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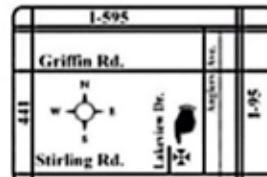
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# WHO WE ARE

- 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.
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**Become informed** – ABATE of Florida, Inc. Southeast chapter publishes a monthly newsletter (online & in print) that provides first-hand knowledge of legislative updates, bills & regulations that are being proposed, introduced or up for vote in the Florida House and/or Senate, as well as some regulations coming out of the Federal Government that affect or could affect us as riders.

The more members and voters we have, the more pressure our lobbyist can put on Lawmakers to pass legislation that helps us and stop legislation that hurts us. Join us not only in our fight for our freedoms, but also in the camaraderie in the brotherhood/sisterhood of ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Isn't your freedom worth \$20.00 a year? Join us now.

**See Page 47 for Membership Application**



# FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings brothers and sisters, and thank you for picking up and reading this issue of our newsletter!!!

I would like to thank everyone that volunteered to help setup and run our safety booth at the 12th Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show, most especially our newest member Randy! Thanks brother and welcome to ABATE of Florida, Inc., Southeast Chapter! There was, as usual, a tremendous turnout for that event and we did quite well with donations and getting our message out. We even picked up a few new members as well!

I would now like to remind the membership (as I did in last month's issue) that the present Governor's terms have run their course and he will be attempting to secure a Senatorial position in our state government. In the mean time, there are several legislators with their eyes on the upcoming vacant Gubernatorial position, and have been soliciting Doc for support on that endeavor. Doc did not want to mention any names until after the February sessions. As a reminder, ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a nonpartisan organization, which means that we do not endorse any particular political party or candidate. ABATE leadership will however, inform the membership as to those candidates that have supported ABATE (or not) in the past, as so the membership can make a more informed decision when electing those to the executive or legislative branches of our state government.

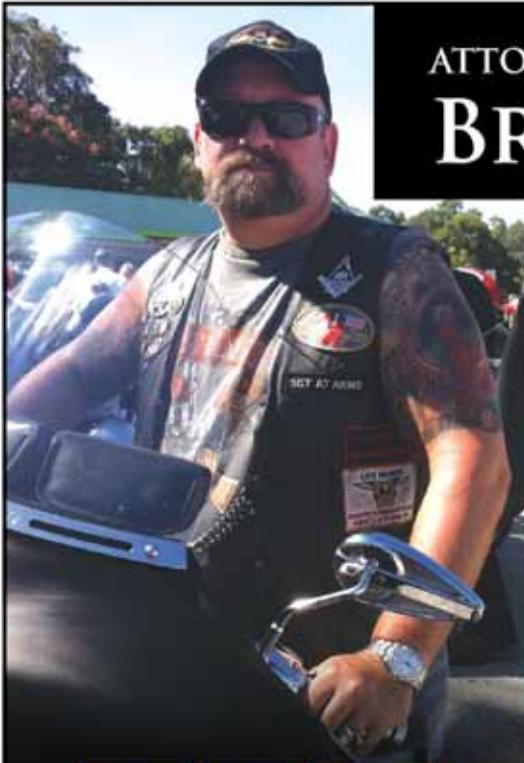
The last thing I would like to convey, but most assuredly not least, goes to whom so ever may pick up this newsletter to read it that is not a member. If you are a motorcycle rider, no matter what make or model, or just a motorcycle enthusiast, or someone who is a family member of a rider or enthusiast, I would strongly urge you to consider becoming a member. I cordially invite you to attend our next chapter meeting in order to get a better idea of how we operate and what we stand for.

So with that, I'd like to thank everyone for his or her continued support of our chapter and state organization and as always...

May Saint Christopher, Holy Patron of Travelers, guide and protect you and your loved ones so that you may RIDE FREE AND RIDE SAFE my brothers and sisters!!!

With Honor and Respect,  
William G. "MAGNETO" Prewitt, President  
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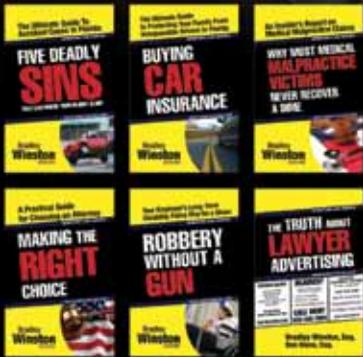


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Randy Gettinger  
Richard "Rick" Morrow

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## **Membership Due For February**

Gabriel "Jager" Davalos  
Vito Borzumato

**If you have already renewed**

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## **Reminder - Memberships Due For January 2018**

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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.

