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**December 19,
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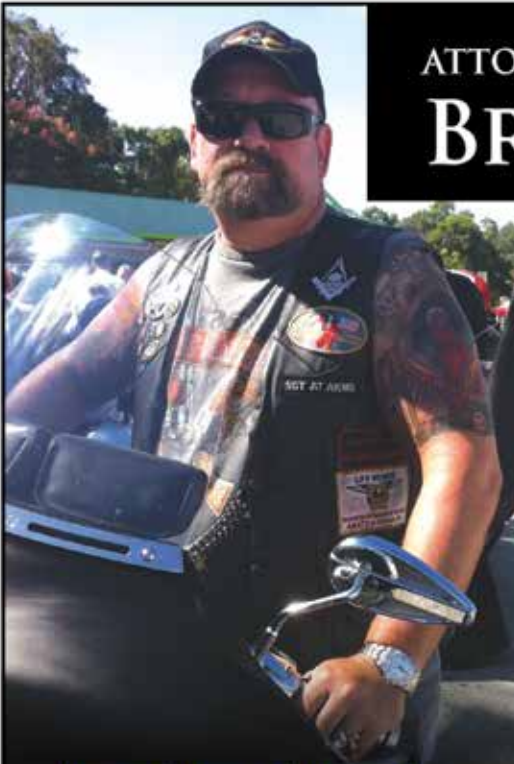
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- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.
- We promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness.
- We fund our work by holding a series of annual events at different locations within our service area and other motorcycle activities.
- We are your neighbors and friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community.
- We serve and support our country and believe in freedom.
- We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.
- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of Florida as a motorcycle rights organization or MRO. We are currently the only political MRO in Florida representing the interest of its members and the motorcycling public at-large.
- WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.

ABATE is open to all individuals age 18 and older interested in motorcycle rights, safety or education. It doesn't matter what you ride or even if you ride. Everyone is welcome to join ABATE of Florida, Inc., which ensures YOUR opinion and views on motorcycle laws will be heard.

There are no requirements to join us and we respect and welcome all motorcycle clubs or any other motorcycle associations or organizations. We do not have any mandatory meetings or rides.

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Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.
- We've become the 4th largest State Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the country (IN & IL are 1&2, we regularly switch for 3rd & 4th with PA).
- We got the handlebar heights law modified.
- We successfully fought a bill that would forbid our children from riding on our bikes.
- We successfully fought the bill that would confiscate motorcycles for going 30MPH over the speed limit.
- We developed an effective MSAP program that has raised motorist's perceptions and awareness of motorcycles, and have received funding from the State of FL totaling over \$750,000 to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.
- We successfully fought the bill against vertical tags that had over \$1,100 in fines for a first offense.
- Supported and fought for a texting-while-driving ban for the last few years.
- Our 2009-2010 Stiffer Penalties Bill made it through five of the FL House & Senate's committees; this is the farthest it has gone in the number of years we have tried. On the last day of session, a committee member strenuously attempted to attach a revival of the helmet law to our Bill. To avoid a new helmet law in Florida, we had to kill the Bill.
- We publish monthly Press Releases and/or Articles of Interest in many online & print publications, including Florida Full Throttle.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. has been asked to be on and currently sits as a member of The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C. The Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation may appoint a representative from only two State MROs throughout the entire U.S.A. to be on this council.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. sits as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Collation of Motorcyclists (NCOM). NCOM has over 1000 member organizations.

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“This page sponsored by Frank T. and Lisa”

From Your President

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. December is a big month. It is the month of giving. I hope to see everyone at the South Florida President's Council Toys in the Sun Run. All the money that is made goes to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

I had a chance to go to the Hospital and see the kids that were there. They're going through such a hard time in their life and are so brave. I left there with tears rolling down my cheeks. So here we go again, pulling the motorcycle community together to get some toys for these kids. Our hope is that we'll be able to put a smile on their faces and some joy in their hearts, for them, and their families too.

Okay, so everyone also please remember that our brothers and sisters from the north are down here on vacation, partying, and having fun. Maybe some of them might be a little bit intoxicated, some may be a little confused about where they are going, with all this road construction, heck, even I get confused sometimes. So be extra safe out there, whether you're in a cage or on your bike, always leave yourself an out.

Please support all your American Legions and VFWs. God Bless America, the military, and the veterans who have helped keep this Country free.

And to the younger people out there, you have the chance to inherit an organization that stands up and fights for biker rights and safety. Help us make a difference, now, and for the future!

ANYONE WHO RIDES SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF ABATE!!!!

God bless America!!!!

Peace,
Johnny Rose
President
Southeast Chapter





ABATE of Florida, Inc.



25th ANNUAL FREEDOM GATHERING

State Meeting Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 2:00pm

State Board Meeting Sunday, February 13 at Noon

American Legion Hall - 1065 S. Water St., Monticello, FL 32344

Directions to Hall: Go 2 blocks west of the Opera House on US 90, then turn west on Water Street. Go 1/2 mile to the Legion Hall

"We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate." ~ Thomas Jefferson

Ride to the Capitol Monday, February 14, 2022

Kickstands up at 9:00am - Behind the Super 8 in Monticello

POC Abate of Florida Inc. State Office Brandy (850) 485-3853

Super 8 Monticello: 140 Pafford Rd., Monticello, FL 32336. Phone: 850-997-8888

Take I-10 to Exit 225 South on US 19. The hotel is located on the West side.

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There are other hotels and campgrounds in the area. The two listed above offer discounts to ABATE members. Please make reservations early.

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**Memberships Due for
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Vice- President

MONTH TO GIVE

As we talked about in last month's article, for me November was the month to be thankful and December is considered the month to give. Although Santa bringing your favorite motorcycle parts and leaving them under the tree always makes for a great Christmas, a biker needs to remember that the holidays is not just about receiving gifts but is also about giving. There is also so many more ways to give than just buying presents for family, friends and coworkers. Ever thought about volunteering for a day for a good cause? There are so many good causes out there and with just a quick Google or Facebook search you will find multiple options in your area that you can choose from. Maybe not your cup of tea? Well then, how about just spending a few hours of your time with a child or an elderly person which can be a great way to be charitable.

