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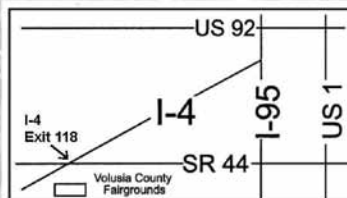
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From Your President



December 29th was another long time bar that had closed. It was called Luke's Place in Davie. It was in business for over 20 years from what I hear. I can remember selling products for ABATE when we would have our parties there. Royce and Kathleen are both life members of ABATE and when we would hold our parties there, they always made sure that we had a great time. Even though I have only been here a short time as compared to some of you I will miss going to Luke's and hanging out and having a good time.

On January 5th we started off the new year as usual with the States MC Blessing of the Bikes. This will mark the 20th year they have done it. As long as I have been going to get my vest and bike blessed I cannot believe all the bikes that show up year after year. Father Gary and Mother Karen make sure that all the vests that are put on the table in front of them are blessed and then they go out and bless all the bikes on the street. If you stand with your bike they will stop and bless you and your bike. The Sooner or Later Band played well after the party was supposed to end. The food that was put out was like a feast you could not believe. There was so much it covered the whole pool table.

None of us were around for the 1st Last Supper – well I was one of about 50 people who were at the 2nd last supper. "Fat Boy", who is a member of the States MC in Pompano Beach for the last two years has put out a fabulous dinner every Thursday night. On January 9th he did his last dinner because he is moving to South Carolina. I couldn't believe all the food, Chicken Marsala, Chicken Francaise, Meatloaf, Sausage and Peppers, Pork Chops plus potatoes, green beans with bacon, corn, salad and bread. Not to mention the Peach Cobbler for desert. I for one am going to miss the food that he put out week after week and I will also miss talking to him. Good luck in South Carolina "Fat Boy".

On January 12th we held our meeting of the Southeast Chapter of ABATE. It was a light turnout because we moved our meeting up a week because of our Semi-Annual Party to be held at Chester's Harley-Davidson. After the meeting we took a ride to Peterson's Harley Davidson North store where the Wings of Gold MC held their Biker Appreciation Day. This is when they present the check from the proceeds of the Toys in the Sun Run to Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital. It was a little down from last year but at \$404,000 it's still not too shabby with the way the economy has been. They were still able to fill up a trailer and the 150 toy boxes that were placed in various businesses throughout Broward & Dade Counties. When they gave out the trophies for the largest groups that showed up the winners were Hermandad MC for largest club and I am proud to say ABATE for largest organization.

On Sunday January 19th the Southeast Chapter of ABATE held our Semi-Annual Event at Chester's Harley-Davidson in Sunrise. When we got there to set up for our party it was a little cold for South Florida but as the party warmed up so did the weather. My good buddy Kent and Soulicide had the crowd really going all day long with their music. It is always a great party when they play for us. When they took a break our own Jimmy Les took to the stage to keep the crowd going as only he can. He also brought out his 12' by 20' American flag so people could take a picture in front of it. We had some out of town members show up: Wisconsin Les was there and our past President Jimbo showed up from Ohio. I guess they had enough of the cold weather up North. It was good to see the parking lot filled up with all the bikes. Thanks to the Clubs and all the Independents that showed up to make our party a great success.

At the February 16th meeting of the Southeast Chapter of ABATE we will have a representative of American Income Life. Vicky Blood is a public relations and marketing specialist. When you join ABATE you automatically receive \$4,000 of Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance as part of your membership. Vicky will be there to answer any questions you may have. I hope to see you there.



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*** PLEASE NOTE ***

You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership, or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any changes.



Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes January 12, 2014

Sgt @ Arms Jimmy Les called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. There were 30 members & 1 guest. Total in attendance: 31. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by our Chaplain Poppie.

President's Report

BARS thanked all members for coming. Another show of support from our brother MC's and Associations with representation today from the Brothers of the Third Wheel, American Legion Riders Post 321, American Freedom Riders Post 36, VVA23. It is with sadness to advise our members on the passing of State Newsletter Editor, Bob von Bulow and Past President of the Hillsborough Chapter, John "Ugly John" Shearin. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Next Sunday will be our Semi-Annual event being held at Chester's Harley Davidson of Sunrise. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. At next month's meeting, Vicky Blood from American Income Life Insurance Company will be here to answer any questions you may have regarding the Accident and Dismemberment Policy which ABATE provides to all members at no cost.

