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<b>28</b>  <b>HOG Ride to Lorelei Islamorada</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Motorclothes Monday</b> See all the new stuff for you! 				 <b>Keep checking our events calendar at <a href="http://chestersftlhd.com">chestersftlhd.com</a> for news on the February MYSTERY RIDE</b>	

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## From Your President

### ABATE Southeast Chapter President's Article February 2016

The ABATE Southeast Chapter celebrated its 36th Semi-Annual Safety and Biker Rights Event on January 14th at Chester's Harley Davidson Ft. Lauderdale. I woke up early that morning to driving rain and tornado warnings posted until 8 a.m. and that's when my wife Lisa and I headed to Chester's. Upon arrival we were greeted by our Chapter's Sgt. of Arms Nighthawk and our photographer Ada Hibbs. Chapter volunteers begin arriving and we were quickly set up and were awaiting our noon start time and by then the skies turned blue, the air warmed, and the sun shined upon our event. Our thanks goes to Mr. and Mrs. Chester, John Dempsey and Joel Freiberg of Chester's HD for their support of ABATE's Southeast Chapter and the local biker community. On this day there were two other local motorcycle events being held that were not on the South Florida Presidents Council's (SFPC's) Event Calendar, however due to the support of our local MC's who showed up in force to support ABATE, our event was both fun and successful. Unfortunately, the band that we had promoted to play at our event had to cancel a few days before due to the absence of a band member and we were fortunate to have the band "Bombshell" step-in at the last minute to rock the event and they were great. About a week prior, I received a phone call from an ABATE Life Member and States MC Member, who wanted to know if it would be alright to propose to the love of his life, who also is an ABATE Life member on stage at our event. Long story short, those attending had the pleasure of witnessing Lefty (John) propose marriage to Lee Ann (Wildcat) and she said "YES". Thank you for sharing your special occasion with us and we wish you many years of health, happiness, and laughter together. Last but not least I must thank all of the Southeast Chapter volunteers who came out to work and support this event. The membership, Board of Directors and Trustees are what make our Chapter great and without whom nothing would get accomplished, and I'm honored to serve as your President.

**The Southeast Chapter monthly meeting** was held on January 24th at the Davie Moose Lodge #1798. We had a delayed start due to Davie Road being closed until 10 a.m. to support the Mayor's scheduled 5K Road Race. Buffet breakfast was served by the Davie Moose prior to the start of the meeting. The meeting started around 10:30 a.m. and some of the items discussed were Chapter finances (looking good); nominations for Executive Directors and Trustee elections will begin in April - if you are interested in any one of the positions please let us know because we have no interest in closing



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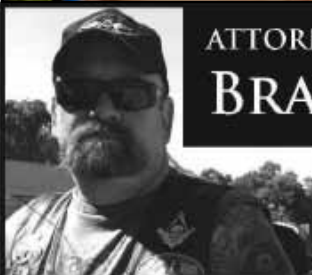
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*You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership, or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any changes.*



### **Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Jan 24, 2015**

Sergeant at Arms Steve “Nighthawk” Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:35am. There were 31 members in attendance. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence and a prayer by Poppi.

**President’s Report:** Frank thanked everyone for coming to the Davie Moose Lodge for the meeting and recognized the MC’s and other clubs that were present. Frank shared the plaque that the Southeast Chapter received for the Toy Run participation and trophy that we won for largest number of members of an organization attending the Wings of Gold Biker Appreciation event. He spoke about our chapter finances and expenses with our biggest expense being the Chapter Newsletter. He thanked everyone for all the help at our event at Chester’s HD. Despite the bad weather we had fun and it was successful because of the ABATE membership, many of whom are members of an MC. He reported on attending the fundraiser, wake and funeral for South Florida Outcast MC member Chill 1%er. It was also mentioned that Key from the Keltics MC was injured during the funeral procession for Chill on I-95. Please keep both of those guys in your prayers.

**Vice-President’s Report:** Poppi thanked everyone for coming and thanked everyone for all of their help at the Chapter’s 36th Semi-Annual Event at Chester’s Harley Davidson.

**Secretary’s Report:** A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed, seconded, and no discussion. Motion was passed. Marie thanked Joanne, Mrs. Poppi, for all of her help at the Event last weekend at Chester’s HD

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

**Sergeant at Arms’ Report:** Steve thanked everyone for helping at our Semi-Annual held at Chester’s HD.

**Road Captain’s Report:** Gambler was not present; he is still healing from his motorcycle accident. Get better Gambler we missed not hearing from you!

**Safety Director’s Report:** Frank spoke in place of Gambler. He mentioned that we will have a Safety booth at the Antique Motorcycle Event in Dania, January 30th so we will need help. Frank also thanked Ace for all of his help at the Event at Chester’s in Gambler’s place. Job well done, Ace. Frank also reminded everyone with this cold snap to dress warm.



