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<p>6  <b>HANUKKAH</b></p>		<p>8   HOG <b>HANUKKAH</b>          7:00-9:00pm</p>		<p>10  <b>HARLEY-DAVIDSON</b>          CHRISTMAS &amp; All Staff Meeting</p>	<p>12   WRAPPING DEPT.  <b>BOP</b>          12-3pm</p>	
<p>13   HOG Ride          12:00-1:00pm  <b>HANUKKAH</b></p>		<p>15   HOG <b>HANUKKAH</b>          Birthday Bike Night at Bonfish Macs</p>	<p>16          Looking for that perfect stocking stuffer? get them a Chester's Gift Card!</p>	<p>17  <b>HANUKKAH</b></p>	<p>19   HAPPY HARLEY DAYS  <b>BOP</b>          12-3pm</p>	
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<p>27   HOG Ride          Around the Lake</p>		<p>29  <b>HANUKKAH</b></p>		<p>31  <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b></p>	<p><b>GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO ARE NAUGHTY</b></p>	

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## From Your President

ABATE Southeast Chapter President's Newsletter Article December 2015

Hello everyone. I'm sitting here writing my December newsletter article a few days before Thanksgiving, so to begin, on behalf of the ABATE Southeast Chapter membership, we wish everyone a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas.

This past month has been busy for the biker community. The Southeast Chapter held a memorial service and plaque dedication at the Café 27 Biker Memorial plot for one of our dedicated ABATE life members, Primo Arista. Our thanks go out to the friends of Primo who paid for the memorial plaque; Ada Hibbs for putting together a remembrance poster board of Primo photos; Miami Mike for all that he does to support us; and, all of those who attended the service and shared their memories of our beloved and GBNF Brother.

The Southeast Chapter has over 530 members and we can be found at most if not all events being held in the area. Here are highlights of some of the past month's events. We visited Candy's Cycle Shop customer appreciation party at Baller's Sports Bar. Gina, Glen and Martin hosted a fun event with lots of free gifts and prizes and everyone enjoyed watching and/or participating in the biker events such as the tire-toss and chair-jousting (which was fun to watch). We also enjoyed the U.S. Military Vets MC Deuces Wild Lifer's Party; Wings of Gold open house; Scurvy Few MC birthday party; Leatherneck MC's Annual; and stopped by the Los Coquis MC Clubhouse to donate to Animal's (Black Pistons MC) hospital fund. He was diagnosed and has had surgery to remove a brain tumor and needs our financial support and prayers.

At the November Southeast Chapter meeting several important issues were discussed. The ABATE of Florida's finance committee has asked each of our 28 statewide Chapters for feedback regarding a potential increase in membership dues. To my knowledge dues have not been increased since ABATE was formed over 30+ years ago. Proposed changes are: for annual members, from \$20 to \$30; life memberships increase from \$150 to between \$200 to \$300; and, the potential for businesses to donate between \$1K and \$5K to ABATE as annual partners. Each of these proposals were discussed and voted on separately. After a lengthy discussion, those attending the meeting voted to approve each of these proposals. Current life members would not be affected by the proposed increase. I will report the Chapter's decision at the December 12th State Meeting in Naples. I also alerted our membership that the Southeast Chapter will have a change of meeting location from American Legion Post 321 beginning with our January 2016 meeting to a yet to be determined new location. I'll be able to share with you where and when our future meetings will take place in January's ABATE newsletter article. As always, you can call our Chapter hotline for updates and events. The ABATE Southeast hotline phone number is listed at the end of this article.



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### **Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Nov 15, 2015**

Sgt @ Arms Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. There were 42 members in attendance: The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence and a prayer by Poppi.

**Presidents Report:** Frank welcomed our newest member Gary Mihaly and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He spoke about needing to sell the ABATE drawing tickets that we have for the March drawing at the State Office. Frank spoke on the fact will be having to change the venue of our chapter meeting location. We can no longer meet at the American Legion in Cooper City and asked the group about other meeting places, such as the Davie Moose and Post 180 off Peters Road. He then spoke on the State's question to all the chapters that needs to be addressed on the raising of the annual dues and life membership. A lengthy discussion was held and the outcome was Yes to raising the monthly dues and yes to raising the life membership dues. He also spoke about the business sponsorship which we all agreed with. Frank will take our vote to the state meeting in December. He also reminded everyone to support our advertisers.

