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From Your President



On behalf of myself, our Board of Directors, and all the members of the Southeast Chapter of ABATE we wish you all a Happy Holiday and a safe New Year.

Due to the large expense incurred mailing our monthly Newsletter, effective January 1, 2014, the Newsletter will no longer be mailed to your home address. REMEMBER: the ABATE SE Newsletter is available free on-line at the Chapter website www.abatese.org. You may also pick up a copy of the Newsletter at any of our 28 distribution sites located in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties or at the monthly Chapter meeting held on the third Sunday of the month at the American Legion Post 321 located at 9081 SW 51st Street in Cooper City. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the SE Chapter President.

On October 19th the States MC of Pompano Beach held their Annual Rotten Ralph Memorial Service. He was a probate when they wore white vests and was about to be patched in when he passed away and so every year they have a service for him and all the brothers and sisters who have passed on. They make a coffin and put in all their old shirts and American flags to offer up when they light the coffin on fire and the smoke rises to the heavens. As always the buffet they had for the service was top shelf. When you are at one of their parties or dinner on a Thursday night you can see his patch on the wall.

On October 25th we took a ride to the Mystic 7 MC clubhouse to celebrate the birthdays of Pervert & Bret. The parking lot was full of bikes and the buffet was awesome as always. Then on Saturday the 26th ABATE SE Chapter held our monthly birthday and Halloween Party at Luke's Place in Davie. Royce and Kathleen had a cake for us that was chocolate with chocolate frosting and chocolate filling and boy was it good. The music was provided by Rough Shot and they played all night long. To finish off the weekend we took a ride to the grand opening of the new Indian dealership in Pompano Beach. It is nice to see them bring back the Indian brand. Good luck with that Ronnie C.

On Saturday November 9th the US Military Vets MC Fort Lauderdale Chapter held their 26th Annual Salute Our Vets Party at Chit Chats Bar. Despite the rain they had a big crowd. There was a flag ceremony with a color guard consisting of Mark, K-Bar, Eddie O, Ted C and Ted S. Shovelhead provided the music and people were dancing all day.

The Southern Wolves MC held their Biker Party on Sunday November 10th in Clewiston at their VP Carlos' property. It's been a while since I've ridden up US 27 and I had forgotten what a nice ride it is. The music was provided by Caesar and The Cajuns and Smokey from Los Coquis MC joined the band on the Conga Drums. The food was a Latin feast as only they can do it. Kudos for a great party.

On November 17th the Southeast Chapter of ABATE held our monthly meeting at the American Legion in Cooper City. After the meeting we rode out to Café 27 to celebrate our November Birthdays. We had 16 bikes ride and we made quite an impression at Café 27 when we arrived. Our December meeting will also be at the American Legion on the 15th of December. Immediately following the meeting we will celebrate the Holidays as well as our December Birthdays. Please bring a dish to share. If you wish to ride with ABATE to the Toys in the Sun Run on December 8th we are meeting at 84 Diner off Hiatus Road between 7AM and 8AM with kick stands up at 8:30AM. Please wear something with the ABATE logo on it.

Our Semi-Annual Party will be held on January 19th at Chester's Fort Lauderdale Harley Davidson in Sunrise. Hope to see everybody there. More info next month.



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December Birthdays

Robert Torrance "Sneak 65"
Gina KMC
Luis Alvarez "Big OTE"
Alice Calabrese
Lee Ann "Wildcat" Lewis
Bunny Mione "Bunz"
Kevin Hughes "Shepherd"
Roy Roden
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Jose Rivera Jr.
Stu McLees
James McAnespie "Shamless"

Our Next Birthday Party will be held at: American Legion Post 321 on December 15, 2013.

Please join us in Celebrating our
December Birthdays/Christmas Party right after the Chapter Meeting.

* Please Bring a Covered Dish *

Membership Due

Thanks if you have already renewed

January 2014

Keith W. "Shaggy KNAF" Bowers
Virginia "Vegas" Bowers
Chas "Chasman" Brandau
Patrick "Tank" Chase
Kimberly "Half Pint" Chase
Steve "Diz" Dionizio
Lisbet "Pookie" Dionizio
Brett Gerber
Les "Wisconsin Les" Jensen
Bruce Konen
Michael Mikola
Michael Parmenter
Frances "Chicci" Polito
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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Nov. 17, 2013

Sgt @ Arms Jimmy Les called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. There were 34 members & 1 guest. Total in attendance: 35. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by our chaplain Poppi.

President's Report

BARS thanked all members for coming and welcomed our newest member; Mike. He is listed as the 1 guest on the sign in sheet but not anymore. He joined today. Welcome Mike. Another show of support from our brother MC's and Associations with representation today from the Brothers of the Third Wheel, American Legion Riders Post 321, American Freedom Riders Post 26, CMA & Widows and Sons Masonic Riders. Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers. Needing additional help from above: Kickstart, Gimpy, Boots, Fern and Terry the blindman. We sadly report due to an infection Terry the blindman needed to have 2/3 of his left leg amputated. Both Hope and himself are in good spirits. He has gone as far as saying "Now is the time for a trike". He is still in intensive care and is not allowed visitors other than immediate family. We will keep you posted when updates are available for all our members who are ill. We have bike week drawing tickets'. First prize is 10,000.00. All proceeds support ABATE of Florida.