**Products Report:** Joel and Kathy reported we have new shirts in different colors. Frank mentioned if we don't have your size let us know we'll get it.

**Events Coordinator:** Frank thanked all of those who came and worked the Chapter's Semi-Annual Event and particularly Bob and Anna for their outstanding work cooking. Frank mentioned we need to start thinking about our May Memorial Event; it will be here sooner than we think. He also mentioned that despite the bad weather, the local MC's attended our event in-force and supported the Southeast Chapter and event went well.

**State Representative Report:** There was no State meeting this month. The next meeting is February 13, in Port Charlotte, FL.

**Membership Report:** T-Man reported we had 5 new members joining, 3 renewals, one new life member, for a total of 532 active SE Chapter members. A reminder, when submitting all membership forms PLEASE fill them out completely and legible so that we can read it, and send it in a timely manner. Thank you very much for your support and membership to the Southeast Chapter.

**Newsletter Editor:** Squeezer was present and needs all ads and posts by end of today. Frank mentioned we have THE BEST newsletter in the State. We all should be proud.

**Legislative Report:** Brad spoke and told us that the Legislature is back in session and in full swing. The BRU bill has passed, and the Red Light Camera Bill has opposition. They are also watching the Stand your Ground Bill. There was discussion from Brad & Demetrios regarding insurance for alcohol at our events.

**Public Relations:** Fern was excused. She is always out there promoting ABATE and keeps

our Southeast Chapter Hotline updated weekly. To stay informed about the Chapter's activities please contact the Hotline 24/7 at 954-584-1899.

**Billing and Invoicing:** Pixie was not present, but excused - Frank said everyone is up to date. He also mentioned when getting a new add remember to get the application filled out and get the check. Please remember to support our advertisers, because they support us.

**Social Director's Report:** Patty was not present but she did drop off the Birthday cake for the January Birthday Party which we will be celebrating after our meeting.

**Newsletter Distribution:** Poppi reported all is going good, and that Teddy Bear is now helping with distribution on the north end of the county. Poppi also mentioned some places have excess Newsletters left at our distribution locations and to note how many old Newsletters that are picked up so an adjustment can be made for the next delivery. Suzanne reminded us not to throw the old Newsletters out but to save them and use them at events.

**Quartermaster Report:** Frank thanked Bob again for his outstanding job of cooking at Chester's. Bob said that no one waited in-line for food at all and that Anna did a super job in helping and supporting the event's food preparation activity.

**Photographer's Report:** Ada mentioned she put all the pictures from the Semi-Annual Event at Chester's, HD on-line at website. If anyone wants a specific photo, see her. She will gladly get it to them.

**Web-Master's Report:** Rogue was excused but reported via text message that everything is up and running.

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**Legal Counsel:** Demetrius was present but had nothing to report.

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

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

**Good of the Order:** Steve spoke on the school zones and watch the yellow lights and watch your speed limit while in these zones.

Hammer, the President of Der Krieger MC, spoke and encouraged everyone to come to their Club's upcoming Annual Event on Sunday, January 31st at Cagney's House of Rock.

There was discussion about a meeting place for our chapter meetings. Chester HD has offered a meeting area that could be used; American Legion Post 321 might still be an option; or we can stay at the Davie Moose until they move. A motion was made to stay at the Moose for the next meeting. The Motion was then amended to Staying at the Moose on a month to month basis until the city demolishes the building. Vote was called for, all in favor. Motion was passed to stay at Moose. Besides they put out a nice buffet for breakfast for a nominal fee. YUMMMMMMM.

**Good of the Order:** Following the meeting some are going to Mickey's for Jody's Birthday Party. She is a long time ABATE member and an advertiser in our Chapter Newsletter.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Jan. 30: Antique Bike Show in Dania Beach

Jan. 31: Der Krieger MC Annual at Cagney's House of Rock

Feb. 6: US Military Vets MC Homestead

Feb. 14: AOA Valentines Party Ft. Lauderdale

Feb. 20: Wheels of Man MC 43rd Annual Event at their Clubhouse

Feb. 21: Southeast Chapter meeting at the Davie

Moose Lodge 1798 starting at 10 a.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is February 21 at the DAVIE MOOSE. Hope to see everyone there, and come ready to eat a good breakfast.

See you on the Road - Wheels up

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

**NOTE:** It was nice to see our former secretary, Paul Meltzer, who was in town.



...[President's Message continued from page 4](#)

the Chapter due to lack of Executive Board members; those attending voted to continue meeting at the Davie Moose Lodge on a month-to-month basis until their building is demolished to make way for a new City Hall. Meeting minutes are available for review in the Southeast Chapter Newsletter on the Chapter's website or a copy can be found at any our 38 distribution locations (all the area HD dealerships and most Newsletter advertiser locations).