**Vice-Presidents Report:** Poppy thanked

everyone for coming and spoke about everyone supporting ABATE. Poppi spoke about the Paris massacres and asked us all to pray for those who have been killed or injured. He then spoke on the good time at the Davie Veteran's event this past week. He also thanked everyone for attending Primo's Memorial at Café 27 yesterday. Primo had a good impact on lots of people, he will be missed by many. He also mentioned that Frank and Harry Ness were at Rogue's mother's funeral and had the honor of being pallbearers.

**Secretary's Report:** Marie thanked Paul Mecler for standing in for her last month when she went to Biketoberfest. There was one correction to the minutes, day of the next monthly meeting said August. A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed, seconded, and no discussion. Motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** T-man read the financial report for August. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor, the Motion was passed. T-Man also spoke about the drawing tickets we have. The tickets are \$5.00 each, with a chance to win \$7,000.00 first prize, \$2,000.00 second prize and \$1,000.00. The drawing takes place in March 2016 and do not have to be present to win. See any Board Member if you



need tickets. We had a secret Santa who donated 4 tickets to the Chapter to give away.

**Sergeant at Arms Report:** Steve mention the Toy Run and that we will be needing help setting up and tearing down, so don't run off. Wheels up at the 84 dinner Sunday at 8:30AM, and you must be wearing an ABATE shirt.

**Road Captain's Report:** Gambler spoke about attending Phil Peterson's Memorial, the Military Vets Chapter 1 Annual, the Veteran's Day event in Davie. He wants to do a ride around the Lake November 22 leaving from Café 27. He spoke about the Toy Run also and wheels up to go into the park at 8:30AM to set up.

**Safety Director Report:** Gambler spoke about helmets. He read reports on helmet testing, and stressed for us all to be aware of our surroundings. He also mention that the US House past Highway Safety Bill which ends funding for Motorcycle check points. He also mention about wearing appropriate clothing including boots.

**Products Report:** We are still having a shirt **SALE**. All our shirts in inventory will be reduced so we can reorder some new ones. Marie is still working on ideas for new shirts.

**Events Coordinator:** Frank thanked everyone for attending Primo's Memorial. He spoke on the Veteran's Day event in Davie and that Jimmy Les' flag was again a big hit. December 6th is the Toy Run, everyone meet at 84 Dinner make sure to wear an ABATE Shirt so they will let us in. December 12th State Meeting in Naples anyone wanted to ride across the alley for the meeting get with Frank ahead of time.

December 20th is or next chapter meeting and we will know by then where our new meeting place is going to be. Our Christmas Party will follow the chapter meeting and Frank asked for covered dishes for the party. January 17th is our date at Chester's Harley Davidson for our semi-annual event. The January chapter meeting will be on January 24th will be at the new place .

**State Representative Report:** There was no State Meeting. The Next one is December 12, 2015 in Naples.

**Membership Report:** T-Man reported we had 14 new members join, 3 renews and no new Life members for a total of 533 active SE Chapter members. A reminder, when submitting all membership forms PLEASE fill them out completely, send it in a timely manner, so that we can read it. Thank you very much for your support and membership to the Southeast Chapter.

**Newsletter Editor:** Squeezer was not present He is away at a Widow's and Son's convention. Frank reported everything is going good.

**Legislative Report:** Brad was not present, he also is at the Widow's & Son's convention. Frank spoke about the VRU Bill that it has passed the first committee and going to the appropriations committee. The US House has past the long-term highway bill which ends federal funding for motorcycle check points, and that establishes a National Motorcycle Advisory Board studying how infrastructures affect motorcycles and focuses on prevention rather than the helmet usage.

**Public Relations:** Fern was excused.

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She is always out there promoting ABATE. Please call the chapter's hotline (954-310-4636) for weekly happenings.

**Billing and Invoicing:** Pixie was not present, but excused - Frank said everyone is up to date. He also mentioned when getting a new add remember to get the application filled out and get the check.  
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**Social Director's Report:** Patty brought the Birthday cake which we will be celebrating everyone's November Birthday's after our meeting.

**Newsletter Distribution:** Poppy is in charge of the Newsletter Distribution. He reported all is going good. He is doing a great job.

**Quartermaster Report:** Bob was present and spoke on bringing food to the Toy Run for those who are there to help set up and take down.

**Photograhers Report:** Ada mentioned she posted the pictures from Primo's Memorial already, in English and Spanish.

**Web-Master's Report:** Rogue was excused but reported things are going good.

**Legal Council:** Demetrios was not present to report..

**Old Business:** There was no old Business to report.

**New Business:** There was no New Business to report

**Good of the Order:**  
Marie spoke about the design and colors for new shirts for the chapter. She will be contacting Create A Stitch, Edco and Jim

Lippy to come up with some more ideas and pricing .