Vice-President's Report

Poppi reported there are a number of organizations that you see on TV every day looking for donations. Everyone has their causes to fight for. The sad part is our government can always find the money for another country, or some politicians pet project but cannot find the money to take care of our own veterans. We are the land of the free BECAUSE of the BRAVE. Since our government won't help our veter-

ans someone has to. Many have given life and limb. If you can live on 2 less buckets per month, send 19.00 per month or whatever you can afford to give to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Complete information may be found at: **Wounded-WarriorProject.org/Donate**

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Frank read the financial report for October. A motion was made to accept the financial report, the motion was seconded, all in favor motion passed.

Sergeant at Arm's Report

Jimmy Les reported our yearly inventory reports to the state have been completed and we are up to date. We were invited by the Town of Davie, to provide a 21 gun salute at this year's Veterans' day ceremony. Gambler, Postal & the American Legion Riders Post 321 assisted. One of the best parts we were allowed to wear the same clothing, hats, vests etc we normally wear. ABATE was well represented and we were invited back next year. Many thanks to all who helped out.

Road Captain's Report

Postal reported we will be having a group ride on 12/1/13 heading to the Coral Castle in Miami then continuing on to Alabama Jacks for lunch. We will be meeting here at the legion between 0930 and 1030, kick stands up at 1100. All are welcome, just make sure your gas tank is full and your bladder empty. However pleased bring extra water with you. Freeze a bottle the night before and place in your saddle bag. It will come in handy. Our Safety Director, Gambler has placed copies of the proper use

of hand signals while riding in a group. He will talk about it under his report. As always, check the hotline for updates.

Safety Director's Report

Gambler reported on the tables are copies of the proper hand signals that are used when riding in a group. When riding in a group and you get separated by a traffic light, the left front rider becomes the Road Captain for the rest of the group until they catch up. Please take a copy and become familiar with them. As prime riding weather is upon us, more rides will be planned. In order to stay safe while riding in a group, you need to know the hand signals. While hurricane season is coming to a close another season is starting up. Snowbirds, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year etc. Please stay alert while riding.

Products Report

Cathy and Joel have products. If you need anything, fell free to give them a call at 954-818-4481. For those members who wanted embroidered denim shirts, they are available. Due to the costs, the shirts must be prepaid before we will place your order. Prices are for either Long or Short Sleeve: Logo on front pocket: 35.00, Logo on back: 50.00, Logo on front and back: 65.00. If you want your Road Name added to the front add 5.00. If you happen to have a larger body add 4.00 for 2xl and 3xl sizes.

Events Coordinator

Shakey reported our next event will be held on Jan. 19, 2014 at Chester's Harley Davidson of Sunrise. Not only do they advertise with us and have a full page ad to support our newsletter, we were welcomed with open arms. We are looking forward to have a fantastic event. A round of applause at the request of Jimmy Les for Sharon and Shaky. Since they have been the Events Coordinators their hard work has made our events a huge success. Shaky wanted to thank BARS and Poppi for their assistance. BARS reported the following dates have been confirmed for next year's events. Semi-Annual on 1/19/14, Memorial Day on 5/25/14 and our Annual on 10/12/14. A special Thank you to the South Florida Presidents Council. We are the only organization with 3 calendar events.

State Reps Report

There was no State Meeting. Next month's State

Meeting will be held at Treasure Coast.

Membership Report

George reported we have 610 members on the books. Reminder: 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

Wildcat was excused. BARS 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.

Legislative Report

Brad reported on 2 bills which are in the preliminary stages of committees. They are;

Drivers Leaving the Scene of a Crash: Creating the "Aaron Cohen Life Protection Act"; requiring the driver of a vehicle involved in a crash that results in serious bodily injury to a person to immediately stop the vehicle and remain at the scene of the crash; providing that a person commits a felony of the second degree if he or she fails to stop the vehicle and remain at the scene of the crash; requiring the court to revoke for at least 3 years the driver license of a person convicted of leaving the scene of a crash involving injury, serious bodily injury, or death, etc.

Motorist Safety: Authorizes governing body of county to create yellow dot critical motorist medical information program to make critical medical information readily available to responders in event of motor vehicle accident or medical emergency involving a participant's vehicle; authorizes county to solicit sponsorships for program & enter into inter local agreement with another county to solicit such sponsorships.

Discussions followed. We will keep you posted.

Public Relations

Fern was excused. She is out of the hospital. Get well quick.

Advertising

Pixie was excused. BARS reported all advertising was up-to-date

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Social Director's Report

Wildcat was excused. This month's birthday party is right after today's meeting at Cafe 27.

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Next month there will be a combination Christmas and Birthday party right here at the legion. It will start right after the monthly meeting. Please bring a covered dish to share with your brothers and sisters.

Newsletter Distribution

Charlie reported all is going well. Newsletters in and newsletters out. A special thanks to Wildcat for all of her hard work in making our newsletter the best of the best.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob was excused . No report.

Photographer's Report

Wildcat was excused . No report.

Web-Master's Report

Rogue was excused . No report. BARS reported web up and running, no issues reported.

