support me and I could not make it through something like this without all of you.

In addition to myself, our Road Captain Chris Brennan went down in a very bad accident on Friday, November 13th. Chris' injuries are "uch worse than mine and include a fractured skull, some broken bones in his face and multiple lacerations. Luckily for Chris, an off duty nurse happened upon the scene of the accident and administered CPR before the paramedics got there, and I hear that she saved his life by getting his pulse going again. Chris also has a long recovery ahead of him and we all need to keep him and his family in our prayers. The Chapter is planning some sort of benefit in the future for our recently fallen members, so stay tuned for more details.

Moving on, the holiday season is upon us for the next several weeks and there are lots of exciting events for the motorcycle community, not to mention some of the best riding weather of the year, which I am definitely going to miss! The Toys in the Sun Run is set for Sunday December 6th and as usual, ABATE will be setting up out tent with membership, safety and legislative information just inside the main gate where the toys are dropped off. If you see us, stop by and say hello and remember that at just \$20.00, ABATE memberships make great Christmas presents for your favorite Biker!

After our next Chapter meeting on Sunday December 20th, we will be heading to Hollywood Beach (at A1A and Sheridan) for the revival of the celebration that we used to call "Christmas on the Beach." The party this year will be hosted by our own Al "Big Wheel" Loper, and it is an event that should not be missed. It is also a family party, so bring the kids if you want. Since we are only a few

yards from the water and the broadwalk, many people bring bicycles or swimsuits and we even had a good time when it was 50 degrees and raining one year! Big Wheel will provide most of the meat including a deep fried turkey or two, but is also a pot luck type of event, so if you are coming to the party, we encourage you to bring a covered dish to share or the beverage of your choice. For more information on the event, you can contact Big Wheel at 954-292-6791. With any luck, I hope to be there myself though it will not be on two wheels.

On the legislative front, we are continuing to monitor the bills being introduced in Tallahassee for the 2010 legislative session and you can find a complete list of bills that impact motorcyclists, including bill numbers, on our State Chapter website at www.abateflorida.com. Just go to the Legislation section and click on the link to the "Information Center." At present, we have two sponsors already for our stiffer penalties bill and we are hopeful that we can finally get it passed. There have also been no reports yet of a helmet bill, but our State President and Lobbyist thinks it is virtually certain that one will be introduce during the session. If anyone in Tallahassee even thinks about taking away our Freedom of Choice in 2010, you can rest assured that ABATE will have the information you need to let your elected officials know where we stand on the choice issue and to encourage them to vote down any bill that would require helmets in Florida.

The next State Meeting will be held December 12th in Middleburg, and will be hosted by the Black Creek Chapter. In addition, and I have said this before, mark your calendar for Monday, April 19, 2010, which is our Rights Rally in Tallahassee. It is a long ride to Tallahassee, but we manage to have lots of fun along the way and it is always inspirational to ride into Tallahassee under police escort and pull into the Capitol, where we ring the bell for our fallen brothers and Sisters before going inside to lobby our elected officials on our issues.

Remember, ABATE is for everyone, no matter what you ride, or in my own case, even when you can't ride due to unfortunate circumstances beyond your control. If you want more information, check out the Chapter newsletter and the website, www.abatese.org, or stop by one of our monthly meetings and get involved. You can also call me at 954-305-1599.

Ride safe and free, and Merry Christmas to all from the Southeast Chapter!

Jimbo

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ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes

Nov. 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:20am by Sgt @ Arms BARS with 50 members, 3 guests, no At-Large members in attendance. Total in attendance: 53. Followed by the Pledge of Alliance the meeting started with a prayer given by our chaplain; Poppie.

President's Report

With our President in the hospital, the meeting was chaired by our Vice-President "Old Hippy". See his report.