Bars mentioned the Thursday night dinners at States, MC Club House, and JR'S Friday pizza's, Blessing of the Bikes January 3rd at States MC Club House and ABATE can set up there like in the past. Teddy Bear presented the Chapter with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Autism Ride that members participated in. Suzanne spoke about the goings on at the American Legion Post 321 for the holidays.

### **Going's On:**

Following the meeting we are going to  
Ballers on Hallandale Beach Bvd.  
Dec 6 Toy Run Markham Park  
Dec 12 Peterson's Toy Run  
Dec 12 Hermandad's Toy Run  
Dec 12 ABATE State Meeting in Naples, FL  
Dec 13 Wings Of Gold Miami Toy Run  
Dec 19 SFCOC Christmas Party at Mickey's  
Dec 20th Southeast Chapter Meeting & Christmas Party  
Jan 3rd 2016 Blessing of the Bikes – States MC Club House

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is December 20, followed by our Christmas Party. Hope to see everyone there.

See you on the Road - Wheels up

**Marie Baxter**  
**Secretary S.E. Chapter**

**Foot Note: Again, Paul thank you for your help and dedication to the Chapter.**



...President's Message continued from page 4

Legislative Issues: In every article I have written I have been trying to galvanize the biker community to effect change in Florida's legislative statutes by supporting the Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) **HB 253** and **SB 332** bills that are currently being considered in the Florida House and Senate committees. Some good news, HB 253 unanimously passed through the Criminal Justice Committee and now heads to the Appropriations Committee, which is the second stop of its journey. Most importantly, the biker community needs to contact the Chairperson Rep. Richard Corcoran, 850-717-5037, or email: [richard.corcoran@myfloridahouse.com](mailto:richard.corcoran@myfloridahouse.com) and Vice-Chair Rep Jim Boyd, 850-717-5071 or email: [jim.boyd@myfloridahouse.com](mailto:jim.boyd@myfloridahouse.com), to ask for their support and that HB 253 be placed on the Committee's agenda at the earliest opportunity. This legislation, if enacted, will enhance the possibility that when a cage driver who kills or seriously injures a biker and/or other vulnerable road users, can be charged with a "stiffer penalty" other than a traffic citation, which is currently the case. Please help by calling or emailing.

Congress will vote on the Federal Long-term Highway Bill in December 2015. The highway bill contains several key issues that are important for motorcyclists. The bill will end federal funding of motorcycle-only checkpoints. It will create a National Motorcycle Advisory Council that will advise the Secretary of Transportation on how highway infrastructure issues affect motorcycles. The bill will also prohibit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration from lobbying states to pass mandatory helmet laws, and it will provide funding to study the best ways to prevent motorcycle crashes.

The South Florida President's Council calendar is full this December and includes the world's largest toy run on December 6th among other activities. Come on out to Markham Park, bring a toy and visit the ABATE Southeast Chapter's Safety

and Membership booth. This will be an opportunity to join ABATE before the likely dues increase next year. Remember every Florida biker should be a member of ABATE and support biker safety and rights. Every Florida biker should be a member of ABATE and support biker safety and rights. Hope to meet you there!

The ABATE Southeast Chapter will be holding our 36th Semi-Annual Motorcycle Safety and Rights Event at Chester's Harley Davidson, Fort Lauderdale, on January 17th, 2016, starting at noon. So mark your calendars for a good time and the event flyer is posted in this issue.

Everyone is invited to attend the Southeast Chapter's monthly meetings and events. Immediately following our December 20th Chapter meeting we will have our Christmas and Holiday Party and there will be free food and cake to celebrate our December birthdays. Again, our next meeting is December 20th at the American Legion Post 321, 9081 SW 51St, Cooper City, at 10 a.m. To keep up to date with the ABATE Southeast Chapter, checkout our website ([abatese.org](http://abatese.org)) or call our Hotline 24/7 (954-310-4636) for Chapter information. You may always contact me at [pres@abatese.us](mailto:pres@abatese.us). RIDE FREE RIDE SAFE!!!

With respect,

Frank T.