Legal Council

Brad reported there was nothing to report and Chris agreed.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Good of the Order

The ladies auxiliary of the legion will be presenting Thanksgiving baskets to 40 families this afternoon. These are families of our armed services personnel who are deployed or just returning. If you can stay a few minutes to assist with the set up, your help will be greatly appreciated. As reported earlier, with his medical situation Terry the blindman will need a wheelchair ramp built so he may have access to his house. Volunteers were requested to assist anyway they can once we find out the permit issues etc. Well here comes the cavalry. Past President Chris Sharp is also on the board of CILB. Which stands for Center of Independent Living of Broward. One of their specialties, wheelchair access ramps. Chris will take point and coordinate everything that Terry will need. Thank you Chris.

BARS reported that January's meeting scheduled for 1/19/14 will have to be moved to 1/12/14 as our Semi Annual event falls on the same day. A motion will be made next month.

This was just an FYI.

Upcoming Events

12/1/13 - Group ride to the Coral Castle and Alabama Jacks. Meeting at the legion between

0930 and 1030. Kick stands up at 1100 12/7/13 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance. **"We Will Never Forget"**

12/7/13 - Meeting at the Moose Lodge at 200pm to prepare the our trailer to be moved to Markham Park.

12/8/13 - 26th Annual Toys in the Sun Run. Meeting at 84 Diner between 0700 and 0800.

Kick stands up at 0830

12/14/13 - Hermadad MC Alfred Pena Memorial Run

12/15/13 - ABATE SE Chapter Monthly Meeting, Birthday and Christmas party. Meeting starting at 1000am. Party starting as soon as meeting is adjourned.

12/21/13 - SLFCOC Christmas Party

12/22/13 - Calvary Chapel Christmas Service

1/5/14 - States MC 20th Annual Blessing of the Bikes.

1/19/14 - ABATE of Florida SE Chapter Semi-Annual Event at Chester's Harley Davidson of Sunrise.

Please check the hotline for updates and any changes...954-310-4626

All Southeast Chapter Group Rides start at our American Legion Post 321 unless otherwise advised.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned 11:04am

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

Paul A. Melcer

Secretary



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ABATE Southeast Chapter Sponsorship Program

The Chapter's Executive Board have asked many times for suggestions from our members on how to raise money to support our Chapter and also to recognize those Brothers and Sisters, who provide extra monetary resources to support and promote the S.E. Chapter's mission, and this is a suggestion worth implementing. Therefore the ABATE S.E. Chapter will establish ABATE SE Chapter Sponsorship Program. This will provide those that are able to provide a donation to the Chapter and to have name recognition in our Monthly Newsletter and on the ABATE Website for one year. The categories for Sponsorship are: Platinum Donor \$125+; Diamond Donor \$100+; Gold Donor \$75+; Silver Donor \$50+; and, Bronze Donor \$25+.

As of April 2013's Official State Membership Report, the S.E. Chapter is comprised of 632 members of which, 42% are Lifetime Members and 58% Annual Members. I am a Lifetime Member and when I joined I thought that a bulk of the \$150.00 fee would go to support the Chapter. In reality, only \$50 of that fee goes to the Chapter and the remaining \$100 goes to Florida State Abate, and our Annual Members pay a \$20 fee, the Chapter only receives \$10 with the State collecting the remainder. Therefore after five years, the Chapter's Lifetime Members no longer financially support the Chapter with any sort of annual dues payment. If you have been a Lifetime Member for over five years, you do not provide any financial support to the Chapter unless you: buy ABATE Chapter products; pay to attend Chapter events; post an ad in our Newsletter; or make a monetary donation. It is very financially difficult to support 632 members when 42% of the memberships, after five years, have no obligation to do so. Some state ABATE's, California for example, charge a onetime lifetime membership fee (\$450) and then each year afterwards "in order to maintain your lifetime status and benefits", must pay \$50 per year sustaining fee. Florida ABATE does not do that, yet.

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Thanks goes out to those who donated to ABATE SE Chapter's Sponsorship Program. Suzanne Keen was our first Platinum Sponsor. To date, these are the names of those who have donated over \$525.00 to ABATE SE Chapter.

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How's everything going for everybody this month? I hope well. Bars and I went to see Gimpy who seems to be doing pretty well, he is up and around.

We are working on a place to have our January party, it looks like it's going to be at Chester's Harley-Davidson in Sunrise, More details to come as we get them.

Took a ride over by Hollywood Beach, hung out at one of the picnic areas just north of Sheridan Street. Great place to just watch the boats go by, nice and quiet place to relax, try it sometime. You know sometimes everybody needs to just kick back have a quiet time relax your mind enjoy what's around you and just chill all alone with no distractions.

There are so many crazy things going on in this world around us and in our lives, we all need to disconnect sometimes.

Last month was Veterans Day, I say thank you to all the Veterans and all the men and women serving now in our Armed Forces, May God bless you and all your families. The sacrifices you make are greatly appreciated, you keep this country great, despite who and what is trying to take us down.

In closing I say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my brother and sister bikers, May this season Bring you cheer, happiness, good luck, and blessings.