Vice-President's Report

Old Hippy thanked all our members for coming. This has been a tough 2 weeks. Our President Jimbo has been transferred to the North Broward Hospital Center for rehab from his accident. His number is 954-545-5349 Room 411. He is progressing but has a long way to go. Our Road Captain Chris Brennan was involved in an accident last Friday. He is in intensive care, critical but stable at Broward General. Cutter will give the facts on what happened under Road Captain. Please keep both of them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. On a brighter note, our event was a huge success. Special thanks go to Dave and Lisa at Mickey's and Miami Mike for their helping us put this event together on short notice. A special thank you to all the clubs who came out and supported us.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Alice read October's report. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. All in favor, motion passed. We have tickets for the motorcycle drawing at next year's bike week.

Sergeant at Arms Report

BARS thanked all our members who came out to load our supplies for the event and unload everything into the warehouse the following morning.

Road Captain's Report

Cutter gave an update on Chris's condition and the facts on the accident. A discussion on what the board S.E. Chapter

should have done and what should we do when we have one of our members injured. The possibility on having a down riders fund was discussed. There are chapters who have this. Motion for the Board of Directors to look into having a down rider's fund. Seconded, all in favor motion passed. Our treasurer will contact the state to find out the necessary information and report next month. Our chaplain Poppie reminded all our members that the power of prayer is worth more than any amount of money.

PLEASE CHECK THE HOTLINE 943-310-4636 FOR MEETING PLACE AND TIMES FOR ALL EVENTS.

Safety Director's Report

Geo was excused. Suzanne reported we are working on the schedule for the upcoming driver education classes for our MSAP program. Any one interested in becoming an instructor, please contact Geo.

State Reps Report

There was no state meeting this month. Next months state meeting will be hosted by Black Creek on 12/12/09. Black Creek is located in the Jacksonville area. Jimmy Les reported we are keeping an eye on the following bills: HB41 testing while driving, HB97 speed competitions, HB 137, revised penalties for sound making devices- we need to watch this one as it may pertain to loud pipes, SB 298 boating while intoxicated, HB 71 decreasing license fees.

Products Report

Susan reported we have the small chapter patch in stock. A very special thank you to Brett and Newcomer for their help in picking up the products from her house and manning the products table at our event.

Membership Report

George reported we now have 622 members. Our newest Life Members is Fern, Well not new but she finally received her life member patch and card due to a printing error. Jimmy Les reported the Liberty Motorcycle Association formerly LAMA is very interested in joining the Southeast Chapter. George, Commander and Teddy Bear will be attending their event and provide the membership applications. If you know of anyone on the list in the newsletter who has

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not renewed, please get them to renew. Reminder, when filling out the application form, PLEASE WRITE OR PRINT LEGIBALLY.

Newsletter Editor

Suzanne reported if you have any articles of interest please get them to her no later than Friday 11-20-09 as we want to go to press no later than Monday. Reminder, classified ads are free to all our members. Please patronize our advertisers and let them know you saw their ad in our newsletter. If you have anyone wanting to put an ad in the newsletter, please make sure their ad is print ready and the ad is exactly what they want. This can either be a hard or electronic copy. Karin has taken over the distribution of the newsletter. If you can help out with the distribution, please call her at 954-430-0487. Special thanks to Maureen and Rick who have handled the distribution of our newsletter. Since costs have skyrocketed, we can save some costs, you can either pick up a newsletter at any establishment which we deliver to or better yet it is available on-line. Please send our membership trustee George an e-mail at membershipabatese@gmail.com to have your name removed from the mailing list. Every little bit helps.

Legislative Report

Jimmy Les reported on the upcoming bills: Stiffer Penalties, Cell Phone usage and a Sound Regulations Bill. We need to keep a close eye on this one as it is not specific to motorcycles but will affect us. Discussion followed. Currently there is no helmet bill in the works, but do not be surprised if one shows

Public Relations

Marjorie reported on the Liberty Motorcycle Association. We are growing and getting the word out on who we are and what we do. There are a number of bike nights which we have been attending, Hooters in Doral, Legs Café on Miami Lakes Drive and numerous others. Friction Zone and the Booby Trap have expressed interest in hosting an event for us.