# *A Message From Your Vice President*

2018 is starting off really good. I have already attended a couple of good events. I went to the States MC Blessing of the Bikes. It was great to see everyone. It was a beautiful day for a ride. The following weekend, I went to the Wings of Gold Biker Appreciation Day, where they announced the total tally from the Toys in the Sun Run: \$451,000 was raised for Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital. It is great to see the biker community working so hard to help the kids who need it the most.



This brings me back to reminding everyone that we have to support all of the groups, clubs, and businesses in our motorcycle community. We are a reciprocal community and we all need to help each other.

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Peace,  
Johnny Rose



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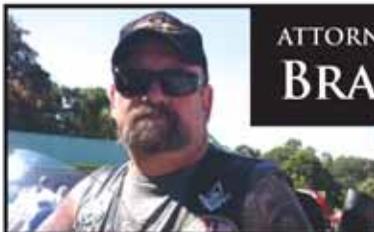
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**Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes  
Held at American Legion Post 222  
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January 21, 2018**

Nighthawk, called the meeting to order at 10:02am by standing up and asking everyone to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence. There were 18 members and 1 guest present.

**President's Report:** Magneto thanked everyone for coming out. He thanked everyone who helped us at the Toys in the Sun Run. He reminded everyone about the upcoming Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show next Saturday. The show opens at 10am and we will need volunteers for our Safety Booth to come out around 8:30am.

**Vice President's Report:** Johnny Rose thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and to the Toy Run. At the Toy Run, everything went smooth. Johnny also mentioned that, due to construction traffic, there have been a lot of rocks on the road. Please be sure to watch out and pay special attention, especially while riding.

**Secretary's Report:** Sheila Rose called for a motion to accept the minutes as printed, motion made, seconded, and all were in favor. Motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Critter read the Treasurer's Report for December. A motion was made to accept the report, seconded, and all were in favor. Motion was passed.

**Sergeant at Arm's Report:** Nighthawk thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked everyone who helped out at the Toy Run. He asked everyone to take a few newsletters, and as you are out during the next week, give them to people and remind them about the Vintage Motorcycle Show.

**Road Captain's Report:** Wavy, with deep regrets, said that he is stepping down from all positions for personal reasons. If anyone wants to step up and take these positions, Road Captain and Products, let the Board know.

**Safety Director's Report:** Johnny Rose talked about tire pressure, that when it gets cold the air pressure in your tires changes. Brad Winston said that experience has led him to always check the tire pressure, every single time he rides. Johnny Rose also said that it is a good idea to go over your entire bike, all the nuts and bolts, every time, before you ride. Nighthawk reminded everyone again to watch out for school zones. He mentioned that eight children have already gone down since Christmas break. Be sure to take care and slow down.

**State Representative's Report:** Critter said that the 21st Annual Freedom Rights Rally is February 12, 2018 in Tallahassee. This is also the State Meeting weekend. This meeting is on a Sunday and the ride to the Capitol is on Monday. If anyone is interested in going on the ride contact Critter or Magneto. Information is also available on the State website. It's important that we get as many bike as we can in Tallahassee in ordeer to show the legislatures the voting power behind ABATE of Florida.

**Products Report:** Wavy said that anyone who is interested in doing Products, come to the Vintage Motorcycle Show. He will show you what is involved and how to do it. He said Critter helped him organize it, so it isn't hard.

**Membership Report:** Sheila Rose reported that membership is going well. We had 7 new members and 5 renewals for December. Five of the new ones were from the Toys in the Sun Run. So far, for January we have 2 new member and 9 renewals. We hope to get quite a few new members at the Vintage Motorcycle Show.

**Events Coordinator:** This position is open.

**Newsletter Editor:** Critter mentioned that articles are due today. As always, if anyone has pictures from events that they would like to share, please send them to Critter.