**ABATE Southeast Chapter membership was out and about this past month.** Attending the States MC Blessing of the Bikes Ceremony with our Chapter's Safety and Membership booth; the retirement party for AOA Moldy 1%er; Wings of Gold Biker Appreciation Day event and Toy Run check presentation at Chester's HD, where the Southeast Chapter received a participation award and a trophy for the largest organization in attendance; Heathen MC's Pirates Ball in Key Largo; the wake and funeral for Outcast MC member Chill 1%er GBNF; the Dania Beach Antique Bike Show where we again had our Safety and Membership booth; and the Der Krieger MC's 21st Annual celebration at Cagney's House of Rock. Plus we attended several MC clubhouses and enjoyed their hospitality and food. The SFPC's Event Calendar is full again for February and I encourage everyone to attend and support the MC's having events as they always support ABATE. Photographs are posted on the Southeast Chapter website that records many of our events or activities as does ABATE Life Member Axman whose pictures are located on line [www.axmanpictures.com](http://www.axmanpictures.com) for purchase.

**Current Legislative Activities:** The "stiffer penalties bill" that is currently called the Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) legislation (HB 253) which ABATE of Florida is supporting has passed its second house committee, Appropriations, with a vote of 19-0; has now moved to the last committee, Economic Affairs. The Senate version (SB 332) has been scheduled for its first hearing on Jan. 27th at 1 p.m. All of you please support the biker community and make your voice be heard in Tallahassee by contacting the following to support the VRU legislation: HB 253, Rep. Carlos Trujillo (Chairman), 850.717.5105, [carlos.trujillo@myfloridahouse.com](mailto:carlos.trujillo@myfloridahouse.com) and SB 332, Sen. Jeff Brandes (Chairman), 850.487.5022, [brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov](mailto:brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov). (Update provided by Darrin "Scribe Brooks, ABATE State Legislative Trustee).

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the Southeast Chapter's monthly meetings and events. Currently the monthly member birthday party is being held after the Chapter meeting. **Our next meeting is February 21st at the Davie Moose Lodge 1798, 4483 SW 64th Ave. Davie, FL at 10 a.m.** To keep up to date with the ABATE Southeast Chapter, checkout our **website** ([abatese.org](http://abatese.org)) or call our **Hotline 24/7 (954-310-4636)** for current Chapter information and notices. You may always contact me at [pres@abatese.us](mailto:pres@abatese.us). RIDE FREE RIDE SAFE!!!

With respect,

Frank T.

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## *Vice-President*



We had our 36th Annual party at Chester's Harley Davidson last month, all went well, even though we had bad weather to start with, and a few other events going on.

Once again we send our thanks and appreciation to all the MC's and associations attending, and to all our brothers and sisters who not only attended but assisted in the work that had to be done for a successful event.

We had a great time, and hope everyone enjoyed.

Good people, food and drink, and great music performed by "Bombshell", we had a great time.

Thank you all!!!