Advertising

Hope reported we have had issues with our server which has been corrected. All invoices will be going out this week. She is looking for volunteers who can drop off the invoice in person in addition to it being mailed. A personal touch always works the best. We need advertisers. No matter where you ask them to take out an ad. Business card ads are very reasonable. We have a distribution over 1600 copies per month. A great job has been done by all in the distribution of our newsletter.

Events Coordinator

Shaky Bob and Princess Sharon received a grand ovation for their hard work at our Rights Rally. The date for next January's Semi-Annual Event will be announced once we receive our calendar dates for 2010 from the President's Council. A motion was made, seconded to give Certificates of Appreciation to Lisa & Dave from Mickey's and Miami Mike for all their help. All in favor motion passed.

Social Directors Report

Karin was home sick. This month's birthday's party will be right here at the legion November 21st. Party starts at 700pm. Please come out and celebrate November's birthday babies. If you want your birthday recognized, please give her a call. She will add you to the list.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob Anz reported there was no report.

Photographer's Report

Axman addressed the issues which were brought up with him charging to download pictures taken at any ABATE event. After a lengthy discussion Axman resigned his position. However he will continue to take pictures which will be available. A vote of confidence was called for, seconded to appointment Brett as our photographer. All in favor. He will be assisted by Fern. Any member can take pictures to be added to our web-site. They MUST be in good taste, description of the event and who took the pictures. You can either e-mail them to our web-master or make a disc and get it to him.

Web-Master's Report

Ricky Mouse was not present. Our web is up and running. If you have any issues, please contact him at: webmasterabatese@gmail.com. Don't forget our web address is: www.abatese.org

Trash master's Report

Commander Louis reported on our last trash pick up. A few hic-ups but everything went very well. Our final trash pick up for this year is scheduled for Sat. Dec. 12, 2009. Starting at the VFW post on Griffin Road at

0800. Any one with a pick up truck who can help with the collection of the bags of garbage we collect, please contact him.

Legal Council

Demetrious was not present. No report this month.

Old Business

None

New Business

Lengthy discussion regarding our Christmas party. A motion was called for, seconded to have Christmas on the Beach right after next months meeting. A vote was called for, 28 in favor 8 against, 7 abstain. Motion passed. The party will be held at Hollywood Beach which is located at the end of Sheridan Street starting at 1000am. All are welcome and please bring a covered dish. For information please contact Big Wheel at 954-292-6791.

We received a letter from Miami Mike regarding his new business plan to help him stay in business. It calls for a monthly donation of \$45.00 and receive 50 WOTR magazines for sale. Miami Mike has done so much for us over the years and continues to assist us with our newsletter and flyers. After discussion a motion was made to donate \$500.00 per year to Miami Mike. Seconded. Discussion followed. Motion amended to donate

\$45.00 per month to Miami Mike but he can keep the magazines to sell at other venues. Seconded. A vote was called for, all in favor motion passed

Good of the order

Marti reported the American Legion Riders are up and running. Now 30 members strong. Any post member may join. To join the post, SAL (Sons of the Legion), or Ladies Auxiliary please see her. As in years past, the legion will be hosting our veterans from the Sandy Nininger Nursing Home for Thanksgiving Dinner on 11/26/09. We have had the honor to escort our veterans from the nursing home to the post. There is a sign up sheet in the back for those who can attend. In addition those who volunteer are welcome to stay for dinner. Please contact Marti if you can attend so she can plan accordingly. We will be meeting at the post between 10:00am and 11:00am and leaving at 11:30am. There will be a ride around the lake on Friday Nov. 27, 2009. Meeting at 84 diner at 800am. Mickey's will be holding a benefit for our

President Jimbo. More information to follow, check the hotline. The Toy run is next month on 12/6/09. We will need help in the loading of the trailer and set up. Please check the hotline for details. Past President Jimmy Les has offered his truck to pull the trailer and Past president Chuck Widle has offered his truck to pull the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall to the Toy Run. They might be past presidents and have more than done their share, they are still with us and they care.