Vice-President's Report

Poppie wished all members a Happy New Year and reported that a Stiffer Penalties Bill has passed for bikers. A minimum 5 year prison sentence is mandatory for those involved in an accident and kills a biker, it's called Vehicular Homicide. Unfortunately this definition of a biker is one on a bicycle, not a motorcycle. We have been working for years and still do not have a Stiffer Penalties Bill. The bicyclists get one passed in no time at all. I wonder who that elected official was!! It

appears you kill a bicyclist and get a minimum 5 year jail term, kill a motorcyclist and get a slap on the wrist. What is wrong with this picture? On a happy note Poppi had a great time with the grandkids while on vacation in North Carolina.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of December's meeting as printed in the Newsletter with 2 corrections. Under Sgt at Arms report, Jimmy Les's flag was 12 by 20, still HUGE and under State Rep Report, Vicky Black's name was misspelled. It should have been Vicky Blood. The motion was made and seconded all in favor motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Frank read the financial report for December. A motion was made to accept the financial report; the motion was seconded, all in favor motion passed. Frank reported on the status of our Sponsorship Program. We are doing very well. Our newest and Platinum Sponsor is; Leo "DOC" Hinckley who also renewed his membership to Life Member. Many thanks DOC!

Sergeant at Arm's Report

Jimmy Les wished all members a Happy New Year and reminded everyone we are in the most dangerous time of the year. TOURIST SEASON. Please watch out for yourselves, and drive defensively.

Road Captain's Report

Postal reported right after today's meeting we are headed to Petersons' Harley Davidson for Biker Appreciation Day and check presentation from the proceeds of the Toy Run. Please remember to sign in as they are giving a trophy for the largest club or association. We won last year and would like to add another. Don't forget Friday night at the MC

clubhouses. BARS reported last Thursday was the last supper at the States MC. Fat Boy is moving to North Carolina. They still do pizza on Fridays and it is really good.

Safety Director's Report

Gambler re-emphasized Jimmy Les's remarks. Tourist season is here. Please be alert of your surroundings, and react with caution. School has reopened, please slow down. 2 children have been killed by drivers racing through the school zone. Attorneys are looking to add negligence to the charges of speeding through a school zone. This will make the charges criminal. The Ethanol 15 & 85 issue has escalated. 10 automobile manufactures will not honor their warranties if you use Ethanol 15 or 85 in their vehicles. The EPA says it is ok, AAA says NO. Sad part is you have no way of knowing if someone pumped Ethanol 15 into their vehicle before you use the pump. You will still get 2 to 3 gallons of left over in the hose system.

Products Report

Joel reported we have products and have had success in the past year. We are low on women's items. Discussion followed. We will be holding off on an order until after our next event. If you need anything, feel free to give them a call at 954-818-4481.

Events Coordinator

Princess Sharon reported we are all set for our event next Sunday Jan. 19, 2014 at Chester's Harley Davidson of Sunrise. We will be meeting there at 0900 for set up. We need door prizes. Wherever you go, please ask.

State Reps Report

The state meeting was reported on in last month's newsletter. Mark your calendars for the weekend of 4/12 to 4/14/14. The April state meeting in Tallahassee and ride to the Capitol to meet and talk to our elected officials.

Membership Report

George reported we have **604** members on the books. Reminder: when you get your renewal in the mail, PLEASE take the time to fill out completely, send it in timely and when you fill it out, please do it in a way that we can read it.

Newsletter Editor

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Wildcat was excused. BARS reported Wildcat will not be able to continue as our newsletter editor after June. Anyone interested in taking over the position please contact any board member. We are looking now as there is a learning process involved in taking over the position. **We need a Member to step up, no Newsletter, no Chapter.**

BARS reminded members that all articles etc are due the day of the chapter meeting.

If the articles are not turned in on time, they will not be printed.

Legislative Report

Brad was excused. BARS reported on a motorcycle only checkpoint bill to be introduced in the U.S. Senate. The below information is provided by the AMA Supporters of the motorcycle lifestyle in the US Senate will introduce a bipartisan bill to ban federal funding for motorcycle only checkpoints. The bill will prevent the Secretary of Transportation from issuing grants intended to support the creation of checkpoints for an operator of a motorcycle or passenger on a motorcycle. Currently only New Hampshire, Illinois, California, Missouri, and Virginia have restrictions on motorcycle only checkpoints. This has allowed other states to continue to employ this discriminatory and ineffective practice, especially during rallies and other large motorcycle events, such as Rolling Thunder in Washington D.C. and Daytona Bike Week in Daytona.

Public Relations

Fern is back supporting ABATE at all the events and does a great job on the hotline.

Billing and Invoicing

Pixie was excused. BARS reported all billing is up to date. It is sad to see "Luke's Place" is no longer. A long time advertiser and supporter of the Southeast Chapter.