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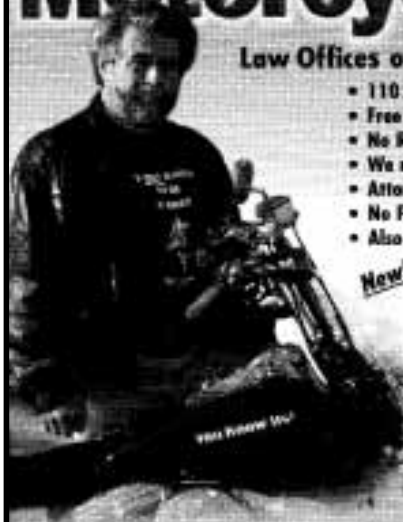
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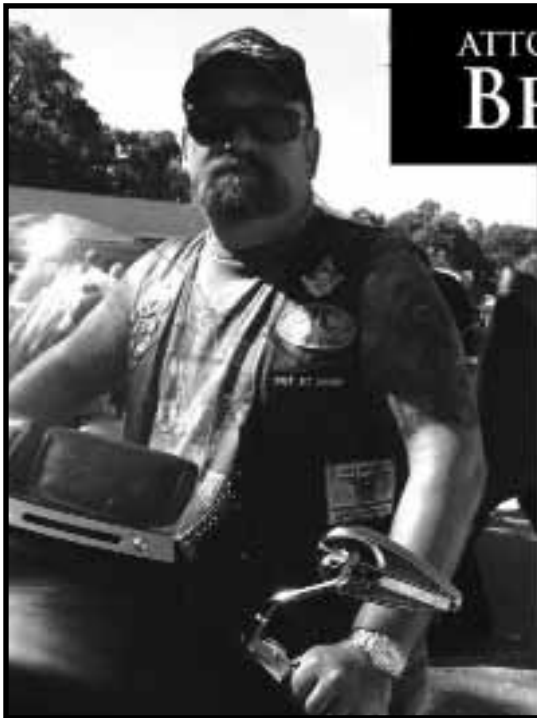
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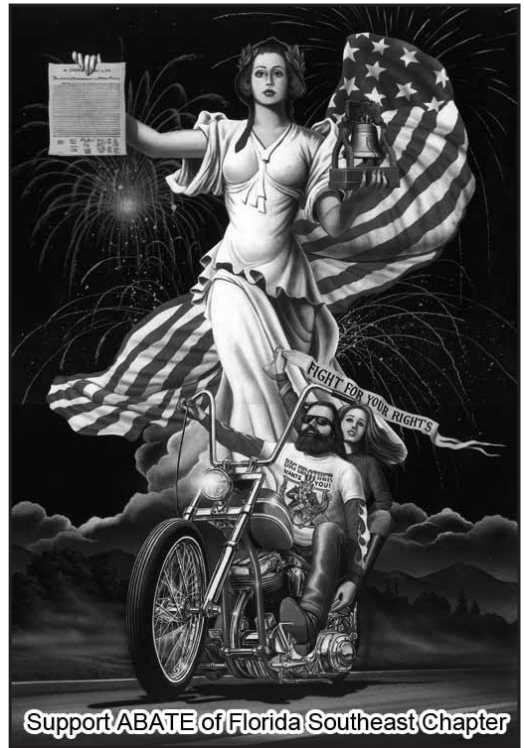
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2015

December

2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 States MC Pompano Dinner	4	5
6 SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN	7	8	9	10 States MC Pompano Dinner	11	12 PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAW- ING
13 WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN	14	15	16	17 States MC Pompano Dinner	18	19 SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY
20 <b><i>Chapter Meeting</i></b>	21	22	23	24 States MC Pompano Dinner	25 Merry Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31 States MC Pompano Dinner		

**Additional Info:**

12/06/15 - SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN  
 12/12/15 - ABATE of Florida inc. state meeting at the Gator Alley Chapter  
 12/12/15 - PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING  
 12/12/15 - HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEM/TOY RUN  
 12/13/15 - WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN  
 12/19/15 - SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY  
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2016

January

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 States MC - Blessing of the Bikes	4	5	6	7 States MC Pompano Dinner	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 States MC Pompano Dinner	15	16
17 ABATE SE - 36th Semi- Annual Event	18	19	20	21 States MC Pompano Dinner	22	23
24 <b><i>Chapter Meeting</i></b>	25	26	27	28 States MC Pompano Dinner	29	30 Dania Beach Vintage Motor- cycle Show
31						