**Newsletter Distribution:** Poppie was excused.

**Legislative Report:** Brad mentioned that it is a busy time in the legislature. The auto-cycle bill is now on a special calendar, which means it will be voted on soon. These are the three-wheeled cars that they want to re-classify as motorcycles. The vulnerable road user's bill is now being pushed through as an enhanced penalties bill. The word motorcycle has been taken out of the bill so it no longer pertains to us. The ban on red light cameras has passed the House and will most likely pass in the Senate. The repeal of PIP insurance will likely pass, which would mean Florida would no longer be a "no-fault" state. The repeal would mean motorists would be required to carry bodily injury coverage in place of PIP.

**Legal Counsel:** Brad said there is talk about restoration of civil rights for convicted felons. They are working on some clemency for them which would be determined on a case by case basis.

**Public Relations:** Fern mentioned that the Der Krieger Annual on January 28, 2018. They only have one party a year and the membership should try to

show up and support them.

**Billing and Invoicing:** Sheila reported that all advertisers are up to date.

**Social Director:** Sandy brought a cake for the January birthdays. Please be sure to stay for the birthday party after the meeting.

**Quartermaster's Report:** Bob Anz will have coffee for our next event.

**Photographer's Report:** Barry has been taking pictures and will be turning them over to Critter.

**Webmaster's Report:** Rogue was excused.

**Old Business:** Johnny Rose looked into what we need to do to get a memorial plaque for Paul Melcer. Paul was the Secretary for ABATE Southeast Chapter for many years and passed away this year.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

**Good of the Order:** Magneto mentioned that Scurvy Few is having a pirate party on February 17th at Mickey's Tiki Bar starting at 1pm. Sheila Rose said that AOA Annual is on February 11th.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was called for at 10:56am, was seconded, and all were in favor.

Our next Chapter meeting is February 18, 2018 at the American Legion Post 222, in Oakland Park, FL. See you all at our next meeting!!

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*Sheila Rose*  
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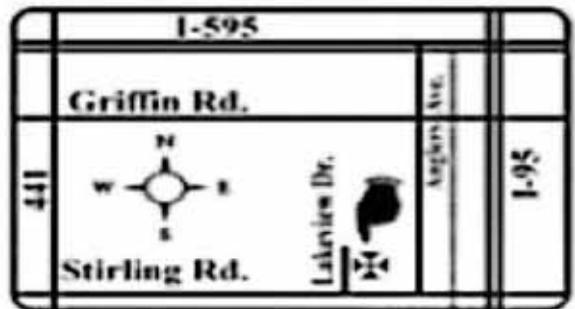


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# TEN ISSUES TO WATCH IN 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By JIM SAUNDERS - THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, January 4, 2018..... Florida lawmakers will start the 2018 legislative session Tuesday, with Gov. Rick Scott giving his annual State of the State address.

During the subsequent two months, the House and Senate will negotiate a state budget and consider hundreds of bills. Here are 10 big issues to watch as the session moves forward:

**BUDGET:** Scott has proposed an \$87.4 billion spending plan for the fiscal year that starts July 1. The proposal includes politically popular ideas such as boosting education funding and providing tax cuts. But the proposal is only a starting point for lawmakers, who are expected to face a tight budget. A September analysis estimated a slim \$52 million surplus for the coming year --- and that did not account for the state's costs from Hurricane Irma.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Eyeing money from a 2014 constitutional amendment about land and water conservation, lawmakers will consider a series of proposals that could shield property from development and restore waterways. For example, Senate budget chief Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island, has proposed spending \$100 million a year on the Florida Forever program and wants to set aside \$50 million a year for the restoration of the St. Johns River, its tributaries and the Keystone Heights lake region in North Florida.

**HEALTH CARE:** House Republican leaders likely will renew a push to ease health-care regulations, an effort they say would help increase access to care and lower costs. Examples include eliminating the "certificate of need" approval process for hospital building projects and ending a restriction on patients staying overnight at ambulatory surgical centers. Such proposals, however, have died in recent years in the Senate amid opposition from parts of the hospital industry.

**HIGHER EDUCATION:** Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, has made a top priority of revamping the higher-education system and will continue seeking changes during his final term. Senators are expected to quickly approve a bill that would make permanent an expansion of Bright Futures scholarships and take steps to further bolster need-based aid. Negron also wants changes such as holding universities to a four-year graduation standard in performance funding.

**HURRICANE IRMA:** When Hurricane Irma smashed into Florida on Sept. 10, it reset priorities for the 2018 legislative session. Lawmakers are considering dozens of ideas for responding to Irma and preparing for future storms. For instance, they are looking at possibly providing financial help to the agriculture industry, which took at least a \$2.5 billion hit in Irma. They also will grapple with Scott's push to require long-term care facilities to have generators and fuel to keep buildings cool when electricity goes out.