A motion was called for and seconded to adjourn, all is favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm

These minutes are summarized and respectfully submitted

Paul A. Melcer
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Secretary





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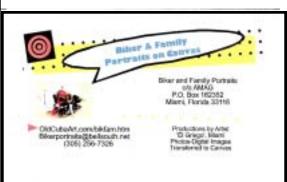
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VICE Prez's Page

The past month has being a trying time for the chapter with all that has happen. We where able to have our last event after all and I want to thank all the people that help to make it happen in such a short notice with all the changes in location and date.

Events it seems are getting harder and harder to execute every year. Cities and municipalities are making it more difficult with additional rules that they require and addition fees they charge. These additional charges have also made a substantial impact on the amount that charity events profit from such occurrence.

Our next event is in January and we are already making plans

We also have had several of our members who where unfortunately involved in accidents. Jimbo our president went down and is in the process of recouping from the injuries. Next was Chris, who is our road caption who crashed on Friday the 13th with life threaten injuries and at the time of the article is progressing, but it's going to be a long road for him. Tattoo, who is also a Patch holder for the Keltic's went down and is also recouping. And I don't want to forget Steve and Rick who is getting over their injuries from the month before. We all wish them a quick recovery and are nasty reminders to be extra careful when we are out riding.

The one bright side of the past month is the legislators have not, as yet introduced any new bills that we, as riders should be concerned about and we will keep you informed if any arise. This is a busy time of the year for all of us. Holidays, toy runs, family gatherings and of course cooler riding weather makes this an assiduous month for us. I for one are thankful that I can find time to partake in some of them.

We will need help at the Toy's in the Sun to set up on Sat. Membership booth on Sunday. Hope to see ya at the run and remember we will be set up as usual at the main gate next to toy collection trailers.

Till next time

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OldHippy







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OldHippy's Corner

"Lobbying" is the process of petitioning government to influence public policy Lobbyist: At person who conducts activities aimed at influencing public officials and especially members of a legislative body on legislation.

The term "lobbyist" owes its origin to President Ulysses S. Grant. During Grant's first term as President, his wife disapproved of his drinking, so Grant would regularly slip out of the White House and visit the lounge at the nearby Willard Hotel in downtown Washington, D.C. Grant's visits to the Willard Hotel soon became common knowledge. Those wishing to catch a minute or two with the President to petition their causes would collect in the hotel lobby to corner Grant as he went to and from the lounge. Frustrated by the ever-growing crowd of petitioners, Grant frequently complained of the "lobbyists" who would get in his way.

The concept goes back as far as 1215 when King John gave English barons the right to protest any violation of their new rights under Magna Carta. This right to "petition the government for a redress of grievances," is still is one of the most treasured rights in a democracy. Although lobbying began violently, with armed soldiers confronting the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia in 1783 to demand extra compensation, it quickly turned into a practice centered on bribery. The right to petition our government was repeatedly affirmed in colonial American treatises, the Declaration of Independence and post-revolutionary federal and state constitutions, including the Bill of Rights. In colonial times, written petitions to local governments were usually simple and brief and almost always answered

The days of citizens' effectively petitioning government for redress of grievances have long come to a close. Federal and state governments deal with vast numbers of complex economic and political issues, affording limited time for direct constituency contact, and spawning a legion of professional lobbying firms and associations. These groups leverage the right of petition with the power of economic resources or political networks to catch the attention of officeholders. For generations now, the traditional right of petition at the federal and state levels has become largely the domain of professional lobbyists.

It is now required for all lobbyist to register and to also list and make public records of how much compensation they are receiving for there efforts.

I decided to look up these records for Florida and after a ream of paper I was not surprise to see that we have and it is a long one.

The list in Florida is broken up into to parts, Legislature and Executive.

On the legislature side we have 142 Senators and 119 Representatives (Florida always has a weird way of doing things), which gives us a total of 261 members that are being courted by special interest to help them make a decision; (want to take a guess?) over 3,600 principals who some, like ABATE have just 1, and some like AT&T (who beats the sugar guys) have as many as 70 people listed with 40 firms! Remember they are being paid and that goes into their operating expense which ends up coming out our pockets. Even the NEW YORK Yankees have 6 and you have to ask yourself, why the Yankees need lobbyist in Florida Government, oh right they train down here.