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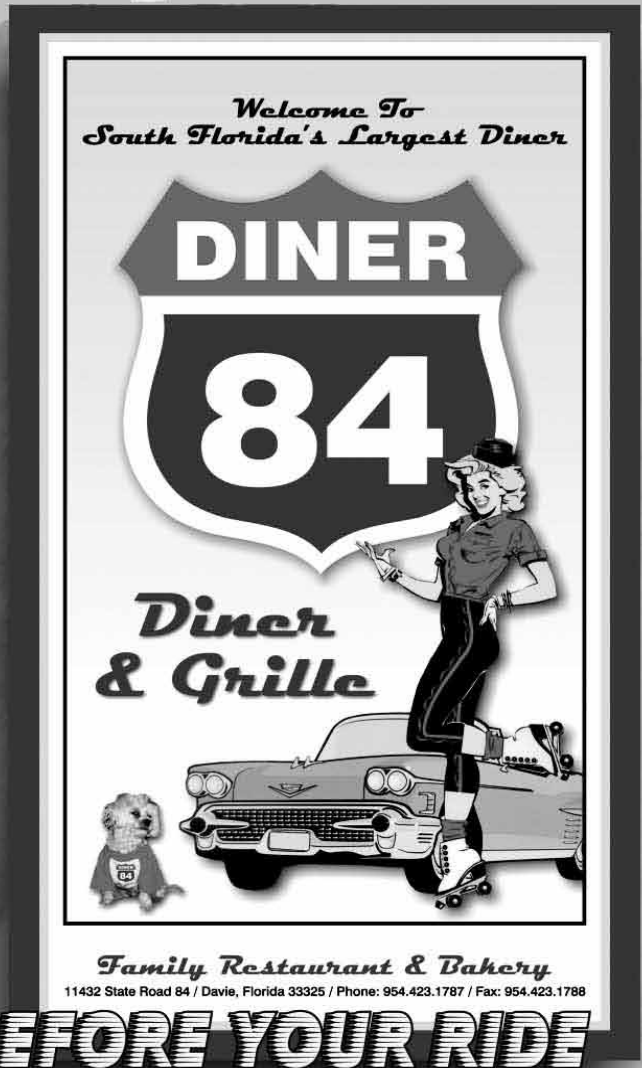
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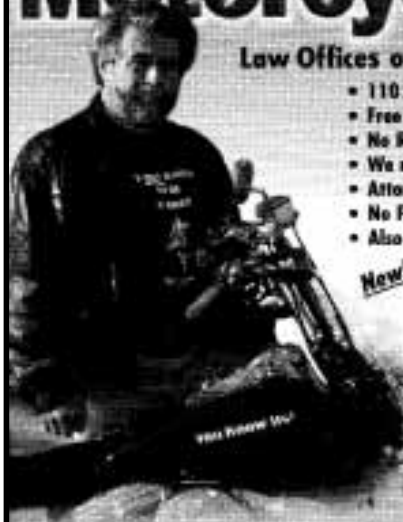
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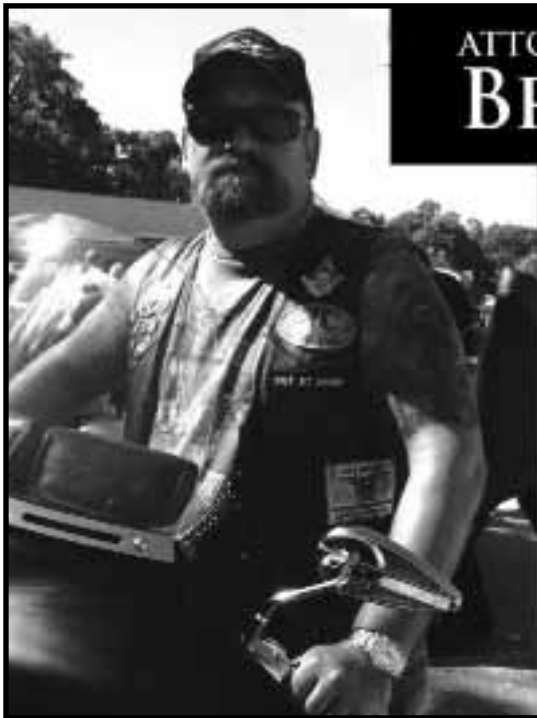
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2016

February

2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 States MC Pompano Dinner	2	3	4	5	6 USMV MC HOMESTEAD - ANNUAL
7	8 States MC Pompano Dinner	9	10	11	12	13
14 AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL	15 States MC Pompano Dinner	16	17	18	19	20 WHEELS OF MAN MC - 43rd ANNUAL
21 <b><u>Chapter Meeting</u></b>	22 States MC Pompano Dinner	23	24	25	26	27
28 HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL	29					

**Additional Info:**

02/06/16 - USMV MC HOMESTEAD - ANNUAL  
 02/14/16 - AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL  
 02/20/16 - WHEELS OF MAN MC - 43rd ANNUAL  
 02/21/16 - ABATE SE Chapter Meeting  
 02/28/16 - HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL

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2016

March

2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 DAYTONA BIKE WEEK (DBW)	5 DBW
6 DBW	7 DBW  States MC Pompano Dinner	8 DBW	9 DBW	10 DBW	11 DBW	12 DBW
13 DBW KELTICS MC - ANNUAL	14  States MC Pompano Dinner	15	16	17	18	19
20 <b>Chapter Meeting</b>  USMV MC CH.1 - PARTY	21  States MC Pompano Dinner	22	23	24	25	26
27 CMA EASTER SERVICE	28  States MC Pompano Dinner	29	30	31		

**Additional Info:**

03/04-13/16 - DAYTONA BIKE WEEK  
 03/13/16 - KELTICS MC - ANNUAL  
 03/20/16 - ABATE SE Chapter Meeting  
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### FEBRUARY 2016

6: USMV MC HOMESTEAD - ANNUAL  
14: AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL  
20: WHEELS OF MAN MC - 43rd ANNUAL  
28: HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL

### MARCH 2016

4-13: DAYTONA BIKE WEEK  
13: KELTICS MC - ANNUAL  
20: USMV MC CH.1 - PARTY  
27: CMA EASTER SERVICE

### APRIL 2016

3: STATES MC - 50th ANNUAL  
9: MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY  
16: OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL  
22-24: LEESBURG BIKEFEST

### MAY 2016

1: SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL  
15: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL  
22: LOS COQUIS MC - ANNUAL  
29: S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT  
30: Memorial Day

### JUNE 2016

11: AOA SO FLORIDA MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers  
12: WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL  
19: Fathers Day  
26: USMV MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL

### JULY 2016

4: Independence Day  
10: ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL  
17: SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BRO- ANNUAL  
23: WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