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Social Director's Report

Wildcat was excused. BARS reported this month's birthday party will be held at Chit Chat's in Pompano Beach on Jan. 25th. between 730 and 830pm. Come on out and celebrate..

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Newsletter Distribution

Charlie wanted to thank all of our members who help with the newsletter distribution. We still need additional help with stops in Davie, Pompano, Sunrise and Ft. Lauderdale. If you can help out, please give him or any board member a call.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob was excused. No report.

Photographer's Report

Wildcat was excused. BARS reported to feel free to take pictures with your cell phones and send them to her.

Web-Master's Report

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

Legal Council

Brad was excused. No report.

Old Business

Discussion on next month's MSAP class to be given by Gambler.

New Business

Jimmy Les advised a friend who host's a Mystery Dinner Theater has volunteered her time to pose as Mae West at next week's event. She will be accepting donations to be pictured with her. And she will split the donations with the chapter. The chapter agreed and Postal volunteered to pose as Clark Gable.

Good of the Order

BARS reported on the 8th Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show which will be held on 1/25/14 at Frost Park in Dania Beach. We will be meeting at the Moose Lodge on Wed 1/22/14 at 2:00 pm to load the van. Meeting at Frost Park at 8:00am on 1/25/14 for set up. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated. Princess Sharon had a big thank you for Suzanne. It seems Sharon and Shakie ran out of gas on the road when the temperatures were not the warmest. She placed a call to Suzanne for help who came with gas and something to warm their insides. As Suzanne stated, this is what you do for friends. Again Suzanne, great job and many thanks.

Upcoming Events

1/18/14 - Meet at the Moose Lodge in Davie at 12:30

pm to get the trailer to Chester's Harley Davidson 1-18-14 - Chrome Angels Winter Bash. 5:00 pm until?? At Chit Chat's in Pompano Beach

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

1/22/14 - Meet at the Moose Lodge at 2:00 pm to get items required for the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show.

1/25/14 - Dania Beach Vintage Bike Show. Meeting at Frost Park 8:00am for set up. Event runs 10:00 am – 300 pm

1/25/14 - ABATE Birthday Party at Chit Chat's 7:30 pm.

2/2/14 - Alternatives MC Annual Event. Group ride meeting at the Legion between 11:00 am and 12:00 noon. Kick Stands Up at 12:30 pm.

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

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


A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned 10:50 am.

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:


Paul A. Melcer

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ABATE Southeast Chapter Sponsorship Program

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

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

This is an opportunity for all SE ABATE Brothers and Sisters to become ABATE SE Chapter Sponsors.

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Thank you in advance for your support!

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

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Got a chance to visit with my sons' families and my grand kids in North Carolina in December, had a great time, a little cold, but enjoyed it. Was a pleasant change.



Didn't ride in NC, we caged it, maybe I will some day. Just had a great time with my family. My son has a big fireplace in his backyard we had some big warm fires, had a few drinks, sat around it and enjoyed each other's company, some good quality time together. We don't get to do that as often as I would like but, I thank God for the opportunity.



Got home and we had that cold snap, put a leather jacket on and went for a ride, like Florida, cold cause we know it will be gone in a few days, and we get warm again, we don't have to wait till April or May, like they have to up there.

Enough about my quiet life.

I'm writing this article in Jan. Have to get it in before deadline. I'll close knowing our party turned out very successful.

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A Message From Your Newsletter Editor



The Time has Come to Say Goodbye

Some of you might already know that the time has come for me to give up the Newsletter, and teach someone else to take over. After giving it some deep thought, and yes it is a little short notice, but "MARCH" will be the LAST MONTH for someone to STEP UP!! It takes approximately about 3 months to learn the basics of the Software. I will be glad to teach you!

Come June I will NOT be able to continue beyond that point. If I wait until June, then I will have to wait til August for someone to learn the Software in order to take it over by then. I am really having a hard time trying to hold on until my term is up in June. I work a Full-time job, and most days I work very late! It's becoming more and more difficult to keep up with it since work has picked up. I really enjoy doing the Newsletter, don't get me wrong, it's just my life is more filled with my job than anything else. I need to pay my bills just like you. This Newsletter is more for someone who is home all the time, or just works a part-time job. I will no longer be doing any Flyers after my term either. I will also be saying goodbye to my other Trustee positions as well. It's time I take a break from it all, I need my life back. It's time for someone else to enjoy our ABATE Chapter as much as I did. I will still be around and attend meetings; I just cannot do all of those things any longer. I have also been suffering from Headaches, forgetting to pay some of my bills, and putting off other fun things to do because I have so much on my plate.