For me as a Biker, every year I look forward to the Toy Run's. It's a time when I can bring a donation of \$10 and an unwrapped Toy (no stuffed animals for allergy reasons) to the SFPC Toys in the Sun Run, hang out with fellow bikers, listen to bands all while doing a great thing for the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. If you've never seen the look on a child's face that is in the hospital when a toy or small gift is given to them, it is truly a site to behold. The smallest present can make such a big difference. Sometimes Big Burly Bikers can seem mean and scary looking to children but when this bogeyman looking monster gives them a present, we may have just locked in a future biker for the next generation. This year the SFPC Toy Run is going to be ran like a Poker Run where you never know, you may win one of the great prizes being given away. Registration will start at 8:00 am till 11:00 am, Sunday, December 5th at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson. All the details can be found on the internet by Googling www.sfpc ToyRun.com

However you spend your holiday season this year, be safe and remember to take a little time to give.



Your VP
Troy



15th Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show

Saturday, January 29th, 2022



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Information & Updates: www.DaniaBeachVintageBikeShow.com

Toy Drive to benefit the families of Lafitte, LA

Date: December 11th, 2021

10:30 - 3:00pm

Location: Buffalo Tiger Airboat Tours
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Food and Live Music

SOUTHERN STAMPEDE 12PM-3PM



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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at American Legion Post 142
171 SW 2nd St
Pompano Beach Fl, 33060
November 21, 2021

Sargent of Arms “Bubba” called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and there were 24 members present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by “Bubba”, and a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, “Bear”.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – JOHNNY ROSE:

Johnny thanked everyone for coming. He gave us the Sean “Bugsy” update. “Bugsy” is doing good, getting better every day. SFPC Toys in the Sun Run: Southeast Chapter will be helping with the toy collection at Alligator Alley, the starting point, and at the end point America’s Backyard. Troy, Mike, Hope, and Isabel will be heading the collection at the start at 7:30AM, Johnny, Sheila, and Wavy will be heading up the collection at the end at 8:00AM. Sign-up sheet for those wanting to help was sent around. All will still need to pay admission, \$10 + toy, or \$20 per person. It’s for the children. Southeast Chapter donated an item for the Chinese Auction which was required to be a \$100 value. We also donated \$100 and received 5 Toys in the Sun Run admission wristbands, which are valued at \$20. We are having a special drawing for these “door prizes” and tickets for \$5 each. Drawing after the conclusion of the meeting and will receive the wristband today. Email Scams: Board members and Trustees are getting scam calls/emails stating Johnny is out of town, asking for gift cards. This is not Johnny. He will never ask for money or gift cards, ever!

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT – TROY WAUGH:

Great Chapter Annual event at Mickey’s. Sometimes recognition is not seen or given, same with pictures. All are very appreciated and thank you for helping out. November is the

month of thanksgiving, and December is the month of giving. Details about SFPC Toys in the Sun Run in newsletter or online.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT –
HOLLIE “DREAMER” SADOFF:**

Motion to approve minutes in newsletter: Hope motioned, Teddy Bear seconded, approved
House Bill 2573: Safety and Education funds due to ABATE of Florida. Sent around sign up to get email of members, and Dreamer will forward the information, with the letter already typed out, just need to fill in the few blanks and email off to their representative.

TREASURER’S REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read the Treasurer’s report for September, a motion was made to accept Treasurer’s report. Seconded, all in favor, approved.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT –
MIKE “BUBBA” TRAVIS:**

“Bubba” spoke about school zones and school busses. Watch out for kids! Reminder when wearing the ABATE patch on your vest and / or an ABATE shirt you are representing ABATE and to act accordingly.

ROAD CAPTAIN’S REPORT – TROY WAUGH:

A lot of good rides been going on, and good ones coming up. Went to Leesburg and stayed in the ABATE campground, lots of fun. Went to Daytona, also fun. Coming up:

- 12.03.2021 - Toy Run Kick Off Party at Mickey’s Tiki Bar**
- 12.05.2021 – SFPC Toys in the Sun Run**
- 01.02.2022 - States MC Blessing of the Bikes**
- 01.16.2022 - Southeast Chapter Semi-Annual**
- 01.29.2022 - Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show**
- 02.14.2022 - Abate of Florida Annual Ride to the Capitol**



SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JON “WAVY” VIGER:

Wavy excused, Troy filling in. Holiday Season is upon, increased drinking and driving. Be safe and get a designated driver.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT-

MIKE “BUBBA” TRAVIS AND HOPE TRAVIS:

Inventory forms must be turned in at the December meeting otherwise every month that it is late there is a \$25 fine. Southeast Chapter had most members for July. Tallahassee Ride to the Capitol is waiting for approval, should have by December.

PRODUCTS REPORT – LAUREL “LITTLE BIT” CONNER:

“Little Bit” was excused, out of town.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read in the Membership report. We have over 700 members now, largest in the State, most new members for July.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – GABE CARRERA:

Gabe was excused.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – ADA “ABBY NORMAL” HIBBS:

“Abby Normal” excused, but texted, articles are due today.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – JON “WAVY” VIGER:

“Wavy” was excused.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad spoke about HB 2573, ABATE Safety money. He spoke about speakers at meetings, that the only candidates we should have, and have traditionally had, are non-partisan local judge candidates.

LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad has nothing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

DAWNE “THUNDER” KIRK-WATERS:

Thunder was excused.

BILLING AND INVOICING – HOPE TRAVIS:

Up to date, visit those that advertise in the Newsletter, let them know you heard about them in our newsletter. If you visit somewhere and they seem to be wanting to get word out regarding their business, mention advertising in the Southeast Chapter Newsletter.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:

“Bear” brought his famous brownies and cheesecake cupcakes.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT – MIKE “BUBBA” TRAVIS:

“Bubba” – nothing to report

PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT –

BARRY “BOATMAN” BLUNDELL:

“Boatman” is excused.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT – MIKE “ROGUE” HAGER:

“Rogue” was excused, all is going well.

CHAPLAIN – CHRISSY LEONHARDT:

Chrissy was excused. Bear said for everyone to stay safe and have a nice holiday. Keep all those who are injured and ill in your prayers.

OLD BUSINESS:

State Gun Drawing tickets have sold out.