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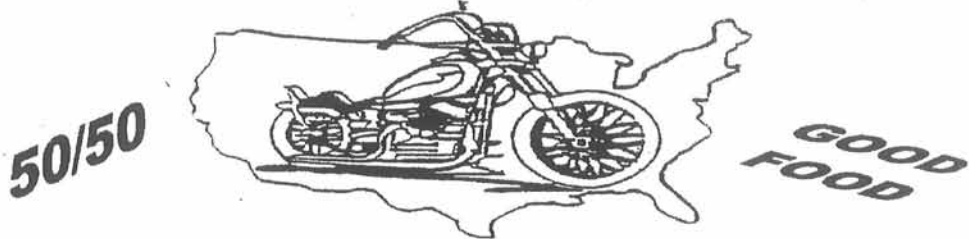


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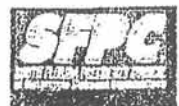
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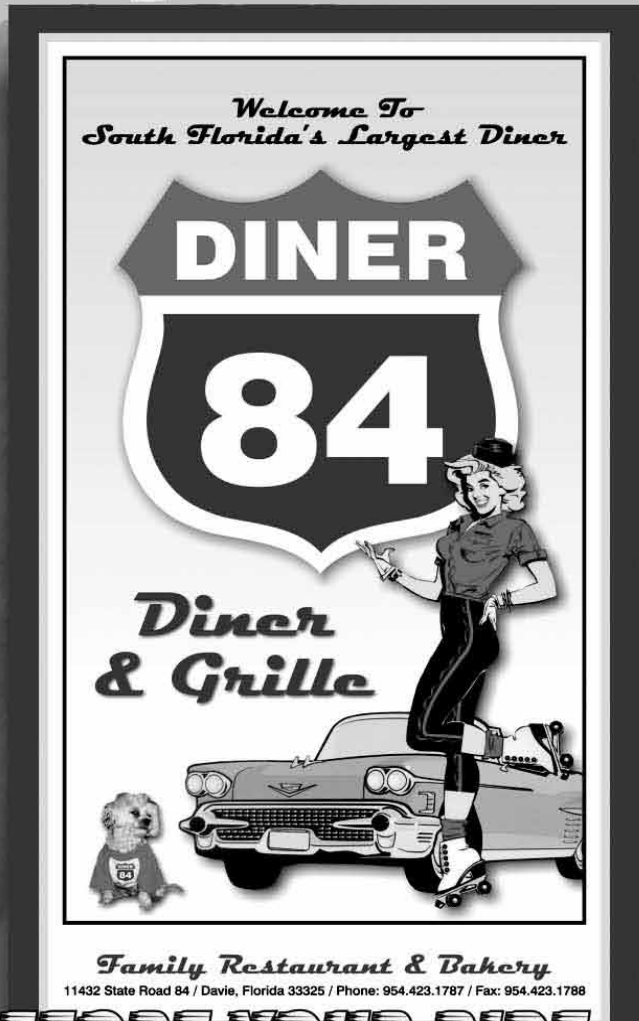
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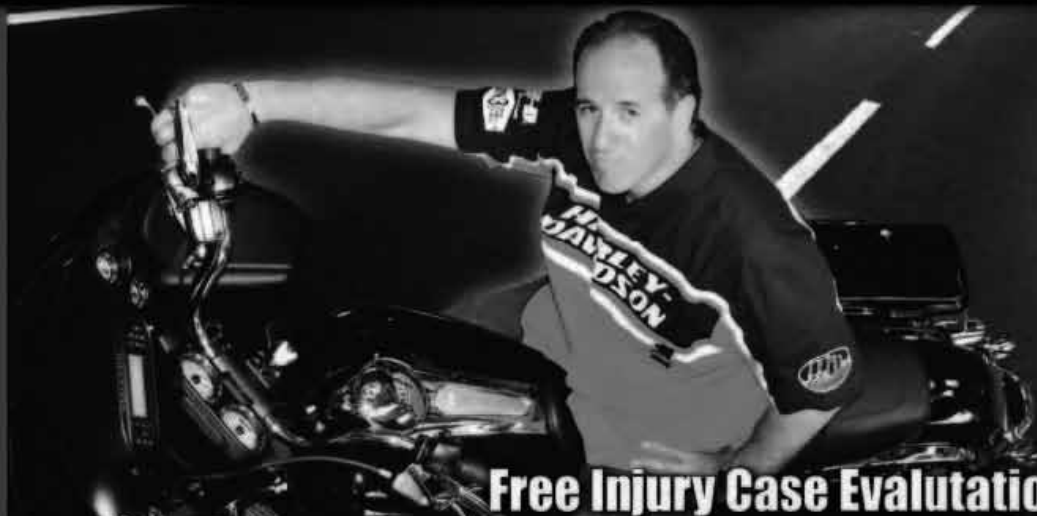
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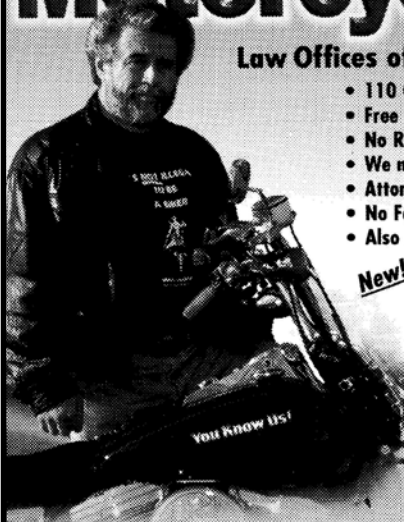
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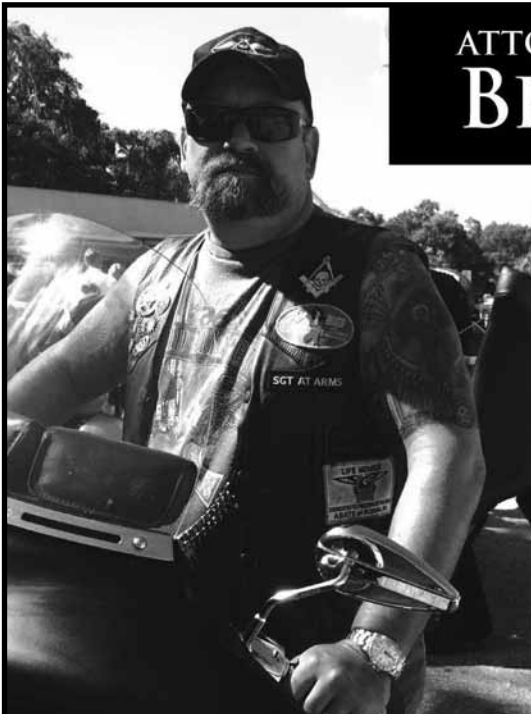
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December