### AUGUST 2016

7: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY  
8-14: 76th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY  
12-14: SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION  
14: AOA FT. LAUD. 49th ANN. & MOLDY'S B-DAY  
20: LOS COQUIS MC - SMOKEY & DIESEL B-DAY  
27: OUTCAST MC PARTY

### SEPTEMBER 2016

4: SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN  
5: Labor Day  
11: STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY

16-18: PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN  
25: KELTICS MC - PARTY

### OCTOBER 2016

2: MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL  
8: NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL  
9: S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL  
14-16: DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST  
22: WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY  
30: CMA - MEMORIAL

### NOVEMBER 2016

5: HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL  
11: Veterans Day  
12: USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL  
19: LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL  
20: ALTERNATIVE MC PARTY  
24: Thanksgiving Day

### DECEMBER 2016

4: SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN  
10: PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING  
10: HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO PINO TOY RUN  
11: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN  
17: SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY  
25: Christmas

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### Twelve Important Things My Motorcycle Has Taught Me

1. The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear view mirror.
2. Four wheels move the body; two wheels move the soul.
3. I'd rather be riding my motorcycle and thinking about God, than sitting in church and thinking about my bike.
4. Life may begin at 30, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 75 mph.
5. Midnight bugs taste just as bad as Noon time bugs.
6. Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of gas before you can think straight.
7. A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.
8. Young riders pick a destination and go; old riders pick a direction and go.
9. When you're riding lead, don't spit.
10. Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt at 75 mph can double your vocabulary.
11. If you can't get it going with bungee cords and duct tape, it's serious.
12. Only bikers know why a dog sticks his head out of the car window.
13. (Bonus) I've never seen a Motorcycle parked in front of a psychiatrist's office.

Now gas up those bikes and let's ride. There's a lot to see and parties to attend and we need your participation. The reason we attend the MC's parties is because they support ABATE and help us keep our Lobbyist in Tallahassee to fight for the rights of all motorcyclists. With more than 500 members in this chapter it's hard to get even six bikes to show up for a ride. If you have a suggestion for a ride send me an email. My email address is [rdcapt@abatese.us](mailto:rdcapt@abatese.us). A group of us (4 bikes) (hardly a group) took a ride around Lake Okeechobee the end of December and had a great time. The weather was better than we expected. But most of you wouldn't know that would you? Stop the excuses and let's ride. This is Florida. There's always a chance of rain.

Call the Hotline for upcoming rides and events for the week. The Hot line is updated each Tuesday and the number is 954-310-4636.

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

Jim "Gambler" Willard  
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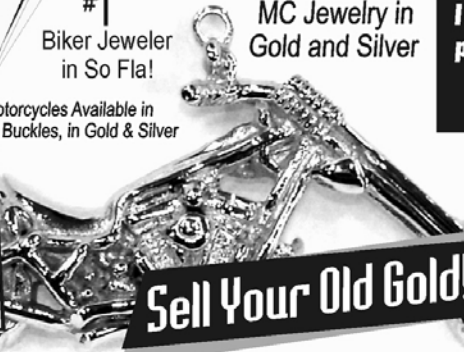
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## If I may digress for a moment...

### The Second Amendment:

***A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.***

This is a Right that usually causes a lot of controversy, especially during an election year. And it should not, as it was very clearly written. The Founding Fathers had incredible foresight when they wrote the Bill of Rights, and the 2nd Amendment in particular. The problem some have is they forget that **“The Bill of Rights”**, which was ratified 225-yrs ago was written to **put limits on the power of government**, not on the power of the people. Any research into the writings of the Founding Fathers will easily help you understand their intentions.

Some do not understand the wording of the second amendment, because they try defining some of the content by today's meaning of some of the words Instead of what the words meant back when it was written. Not taking into effect that over time, the meaning of words may change. Once upon a time, queer meant “strange or odd”, gay meant “carefree or lighthearted”, and colored meant “having or being given a color as opposed to being black or white”. Keeping that in mind, will help you to understand where I am going with this. Back when the Bill of Rights was penned, the word **“regulated”** used to mean **“well-adjusted, calibrated, or maintained”**. A clock or sundial that kept perfect time was said to be “well regulated”. A child with good manners was a “well regulated” lad.

A few of my anti-gun friends have tried to tell me that “Militia” only refers to the military or the National Guard, because we didn't have a Military back then. However the error in their thinking is that they neglect to realize that we had a military back then, and the Military and Militia were different entities. The military was The Continental Military. The **“Militia”** used to mean **“all able-bodied civilians eligible by law for military service.”** Back then, that meant everyone over the age of 15. In this day, as we turn 18 we need to register for the draft, which means that today, every able-bodied civilian over the age of 18 is part of today's militia.

The phrase **“Being necessary to the security of a Free State”**, does not need much interpretation. **“Security”** is defined as **“the state of being free from danger or threat”**.