NEW BUSINESS:

After our December Chapter meeting, there will be a non-ABATE, just friends, holiday party at Sharkey's Boulevard Lounge. There will be a tray of sandwiches and another one of cheese. All should bring some kind of desert, cookies, or other finger food.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Betty Osceola - Running toy drive for children in Lafitte, Louisiana that was devastated from the Hurricane Ida. She is collecting toy donations (stuffed animals are fine), unwrapped new toys, so the town of Lafitte, Louisiana can have a good Christmas for the kids. Saturday, December 11th, from

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10am-3pm, at Buffalo Tiger Airboat Tours, 29701 SW 8th Street, Miccosukee Indian Reservation. There will be live music, foods, vendors. See Betty's Facebook page for more information. She is also collecting donations for the Houma Nation in Louisiana of non-perishable food, personal hygiene supplies, elder care items, infant/toddler care items, cleaning items, home and household items (pots/pans etc.), clothing, books, book bags, etc., who also lost everything from the hurricanes this year. They just need help to try and get back to "normal". If you want to donate money, the Miccosukee Tribe is matching funds. If you want to donate funds call 305-223-8380 ask for Treasures Office household items.

Flyers on the table for upcoming events.

Motion to adjourn at 10.57am, Seconded. All in favor. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on December 19, 2021.

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff
Secretary Southeast Chapter



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Good Day,

Yea! The great weather is here. The weather that makes you want to get on your bike and just ride!

I know I sound like a broken record but, remember the Snow Birds are here, lost and confused. Also it is now the Holiday Season so you need to take extra precaution around the malls, actually avoid them if at all possible. You know people will not be paying attention, their minds are on shopping and getting it done. So maybe take a different route, even if it is a little longer to get to your destination.

if you are in your vehicle or on your motorcycle and you see a broke down motorcycle (no matter the brand), the right thing to do is to pull over in a safe location and see if you can help or stay with them till help comes. The newer riders may not be aware of this unwritten code so when speaking with the new riders, we need to explain this. This way we will ensure our traditions are passed down to all riders.

But remember, if it is an accident, you should not move the person unless absolutely necessary, then only with extreme caution. **DO NOT REMOVE THEIR HELMET.** Then quickly dial 911. Above all, make sure you are safe and use your common sense.

For more safety information, go to: nhtse.gov/safety/motorcycles
I encourage everyone to visit this site.

Safety Director
Jon "Wavy" Viger



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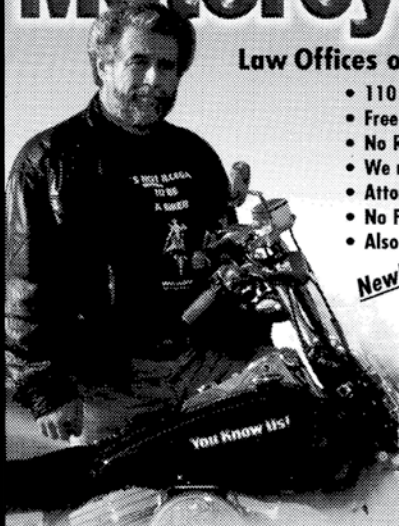
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FROM OUR **ROAD CAPTAIN**

TIS THE SEASON

Florida consistently year after year has one of the highest motorcycle death rates of any state in the nation. There are multiple factors that contribute to this unwanted title but because Florida has around 600,000 motorcycles registered in this state and since fortunately, we do not have to winterize our bikes, we are able to ride all year round. Just do the easy math, more motorcycles riding a lot equals more accidents. Other reasons include that there are numerous older snowbirds that live in the state and the reality is many should not be driving at all. Road construction is a given constant, biker rallies can have hundreds of thousands of motorcycles influx the state just over a weekend, the high volumes of tourist will play a factor and let's face it, another reason arguably is people in Florida just don't drive safely. If you don't believe me just drive I-95 or the Turnpike between Miami and Orlando one time and then trust me, you will come to the same conclusion.

Even with all the variables listed above, the number one reason and cause of motorcycle deaths is alcohol related accidents. It does not always mean automatically that the biker is at fault or has even been drinking at all but as I've written in past articles, the biker always loses.

Now all that being said, guess what, Tis the Season, with all the Christmas parties going on from Thanksgiving till New Years, even if your stone cold sober and not even had a sip, it's a good bet the driver in the car beside you has. Especially during this time of year, one has to keep their guard up, stay sharp, and above all Don't Drink and Drive. As one buddy consistently tells me, your judgment is always the first to go. Every drunk person behind the wheel or handlebars seems to always say, "I'm ok, I've only had a few beers, I'm fine to drive". Yea, you might think your fine but what if you kill yourself and leave your family, significant other or your own kids to now fend for

themselves for the rest of their lives or worst yet, you may kill someone else, for what a few drinks? Nobody wants to live a life with that avoidable regret. Just don't do it.

We all know and accept the risks of cruising on our motorcycles but as bikers it's not in our DNA to live a life of fear, so go out this holiday season and enjoy what we all love to do the most....Go Ride, but just ride defensively and above all don't drink and drive.

Your Road Captain,
Troy



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BUDD 'STRONGBOW' AUBRY
6/24/51 – 8/28/21

If you've been around awhile, you might remember Budd 'Strongbow' Aubry from the former days as a member of ABATE SE. During those years, he served as Sergeant of Arms in the SE Chapter. You may also remember him as the founder of the ABATE Palm Beach County Chapter.

Strongbow spent most of his childhood in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, but left home as soon as he could, off to see the world. He put his musician skills to work playing bass and guitar to earn money but eventually landed in Florida to work with his brother in construction. Florida lifestyle appealed to Budd so he stayed. Strongbow loved to 'buck the system' and had a knack for helping those who wanted to make it on their own. For this reason, he started his own successful business, overseeing and coordinating a group of independent truckers whose job it was to transport watercraft from here to anywhere, even overseas.