**INSURANCE:** Insurance lobbyists will try to persuade lawmakers to revamp laws dealing with a controversial practice known as "assignment of benefits," which the industry blames for increased property-insurance costs. The practice involves policyholders signing over benefits to contractors, who then pursue payment from insurers --- often leading to disputes and lawsuits. Lawmakers also will consider renewed proposals to eliminate the state's no-fault auto insurance system.

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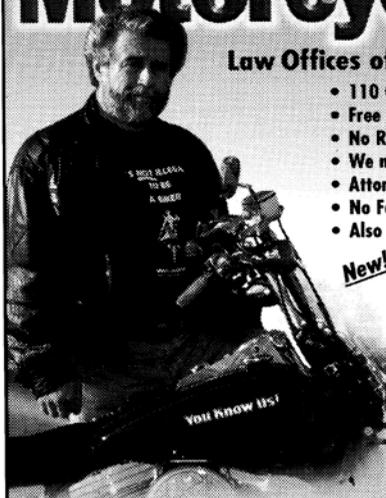
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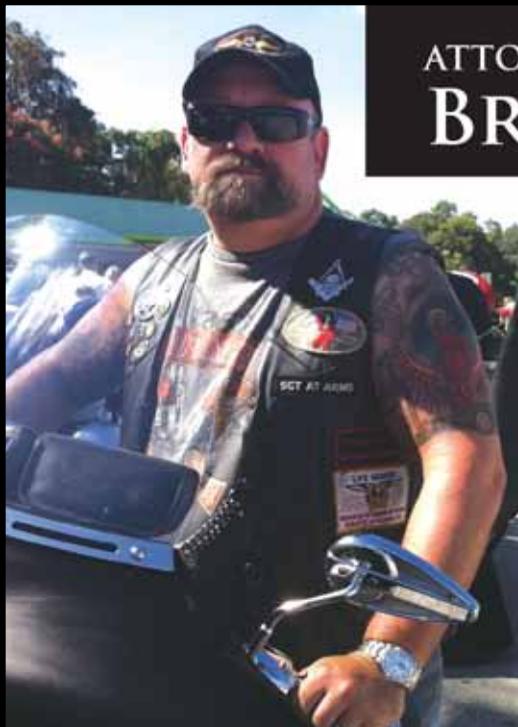
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## Ten Issues to Watch in 2018 Legislative Session *Con't. from page 19*

**K-12 EDUCATION:** House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, has made clear he wants to continue expanding school-choice programs, which draw opposition from Democrats and many public-school officials. The House has started moving forward with a bill that would offer voucher-like scholarships to students who are bullied in public schools. Meanwhile, the House and Senate face a key budget disagreement on the use of increased property-tax revenues in funding public schools.

**OPIOID EPIDEMIC:** With overdoses skyrocketing and families being torn apart, lawmakers will look for ways to address the state's opioid epidemic. Scott wants to spend \$53 million to address the issue, with much of the money going to substance-abuse treatment. Scott and lawmakers also could place limits on initial opioid prescriptions that doctors write for patients. The idea is to prevent patients from getting hooked on prescription painkillers and then moving onto potentially deadly street drugs.

**TAX CUTS:** Since taking office in 2011, Scott has made cutting taxes a hallmark of his administration. As he enters his final legislative session, Scott has proposed \$180 million in tax and fee cuts. The proposal, however, does not include major changes in the tax system. Instead, it includes a 10-day sales tax "holiday" for back-to-school shoppers and reductions in motorist-related fees, including fees for obtaining and renewing driver's licenses.

**TEXTING WHILE DRIVING:** Lawmakers in recent years have repeatedly rejected efforts to toughen the state's ban on texting while driving. But the issue has a better chance of passing during the 2018 session after Corcoran announced that he supports making texting while driving a "primary" offense. Currently, it is a "secondary" offense, meaning motorists can only be cited if they are pulled over for other reasons. But if it is a primary offense, police would be able to stop motorists for texting behind the wheel. *(For more information on the texting ban, see page 23)*



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# TOUGHER TEXTING WHILE DRIVING BAN MOVES IN HOUSE

By JIM TURNER - THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

With support from the House speaker, a proposal to make texting while driving a “primary” offense in Florida received unanimous support Tuesday from a House panel as the 2018 legislative session opened. The House Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee approved the measure (HB 33), which would allow law-enforcement officers to stop vehicles when they see motorists texting behind the wheel.