There just comes a time when we can no longer do things like we use to. I'm hoping that someday I will have a Career change from the Construction Field, and pursue the job I really want to do, and that's to become a Computer Graphic Designer that I went to school for and get paid doing it! And when someone needs some kind of Artwork done, be it a business card, an ad designed, a Flyer made, Greeting Cards, a Billboard done, websites, video editing, etc, etc, etc.....we are out there, not just in a Print Shop either, but we need to make money too. There is special software for us Artists to use to make it look Professional. It's expensive, but worth it to us! So please dig deep in your heart and think about taking over for me, and keep this Newsletter going for our Chapter. If no one takes over by MARCH, this Chapter will be DONE!!!!!!!!!!!! SERIOUSLY!!!!!!



Be Safe out there everyone!

Lee Ann "Wildcat" Lewis

Newsletter Editor



Deadline: BEFORE Meeting of each Month for Articles, Ads, Flyers, etc.

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Lake County Chapter

State Meeting – February 8, 2014 -Lake County FL

State Board Meeting Sat 8th, starts noon --- Delegates Meeting at 2:00

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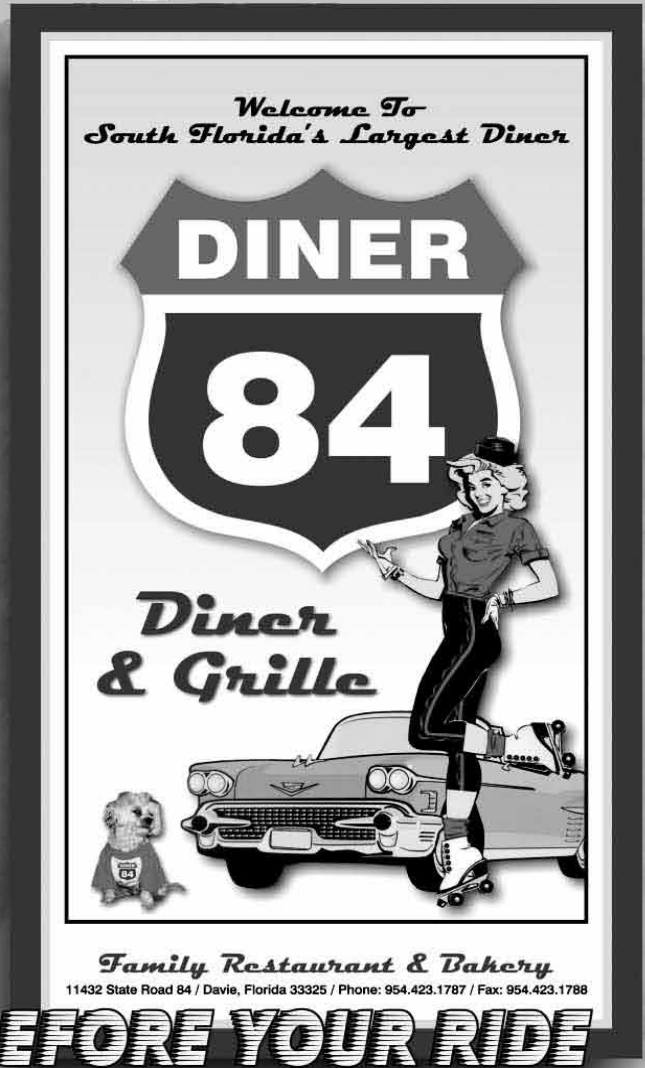
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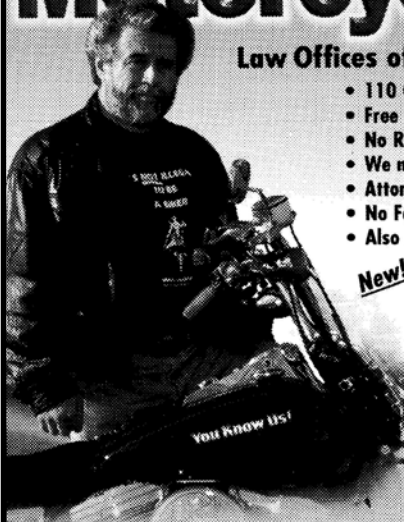
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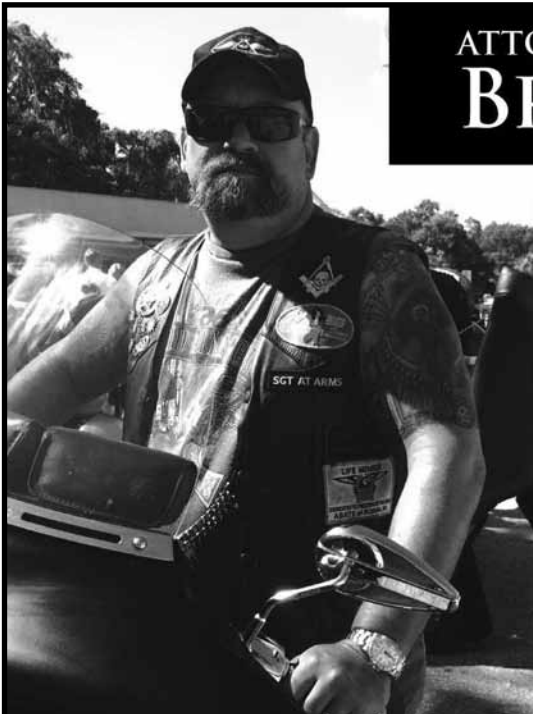
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2014