Independence was a character trait that ran like a thread through his life. You could say he was a bit of a non-conformist and rule breaker. To that point, he built and rode his own bike, a Hard Tail Chopper. It was at that time he met Alison 'Rio' Leiti from Boca Raton. She and Strongbow joined ABATE SE and for years made the drive back and forth from Boca to the SE chapter for rides and meetings. After faithfully serving the SE chapter, they started to put out feelers in the Palm Beach County area, getting to know brothers and sisters in the local clubs and organizations to see if there was any interest in starting an ABATE chapter there. Together along with Alison, the couple spearheaded the Palm Beach County chapter and took the helm for seven years.

Budd loved his motorcycle community, the immense gratification from riding the chopper he built with his own two hands, their home in Port St Lucie with their two dogs, and his music. But more than that, he loved spending time with his Rio. He always put her first and she says he won her heart by simply being a gentleman... always opening every door for her, and being the loving, caring person he was.

Strongbow was loved by so many. This was obvious at his Celebration of Life by those who attended, coming from near and far to pay their respects. Budd Strongbow Aubry was known to ride in all kinds weather. Now he rides on the clouds!



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Please do the same, change your name, of course, copy and paste the email to your rep. AND pass it on to any other ABATE members. Thanks!!!

Subject "Support HB 2573"

Dear Representative xxxxxxxxxxxx

My name is xxxxxxxx xxxxxxx. I am a member of ABATE of Florida, Inc., Southeast Chapter. I am writing to ask for your support of HB 2573 ABATE of Florida Safety and Education by Rep. McCain. Each time a motorcyclist registers their motorcycle, we pay an extra \$2.50 fee that goes toward motorcycle safety and awareness education.

The money collected ONLY comes from motorcyclists.

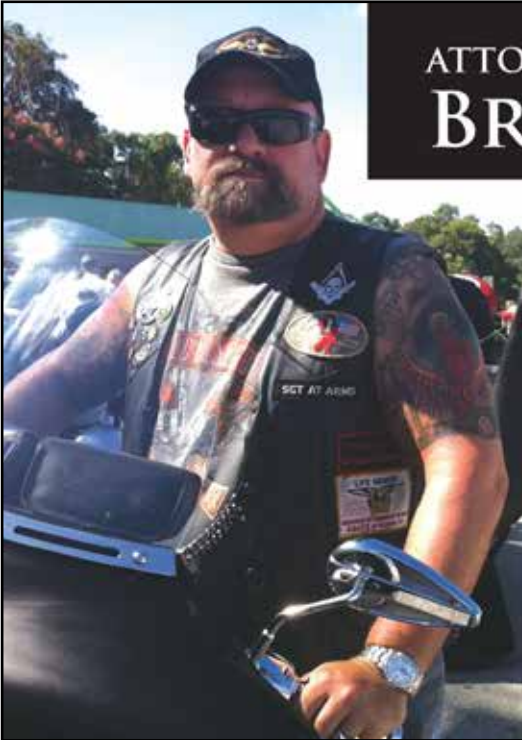
ABATE of Florida, Inc. is asking for a small percentage of the registration fees to promote motorcycle safety and awareness education. 100% of the money used by ABATE of Florida, Inc. goes toward safety and education material for the general public.

In the past, when ABATE was granted our request for the safety and education money, motorcycle deaths and serious injuries declined.

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ABATE Southeast Chapter Safety and Membership Booth will be at :

Thursday before the Chapter Meeting
1st Friday of the Month

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ABATE SE Safety Booth Hosted by Viking Customs 6-9



SUNDAY

- > Free pool at Sharkey's Lounge Margate
- > Wind Rider Church Services at Mickey's

MONDAY

- > Ladies Nite at Sharkey's 9PM-2AM 2-for-1 drinks
- > Mickey's Karaoke 8PM-12AM

WEDNESDAY

- > Blues Nite at Mickey's
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THURSDAY

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19 ABATE SE Meeting	20	21	22	23	24	25 
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TUESDAY

Wings of Gold MC Open House Ft. Lauderdale 7PM
States MC Taco Tuesday 6:30-9PM

WEDNESDAY

2nd and 4th Wed
Hernandad MC Open House 8:00pm - 2:00am,

THURSDAY

1st & 3rd Thurs - Leathernecks MC Open House 8-mid
Hernandad MC Open House, 8PM-2AM
Scurvy Few MC Texas Holdem/Karaoke -7:30PM

FRIDAY

Der Krieger MC Open House - 8PM
Mystic Seven MC- Open House - 8PM
Scurvy Few MC Open House at 7:30PM
States MC - Fri Night Pizza 6-8PM
1st & 3rd Fri - Kingdom of Brothers MC Open House
2nd Fri- US Military Vets Dirty Dozen MC Open
Gideons Motorcycle Club 8PM

Every other Friday

Fearless MC Open House 8PM-1AM

SATURDAY

1st & 3rd Sat - AOA MC Dania Open House 8PM
2nd & 4th Sat - Kingdom of Brothers MC Open House
2nd Sat - -Scurvy Few Monthly Birthday Party
2nd Sat - Fly-In Wheels Open House 9PM
Last Sat - -Leatherneck MC Charity Poker
Fly-In Wheels Open House 9PM

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DECEMBER

- 5th-Sun **SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN**
- 11th-Sat **ALIGATOR ALLEY TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING**
- 11th-Sat **HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEMORIAL AND TOY RUN**
- 11th-Sat **USMVMC - WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**
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JANUARY

- 2nd-Sun STATES MC - BLESSING OF THE BIKES
- 9th-Sun **WINGS OF GOLD FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
- 16th-Sun **S.E. ABATE - SEMI ANNUAL**
- 24th-Sun
- 30th-Sun **DER KRIEGER MC - ANNUAL**

FEBRUARY

- 5th-Sat **US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD - ANNUAL**
- 13th-Sun **AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
- 14th-Sun Valentines Day
- 19th-Sat **WHEELS OF MAN MC - 49th ANNUAL**
- 26th-Sat **SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY**

MARCH

- 4th-13th 80th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
- 17th-Thur St. Patrick's Day
- 20th-Sun **HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL**
- 26th-Sat Fly-In Wheels Annual
- 27th-Sun **US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY**

APRIL

- 2nd-Sat
- 3rd-Sun MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
- 9th-Sat
- 10th-Sun STATES MC - ANNUAL
- 16th-Sat
- 17th-Sun CMA - EASTER SERVICE
- 23rd-Sat
- 22nd-24th LEESBURG BIKEFEST???