Cities, Hospitals, insurance company, charities and the list go on of people and monies being spent to "influencing public officials" for there cause.

How I see it, we have almost 14 lobbyists for every Senator and Representative whom a lot make over 6 figures persuading them in their job that can affect all of us.

The Executive Branch is even better. There is, no lie over 2,800 registered lobbyists just to follow the Governor and his cabinet around.

I bet there have been some good parties with all those people and money that is available for influencing public officials

The existence of lobbying is a catch 22. Politicians are bound to lobbyists because they depend on them financially and lobbyists are bound to politicians because they want favorable legislation.

Recognizing the affects that lobbying has on our laws is important. For instance, that the richest of the rich receive the greatest tax breaks? Who is paying for all of those commercials that ask us to "Vote No on Prop.? 87"? And where did that politician come up with all of that campaign money?

I have had an unfavorable opinion of all lobbyists and lobbying groups. I presumed that most lobbyists represented rich oil, insurance companies or tobacco companies, and that their sole purpose was to get politicians to take money from the poor and give to the rich. But after doing a little research I have come to conclusion that it a embedded part of our democratic system and it is a shame that charity organization have to spend donated money for lobbyist to just help their cause.

You might be wondering how we have any chance to persuade our leaders with all the monies and the influence the lobby has on them. The only option we have is for one, letting them know our interest and also reminding them we elected them, plus if he does not perform to our satisfaction there are others out there that are interested in that position at the next election.

The main power we have over the Government is: we can, by our numbers put a person in office and by our numbers we can make it a short stay..

Till next time

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The Birthday Party for Dec. 2009 will be in conjunction with the ABATE SE Chapters annual Christmas party, which will be on the beach again this year, after our December meeting. For those of you who were not at our last meeting please listen to the hotline for directions and to give you a heads up there is a \$ 7.00 parking fee.

The cake will be provided by your ABATE SE Chapter.

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I hope to see everybody there and have a wonderful Birthday © to everyone above!

Remember if you name is not included please contact me. The e-mail on our web site is down so please send info to karin.rylands@att.net or call 954-430-0487

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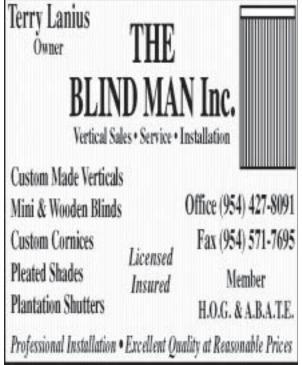


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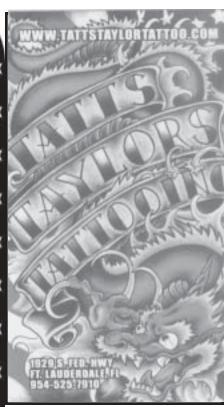












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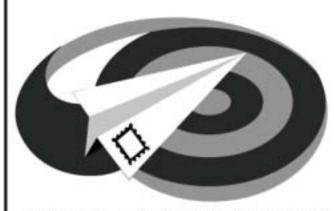
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SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"Geo" Bograkos

This month, I'm going to address something we can all do with more of....courtesy:

We have all experienced sharing the road with less than courteous drivers. At one time or another, we have all probably also been that less than courteous driver. We also all know that if we were all courteous in sharing the road, many injuries and fatalities would be avoided. If there is one thing I have learned, it's that the only person's behavior you can really change is your own. In the spirit of leading by example, let's see how well we are doing at showing others how to be courteous. Challenge yourself with the "Courtesy Quiz."

1. Letting others know my intentions:

- a. I signal all my lane changes, merges, and turns even in parking lots and pulling to and from the curb.
- b. I usually give a blink or two before I move over.
- c. Hey, it's none of their business where I'm going!