**Additional Info:**

01/03/16 - States MC Club House - Blessing of the Bikes  
 01/10/16 - Wings Of Gold - Biker Appreciation Day  
 01/16/16 - Heathens MC - Annual  
 01/17/16 - ABATE SE Chapter - 36th Semi-Annual Event  
 01/24/15 - ABATE SE Chapter meeting  
 01/30/16 - 10th Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show  
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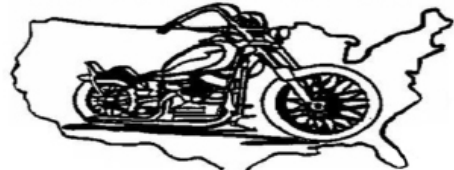
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- 6 SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
- 12-PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
- 12-HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEM/TOY RUN
- 13-WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN
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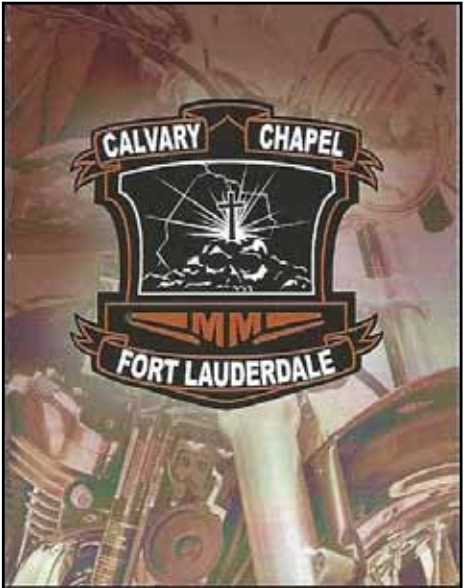
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On a sad note, Mr. Phil Peterson Passed away. A group of us, along with several hundred others, attended Phil Peterson's Memorial Event at his north store on October 24th and then we all rode out to Café 27 to place a plaque on the memorial in his honor. Rest in Peace Mr. P.

One of our long time ABATE member has passed away. There was a Memorial for Primo held at Café 27 on November 14th. We will miss you Primo. RIP!

Tis the Season to be a **RIDER fa la la la la, etc.** There's always places to go and have a good time. Why aren't you riding with us? No one contacts you. Is that your excuse? Call the Hotline it's up-dated every Tuesday and the number is in this newsletter. If you want to be notified send me your email, gmail or cell phone number and either I or Frank T. will send you an invitation. My contact information is in the front of this newsletter as is Franks.

The Toys in the Sun Run is on Sunday December 6th. Come by our tent and say hello and show your support. Buy a shirt or a pin and pick up some free safety items. We fight for the rights of all bikers regardless of what you ride.

What else happening:

December 13 the Palm Beach Chapter of ABATE is having an event at Renegades located at 600 Village Road in West Palm Beach, starting at 1:00 PM. I hope to go as a group. Please plan to ride and support their Chapter.

January 6 is the Blessing of the Bikes at the States MC's Club House in Pompano Beach. Always a great time.

**Have a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year.**

Until next time, keep the shiny side up and the rubber on the road.

Jim "Gambler" Willard  
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**Birthdays**

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 Mark Hudson "Huddy"  
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 James Sears "Jimbo"  
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 Jody Ray  
 Dick Burns  
 Joe Marshall "Biker Joe"  
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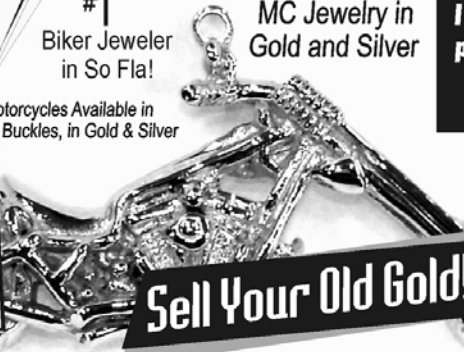
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Unfortunately there are the outliers for which it is not a happy time. There are those who choose to shoplift or mug the unaware. There are those that make it all about shopping for the best deals, driving in a rush to get to the next deal, raging at anybody that gets in their way, and making everybody around them miserable. And then, there are those that are lonely and depressed. What can we do for these?

As you are out shopping over the next few weeks, please keep your eyes open and be aware of your surroundings. Remember where you parked your car, so that when your hands are full, you can walk with a purpose and not clumsily trying to find where you left it. Don't be distracted by your cell phone. Have your keys in hand, ready to unlock, so you are not fumbling for them at the car. A mugger is an opportunist and wants an easy target, not somebody that is alert and prepared. If you have to go from store to store, put your packages in the trunk. If you have to leave something in the cab of the vehicle, use something like a dark blanket to cover your packages. If they can't see what is in there, less chances of inspiring interest.

For the ragers, I am going to try to kill them with kindness, so their rage does not rub off on me. If someone is that desperate for that parking spot, go ahead and take it, I'll park elsewhere and enjoy the walk with a spring in my step and a Christmas carol in my head. If I get cut off on the road, instead of a one-finger-salute, I plan to give a smile and a wave. If anyone is angry or nasty to me, my intention is to return warmth and understanding, which will be my Christmas present to them.