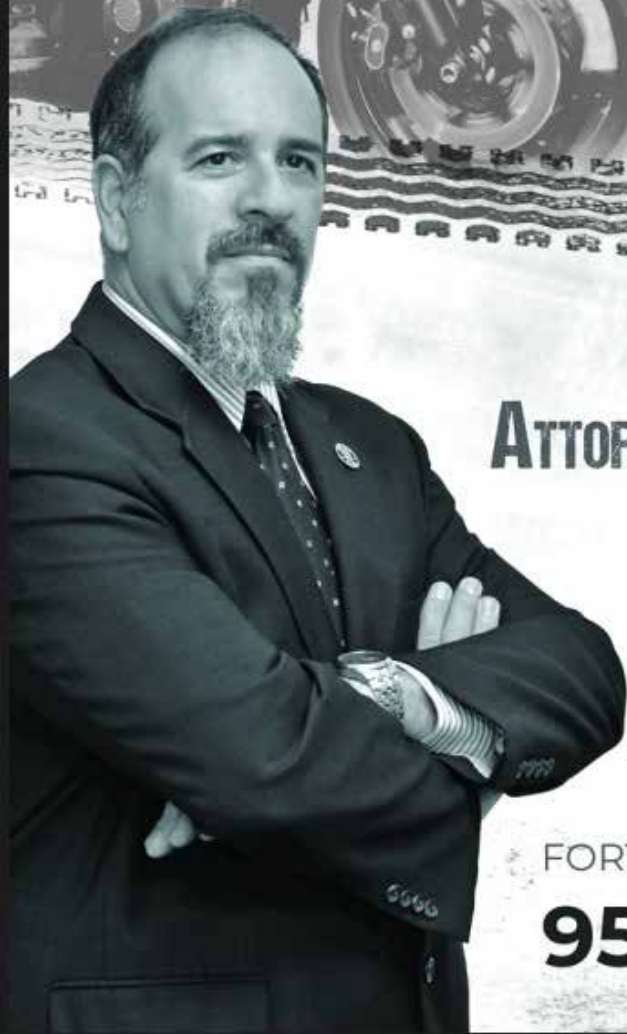
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Andy "Bruzer" deRiesthal
Antonio "Tony" DaSilva
Arthur "Handsome Wayne" Usina Sr
Barry "Boatman" Blundell
Bart "Bartman" Piacente
Brian "Roots" Albury
Brian "Captain Bee" Killian
Bruce "Goose" Davis
Carl Smith
Chutipphon "Two Finger Woa" Mongkolsri
Daniel "Piscina" Poole
David Castle
David Rodriguez
Desmond Vamelca
Diane "Honeybug" Perkins



Donna Chomiak
Ed Hickey
Eugene "Mean Gene" Edgell
Frank "Tank" Mecca
Franklin "Eagle" Garcia
Fred Adler
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George "Geo" Bograkos
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Guy "Ontos" Knaak
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Jody Ray
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Shirley Loper
Stephen "Steve" Andrejak
Steve "Dead Dog" Lucas
Stu McLees
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Tracy "Storm" Harris
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We were sitting around, talking about the upcoming SFPC Toys in the Sun Run. This event helps raise money for Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital. In 1987, the Toy Run had its start and netted \$965 cash and a little over 500 toys. There were about 700 motorcycles participating in the first event. Since the very first Toy Run, it has steadily grown to massive proportions. It takes over 32 Motorcycle Clubs and Organizations to make this event happen. Since the inception of the Annual SFPC Toys in the Sun Run, over \$20 million in toys have been collected.

But we wanted to know more about the Hospital itself. Here is what we found out at jdhc.com.

Joe DiMaggio was a great baseball player for the New York Yankees, but more importantly, Joe had a great love for children, and he lent his name to Memorial Healthcare System's non-profit children's hospital BUT with the assurance from then President and CEO Frank V. Sacco to never turn a child away because the family could not pay a hospital bill. The deal was sealed with a handshake and a promise.

Since September 17, 1992 when official opening of Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, this promise has become engrained in the hospital's mission and its commitment to serving the community. Established in 1992, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital combines advanced technology and the expertise of the largest, most diverse group of board-certified pediatric specialists in the region. With its summer 2011 expansion, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital now has 226 beds and is South Florida's newest freestanding children's hospital.

In its first year of operation, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital's medical staff included 90 physicians and patient admissions numbered 2,000. Through the years, the hospital has enhanced and expanded its services and programs to help meet the growing and diverse needs of the community.

The hospital is staffed 24 hours a day by world-

**Educate, don't legislate
stuff we thought you might like to know*

-by: Sheila, Sandy, Little Bit, & Thunder



class pediatricians, pediatric specialists, specialty-trained nurses and ancillary support staff. Today, more than 650 physicians are on the medical staff. Uniquely inspired by and designed for kids and families, the freestanding building offers many amenities. The vibrant colors, whimsical décor, and larger-than-life murals welcome children to an upbeat environment where the "Power of Play" is a healing force. Each floor reflects an individual theme of sports, arts, games, or dreams. All patient rooms are private and are wired for movies, video games, the Internet and educational programs, and room-service meals are available any time of the day.

The four-story, 180,000-square-foot, environmentally friendly facility features six pediatric operating rooms, dedicated medical/surgical units, family resource centers, ambulatory services, imaging services that feature a CT scanner disguised as a pirate ship, and an entire floor dedicated to inpatient and outpatient pediatric oncology treatment.

A glass pedestrian skywalk connects to the Wasie Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Pediatric Intensive/Cardiac Care Unit, and Level 1 Trauma Center and Children's Emergency Department. Conveniently located on the campus, Conine Clubhouse provides a special home away from home for families of hospitalized children. Accommodations are based on availability.

The team at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital embraces a patient- and family-centered ap-

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THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME



Luke 2:1-7 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the inn.

When I ride, I appreciate the volume of air as it blows past my face. I enjoy shifting gears and hearing the upward rev of the engine while I find the next cruising speed. There's something about being in control of the machine that's under me... one of the reasons I'm no longer a passenger but a rider. I'm pretty bare bones so there's no radio to distract me from outside noises, and definitely no cell phone tugging at my attention. It's mesmerizing! These are what I call 'good distractions'... the very reason why some rides are purely about - THE RIDE.