2. Passing:

- a. I keep well back before a pass and get well ahead of the vehicle before pulling back in front of them.
- b. I'll sometimes pass on a double yellow or with a turn coming up, but I do it really fast so I'm not in harm's way.
- c. If the car in front of me is going slow, I get close to their bumper to encourage them to speed up.

3. Traffic Signals:

- a. When approaching a stop sign, I always come to a full stop.
- b. I come to "rolling stops" at stop signs.
- c. I slow down for stop signs, but if no one is coming, I ride on through.

4. Merging:

- a. I watch for other vehicles trying to merge and make space for them.
- b. I'll let someone in, but only if they are signaling.
- c. I adjust my speed to block other vehicles from merging in front of me.

5. "Communicating:"

- a. If I make a mistake, like cutting someone off, I give the "oops my bad" wave.
- b. If someone else makes a mistake, I honk my horn to show my displeasure.
- c. If a driver doesn't see me and cuts me off, I flip them the bird ('cuz that'll show 'em!)

Scoring: a = 2 pts, b = 1 pt, c = 0 pts

If you scored 0 – 4 points: Well, to put it bluntly – you are probably part of the problem.

Riding in a discourteous manner not only increases your personal risk of a crash, but it encourages other road users to speak out against all bikers and perhaps legislate against us.

If you scored 5 - 7 points: You are in solid middle ground. You put in efforts to share the road with others, but it sounds like sometimes you forget that there are other people out there.

If you scored 8 - 10 points: Great job! You provide a good example for other riders and other drivers to follow. Keep it up!

If you would like to become more a part of the solution, look through the quiz for clues about what you can do differently. Also, when you are out on the road, pay attention to what you and others are doing to share the road. You can learn both what TO do as well as what NOT to do. Let's get out there, enjoy the cooler winter riding – and set a good example for ALL road users to be courteous and share the road.

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In GOD we trust

First of all our prayers, and thoughts go out to Jimbo our Chapter President and Chris our road captain for speedy and complete recoveries from their accidents, this past week. We pray they get back on their feet soon.

Something like this makes us think in a split second something can happen that can change our lives forever. We must be prepared, for the unexpected at all times.

We bikers are confronted with situations on a daily basis, like the car on our left will make a turn cutting you off, expect him to, or the car in front of you will stop short, expect him to, my point is, be ready for the unexpected, Be Prepared!!!!

Are you prepared? I mean for any thing that might happen to you, even death, are you ready for eternity?

Jesus Christ said "I am the truth, the way, and the life, to know me is to know the Father" having Jesus in your life is being completely prepared for anything that might happen!!

So if you never asked Jesus into your life you might want to. You may still have trials and tribulations living this life, however, your life can change forever. You will never live life alone again. Try it I think you'll be amazed at the results.

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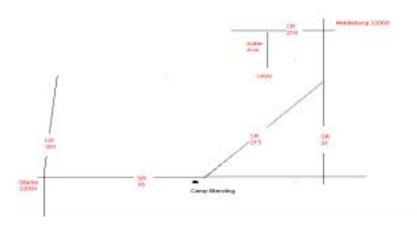


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BAD DRIVING IS IN THE GENES

Medical researchers say they've unraveled the mystery to bad drivers, and their genetic makeup may be to blame. A study recently published in the journal of Cerebral Cortex led by University of California, Irvine neuroscientists found that people with a certain gene variation performed more than 20% worse on a driving test than those without the gene and they also retained less of what they had learned.

About 30 percent of Americans have the particular gene variant, though a test to determine whether someone has the gene variant is not commercially available.

"This gene variant limits the availability of a protein called brain-derived neurotrophic factor during activity," according to the senior author, Dr. Steven Cramer, neurology associate professor at UCI. "BDNF keeps memory strong by supporting communication among brain cells and keeping them functioning optimally. When a person is engaged in a particular task, BDNF is secreted in the brain area connected with that activity to help the body respond."