February

2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Alternative MC Annual	3	4	5	6 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite	14  Valentine's Day	15 State Meeting Lake County See Pg 18 for Details
16 Chapter Meeting	17 Presidents' Day	18	19	20 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite	21	22 Wheels of Man MC Annual
23	24	25	26	27 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite	28	

**Our next Birthday Party will be combined for February and March.
Location will be announced in our next issue.**

Additional Info:

February 8 - USMVMC Homestead Party


February 16 - AOA Ft Lauderdale Annual - See Flyer on page 27

Always **Check the Hotline** for more additional information: **954-310-4636...**
Sometimes "Events" get missed or don't get listed in time for the Calendar.

2014

March

2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Hermandad MC Annual	3	4	5	6 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite	7 Daytona Bike Week Begins	8 →
9 →	10	11 →	12	13 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite	14	15 →
16 Chapter Meeting Daytona Bike Week Ends	17  St Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite	21	22
23 Keltics MC Annual	24	25	26	27 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite	28	29
30	31					

Additional Info:**March 7th-16th - Daytona Bike Week****March 16 - US Military Vets MC - Chapter 1 - Party**

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2014 CALENDAR

MANDATORY ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD

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FEBRUARY 2014

2nd - **ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL**
8th - US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD - PARTY
16th - **AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
22nd - **WHEELS OF MAN MC - ANNUAL**

MARCH 2014

2nd - **HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL**
7th-16th - DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
16th - US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY
23rd - **KELTICS MC - ANNUAL**

APRIL 2014

6th - **STATES MC - ANNUAL**
12th - MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
13th - AOA PAULY 1^{er} MEMORIAL
19th - **OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL**
20th - CMA EASTER SERVICE
25th-27th - LEESBURG BIKEFEST

MAY 2014

4th - **SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL**
18th - WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL
25th - S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

JUNE 2014

1st - **DER KRIEGER MC - ANNUAL**
8th - NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY
14th - AOA JERRY, ROGER, AND KENNY 1^{er} MEMORIAL
22nd - **WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
29th - **US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL**

JULY 2014

12th - ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY
19th - WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

AUGUST 2014

2nd - WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
4th-10th - 74th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY

8th-10th - SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION
10th - AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNIVERSARY PARTY

SEPTEMBER 2014

7th - SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
13th - OUTCAST MC - PARTY
14th - STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
19th-21st - PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
28th - KELTICS MC - PARTY

OCTOBER 2014

4th - **MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL**
11th - **NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL**
12th - **SE ABATE - ANNUAL**
16th-19th - DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
25th - WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY

NOVEMBER 2014

8th - **US MILITARY VETS MC CH 1 - ANNUAL**
9th - CMA - MEMORIAL EVENT
15th - **HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL**

DECEMBER 2014

7th - **SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN**
13th - PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
13th - HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEMORIAL/TOY RUN
14th - WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN
20th - **SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY**
21st - CALVARY CHAPEL - CHRISTMAS SERVICE



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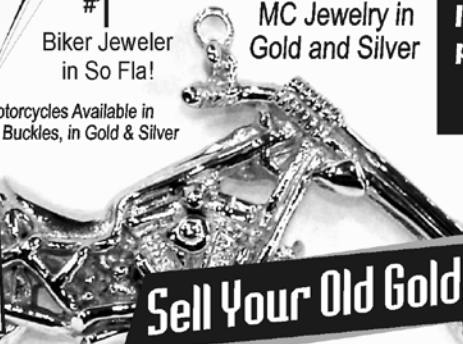
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Amchir, the past president of Wings of Gold MC, organized the Toys in the Sun Run in 1987. A massive entourage of 30 thousand Toy Laden Motorcycles made the run this past December. Since it's inception, the annual Toys in the Sun Run has collected over 20 million toys, which were distributed by the Fraternal Order of Police through 4 counties, and the money raised from this event has exceeded 11.5 million dollars for it's beneficiaries, such as the new Pediatric trauma center for Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. What an everlasting tribute to Robert Amchir and the Wings of Gold MC. A big hearted biker, we miss you.