Then other times when I ride, the sound of the engine is a monotonous drone and there are more miles ahead of me than there are behind. Shifting gears might mean I had to slow down, signifying a possible delay. I may get there later than sooner. Sometimes I wish I had a radio to take my mind off the boredom of the road.

These are all reasons why some rides are more about the DESTINATION than the ride. Are we there yet???

The ultimate experience is when it's about the ride AND the destination. Sad to say, if I'm not careful, I can get so focused on either one or the other that I miss what the Lord has for me in the ENTIRE journey.

Joseph of Nazareth found himself in a similar situation. He too had a choice between the ride and the destination. Or was the entire journey the object of God's plan?

Initially, Joseph was engaged to a beautiful, untouched young woman named Mary. Everything was going as planned until he found out she was pregnant. Being an honorable man and not wanting to disgrace her, he secretly planned to break off the engagement. But while trying to decide, he fell asleep and had a supernatural dream that changed everything. An angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Joseph, don't hesitate to take Mary into your home as your wife, because the power of the Holy Spirit has conceived a child in her womb. She will give
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birth to a son and you are to name him Jesus for he is destined to give his life to save his people from their sins.” Then Joseph awoke and did what the angel said. With new obstacles and social challenges, Joseph said ‘YES’ to God and was in for the RIDE of his life.

Toward the end of Mary’s pregnancy, Caesar requested a census. This meant everyone had to go to his or her hometown to register, not a trip either of them looked forward to. There’s no doubt the ride was going to be rough. Unfortunately, Joseph’s Fatboy was in the shop so they had to travel by donkey.

The distance “as the crow flies” from Nazareth to Bethlehem was about 70 miles. Normally, people might well have been able to travel (on foot or by donkey) about 20 miles a day, for a total one-way trip of about four days. However, keep in mind several factors that might have extended the journey. Samaria was between Nazareth and Bethlehem, and in Jesus’ day, there was tension between Jews and Samaritans. Even if Mary and Joseph had no hostility toward Samaritans, it would have been dangerous for them to travel through that country. They might have been harassed and almost certainly turned away from the possibility of finding any kind of lodging. Joseph would have looked for ways to safeguard his wife and the Child she carried, from any threats. So, they probably took a more indirect route to avoid Samaria, detouring from Galilee across the Jordan River and then back again into Judea. That would have added extra miles and several days to the ride. Because Mary was close to the end of her pregnancy,

they probably traveled slower than normal. Given these factors, my guess is that the one-way trip may have taken ten days, or even longer.

I wonder what thoughts were going through Joseph’s head as he put each mile behind him? Did he question the validity of the dream or wonder if he should have just skipped town when he had the chance? All the while Mary wondered, are we there yet? Are we there yet? Are we there yet!?!

You know the end of the story... Joseph knocked and knocked until he found a place for them to spend the night. Mary gave birth to the Savior of the world and changed the course of our eternity. Although Joseph was not the main character in the Christmas story, without his part, none of this would have been possible. Joseph put his reputation on the line and gave up his ideas of what he thought engagement and marriage should look like. By saying yes to God, Joseph realized God’s objective was both the ride and the destination. It truly was the journey of a

Chrissy Leonhardt
Chaplain





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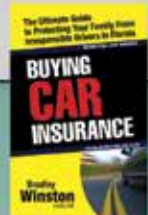
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Johnny's Rant

Well things are going pretty smooth. I really don't have anything to rant about this month. So, I'm gonna dedicate this rant to all of our members, over the years, who volunteered to do the parking at our events. And also, to the others, in the riding groups and MC's, that did parking for their events. They are not able to hang out at the events, and only see the people coming and going. Thank you, guys, for watching over our motorcycles and getting us all parked safely.

I want to personally thank Bubba, Bull, and Tony for the great job they did at our last Annual. You guys rock! And I know it was a hot that day, thanks again!!

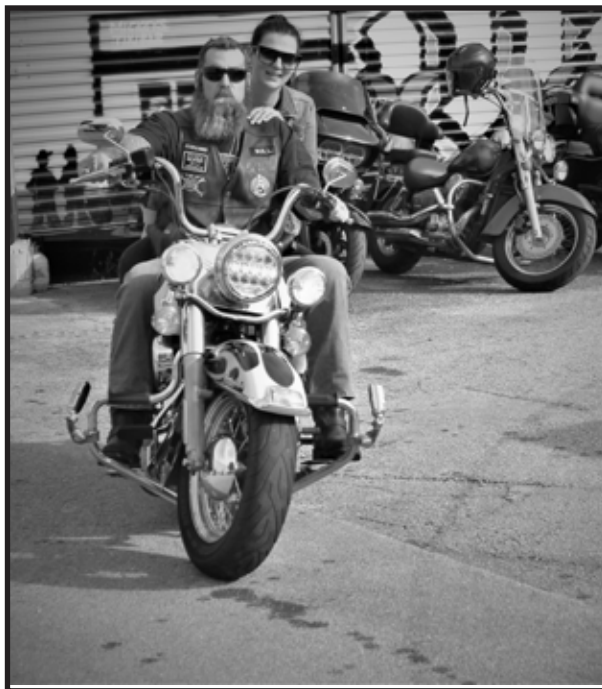
So about 10 or 11 years ago when I was President of Southeast Chapter before, I didn't have anything to write about one month, everything was slow, so instead of saying the same ol', same ol', I wrote a poem. This all started when I went to Old Hippie's house one night. He had a nice fire going in the fire pit, and I may have had a drink or two, or some smoke, ha, ha. Anyway, when I got home this is what I came up with, it's called a Biker's Perfect World. Wait a minute, I didn't write it, my friend did, Rambling Mind is his name, hah, anyway it goes like this:



Cage is back here, my name is for me

I'm riding in America, the home of the free
No road gators or lit cigarettes are after me
No cell phones, no makeup now, this is my plea
As I look down the highway, it's so damn clear
Now it's time to fuel up, get some food and a beer
Ape hangers, loud pipes in black leather vests,
and she should be allowed to show off her breasts.
[I did say this was a biker's perfect world now.]
30 bikes or more in every pack,
the run is to Mickey's, then Flossie's and back
Cafe 27 to start and to end
Damn it's only Saturday. I can't wait to see all of
my friends
...tomorrow. Because I know there's a party to go
to
So, I'll see you all at noon in some parking lot
And I'll see all my friends, cause I like them a lot

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CONGRESS APPROVES FEDERAL HIGHWAY BILL

Following extension after extension, deferring action for more than a year, the so-called infrastructure bill, or highway bill to reauthorize highway funding projects, passed on November 12, 2021 after the U.S. House of Representatives agreed to the Senate's version and passed a 5-year, \$1.2 trillion highway funding bill, dubbed the INVEST ACT.