“This will prevent the actual behavior of texting behind the wheel,” said Rep. Emily Slosberg, a Boca Raton Democrat who is co-sponsoring the bill with Rep. Jackie Toledo, R-Tampa. “Because right now, it’s completely unenforceable as a secondary offense.”

Currently, motorists can only be charged with texting and driving if they are stopped for other offenses, such as speeding. The bill, which must still go before two more panels, advanced despite concern by St. Petersburg Democrat Wengay Newton --- a committee member who voted for the bill --- who said the change from a secondary to primary offense could be used to racially profile African-Americans. “I know the inference of having the safety.” Newton, who is black, said. “I get it. But at the same time, when you talk about how it affects everybody in the state ... there are a lot that look like me that I want to ensure get a fair shake.”

Also, some supporters of the texting-while-driving ban would prefer lawmakers require motorists to be “hands free” from electronic devices. They also contend the House proposal could prevent law enforcement from inspecting electronic devices if drivers simply claim they were using allowed GPS rather than typing messages. “There’s just too many loopholes in it,” said Demetrius Branca, whose 19-year-old son Anthony Branca was killed by a distracted driver just over three years ago in Tallahassee. “In my mind, distracted driving, the core of it, is no different than drunk driving. You are doing something that you know to be dangerous, and you are endangering everyone around you.”

The House bill would allow motorists to text while in stationary vehicles and would require law-enforcement officers to inform drivers they have a right to decline a search of the wireless devices. The measure also would prohibit officers from confiscating handheld devices without warrants. The civil liberty protections were important for many lawmakers. Bills in the past to toughen texting-while-driving laws have failed to advance in the Republican-dominated Legislature.

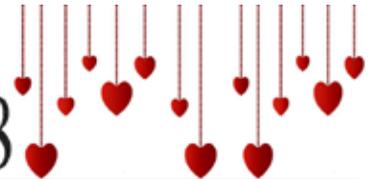
Slosberg said after the meeting she’d prefer a “hands free” requirement and for charges to be criminal, but she said the bill had been negotiated and needs to be viewed as “a step in the right direction.” “We’re moving the needle,” added Toledo, who noted her stepson bragged that he knew he couldn’t be pulled over for texting while driving unless he was committing a separate offense. “That’s when I’m thinking we need harsher legislation,” Toledo said. “We need to be clear with our children that you cannot text and drive.”

The proposal got a major boost in December when House Speaker Richard Corcoran announced his support. The Land O’ Lakes Republican said that as the father of six children, including two teens who have driver licenses, he has become convinced by statistics showing the dangers of texting while driving, particularly for younger drivers.

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# FEBRUARY 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 US MILITARY VETS MC ANNUAL (Homestead)
4	5 States MC Pompano Dinner	6	7	8	9	10
11 AOA FT. LAUD. ANNUAL	12 States MC Pompano Dinner	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17 SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY
<b>ABATE State Meeting Tallahassee</b>	<b>ABATE 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Ride to the Capitol</b>					
18	19 States MC Pompano Dinner	20	21	22	23	24 WHEELS OF MAN MC 45 <sup>th</sup> ANNUAL
<b>CHAPTER MEETING</b>						
25	26 States MC Pompano Dinner	27	28			



  
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# MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 HERMANDAD MC ANNUAL	5 States MC Pompano Dinner	6	7	8	9 78 <sup>TH</sup> DAYTONA BIKE WEEK March 9-18	10
11	12 States MC Pompano Dinner	13	14	15	16	17  St. Patrick's Day
18 KELTICS MC ANNUAL	19 States MC Pompano Dinner	20	21	22	23	24
<b>CHAPTER MEETING</b>						
25 US MILITARY VETS MC (Ch 1) PARTY	26 States MC Pompano Dinner	27	28	29	30	31