Don't forget, Friday night is club night. Support your local MC's as they support us. Also on Friday nights, don't forget JR's Pizza at the States MC clubhouse, located at 761 sw 13th ct, in Pompano Beach Fl. You can reach them at 954-786-2259, or call JR at 954-978-3682.

Check the hotline for updates on rides at: 954-310-4636. Come join us, all are welcome, get a glimpse of the real biker community.

As always, until next time, ride safe, and keep the shiny side up.

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IS YOUR BIKE SAFE FROM THEFT?

I was told of an incident that occurred at Café 27 in November following the ABATE meeting. Our President (Bars) almost had his bike stolen. We need to watch for those individuals that arrive in vans or come in cars to these events, and walk around our bikes as if their shopping for a great deal. They may be doing just that, a **FREE** deal. This is the season when motorcycle thefts seem to be the highest. I did some research and here are some tips from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation taken directly from their web site.

- **Lock your ignition** and remove the key. Most bike thefts occur when the ignition is shut off, but not locked.
- **Lock the forks** or disk brakes with locks that have large, brightly colored tags
- **If traveling with other riders**, lock motorcycles together when not in use.
- **If riding alone**, lock your bike to a secure, stationary object that can't be easily dismantled, such as a light pole.
- **Add an audible alarm** to your motorcycle.
- **When traveling** and spending the night at a hotel, locate an outdoor security camera and park your bike in the cameras view. If this is not possible, park your bike close to your room.



- **Keep an eye on your bike.** When parking at a public event, check your motorcycle periodically, especially immediately after leaving your bike, to make sure there are no suspicious individuals lurking about.
- **If parking in a garage**, block your bike with an automobile, close the garage door and make sure it is locked.
- **Don't store** your title in your bike's storage compartment, tank bag or saddlebag. The safest place for your title is at your home.
- **Uniquely mark** and then photograph your bike. If thieves take your bike, note its unique markings to law enforcement using the photos you have taken.
- **Keep your bike registration** and insurance identification card on you when you ride.
- **Be careful** about giving out private information on where you live, work or play.

Follow some or all of these tips and **KEEP** your bike away from would be thieves.

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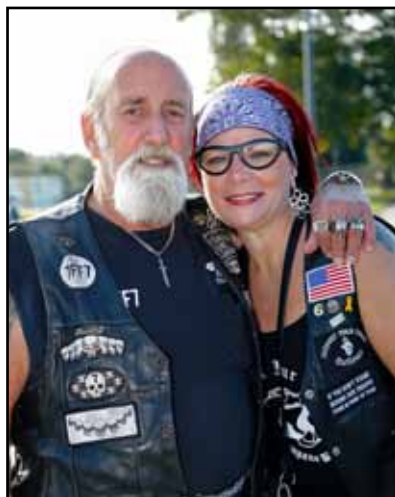
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2014 PREDICTED TO BE A BREAKOUT YEAR FOR ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES

Navigant Research recently released a report titled "Electric Vehicles: 10 Predictions for 2014" in which it is estimated that 700,000 plug-in vehicles will be on the road around the world by the end of this year.

The given justifications? Rebounding economies, better products, battery prices that have come down providing competitive price points for e-motorcycles, a large potential clientele that has already had a positive electric experience via e-bicycles, e-scooters and e-mopeds.

STUDY SHOWS WOMEN WHO RIDE ARE HAPPIER

The old adage that you never see a motorcycle parked outside the psychiatrist's office may prove more insightful than previously considered, as a new study reveals that the key to happiness for the better half of U.S. is a bike key!

The Harley-Davidson Female Riders Survey, conducted by a leading global insights firm and commissioned by the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, shows that women who ride their own motorcycles are noticeably happier, sexier and more confident than women who don't ride. After interviewing 1,013 adult female riders and 1,016 adult female non-riders, the findings make it clear that riding a motorcycle greatly improves a woman's feelings of overall self-worth.