Unfortunately for bikers who have lobbied Congress extensively on various transportation issues contained in the House measure, after all this time there's scant little to celebrate. The Senate version does include reestablishment of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the U.S. Department of Transportation on motorcycle matters, and allocates increased Section 405 grant funds dedicated for motorcycle safety.

But left out of the new law are hard-fought issues such as anti-biker profiling by law enforcement, expanding prohibitions on motorcycle-only checkpoints, and autonomous vehicle operation oversight.

BUILD BACK BATTERY

Now that President Biden's scaled back \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill is law, Democrats are setting their sights on his Build Back Better Act, furthering the administration's electric vehicle agenda, including tax incentives of up to \$12,500 per vehicle to spur consumer demand for EVs and establishing a network of 500,000 EV chargers nationwide by 2030.

Transportation officials are touting the Build Back Better as a key part of Biden's plan along with the new infrastructure

package to help achieve the president's EV sales goal of having half of all new vehicles sold by 2030 to be electric.

On November 19, after months of negotiations including hijacking the infrastructure bill until this "human infrastructure" measure could be acted upon, House Democrats passed the Build Back Better with no Republican support.

Included in \$495 billion worth of climate initiatives, there's proposed refundable electric vehicle tax credits, not just for new cars, but up to \$4,000 for used electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles, and also includes incentives for buying electric motorcycles and three-wheeled vehicles which would be eligible for up to \$7,500 or half the vehicle's price.

The \$1.75 trillion Build Back Better bill will now go to the Senate, where it faces stiff opposition from Republicans and is likely to be revised in the coming weeks. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) said he aims to have the chamber pass the bill before Christmas. The House will need to vote on it again if the bill is altered.

MOTORCYCLING IS LESS DANGEROUS THAN HORSE RIDING AND SKIING

It turns out that horse riding and skiing are more likely to land you in the hospital needing medical treatment than getting out on your motorcycle, according to a new study that reveals motorcycling actually isn't as dangerous as other less regulated pastimes.

A study on a decade's worth of data from the U.S. National Trauma Data Bank has grouped the reasons as to why Americans have landed in the hospital to be treated for injuries. It found that motorcycling isn't as dangerous statistically as other activities that don't require so much training.

Motorcycling injuries accounted for 0.14 out of 1000 hours of riding. By contrast, horse riding has 0.49 injuries during that timeframe, with 37% of those requiring care for trauma to the thoracic region (chest and upper back area) and a fifth suffering a head injury.

A quarter of those would go on to require intensive care, plus one in ten needing surgery.

Perhaps insurers should keep those actuarial numbers in
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mind before so readily hitting the '+' on those premiums!

NEW HEADS-UP HELMET DISPLAY TECH HAS ALMOST LIMITLESS POTENTIAL

Swiss firm Aegis Rider AG is using augmented reality to create a helmet that seamlessly integrates information into the view ahead. It's an idea with virtually limitless potential, from providing real-time hazard warnings by highlighting threats as they emerge, to coaching the rider with suggested speeds and cornering lines, or presenting safety instructions superimposed on the road itself.

Already undergoing tests as a third-generation prototype, the system features on-bike cameras and a central computing unit allied to sensors monitoring speed and lean angle as well as GPS data to locate the bike. This gets cross-referenced with detailed maps that include info about speed limits and road characteristics.

Although it would be possible to display such warnings on a traditional dashboard, there's a risk that this would take the rider's eye off the road, so the system is integrated with an augmented reality helmet with heads-up display in the visor.

The system also monitors the helmet's precise position and orientation in relation to the bike, so the warnings can be superimposed at just the right spot. Aegis Rider is supported by ETH Zurich university where company founder Simon Hecker was awarded his PhD for research on autonomous driving systems.

He said: "I ride a motorcycle myself, so I'm aware of the large gap between the safety systems of modern cars and motorcycles."

Initially, Aegis Rider want to have a version targeting tech-savvy early-adopters in production by next summer, with later developments leading to more affordable, mainstream versions in the future.

"The pace of this industry is so fast that there are many more opportunities down the road, even to the point where computer element could be in the cloud, transmitting directly to the helmet using 5G."

SMART MOTORWAY U-TURN

After investing £6 billion (\$8 billion USD) into the smart motorway project since its inception, British Transport Secretary Grant Schapps is reportedly having second thoughts following a report by a national UK newspaper.

The report, compiled by the Mail, raises questions specifically around All Lane Running (ALR) roads, meaning the removal of the hard shoulder to create an extra lane of travel. After reading it, Sec. Schapps is said to have claimed he is not totally against ceasing further construction of the roads.

It is also reported that a former senior transport official claimed that the roads had not improved journey times and that quite the opposite, they could be hurting the economy.

You'd expect the government's math and economic foresight to be sound, but DfT scientist David Metz has been quoted as saying that 'biased' economic modeling was used and that much of the motorway network will have a negative benefit economically; "If better economic modeling and analysis had been done, we wouldn't have been investing so much money in these roads... So to a degree, this money has been wasted."

He went on to say, "Consultants like to please their clients so there's a bias to provide the kind of outcomes expected."

Furthermore, it seems that the most pressing matter within the report that is causing Schapps to have a rethink is not road user safety, it is in fact the economic impact of building more roads. This flies in the face of a Commons transport committee report calling for an emergency overhaul of ALR roads.

BIKE MODIFICATIONS THAT EFFECT EMISSIONS 'LIKELY TO BE OUTLAWED' IN U.K

The Department for Transport (DfT) in the United Kingdom has clarified its position on the anti-tampering proposals it revealed recently in a meeting with the National Motorcyclists Council (NMC).