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8 TOYS IN THE SUN RUN	9	10	11	12 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	13	14 Hermandad MC Alfredo Pena Memorial Run
15 Chapter Meeting + Birthday & Christmas Party	16	17	18	19 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	20	21 SFLCOC Christmas Party First Day of Winter
22 Calvary Chapel Christmas Service	23	24	25  Christmas Day	26 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				Luke's Place Bike Night



December 15th - Birthday/Christmas
Party at American Legion Post 321
Following the Chapter Meeting



Additional Info:

December 15 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Wild Santa Toy Run

December 14 - Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley-Davidson

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2014

January

2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	3	4 Luke's Place Bike Night
5 <i>States MC Blessing of the Bikes</i>	6	7	8	9 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	10	11 Luke's Place Bike Night
12 Chapter Meeting	13	14	15	16 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	17	18 Luke's Place Bike Night
19 ABATE SE Chapter's Semi-Annual Event at Chester's H-D	20	21	22	23 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	24	25 Luke's Place Bike Night
26 Der Kreiger MC Annual	27	28	29	30	31	



Additional Info:

January 12 - Wings of Gold Ft Lauderdale Biker Appreciation Day

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2013 CALENDAR

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- 9 - USMVMC CH 1 Annual
- 9 - CMA Memorial Event
- 16 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Party

DECEMBER

- 8 - SFPC Toys in the Sun Run
- 14 - Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley
- 14 - Hermandad MC Alfredo Pena Memorial Run
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- 21 - SFLCOC Christmas Party
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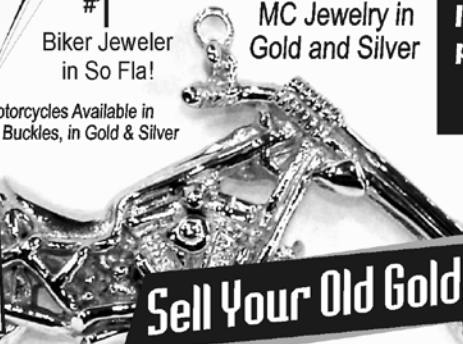
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Ask Why?

Let's start by saying very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my brothers and sisters.

I ask why in this country My Lord and Savior's name Jesus Christ is being

replaced by the word "holiday"? This is the time when we Christians celebrate

our Lord and Savior's birthday.

In Denver last year no religious floats were permitted in the holiday Parade.

In New York City, the holiday tree, not Christmas tree, was unveiled, also in

New York schools no Christian Christmas symbols are allowed in the public school.

This year's White House Christmas tree is called, a holiday tree by many instead of a Christmas tree, even though since 1889 the White House has always referred to the tree as a Christmas tree.

Some department stores such as Macy's have done away with the Christmas greeting of Merry Christmas.

In Ann Arbor Michigan Nativity scenes, even in one's front yard, have been banned.

Lamp posts on the town's main streets display Jewish Menorahs and stars of

David. But a Nativity was illegal. The same thing is happening in Palm Beach

Fl. and in New York City schools it is okay to display a menorah, Islamic star and crescent but illegal to have a Nativity scene.

In Illinois a fourth-grader enjoyed hearing her public school teacher read a

book to her class about the origins of the Jewish holiday Hanukkah, but when the little girl brought in a book about the origin of Christmas her teacher refused to read that story to the class.

A Mayor in Rhode Island was threatened with a lawsuit because he allowed a

nativity scene in the city decorations.

In Florida an employee was fired because she sang a religious song at a

Christmas party.

And Indiana school principal band all mention or use of the word Christmas in his school.

A public school in Oklahoma band all religious music and displays during Christmas.

A teacher in a public school in South Carolina assigned her students to write a paper during December one girl wrote a paper on Christmas and the teacher

refused to grade or excepted it.

In Tennessee citizens complained to the school for calling the winter break "Christmas Holidays".