For the lonely and depressed, this is a very tough time of year. While I was in the service, I spent several Christmases without family and know how difficult it can be. And I was fortunate, because the team I worked with were very close, like family. Unfortunately, there are those that have no family or close friends around at this time of year. Seeing everybody else so happy or hearing people talk of visiting friends or relatives, just makes it that much more depressing for them. If you know of anybody like this, I challenge you to do something about it. Invite that loaner at work or school to go to lunch with you for no reason other than to get to know each other a little more. Ask that elderly neighbor if there is anything you can get for them or anywhere you can take them. Volunteer to feed the homeless or to help out at a nursing home. To a lonely person, this will be better than any gift.

By doing these things, not only will we be giving to others, but we will be giving to ourselves.

I would like to wish each and every one of you the best on this holiday season. May the New Year bring us peace, health, and understanding. And for the politicians, commonsense.

Your editor - "Squeezer"







## Merry Christmas

How can I know God's will for my life? What does the Bible say about knowing I'd like to start by wishing my brothers and sisters Merry Christmas, or Happy Holidays, which ever you prefer. Personally I prefer Merry Christmas. The reason I do is the season for the Celebration, is to celebrate the birthday of Gods only Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and through His birthday, we as believers, also got a new birthday, we received the opportunity to be born again, in Christ Jesus, by accepting Him as our Lord and Savior. Let me explain.

Our natural birthdays are numbered, some of us get to celebrate more than others, and when these birthdays stop your life is over, the life you started with your first natural birth will end.

The good news is that when God sent His only begotten Son to be born, live, and die for our sins, and I mean all of our sins, we start a new life, we get a new birthday. Now this birthday will not be numbered, because you start living an eternal life with Christ, and numbers don't matter in eternity. Life expectancy is about 80 years eternity is forever, which would you rather have?

Now the way I look at the Christmas Season, it's probably the happiest, joyous, and most important celebration we can celebrate. We all have the opportunity to get that new eternal birthday by accepting the fact that Jesus Christ was born, died, and rose from the dead for our sins so we can have that Birthday that is offered through faith that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

So now we must make sure we keep Christ in Christmas, because we are not only celebrating the birthday of Jesus Christ we are celebrating, what Father God offered to each and every one of us" Eternal Life"

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### **Attention everyone!**

There is danger all around us. If you have lived in south Florida for any length of time you have noticed that the traffic situation here is getting worse every year. And, to top it off, the tourist and winter residents are returning to escape the harsh northern winter. Talk about crowded streets and highways. Oh crap! It doesn't matter if you are in a cage or on your bike, we are all in danger. There are the drivers that are always in a hurry and they don't care who they run off the road. Even when you have your turn signal on or use the manual arm signal to change lanes, they speed up so not to let you in and they zig zag in and out of traffic as though they are the only ones on the highway. No one is courteous anymore and you are not safe.

Back to the tourist. Many of them are new here and have no idea where they are going. They drive slowly just to be able to read the road signs, local maps and maybe even their GPS. They will either change lanes with no warning, sometimes across multiple lanes or turn on a dime with no warnings. They either come close to hitting you or worse. You have probably had that experience, I know I have, several times. And the continuous road construction. It never ends. Four lanes become two lanes or they narrow the lanes, and I hate that uneven pavement. HAY D.O.T., WE CAN'T MAKE OUR VEHICLES ANY NARROWER!

You have to be ready all the times whether you are in a cage or on your bike. You have to watch out for your own protection and that of your passenger. We have lost too many brothers and sisters because of reckless drivers. These drivers can kill a biker, be totally at fault and only receive a small fine and no jail time just because we are bikers and bikes are dangerous. I say BS! It's time to tell our representatives in Tallahassee that Bikers lives do matter. Change the law to protect us too. I am asking everyone to write those so called law makers and let your voice be heard.

And when you are out there enjoying the wind in your face remember, "Always be aware of your surroundings, have an escape plan in your mind, and be ready to react with great caution".

**Have a very Merry Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.**

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## CONGRESS MOVES TO DE-FUND MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS

On November 5, the U.S. House of Representatives approved their version of the federal Highway Bill which, like the Senate companion measure, contains provisions of importance to motorcyclists, most notably the ban on federal funding of motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints.

In addition to curbing the controversial roadblocks, the House bill also authorizes a motorcycle crash prevention study; revives the federal Motorcycle Advisory Council; continues off-road trails funding; and makes highway safety grants more accessible.

Approved by a bipartisan vote of 363-64, the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015 (HR 3763) provides \$325 billion in transportation funding over the next six years, corresponding to similar legislation passed by the U.S. Senate earlier this year.