The wording of the original document made it seem that any modification from a motorbike's OEM parts would become illegal, sparking uproar in the biking community. And while

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the DfT has now made it clear that this is not the case for all parts of your bike, exhaust systems remain firmly in the crosshairs.

The proposals are aimed at ensuring the motorcycles can no longer be legally modified to generate more pollution, which would rule out many performance exhaust systems and power commanders. The proposals have also been designed to stamp out the practice of modifying electric bicycles and e-scooters to make them faster and more powerful.

"Although we are pleased to learn that riders will not be banned from modifying their bikes if this does not reduce environmental performance or increase speeds beyond a particular motorcycle's design specification, this leaves several areas where legitimate reasons to modify could still be denied," said Craig Carey-Clinch from the NMC. "There is also a large question mark about how the proposals will affect older motorcycles.

"Engine modifications often improve how a bike runs and the freedom to be able to make these changes must remain. But it does seem clear that in the drive to reduce vehicle emissions and to decarbonize all vehicle types, modifications that lead to increased emissions from petrol motorcycles and cars are likely to be outlawed."

'DUTCH REACH' IS THE LAW IN THE NEW BRITISH HIGHWAY CODE

The new rule in the Highway Code is aimed at protecting cyclists, those on motorcycles and vulnerable road users, when drivers are getting out of cars.

If someone was to say 'don't forget to use the Dutch Reach' what would you immediately think of? AMRoadsmart surveyed 10,000 motorists, and found that 85% of those asked had no idea what a Dutch Reach was, instead perhaps wondering why they were being offered something so lewd.

Under new rules in the updated Highway Code, the Dutch Reach is primarily a method aimed at protecting cyclists by simply using your furthest hand to open the car door as you exit your car, naturally making your body turn towards the door and increase your chances of spotting an approaching person/motorcycle/cycle.

Despite being termed as an aide to cyclists, this newly introduced law will also benefit motorcyclists and scooterists who are filtering past - and now recognized as vulnerable road users in the newly updated rules.

Implemented under Rule 239 of the 'Waiting and Parking' chapter, the new rule will read:

"You should open the door using your hand on the opposite side to the door you are opening, e.g. use your left hand to open a door on your right-hand side.

"This will make you turn your head to look over your shoulder. You are then more likely to avoid causing injury to cyclists or motorcyclists passing you on the road, or to people on the pavement."

The new "Dutch Reach" rule will be taught to new learners. Plus, it makes a lot of sense and could become a natural, helpful habit.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same way in any country."

~ Hermann Göring (1893-1946), Nazi military leader

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SURPRISING FACTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

The tradition of Christmas trees goes all the way back to ancient Egyptians and Romans who decorated with evergreens during the winter solstice to signify that spring would return. Prince Albert of Germany got a tree for his wife, Queen Victoria and trimmed it as a surprise. This idea really took off or you would say today went viral!

Before Coca-Cola used Santas image in their advertising, Santa actually looked more spooky than jolly. Now kids have visions of sugarplums instead of themed nightmares.

Black Friday better known as the day after Thanksgiving, sees lots of shoppers heading to the stores. But statistically the most hectic day of the holiday shopping season is the Friday and Saturday before Christmas.

The Christmas wreath that decorates most front doors during the Christmas season was first originated as a symbol of Christ. The Holly represents the crown of thorns Jesus wore on his head at his Crucifixion and the the red berries stand for his blood shed.. Remember as you enjoy the holiday wreath ...the reason for the season!

From 1659 to 1681 anyone caught making merry would face a fine for celebrating Christmas. Christmas was not proclaimed a holiday for another century. The day had so little significance back then that Congress held their first session on December 25, 1789.

If you ever watched Christmas vacation you might not be shocked to hear that decorating for Christmas sends nearly 15,000 people to the emergency room every year. Be careful stringing those lights!

Ready to be kissed? Stand under a sprig of mistletoe ! But think about this fact...mistletoe is an ancient symbol of fertility and virility. Be warned... The next time someone asks you to meet them under the mistletoe you might get more than a kiss !

The first Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center was more like Charlie Brown's ..it all started in 1932 when construction workers placed a small undecorated tree, nailed to a board. in the center while working. Two years later another tree appeared. This time draped with twinkling lights. Every year it kept getting bigger and bigger. Today the majestic tree in Rockefeller center bears more than 25,000 twinkling lights !

During WWII the United States Playing Card Company joined forces with American and British intelligence agencies to create a very special deck of cards. They distributed them as Christmas gifts, but they also helped allied prisoners of war escape from German POW camps. When wet the individual playing cards peeled apart to reveal maps and escape routes!

One in three men wait until Christmas Eve to do their shopping...need I say more !?

Paul McCartney earns \$400,000 a year from his song "Wonderful Christmastime". This song is widely regarded as the worst song he ever recorded.

Americans purchase 1.6 billion Christmas cards every year. I still send cards by snail mail!

One of the scariest Christmas traditions comes from central Europe. Instead of Jolly Saint Nick they have a demonic Krampus who wanders the streets with chains and bells looking for bad little kids !

In Japan Christmas isn't really celebrated, but Kentucky Fried Chicken sure us ! Eating KFC on December 25 is a new Japanese tradition !

Why walk to mass when you can roller skate there ! It is customary for residents of Caracas, Venezuela to roller skate to mass. Streets are closed to cars until after mass.

If you were thinking of sending your 'true love' gifts for the 12 days of Christmas, it could prove to be quite expensive at today's prices. I figure about \$100K per lord, with the challenges of getting the lords to leap in unison, plus the Union cost for the drummers and just keeping the milk maids and pipers from partying too much! Plus another \$100k for the birds, swans gold rings and...well you know how the song goes !

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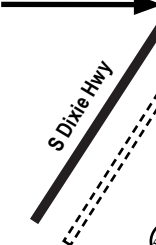


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UPCOMING SE CHAPTER MEETINGS

December 19, 2021 **

January 9, 2022 **

American Legion Post 142,**

171 SW 2nd St.,

Pompano Beach, FL 33060

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Come & join the ranks

Of those who care to be involved!

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