All across America there are hundreds attacks on Christmas, I think

there is an agenda to remove God from every aspect of American society, and

Thanksgiving and Christmas are two good places to start.

I am not against anybody's religion or the way they choose to celebrate, but as a Christian I feel my civil rights are being violated.

To Christians this sounds discouraging, but don't worry, God is not defeated nor will He ever be. The victory has been won. We who believe in the Bible and put our trust in Jesus Christ, and standup, and defend God's word, and our faith.

We have full confidence in God's promises therefore we can rejoice in Christ

Jesus the Lord and celebrate the birth of the Savior knowing that his work is

perfect in God's plan and happened just like God promised.

We must try to stop taking God out of our country, but put Him back, and our Country will be much better off.....

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- FROM YOUR ROAD CAPTAIN -

Hi, this is Postal, Aiming to Educate and Motivate...

It's that time of year again. Thank God Jack Frost stays to the north of us. Sunday, December 8th, is the annual Toys in the Sun Run. It's become a true South Florida tradition. It started in 1987 when Bob Amchir, The President of Wings of Gold MC, got everyone together to have one big run. The first Toy Run had about 708 motorcycles participate, netting \$965.00 and about 500 toys. Since then, it's grown immensely. 32 MC's and Organizations, with the help of 22 Law Enforcement Organizations, and 230 Officers, to close down 3 Interstates, so that 30,000 motorcyclists can make the run to Markham Park.

Over the years, it's raised millions of dollars, for various Charities, such as Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, various boy's and girls clubs, and the children and spouses of Fallen Officers. So come out and join us. The ride leaves from Mardi Gras Casino, located on Federal Highway just south of Pembroke Road. You should get there before 10 AM and the Parade itself runs about 3.5 hours. Once you get to Markham Park, there'll be vendors, music, assorted shows, and refreshments. Please bring an unwrapped toy, and gate admission is 10 dollars. And we'll see you there.

Don't forget, on December 1st, there'll be a ride leaving from the American Legion post 321, located at 9081 SW 51st St in Cooper City, for a true old Florida Adventure; going to the Coral Castle, which is located at 28655 S Dixie Highway, in Homestead, Florida then continuing on to Alabama Jack's, located just north of Key Largo on Card Sound Road. A biker paradise with great food on the water, and you can even feed the fish. Also, friday night is club night. Come and meet the real biker community. Check the hotline for details.

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From Your Safety Director



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with all your family and friends. You know what Thanksgiving means? Right! It's the beginning of the Holiday Season.

'Tis the Season to be jolly, fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la. Yes it's time for all folks to spread good cheer and share the love. But that also means crowded streets and highways while people check out all the Christmas decorations. People rushing from store to store to do their last minute Christmas shopping looking for that perfect gift. Hoping it's the one no one wants to return the next day. There will be parties to attend, lots of food to eat, and DRINKING. Lots and lots of DRINKING! Oh, and don't forget New Year's Eve. There will be lots of drinking and spreading good cheer that night too! And when we leave the party the next morning, the Police will be out in large numbers looking for YOU.

It's not difficult identifying a drunk driver in a cage. You can only imagine how easy it is to identify one on a bike. And, don't forget those checkpoints where all drivers are checked out. If you have an accident on your bike and collide with a cage, the driver in the cage may walk away, but you may not. Be smart. Don't take the bike if you are attending a party and doing any drinking. You are much safer in a cage than on a bike. Do yourself a favor and either don't drink, limit your drinking or appoint a designated driver. A designated driver, by definition, does not drink.

But, if the designated driver decides to drink or gets intoxicated, find another means to get home. Call a taxi or a friend that's not out partying or drinking. Some companies, in the past, have provided free services to drive people home safely. I have attended far too many funerals this year of our fallen brothers and sisters because of drunk drivers.

Statistics say that any alcohol in one's body increases the chance of crashing five times. 46 percent of all motorcyclists killed in crashes were using alcohol. And, one-fourth of all fatal alcohol-related motorcycle crashes involve motorcyclist running off the road, overturning or falling from the motorcycle rather than striking another object.

Remember; don't Gamble with your Safety or the Safety of Others.

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CDC TASK FORCE CALLS FOR HELMET LAWS

A task force operating under the auspices of the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is recommending that all states have a mandatory helmet law in place to require motorcycle riders of all ages to wear a helmet.

Citing reduced injuries and fatalities, as well as economic benefits, the Community Preventive Services Task Force, appointed by the director of the CDC, will make its recommendations to the federal agency and report its findings to the U.S. Congress in early December.

The CDC, whose primary mission is to fight disease, issued a report last summer recommending that all 50 states enact universal helmet laws in response to a sharp increase in motorcyclist fatalities; but ignoring the fact that the number of motorcycles in use nationwide has increased substantially over the past decade, and that costs associated with un-helmeted cyclists involved in fatal accidents represent a tiny fraction of overall U.S. healthcare expenditures.

In the meantime, U.S. Representative Tom Petri (R-WI) has authored a joint letter from members of Congress calling for the CDC to stop investigating motorcycling issues such as helmet laws, which they have no experience or expertise with, and "...to direct your attention and resources to areas that are not currently already being addressed elsewhere in the government."