# 2018 CALENDAR

MANDATORY CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD



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## FEBRUARY

**3: US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD-ANNUAL**

**11: AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**

14: Valentines Day

17: SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY

**24: WHEELS OF MAN MC - 45th ANNUAL**

## MARCH

**4: HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL**

9-18: 77th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK

17: St. Patrick's Day

**18: KELTICS MC - ANNUAL**

25: US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY

## APRIL

1: Easter

**1: CMA - EASTER SERVICE**

7: MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY

**15: STATES MC - ANNUAL**

**22: ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL**

27-29: LEESBURG BIKEFEST

## MAY

**6: SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL**

**12: SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL**

13: Mothers Day

**20: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL**

26: S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

28: Memorial Day

## JUNE

**3: NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL**

9: AOA SOUTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers

**10: WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**

17: Fathers Day

24: LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY

## JULY

4: Independence Day

**8: US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL**

**15: SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD - ANNUAL**

**22: KINGDOM OF BROTHERS MC - ANNUAL**

28: WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

## AUGUST

5: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY

3-12: 78th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY

10-12: SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION

12: AOA FT. LAUD.-51<sup>st</sup> ANNIV. PARTY-MOLDY'S B-DAY

19: **SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL**

## SEPTEMBER

2: SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN(??)

3: Labor Day

9: STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY

14-16: PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN(??)

23: KELTICS MC - PARTY

## OCTOBER

7: **MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL**

14: **S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL**

18-21: DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST

20: WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY

27: ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY

28: CMA - MEMORIAL

## NOVEMBER

3: **HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL**

11: Veterans Day

11: **USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL**

17: **LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL**

22: Thanksgiving Day

## DECEMBER

9: **SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN**

15: ALIGATOR ALLEY TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING

15: HERMANDAD MC-ALFREDO MEMORIAL & TOY RUN

15: USMVMC - REATHS ACROSS AMERICA

16: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN

25: Christmas Day





# MONTHLY EVENTS



## FRIDAY

Outlaws MC WPB Open House at 7pm  
 USMV MC Ch 2 Open house at 8pm (Dania Bch)  
 Der Krieger MC Open House at 8pm  
 Mystic 7 MC Open House...Ladies drink FREE!  
 Keltics MC Open House  
 Scurvy Few MC Open House at 7:30pm  
 1st Fri - Soldiers for Jesus Open House 7-10pm  
 1st & 3rd Fri - Kingdom of Brothers Open House  
 3rd Fri - Wings of Gold MC Open House Davie  
 4th Fri - American Legion Post 36 Bike Night

## SATURDAY

1st & 3rd Sat - AOA MC Dania Open House  
 2nd Sat - USMV MC Ft. Laud. Open House  
 2nd & 4th Sat - Mystic 7 Open House  
 2nd & 4th Sat - Kingdom of Brothers Open House

## SUNDAY

Free pool at Sharkey's Lounge Margate  
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## WEEK DAYS

Mon - States MC Pompano Dinner Nite 6:30pm  
 Mon - Ladies nite at Sharkey's 9-2, 241 drinks  
 Tues - Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House  
 Last Tues - USMVMC Palm Bch Open House  
 Wed - Blues Nite at Mickey's  
 Thurs - Leathernecks MC Open House 8-mid  
 Thurs - Hermandad MC Open House, 8-2am  
 Thurs - Scurvy Few MC Open House/Texas Holdem  
 3rd Thurs - Peterson's Harley South Bike nite 6-10pm





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## **No-Fault Insurance Repeal Gets Senate Backing**

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Lee's proposal is estimated to initially raise rates about \$4 a year, as the savings from the elimination of no-fault would be offset by increases in premiums for bodily-injury liability coverage and uninsured-motorist coverage. "You could lower insurance premiums, if that was our solitary goal, by gutting insurance coverage and having people drive around with almost no coverage," Lee said. "The question is what is the most efficient system."

The House measure sponsored by Rep. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, faces opposition from some insurers, business groups and medical providers. It has been projected to save motorists on average about \$80 a year. Grall's proposal, which was backed by the House Commerce Committee in an 18-7 vote last month, would eliminate the system's limits on lawsuits. Drivers at fault in accidents would be fully liable for damages, with the minimum bodily-injury coverage under Grall's proposal being \$25,000 for damages for injury or death of one person and \$50,000 for injury or death of two or more people.

Lee's proposal, starting Jan. 1, 2019, would set a minimum of \$20,000 for bodily injury protection that includes coverage for the injury or death of one person and \$40,000 for injury or death of two or more people. Individual premiums would be expected to increase as the minimum coverage would grow to \$25,000 and \$50,000 two years later and to \$30,000 and \$60,000 on Jan. 1, 2023.