Unfortunately, the House highway bill does not include similar Senatorial language that would ban the U.S. DOT from lobbying local, state and federal governments on policy issues such as mandatory helmet laws, so it is important to contact your federal representatives to adopt such a compromise when the House and Senate convene a conference committee to iron out the details.

## WACO INFO

One hundred seventy-seven people were arrested and held on million dollar bonds following the melee in Waco, Texas in May that left nine bikers dead and nearly twenty wounded, and on November 10th prosecutors announced 106 felony indictments charging defendants with engaging in organized criminal activity.

“The Waco Grand Jury indictments on 106 individuals for engaging in organized crime are not convictions,” explains David “Double D” Devereaux of the Motorcycle Profiling Project ([www.MotorcycleProfilingProject.com](http://www.MotorcycleProfilingProject.com)), “The Grand Jury only determines whether the prosecutor has sufficient evidence to indict. The Grand Jury only hears from the prosecutor,

“Double D”, who is also a member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists’ Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF), says that as examining trials have made clear, the basis of the prosecutor’s argument in many of these cases relies solely on an individual’s association with a motorcycle club that had members accused of committing a crime on May 17th. “These indictments based solely on association, particularly the cases where the prosecutor admits that there is no evidence that the individual participated in any crime or violence, flies in the face of recent Federal Court precedent.”

A U.S. District Court decision in *Coles v. Carlini*, 9/30/2015, relying on Supreme Court precedent, concluded that the government may not impose restrictions on an individual solely because of their membership in a MC, including a 1% club that the government labels as a gang or criminal organization. “The criminal activity of others does not justify denying rights and privileges solely because of association with an unpopular organization,” according to Devereaux.

“Although I agree with many that are concerned about the seemingly broken Waco criminal justice system, recent Fed decisions seem to say that the underlying assumptions of an indictment based solely on association are unconstitutional,” said Devereaux in a prepared document titled “Understanding the Waco Grand Jury Indictments.”

“The decision by the Waco Grand Jury comes as no surprise to many considering the obviously over-broad arrests, excessive bail, and unsuccessful challenges to probable cause during examining trials,” he concludes, adding that an overly-broad indictment affords the prosecution the ability to offer plea deals, shield themselves against lawsuits, and pressure defendants to testify.

## IDAHO MOTORCYCLE CLUB WINS SETTLEMENT OVER CLUBHOUSE RAID

Ten members of the Brother Speed MC, along with the club itself, will be splitting a \$16,500 payment from the United States government, to settle their lawsuit over a 2013 raid on their Nampa clubhouse that yielded no charges.

The club and its members sued numerous federal agents and the United States, saying their civil rights



were violated when federal agents serving a search warrant broke down the door, set off flash-bang grenades, and sent dozens of heavily armed SWAT team members into the small home. The club members were detained for up to three hours while agents forcibly removed their personal property, including their clothing, and confiscated club memorabilia, according to the club's attorney, Craig Durham. "These were regular guys minding their own business that night," Durham told The Spokesman-Review newspaper. "They were not a threat, and there was no call for the use of terrifying, military-style tactics to serve a simple search warrant."

The government admitted no wrongdoing but agreed to the settlement, under which the club will receive \$4,000, and the individual members will receive payments ranging from \$500 to \$2,500.

"This was never about money," said chapter president Daniel Bugli. "It was about standing up for our rights as citizens and members of this community. Law enforcement officers shouldn't be able to run roughshod over people's rights based on speculation and assumptions."

## **BIKERS' LAWYER FILES CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSUIT AGAINST VEGAS POLICE**

A Nevada lawyer who represents motorcycle clubs has filed a federal civil rights, false arrest and negligence lawsuit against Las Vegas police after he was acquitted in March of a misdemeanor obstruction charge.

Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs (COC) attorney Stephen Stubbs alleges that a Las Vegas practice of harassing motorcycle club members led to his arrest in November 2013, and that being found not guilty by a local judge showed the arrest was improper. Stubbs told the Associated Press (AP) that he was prevented from representing a member of the Bikers for Christ motorcycle ministry who was being questioned by police, and who is a plaintiff in a recent lawsuit seeking at least \$75,000 in damages from the department.

Stubbs is representing members of biker groups, including the Mongols, Vagos, Stray Cats and Bandidos in a federal civil rights complaint filed in June 2012 alleging harassment by Las Vegas and other area police. The lawsuit is pending in U.S. District Court in Las Vegas. It was filed a day after a meeting of Mongols national leaders in Boulder City was moni-

tored by hundreds of local and state police and federal agents.