URGE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO BAR E15 GAS

The US Defenders (www.usdefenders.org) issued a Call To Action on October 26, 2013 calling for support of House Resolution 1462 "to Stop the Sale of Ethanol 15 (E15)."

The bipartisan RFS Reform Act would "eliminate the corn-based ethanol mandate currently required by the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), reduce the overall requirements of cellulosic ethanol not filled by other advanced bio-fuels, and rescind the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) waivers allowing gasoline blends containing up to 15-percent of ethanol." Introduced by Reps. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), Jim Costa (D-CA), Steve Womack (R-AR), and Peter Welch (D-VT), H.R. 1462 would effectively overhaul the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) which mandates that 36 billion gallons of renewable fuels be

part of our nation's fuel supply by 2022, almost all of which being fulfilled by corn ethanol which in turn diverts nearly 40% of our nation's corn crop from food and feed.

Congress created the RFS program in 2005 to promote the ethanol industry by setting the minimum amount of renewable fuel that must be blended into motor fuels annually. E10 (10% ethanol blend) has become widely accepted and helped kickstart the ethanol industry, but in 2010 the EPA approved E15 for use in newer vehicles even though many automobile manufacturers claim its use can damage engines and void warranties, and no motorcycles or ATVs are currently approved to use the alcohol-laden fuel.

Rep. Goodlatte has also introduced the RFS Elimination Act (H.R.1461), "which eliminates the RFS altogether and makes ethanol compete in a free market." Both the RFS Elimination Act and the RFS Reform Act have been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Meanwhile, on November 15, the EPA recommended reducing the total amount of ethanol required by the RFS to be blended into U.S. transportation fuel nationwide in 2014 from 18.15 billion gallons down to 15.21 bg, though the move to reduce the minimum volume of renewable fuel next year does not provide a permanent solution to the inflexible short-term mandates nor the long-term diversion of feed stocks to fuel.

ROCHESTER, MINN ACCUSED OF DISCRIMINATING AGAINST BIKERS

An attorney representing the Confederation of Clubs of Minnesota claims that Rochester bars and restaurants illegally deny access to people wearing clothing that displays affiliations to certain motorcycle clubs and that the Rochester Police Department advises the establishments to do so.

In a letter dated October 31, 2013 to Rochester Police Chief Roger Peterson and City Attorney Terry Adkins, A.I.M. Attorney Michael M. Bader of St. Paul, MN states that by denying access to people displaying affiliations to these clubs, the establishments are violating Minnesota Statute 604.12. The statute, the first and only biker anti-discrimination law in the country, says that access cannot be denied to «a person who operates a motorcycle or is wearing clothing that displays the name of an organization or association,» unless the person's behavior is endangering other people or property, or the person's clothing «is obscene or includes the name or symbol of a criminal gang.»

Bader's letter states that he has been provided «irrefutable evidence» that Rochester restaurants and bars violate the law by practicing «discrimination» against members of motorcycle clubs, and told the Post-Bulletin newspaper that the evidence includes taped recordings of conversations with bar owners who say police advised them to deny access to people wearing jackets or other clothing with certain motorcycle club colors and insignias. «The reason given by police, as evidenced in recordings, is: «that these groups have a history of violence,»» but Minnesota Statute 609.229, which pertains to gang crime, requires a gang or club to have a «pattern of criminal activity» before establishments can deny access to its members.

«Our suggestion would be for Chief Peterson to send a memo to all licensed clubs and restaurants in Rochester with a copy of Minn. Stat. 604.12, advising the license holders that discrimination upon dress alone violates the statute and makes each establishment liable for damages and attorney fees for each person who suffers the discrimination,» Bader wrote in his letter.

Peterson told the paper he has no plans to send the type of memo Bader suggested because the police department is not violating any statute, saying it is well-known and well-established that the motorcycle clubs Bader represents have histories of violence in the Rochester area and the police department has advised bars and restaurants to deny access to people wearing any kind of gang colors or insignias, and that includes those of motorcycle clubs with violent histories.

If Peterson refuses to do so, «the next step is litigation,» Bader said in a recent interview. «And then it would be incumbent upon the city to prove this pattern of criminal activity.» According to Minnesota Statute 609.902, it requires at least three separate criminal acts within 10 years of the beginning of the criminal proceeding.

THREE-WHEELERS EXEMPTED FROM MOTORCYCLE LICENSING & HELMET LAWS

The Michigan legislature has approved a bill to change the state's motorcycle laws to allow Elio Motors to sell a three-wheeled car in the state without buyers being required to get a motorcycle endorsement.

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to take a motorcycle safety test that teaches things like, «the throttle is on the right handlebar» and you should «lean into a curve.»

The company is banking on other states with similar laws to have them modified by the time Elio Motors plans to start production of the Elio in late 2014, but their main concern is the five states that require drivers of three-wheeled vehicles to wear a helmet.

Joel Sheltrown of Elio Motors says those laws must be changed by the time the Elio is for sale, because wearing a helmet in a car obscures the person's vision and hearing, and the weight of the helmet also has the potential to cause severe neck damage in an accident.

Such laws could also hinder sales of the three-wheeler, which will be manufactured in Shreveport, Louisiana, where the state recently amended their laws to allow Elio occupants to ride without a helmet and operators won't have to get a special «M» endorsement on their driver's license as required of motorcyclists.