Earlier research had found that in those individuals with the gene variant "a smaller portion of the brain is stimulated when doing a task than in those with a normal BDNF gene." The driving test was taken by 29 people - 22 without the gene variant and seven with it. They were asked to drive 15 laps on a simulator that required them to learn the nuances of a track programmed to have difficult curves and turns. Researchers recorded how well they stayed on the course over time. Four days later, the test was repeated. Results showed that people with the variant did worse on

both tests than the other participants, and they remembered less the second time.

"I'd be curious to know the genetics of people who get into car crashes," Cramer said. "I wonder if the accident rate is higher for drivers with the variant."

INCREASED MOTORCYCLIST DEATHS BLAMED ON BAD ECONOMY

Since gas prices increased, experts say more inexperienced riders have hit the road — literally.

Because of the fuel efficiency of motorcycles, more drivers are switching from four wheels to two, and what used to be a symbol of freedom and adventure is now also a symbol of thriftiness. "Last year, our sales were the best we ever had for 33 years," said Al Lamb, owner of Dallas Honda, pointing S.E. Chapter

out that bike sales peaked last year before dipping and rising again this year.

But Dr. Fernando Wilson, a professor at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, said for every dollar increase in gas prices, 1,500 more motorcycle riders die each year nationwide.

Some say car drivers need to hang up their cell phones and pay more attention, but many bikers attribute higher crash rates to the influx of new, inexperienced riders on the road. "If you mess up on a motorcycle, it's probably a lot more tragic than in a vehicle," motorcyclist Stephen Dutcher told TV-33 News, recommending that new riders should get trained beyond state testing requirements. "I would recommend everyone to take the Motorcycle Safety Foundation course."

MOTORCYCLE SALES ARE RUNNING OUT OF GAS

Last year, fuel-efficient motorcycles proved to be a viable option for motorists facing higher and higher gas prices, but following more than a decade of steadily increasing sales figures, the economic downturn has caught up to bike makers. For 14 years, through 2006, U.S. motorcycle sales had increased every year. Sales started to drop in 2007 but still topped the 1 million mark.

A year ago, as gas prices pushed toward \$5 a gallon, fuel-sipping two-wheelers got a boost. Despite the worsening economy, street bike sales were down only 3.3% in 2008 and smaller scooters enjoyed their best year ever, posting a 41.5% gain, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council. Now, little seems to be working for motorcycle manufacturers as sales have plunged 38% in the third quarter from the same period a year ago (falling from 218.242 last year to 136.876).

as sales have plunged 38% in the third quarter from the same period a year ago (falling from 218,242 last year to 136,876), with the biggest drops coming in two of the industry's biggest product lines: cruisers and sport bikes. Scooter sales are also down 62% through the first three quarters of 2009.

The only bright spot was that sales are dropping at a slower pace: The number of bikes sold in the second quarter fell 53.5 percent from the same period a year earlier. Historically, the second and third quarters are strong for the industry because the weather generally is warm and buyers are gearing up to ride, according to an article appearing in the Chicago Tribune. Despite a federal stimulus that allows bike buyers to write off the sales tax, sagging sales have prompted bike builders to begin cutting staff and other expenses.

Last week, publicly held Harley-Davidson Inc. reported an 84% drop in quarterly earnings to \$26.5 million. The company said it was getting out of the sport-bike business, shutting down the longtime Buell line and selling its MV Agusta operation, a high-end Italian brand it bought last year.

Already this year, the Milwaukee manufacturer joined the likes of Honda, Kawasaki, Yamaha, Suzuki and Victory in laying off employees, reducing production and dropping prices to help dealers shrink swollen inventories.

Mark Blackwell, vice president of Victory Motorcycles, which suffered a 56% decline in the July-September period, told the Los Angeles Times "We haven't laid everybody off. We haven't totally stopped advertising. We've kept up the product development because we're positioning this business for when the market stabilizes and grows."

Harley-Davidson and Victory, a division of Polaris in Minnesota, hope to stem U.S. losses, in part, by growing overseas sales. Harley is pursuing emerging markets such as India and China; Victory is going after Europe. But with the riding season over for much of the country, summer 2010 can't come fast enough for the industry.