## **ANTI-PROFILING LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN PENNSYLVANIA**

On November 13, 2015 Pennsylvania Senator John Wozniak (D-Johnstown) introduced Bipartisan Bill SB1058: An Act providing for motorcycle profiling prohibited, and the measure has been referred to Law and Justice.

"No police officer or police department may engage in motorcycle profiling in this Commonwealth," states the bill, and calls for police instruction on "what constitutes motorcycle profiling in patrol procedures and other police department operations and the duty to refrain from engaging in motorcycle profiling."

As defined in this legislation, "motorcycle profiling" means "the use of the fact that an individual rides a motorcycle or wears clothes or possesses paraphernalia that a reasonable person associates with such individuals as a factor in a decision to stop and question, take enforcement action against, arrest or search the individual or motorcycle in violation of Federal or State law."

Such violations by law enforcement "may bring a private right of action in a court of competent jurisdiction against any police officer or police department that engages in motorcycle profiling in violation of this section. In the action, the victim may be awarded injunctive relief, actual damages, punitive damages and reasonable attorney fees and costs."

A companion measure, House Bill 1580, "prohibiting motorcycle profiling and establishing a private right of action" was introduced October 1st by Representative Garth Everett (R-Muncy) along with 46 bipartisan cosponsors and was referred to the House Judiciary committee.

## **72 TYPES OF AMERICANS CONSIDERED "POTENTIAL TERRORISTS"**

Are you a conservative, a libertarian, a Christian or a gun owner? Support states' rights? Belong to "The Patriot Movement", or display a "Don't Tread on Me" flag? Are you opposed to abortion, globalism, Communism, illegal immigration, the United Nations or the New World Order? Anti-establishment? Do you believe in conspiracy theories, or ever visit "extremist"

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websites? Are you a veteran? If you answered yes to any of those questions, or a vast array of others, you may be an “extremist” or a “potential terrorist” according to official U.S. government documents.

At one time, the term “terrorist” was used very narrowly, explains the alternative website [www.activist-post.com](http://www.activist-post.com), but says now the Obama administration is removing all references to Islam from terror training materials, and instead the term “terrorist” is being applied to large groups of American citizens, which it delineates in an article on their website; “72 Types of Americans That Are Considered ‘Potential Terrorists’ In Official Government Documents,” by D.C. attorney Michael Snyder.

The “list” covers much of our country’s demographics and most of its citizenry, but if you belong to a group of people that is now being considered as “potential terrorists” by the government, the author warns that you should not take it lightly.

### **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FUND PROVIDES SIGN-LANGUAGE FOR DEAF RIDERS**

The National Motorcycle Safety Fund (NMSF), a 501(c)(3) charitable community organization created in 1980 to augment the work of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, has created a new grant program to help rider training sites cover the costs of hiring sign-language interpreters for deaf and hard of hearing students.

MSF-recognized Rider Training Sites regularly receive requests to accommodate students with physical disabilities, so in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and state laws, the NMSF grants will help defray the cost of sign-language interpreters.

There are many deaf and hard of hearing car drivers and motorcyclists on the road today. To compensate, drivers and motorcyclists typically employ risk-reduction strategies such as Search/Evaluate/Execute (SEE), maintain longer following distances, make better use of peripheral vision, and check their mirrors more frequently.

### **STUDY INDICATES MOTORCYCLE RIDERS’ INJURIES DIFFER WITH HELMET USE**

Helmet-wearing motorcycle riders are less likely to hurt their heads in accidents, but end up with more injuries to other parts of their bodies, suggests new research. Researchers suggest in JAMA Surgery that the results may be due to helmeted riders being more

likely to survive high-force crashes, and ultimately end up with more extensive injuries.

The authors write that loosening restrictions on helmets in some U.S. states allowed them to study how wearing head protection may influence other injuries. For the study, they used national data from 2007 to 2010 on almost 86,000 people with some sort of motorcycle-related trauma, paying particularly close attention to the number and extent of injuries to people’s heads and necks, torsos, spines and extremities.

Overall, the researchers found helmeted motorcycle riders were about half as likely to end up with head injuries, but helmeted riders were more likely to have injuries to the chest and extremities than riders who weren’t wearing helmets.

One explanation for increased injuries to other body parts could be that helmeted riders feel more secure and end up driving at higher speeds, wrote the Indiana University researchers.

There was no difference in the time people spent in a hospital regardless of whether they were helmeted.

### **CALIFORNIA DMV OFFERS “VETERAN” DESIGNATION ON DRIVER LICENSES**

Veterans in California can begin applying to receive the word “**VETERAN**” on their driver’s license or identification (ID) card starting November 12, 2015.

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