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# Election 2018 Update

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**REPUBLICAN DESANTIS LAUNCHES GUBERNATORIAL BID** U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis filed paperwork Friday to formally enter Florida's 2018 gubernatorial race, after landing praise from President Donald Trump and rounding up a list of wealthy financial backers. DeSantis, a Palm Coast Republican, opened accounts that will allow him to raise money for a primary contest that already includes state Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam and is expected to be joined by House Speaker Richard Corcoran. "As somebody who is a military officer, an Iraq veteran, a proven conservative, and then with the support of the president, I'm in a position to exercise the leadership that can build on the great work that Gov. Rick Scott has done to advance economic opportunity, reform education and to drain the swamp in Tallahassee, which needs to be drained just like Washington," DeSantis said during an appearance Friday on the Fox News show "Fox & Friends." An official campaign kick-off will occur later this month, a release from his campaign said.

**DEMOCRAT TOPS \$78,000 IN MIAMI-DADE HOUSE RACE** Democrat Javier Fernandez raked in more than \$78,000 during a six-week period as he began his special-election campaign for a Miami-Dade County House seat. Fernandez raised \$78,510 from Nov. 17 through Thursday for the race in House District 114, a seat that opened when Coral Gables Democrat Daisy Baez resigned from the Legislature in November. Fernandez is one of four candidates seeking the seat. Republicans Andrew Vargas and Jose Pazos will square off in a Feb. 20 GOP primary, with the winner running against Fernandez and unaffiliated candidate Liz de las Cuevas in a May 1 special general election. Vargas raised \$18,500 from Nov. 1 through Thursday, while Pazos raised \$3,050, newly filed finance reports show. De las Cuevas raised \$5,165 during the period. Baez stepped down after pleading guilty to a perjury charge in an investigation into her residency.

**VARGAS LEADS GOP FUNDRAISING IN MIAMI-DADE SPECIAL ELECTION** Preparing for a Feb. 20 special primary election in a Miami-Dade County House district, Republican Andrew Vargas has continued to build a fundraising edge over GOP opponent Jose Pazos, according to newly filed finance reports. Vargas raised \$18,500 from Nov. 28 through Thursday, bringing his overall total to \$154,823. Contributions during the month-long period included \$3,000 from divisions of the HCA health-care chain and \$3,000 from political-action committees linked to the Florida Justice Association trial-lawyers group. Pazos, meanwhile, raised \$3,050 during the period, bringing his overall total to \$16,750, the reports filed with the state Division of Elections show. Vargas and Pazos are running in House District 114, which opened in November when former Rep. Daisy Baez, D-Coral Gables, resigned after pleading guilty to a perjury charge in an investigation into her residency. The winner of the Republican primary will face Democrat Javier Fernandez and unaffiliated candidate Liz de las Cuevas in a May 1 special general election. Updated finance information had only been posted Tuesday morning for the Republican candidates.

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## **Tougher Texting While Driving Ban Moves In House** *Continued from page 23*

The state Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles reported nearly 50,000 distracted-driving crashes in 2016 in Florida, including 233 deaths. Slosberg sought a texting-while-driving ban in the 2017 session and has spent the past several months urging support from local governments. More than 20 counties and nearly 30 cities approved resolutions in support of making texting while driving a primary offense.

For Slosberg, efforts to increase traffic safety are also personal. On Feb. 23, 1996, Slosberg and her twin sister, Dori, got into a car with friends. The driver, 19, was speeding 90 mph in a 50 mph zone when the car struck a median and crashed into a car heading east. Emily Slosberg survived the crash with a punctured lung and several broken bones. Dori was killed along with four other teenagers.

The bill does not alter existing fines --- \$30 plus court costs for a first non-moving violation and \$60, court costs and three points on a driver's license on a second offense within five years of the first. By not changing the fines, the House measure is closer in line with a Senate bill (SB 90) by Sen. Keith Perry, R-Gainesville, that will go before the Senate Transportation Committee on Wednesday.