NEW MOTORCYCLE EMISSIONS STANDARDS TAKING EFFECT

As 2010 motorcycles hit dealer showrooms, new EPA emissions standards will be making them greener.both environmentally and economically.

Starting next year when stricter Environmental Protection Agency guidelines on motorcycle emissions come into effect for all new two- and three-wheelers built or sold in the U.S., the EPA projects a 50% reduction in pollutants emitted at their tailpipes — but such drastic reductions come with a bigger price tag: According to a 2003 EPA report, the average estimated cost per highway motorcycle to meet the 2010 standards is \$45, which is likely passed along to consumers. At the same time, motorcyclists are likely to save money at the pump as the new technology brings with it better fuel efficiency.

Increased use of technologies demonstrated as effective in 4-stroke motorcycle engines, such as the catalytic converters, secondary air injection and electronic fuel inject systems, are expected to decrease harmful emissions, according to a 2003 EPA report. The report also reads, however, that the standards will not result in universal use of catalytic converters.

Catalytic converters are pollution control devices that reduce nitrogen oxides, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide, and while not specifically required by the EPA rules, catalytic converters will have a hand in reducing emissions in the new standards.

"We already have the 2010 models coming in, and they all have the catalytic converters on them," Steve Tuchschmidt Sr., owner of Mid-America Harley Davidson, told the Columbia Missourian newspaper. "That's new." The more stringent EPA standards won't affect existing motorcycles. The emissions limits will only apply to motorcycles and scooters manufactured after the effective date.

PHOENIX SEEKS EXEMPTION FROM MOTORCYCLE EMISSIONS TESTING

The state of Arizona is asking the federal government to lift emissions testing requirements for motorcycles in the Phoenix metro area.

Following prolonged and extensive lobbying by statewide motorcycle rights organizations, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has petitioned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to exempt motorcycles from such testing. According to lobbyists for ABATE of Arizona, the Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA) of Arizona and the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (ACMC), Phoenix is the only major metro area in the U.S. where motorcycles are required to be tested for emissions. The biker advocacy groups have already fought successfully to exempt motorcycles from emissions testing in the Flagstaff area, and several years ago the Kentucky Motorcycle Association succeeded in exempting motorcycles from such testing. According to the Phoenix Business Journal, the ADEQ said motorcycles make up only 3.5 percent of vehicles tested in the Valley and not only are emissions failure rates among motorcycles down, repairs to put them in compliance do not substantially help air quality.

The EPA requires metro areas and regions of the U.S. with air pollution and air quality problems to test cars, trucks and other vehicles for emissions. EPA would need to approve an exemption before next July for it to take effect.

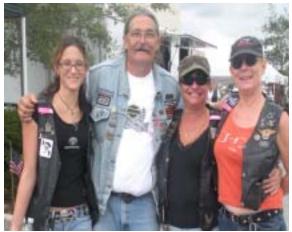
NYC MAYOR CONTRIBUTES TO GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is donating \$125 million to road safety programs in middle and low income countries.

Bloomberg gave \$9 million in 2007 to a pilot program on road safety in Vietnam and Mexico, and his latest gift expands the effort to a 5-year program in eight other countries that have high numbers of traffic injuries and fatalities.

His philanthropic foundation announced that the donation will help efforts to reduce speeding and drunken driving, and increase the use of motorcycle helmets, child seats and seatbelts.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "For years governments have been promising more than they can deliver, and delivering more than they can afford." Paul Martin (1938 - ?), 21st Prime Minister of Canada



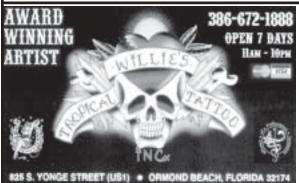














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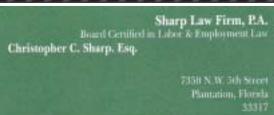
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To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

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

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

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

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