The most important part of the 2nd Amendment, **“The right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed”** is self-explanatory and needs no interpretation. Not the Right of the “Government or the Military”, but the Right of the **“PEOPLE”**.

So the 2nd Amendment basically means that, **“well-adjusted able-bodied civilians eligible by law for military service, in order for the State to be free from danger or threat, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.”**

The Right to Bear Arms was not meant for hunting, as some ignorantly believe. It was meant for us, the people, **to be free from danger or threat**, regardless of whether that danger or threat is coming from dangerous animals, ill-intentioned person or people, or an **out of control government**. And of special importance, it is the only Right that can be used to protect the rest of the Bill of Rights from danger or threat.

When guns are taken from the people, either the government, the criminal element, or both will run amuck. Anybody who does not believe this need only look at countries like Venezuela, Cuba, and Mexico. Any country with a dictatorship or oppressed population started in that path by first taking the guns from the people. **Let's keep America Secure and Free.**

Your editor - “Squeezer”







## When Words Don't Come

Sometime when people ask me to pray for someone or something, it's hard to find the right words to say. I communicate with God, when I can't or I start to stumble over my words, I try to stop, and ask the Holy Spirit for help. This may have happened to you at one time or another.

The Bible says in Romans 8:26-27

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with thoughts that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.”

In other words ask the Holy Spirit for help, and He will give you words you need, He knows what is in your heart.

I might ask, Lord, I don't know how to pray about certain things, but You do. Holy Spirit, help me in my weakness by interceding for me and through me. You know the will of the Father and You know what to pray. Guide me and teach me, especially when I have exhausted all words, help me to communicate my deepest thoughts, feelings, fears, and doubts, so that my prayers are pleasing to God.

All I'm saying is that all of us have the power of prayer in us, all we have to do to execute that power, is ask for the words to say and the Holy Spirit will give you them.

Once again, ask and you shall receive.

As Always

Your Chaplin,  
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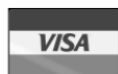


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## From Your Safety Director



As the Safety Director of the Southeast Chapter of ABATE, my goal is to reach out to as many people as possible about motorcycle safety and awareness. Not just those on cruisers and touring bikes, but the riders of sports bikes as well. And, let's not forget the drivers of those cages out there. Everyone sharing our highways needs to be aware of each other's rights and learn to share the roads safely. After all that's what ABATE is all about.

We are the original motorcycle rights organization in Florida and what we do affects all bikers and motorcycle enthusiasts. But I can't do it alone. I need each and every member of ABATE to actively participate. Each ABATE member is a Marketing Executive and when we are out there, we need to introduce ourselves as ABATE, show pride in what we have accomplished thus far and what we will do in the future. Tell our story, promote participation and recruit new members. Please carry one or more applications with you at all times.

One more thing, our Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program (MSAP) is geared toward teaching drivers of cages to be more aware of motorcycles and teaches them about our rights on the roads and highways we all share, **not how to ride a motorcycle**. If anyone knows of a company, organization or training facilities that have safety meetings and/or guest speakers, where we can give our program, "MSAP", please let me or one of the officers know. Our contact information is in the Newsletter. I will be happy to contact them and discuss our program and make arrangements. We are in this together. My number is 954-553-1426 and my email address is [safety@abatese.us](mailto:safety@abatese.us).

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## NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW LEGISLATION

Along with the new year comes an onslaught of new legislation, as new legislative sessions across the nation consider a myriad of motorcycle laws such as helmet legislation in ARIZONA that would charge riders a fee to ride without one. Prefiled on January 6, 2016, H.B. 2052 introduced by State Representative Dr. Randall Friese (D-Tucson) would modify their Under-18 helmet law to read; “An operator or passenger of a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle or motor driven cycle who is at least eighteen years of age is exempt from the helmet requirement if the owner pays a (as yet undetermined) fee when registering their vehicle.”

“A person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of five hundred dollars,” and a ‘portion’ of the fees collected from the pay-to-play p-pot plot would be “deposited in the Spinal and Head Injuries Trust Fund.”

Meanwhile, in INDIANA S.B. 157 would “eliminate the portion of the motorcycle registration fee that is currently distributed to the spinal cord and brain injury fund.”

MISSOURI is considering numerous motorcycle-related bills, including seven helmet bills; one would repeal the law for anyone 18 or over (HB1663), another would exempt motorcyclists 21 or older from wearing a helmet if they have appropriate health insurance coverage (HB1464), one “Prohibits law enforcement from stopping a motorcycle for failing to wear protective headgear” (HB1957), while (HB1371) treats the infraction as a secondary offense, requiring another reason to pull a rider over, and four separate bills concern autcycles and primarily exempts certain operators of motorcycles and motortricycles from wearing protective headgear (SB659, SB694, SB851 & SB1732).