- More than twice as many always feel happy (37% of riders vs. 16% of non-riders)
- Nearly four times as many always feel sexy (27% of riders vs. 7% of non-riders)
- Nearly twice as many always feel confident (35% of riders vs. 18% of non-riders)

More than half (53%) of women who ride cite their motorcycle as a key source of happiness, according to the findings, and nearly three in four (74%) believe their lives have improved since they started riding.

When it comes to romance, the market research collected by Kelton Global also shows riding can improve relationships, as female motorcyclists are more con-

tent than non-riders with:

- Communication with their significant other (60% of riders vs. 38% of non-riders)
- Physical intimacy (51% of riders vs. 35% of non-riders)

More and more women are, in fact, riding. A 2012 study by the Motorcycle Industry Council found that women accounted for 12% of U.S. motorcyclists -- up from 10.5% in 2009, and Milwaukee-based Harley-Davidson is selling more motorcycles to women than all their competitors combined, according to Claudia Garber, Director of Women's Outreach for Harley-Davidson.

LIMIT ON LEARNER'S PERMITS IN PA

Pennsylvanians who perpetually renew their motorcyclist permits to avoid having to take the state's motorcycle safety course will soon have their strategy derailed, as a new law will limit the number of times a motorcycle rider can reapply for a learner's permit to three times in a five-year period. Representative Seth Grove (R-Dover), author of House Bill 892, said some riders have been treating permits like actual licenses since current law allows them to reapply for a permit every year.

"Permits are temporary and their purpose is to get riders to obtain full driver's licenses," said Rep. Grove. "This legislation will enable riders to learn properly while pushing them to actually get their motorcycle licenses."

Under current law, a permit is valid for one year, but some motorcyclists apply for it year after year so they are never required to take the safety course that's required to receive the full four-year license, said Charles Umbenhauer, spokesman for ABATE of Pennsylvania, which supported the measure.

Umbenhauer told the York Dispatch that the legislation is a continuation of other safety measures for which the ABATE organization has pushed. Grove also introduced legislation that, when signed into law last year, required minors who hold motorcycle permits to successfully complete a free 15-hour riding course.

HB 892 passed the House and Senate with little dissent and was signed into law by Governor Tom Corbett.

HELMET USE IN MICHIGAN DROPS AFTER RE-PEAL, STILL HIGHER THAN NORM

A state survey has found that nearly three-quarters of Michigan motorcyclists wear helmets, down from almost a hundred percent before the state ended mandatory universal helmet use in 2012, letting riders opt out under certain circumstances.

Data for the Wayne State University study was collected over the summer by use of video cameras randomly placed across the state, and shows that 73% of motorcyclists in Michigan wear helmets, down from 99.4% in 2006 when the last statewide observation survey was conducted.

Still, the authors note that Michigan's usage rate is 13% higher than the 60% of U.S. riders spotted wearing helmets in a nationwide survey in 2012. Also interesting to note, the current rate of riders wearing helmets is slightly lower than the 74.7% of helmeted riders involved in motorcycle crashes, according to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, meaning lidless riders have a somewhat better safety record.

The Michigan Department of Highway Safety said that helmet use varies widely among types of riders: 94.5% of people riding sports bikes wore helmets while only 33.3% of riders of choppers and custom bikes did. Female riders and those under 30 and over 60 also wear helmets more frequently.

LOUD MOTORCYCLES TARGETED IN CHICAGO

The city of Chicago is turning a deaf ear to loud motorcycles, so much so that that an alderman has proposed a ten-fold increase in fines for violators, those who change their mufflers to make them louder, according to DNAInfo Chicago.

The alderman is calling it a quality of life issue, and his proposal would increase the maximum fine for violations from \$100 to \$1,000.

GEORGIA RIDER'S FAMILY QUESTIONS FATAL PURSUIT

A young Georgia man was riding his motorcycle to the gym during rush hour when a Richmond County deputy may have broke department policy and gave chase over invalid plates, ending in a fatal crash. The deputy was also on a motorcycle, a vehicle that – because of the risk involved – is “strongly discouraged” from initiating or participating in chases in

Richmond and Columbia counties unless extenuating circumstances exist, policy states.

According to policy, deputies are justified in beginning a chase even when the only information available is that the suspect hasn't stopped as ordered, but after a chase has started, policy states that deputies must continuously evaluate the circumstances, such as the initial reason for the pursuit; traffic and weather conditions; time of day; direction of travel; the possible consequences; and most importantly, the safety of the public, the deputy and other law enforcement personnel.

“Pursuits may continue if there are reasonable grounds to believe the suspect presents a clear and immediate threat to the safety of others or if the suspect has committed or is attempting to commit a forcible felony,” policy states.

The family is considering legal options, but a police spokesman stressed that “while it is the deputy who initiates the traffic stop, it is the violator who initiates the pursuit.”