GLOBAL TIRE MARKET PROJECTED TO GROW, DRIVEN BY MOTORCYCLES

The worldwide market for tires is projected to grow at a 5% annual rate for the period 2014-2015, and motorcycles will be a key driver.

According to an industry report, the increasing demand for motorcycles positively influences the demand for tires and hence leads to the growth of the Global Tire market. The demand for motorcycles comes from developing and under-developed countries where the penetration rate of cars is low.

Also, it is expected that the adoption of tubeless tires in the Global Motorcycle market will increase and will have a positive impact on the Global Tire market.

1 IN 4 DRIVERS ADMIT SURFING THE WEB WHILE BEHIND THE WHEEL

Texting while driving used to be an offense identified with younger vehicle operators, but a new poll shows how it has spread to older drivers as well. The poll also found that one in four drivers are now accessing the Web while driving, yet another dangerous distraction, and the increase is driven by older drivers using smartphones.

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The number of drivers who report using their cell phones to access the Internet while behind the wheel continues to rise, to a point where nearly one of four drivers are going online while driving, according to a national survey that has tracked the potentially deadly practice over the past five years. There were also jumps in the percentages of people who read or respond to e-mail, and who read or update social media networks while driving, according to an article appearing on the front page of USA TODAY on Tuesday, November 12th.

Insurer State Farm began asking drivers in 2009 whether they went online while driving. The percentage of drivers who said they do so has nearly doubled, from 13% in 2009 to 24% this year. Among drivers ages 18-29, that number rose from 29% to 49%.

Most research on distracted driving -- and most laws against it -- has focused on texting while driving, which creates a crash risk 23 times greater than not doing so, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. But the rise in ownership of smartphones, which allow users to surf the Web, access social media and send and receive e-mail, means there are more opportunities than ever for driver distraction, and over the past three years the sharpest increases in smartphone ownership were among drivers 40 and over. For drivers ages 40-49, the percentage that owns smartphones rose from 47% in 2011 to 82% in 2013; for those 50-64, it went from 44% to 64%, and for those 65 and older, from 23% to 39%.

Perhaps reflecting the nation's sustained campaign against texting while driving, that problem is growing much more slowly than surfing the Web. The percentage of people who report texting while driving rose slightly over the past five years, from 31% to 35% of all drivers. Among those 18-29, the number who report doing so has actually decreased, from 71% to 69%.

Chris Mullen, State Farm's director of technology research says, «We need to keep an eye on social media, reading e-mail, all these other functions folks can use. ... That could be legislation, it could be enforcement, it could be education and awareness.»

DRIVERS WOULD OPT TO LOSE CONTROL

A new survey finds that one in five Americans would never take the wheel again if a self-driving, or autonomous, car were available. CarInsurance.com asked 2,000 drivers whether they would buy an autonomous car if it meant they never had

to drive again, and 20% of them said yes. That number soars if cheaper car insurance is part of the deal.

While 1 in 5 licensed drivers surveyed said they would gladly turn over the keys and let computers do the driving, more than a third of those surveyed said an 80% discount on car insurance rates would make purchase of an autonomous vehicle "very likely," and 90% of respondents said they would at least consider the idea.

Cars that park themselves, navigate stop-and-go-traffic or avert an impending collision are already on U.S. roads today, and Nissan has promised to deliver a fully autonomous vehicle -- one that allows a computer to assume control under the right conditions -- to showrooms by 2020. A fully automated vehicle that doesn't need a human operator could someday follow.

"Our survey shows cheaper insurance will greatly influence consumer acceptance," said CarInsurance.com managing editor Des Toups. "Some of the liability of operating a car will doubtless be assumed by the manufacturer," Toups said. "But a lot of the decrease in rates could come simply because there would be many fewer accidents."

Trust will be a big hurdle, the survey results show, as 64% said computers were not capable of the same quality of decision-making that human drivers exhibit, and 75% said they can drive a car better than a computer could. Asked what they would do with their additional free time, 26% responded that they'd text/talk with friends, 21% would read, while 10% would sleep and 7% would work.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Most men lead lives of quiet desperation and go to the grave with the song still in them."
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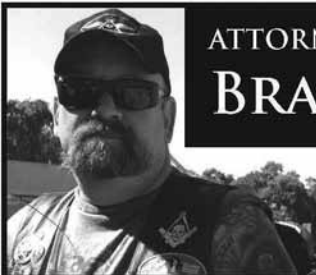


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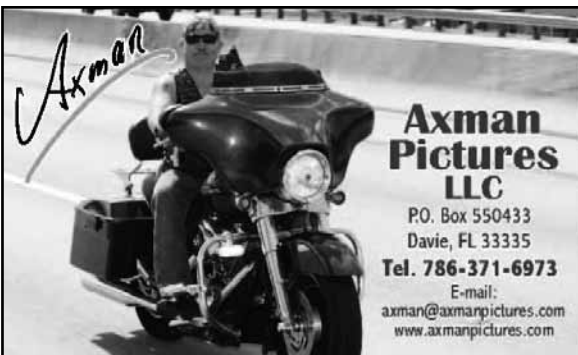
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To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

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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at:

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