Three-wheelers are of concern in several states, as legislatures struggle with defining and regulating “autcycles,” and in KANSAS House Bill 2436 would allow persons to take a motorcycle license driving exam on a 3-wheeled motorcycle and would restrict such licenses to trikes.

In NEW HAMPSHIRE, as in some other states, the state legislature will consider HB 1308 to al-

low motorcycles to travel between lanes of traffic in certain instances, a.k.a.; lane-splitting. HB1347 would “establish a committee to study sharing the road with bicycles and motorcycles.”

Also in the Granite State, Senator Andrew Hosmer, a Democrat from Laconia, has introduced SB 360 to repeal the statute restricting handlebar height and legalize so-called “ape-hangers”. New Hampshire is currently among more than 30 states that limit the height of motorcycle handlebars.

Since 1967, existing statute prohibits handlebar grips “higher than the shoulder level of the driver when in the seat or saddle” and also prohibits riding a motorcycle with “improvised, defective, or repaired handlebars.”

“I applaud Senator Hosmer for sponsoring this bill,” said Charlie St. Clair, executive director of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association. “I have never heard the height of handlebars presented as a safety issue,” he told the Laconia Daily Sun. “There is no history of accidents caused by high bars.”

Without a federal standard, the regulation of handlebars on motorcycles rests with the states. Currently, 12 states limit the height of handlebars to 15 inches above the saddle. 5 others require the handlebars to be below the height of the shoulder. Last summer, South Dakota, which hosts the annual Sturgis Rally became the most recent state to repeal its shoulder level statute.

## SHARE WHAT’S HAPPENING IN YOUR STATE

“At our annual NCOM board meeting in November, the board discussed what information would be beneficial to share with attendees at our annual NCOM Convention in May,” says NCOM Board & Legislative Task Force member Annette Torrez, who is also chair of the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (NMMRO), adding that “We decided on a session on state legislative victories and defeats. We all face similar and different issues in each state during our legislative sessions, and by sharing the outcomes on bills that were sponsored, passed, failed and the details, we can learn from each other. By the sharing of information we may be able to advance many of the same victories or avoid the pitfalls faced.”

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) welcomes your input, and encourages you to share your information with Annette Torrez at [atorrez2@msn](mailto:atorrez2@msn).



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The 31st annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 5-8, 2016 at Harrah's Resort, located at 777 Harrah's Blvd in Atlantic City, New Jersey, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$109 by calling (888) 516-2215.

To pre-register for the 2016 NCOM Convention, contact the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com).

### **NCOM CONFERENCE CONVENES IN UNITY, CO-OPERATION & RESPECT**

The chill air in Kansas City, Missouri reverberated with the thunder of dozens of motorcycles as riders from a six-state area converged on the Holiday Inn KCI Airport November 21, 2015 for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Region 2 Conference, which comprises Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. This year, the Conference was hosted by the newly-formed Missouri Confederation of Clubs and Independents, and chaired by NCOM Region 2 Co-Directors "Tiger Mike" Revere, President of Central OK District ABATE and Liaison to the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs, and Tony Shepherd of ABATE of Missouri.

Following is a conference report submitted by Tiger Mike:

"Riders from the Region 2 member states were both excited and thirsty for information on important issues, especially hoping for an update on the horrific Waco, TX event of May, 2015. Bikers were also apprehensive about whether the Waco tragedy might negatively impact attendance. As it turned out, the opposite was true, featuring a standing-room only crowd!

The Conference convened off with "Tiger Mike" Revere and Tony Shepherd, NCOM Region 2 Directors, welcoming attendees and addressing "Freedom of the Road throughout the Nation", followed by NCOM Executive Coordinator "Sarge" Matthews covering "Discrimination among Ourselves/Outlawing our Existence as We Know It". NCOM Attorney Joey Lester covered Court Case Updates, including judicial victories regarding "No-Colors" Policies at Fairgrounds where Bikers are ejected because of their Patch Insignia.

After lunch, attendees participated in a forum dealing with "The Tragedy of Waco", featuring Joey Lester,

TXCOC&I Chairman "Gimme Jimmy", and Louie Nobs and Dwayne Gryder from NCOM Christian Unity. A lot of accurate updates were shared to combat the disinformation advanced by the Media and Law Enforcement, and the program to raise funds to assist Waco Victims and their families was outlined. Go to [www.onabike.com](http://www.onabike.com) and contact NCOM Christian Unity for more information. NCOM Christian Unity Texas will be getting a Special Award for their hard work at this year's NCOM Convention in Atlantic City, and Christian Unity Liaison to the NCOM Board Louie Nobs is receiving the 2016 Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award for his considerable efforts on behalf of Bikers everywhere over a lot of years.