Nationally, the U.S. Department of Transportation estimates that 6,000 to 8,000 police chases end in crashes each year, with close to 5,000 people being injured and 500 being killed.

ROAD CRASHES #1 KILLER OF AMERICANS ABROAD

Road crashes have been named the leading cause of unnatural death among Americans who travel outside of the country, where they are unfamiliar with local driving rules and customs, and more U.S. citizens die in car or motorcycle accidents than from terrorist events according to a new study from Johns Hopkins University.

Using data from the U.S. State Department that represented 5,417 unnatural deaths between January 2003 and December 2009, the research team calculated the rates of death by dividing the number of unnatural deaths by the number of Americans who visited each country.

“We know that the distribution of road traffic fatalities varies dramatically across different parts of the world,” Huseyin Naci, from the London School of Econom-

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ics and Political Science, told Reuters news service. "While pedestrian deaths are more common in many parts of Africa, motorcycle and bicycle deaths occur more frequently in southeast Asia."

Out of all the countries deemed unsafe for travel, Thailand ranked first among the most traffic-related deaths with 16.5 deaths per one million visits. Vietnam came in second with 15 deaths per one million visits, Morocco third with 12 deaths per one million visits, and South Africa fourth with 11 deaths per one million visits. Researchers also reported that scooter and motorcycle deaths accounted for a large portion of traffic-related deaths.

MANDATORY HI-VIS REFLECTIVE CLOTHING LEGISLATED

Effective January 1, 2014, it is mandatory for all motorcyclists and passengers to wear reflective jackets or vests when riding in the Republic of Mauritius, an island country in the south west Indian Ocean off the coast of Africa.

Road Traffic Regulations passed last fall regarding "Use of High Visibility Clothing" states; "No person shall drive (or ride as a pillion rider on) a motorcycle or auto cycle, unless he wears high visibility clothing without any covering being worn over it that may cause obstruction to its visibility."

The regulations even dictate the type of polyester material, size of reflective strips and specific fluorescent colors (lime yellow, red or orange) "intended to provide conspicuity at all times."

Any person who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 1,000 Mauritian Rupees (MUR).

BAN ON MOTORBIKES IMPOSED IN SCOTTISH WOODLANDS

Scottish Police say that members of the public visiting Balkello Woods have been left "frustrated and concerned" by the irresponsible and illegal use of motorcycles in the area, both on and off road.

Police Scotland and the Forestry Commission have joined forces in announcing a major crackdown on unauthorized motor vehicles in the woodlands; "Powers granted under Road Traffic and Anti-Social

Behaviour legislation allow the police to seize vehicles – including motorcycles and mini-motos – where they have been driven without license or insurance, or, in this scenario, where they are used in an anti-social manner."

A force spokesman said: "Officers have long focused on reducing the anti-social and illegal use of motorcycles and make full use of Anti-Social and Road Traffic legislation to seize motorcycles that are being used illegally. Following enforcement, many of the vehicles seized are ultimately dismantled and crushed."

DUCK AND COVER Like 'em or love 'em, the rift over the redneck Robertson clan from A&E Network's top-rated "Duck Dynasty" showed that America still has a backbone, and Americans can influence change if enough of us stand together. After the network suspended Phil Robertson over anti-gay comments, a grassroots tsunami of people from all walks of life lit up phone lines, email inboxes and fax machines as the surge of incoming communications quickly became so intense, employees of the cable giant reportedly complained that the company was overwhelmed and had all but ground to a halt.

The uproar continued through Christmas until Friday, December 27, when A&E announced it was lifting the suspension and the show will continue.

Millions of citizens -- many who had never taken any kind of action before -- had successfully sprang to the defense of a man and his right to speak freely, irrespective of PC. If the Duck Dynasty flap proves anything, it's that -- when pushed too far -- concerned Americans will rise up in response!

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Dissent is the highest form of patriotism."
~ Howard Zinn (1922-2010) American historian & social activist



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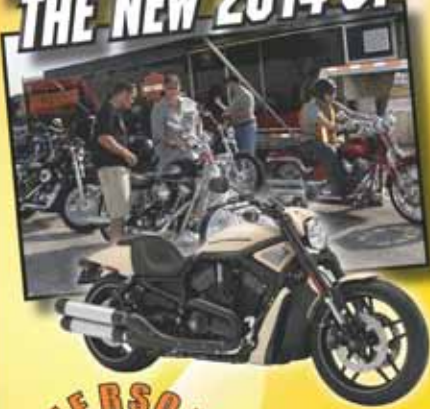


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