Also featured at the Conference was "Gimme Jimmy" talking about the importance of the U.S. Defenders Program in the light of the Waco shootings; and "Double-D" and "Twitch" from the Washington Confederation of Clubs, who spoke on "Anti-Profilng Laws and How they Affect your State". This was an important topic, since several COCs are very interested in getting this type of legislation passed in their states.

The Conference continued with the Regional Meeting, where Motorcycling Rights representatives spoke of Legislative and Legal Issues in their respective areas; and the Confederation of Clubs Regional Meeting, where COC Officers and representatives in attendance spoke of legal and lifestyle challenges and accomplishments.

The NCOM Regional Conference concluded with the Christian Unity Seminar and Meeting for spiritual riding groups, and following the Spiritual Service and Blessing of the Bikes on Sunday Morning, riders went their separate ways refreshed, informed and resolved to vigorously continue the defense of Biker Liberty into the New Year."

### **MORE AIRBAG BIKES COMING**

While automotive airbags first appeared in the 1970s, it took decades for the technology to spread to motorcycles, and now ten years after the introduction of Honda's airbag-equipped Gold Wing comes another airbagger from the Japanese giant.

While the Gold Wing remains the only bike currently on the market equipped with airbag technology, Honda's latest inflatable is revealed in a new patent and demonstrated with an airbag fitted to the firm's NC750S, which isn't sold in the U.S. marketplace.

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The main difference from the Gold Wing bag is the shape and size, with the new design gaining a long, vertical extension above the balloon-shaped main part of the airbag to help counter the fact that most bikes will pitch forward in a frontal collision, throwing the rider upward as well as straight ahead. The idea is that the lower part of the airbag will cushion the rider's chest and stomach, slowing him down before his head impacts the extended upper section.

As on the Gold Wing, the new system is specifically aimed at frontal impacts and is therefore triggered by a sensor in the bottom of the fork. Highsides, lowsides, or any other accident where the impact is not directly from the front will not engage the airbag system.

Although airbags are never likely to be as effective on bikes as they are in the confined space of a car, where drivers can be surrounded by them on all sides; Honda hopes that the combination of modern safety gear, including airbag-equipped leathers and airbags fitted to bikes themselves, will hold some promise of reduced injuries in the future.

### **E-MOTORCYCLE TAX CREDIT REINSTATED AND RETROACTIVE**

The E-motorcycle Federal Tax Credit, also known as the 2-wheeled plug-in tax credit for electric motorcycles, was included in the "last minute" tax extenders bill approved by Congress and signed into law by President Obama on December 18, 2015. It covers 10% of the purchase price up to a maximum of \$2,500, with an additional tax credit approved which covers electric motorcycle chargers with a 30% tax credit up to \$1,000.

The credit only applies to street legal motorcycles that can go over 45 mph. The federal tax credits are available in all 50 US states and apply to electric motorcycles and EV chargers purchased in both 2015 (retroactive) and 2016.

### **MOTORCYCLE THEFT STATISTICS**

The National Insurance Crime Bureau has released its latest bike theft report, and while much of their annual report is predictable, such as most thefts occur in the summer, some statistics reveal some interesting nuggets of information:

Nationally, the NICB's "2014 United States Theft and Recovery report for 2014 and 2015" is better than in

2013. There were 42,856 motorcycle thefts recorded in 2014 (17,757, or 41% of motorcycles were recovered) which is a 6% decrease from the year prior. Considering motorcycle sales have increased 4% from 2013 (465,783) to 2014 (483,526), this is good news. The number of thefts decreased is a sign of steady decline in motorcycle thefts since 2011, with 8% fewer thefts in 2014 compared to three years prior. The top three states for motorcycle theft last year were California (6,355), Florida (3,981), and Texas (3,274). The state with the fewest thefts was Wyoming, with a total of 23 last year. There are 16 states that saw an increase in the number of motorcycle thefts in 2014 compared to 2013, with DC having the highest increase (54%). There are 35 states that saw a decrease in the number of motorcycle thefts in 2014 compared to 2013, with Wyoming having the highest decrease (-43%).

### **WEIRD NEWS: RIDER LEARNS HARD LESSON IN JURISPRUDENCE**

A California man who lost a lawsuit over an erection has had his hopes for justice deflated once again, as a state appeals court in San Francisco affirmed an earlier judgment against him in a 2012 suit he brought against two motorcycling companies.

The plaintiff biker claimed an acute case of priapism, or painfully prolonged erection, due to seat vibrations, and sued both BMW and seat maker Corbin for product liability seeking damages due to negligence and infliction of emotional distress. The biker lost his case but decided to appeal, which turned out to be a big mistake, as the appellate court ruled that he failed to demonstrate any new intelligible argument and failed to comply with the rules of appellate procedure and ordered him to pay the defendants' costs on appeal, a sum likely to be in the tens of thousands of dollars.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "If it can be destroyed by the truth, it deserves to be destroyed by the truth."  
Carl Sagan (1934-1996) astronomer and author



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