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**HOUSE TO MOVE QUICKLY ON 'SANCTUARY CITIES'** A bill aimed at "sanctuary cities" will be one of the first items of business for the Florida House when the 60-day legislative session begins next week. House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, said Tuesday on Twitter that the proposal (HB 9) will pass quickly. "Sanctuary cities are a threat to the safety of our communities," Corcoran tweeted. "On week one of session the Florida House will pass a bill that will enforce the rule of law." The proposal, sponsored by Rep. Larry Metz, R-Yalaha, would require state and local agencies to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement and would bar sanctuary policies. It drew quick praise from Corcoran in November after getting approval from the House Judiciary Committee, the only committee that heard the bill. The House has approved similar measures the past two sessions, but the proposals have died in the Senate. The House Republican position has drawn heavy opposition from Democrats and immigrant advocates who argue, in part, that the bill would lead to racial profiling by authorities.

**OTHER LAWMAKERS MAY PICK UP HAHNFELDT BILLS** House members will be able to pick up legislation filed by the late Rep. Don Hahnfeldt without it counting against their session limit. Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, announced in a memo to members that a motion will be made on Jan. 9, the opening day of the annual legislative session, that will allow measures filed by Hahnfeldt to receive new sponsors. Also, those measures won't count against a six-bill limit for House members. Corcoran noted he consulted with Minority Leader Janet Cruz, D-Tampa, before making the announcement. "As with any other piece of legislation, these bills will be evaluated and advanced through the committee process on their merits," Corcoran said. Hahnfeldt, a Republican from The Villages, died of cancer on Dec. 24. He was 73. He was the primary sponsor for five bills and five additional proposals seeking money for projects in his district. Rep. Lori Berman, D-Lantana, has already announced she intends to move forward with a bill (HB 1029) seeking to raise the legal age for smoking from 18 to 21. Berman and Hahnfeldt co-sponsored the measure.

*Editor's Note: Rep. Hahnfeldt HB419, which seeks to require insurance for motorcycles. That bill has been picked up by Rep. Daniel Perez - District 116.*

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## **NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES**

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### **SAVE THE DATE: NCOM CONVENTION IN MOBILE**

The 33rd annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 10-13, 2018 at the Renaissance / Riverview Plaza Hotel, located at 64 S. Water St., in Mobile, Alabama, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$114 by calling (251) 438-4000.

The largest gathering of motorcycle rights activists in the world, this year's NCOM Convention will draw hundreds of concerned motorcyclists from across America to "The Port City" to address topics of concern to all riders.

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NCOM has successfully outreached to numerous segments of the motorcycling community in an effort to unite for our rights, in both the courthouse and statehouse, and has become a unifying voice amongst North America's motorcycle rights organizations (MROs), motorcycle clubs, women riders, religious riding organizations, touring groups, trikers, sportbikers, and minority motorcyclists.

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Motorcyclists at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com).

### **SECOND BIKER SET FOR TRIAL IN WACO REJECTS PLEA DEAL**

Following a hung jury in the first of 171 Twin Peaks cases to go to court, resulting in a declared mistrial, the second defendant set for trial on charges stemming from the deadly May 17, 2015 shooting has rejected a plea deal.

Dallas trucker George "Scooter" Bergman declined a deal in court to plea to a misdemeanor with one year probation, and the District Attorney dropping murder charges, but he instead demanded his day in court by pleading not guilty to engaging in organized criminal activity resulting in deaths and injuries. Nine bikers were killed and 20 injured in the 2015 shootout involving police and bikers at the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, Texas.

Describing how he was on his way to the bathroom when the first shots rang out, and how he ducked for cover until the firing stopped, Bergman says "How can I say I am guilty for something when that is what I did?" Defense attorney Clint Broden says the state has no evidence against his client "other than he was present at Twin Peaks and was wearing a motorcycle jacket."

The prosecutor's office has since sought a continuance of the case until July, after the upcoming March 6 election primary, in a move many believe is so the D.A. doesn't suffer a loss or another mistrial before facing local voters.

Last November, Bandidos MC leader Christopher "Jake" Carrizal was the first biker to face trial. The jury in that case told the judge that even after several hours of deliberation they could not reach a unanimous verdict, which forced the judge to declare a mistrial.

### **STUDY URGES MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS TRAINING IN DRIVER'S ED**

Motorcycle awareness should be included in all driver training and increased in safety campaigns, according to the authors of an Australian National University study which found that drivers are twice as likely to miss seeing a motorcycle compared with a taxi and admit they do not expect to see motorcyclists.

Referred to it as “inattentional blindness” resulting in “looked-but-failed-to-see” (LBFTS) crashes, these are the most common type of collision involving motorcycles, according to the 2017 US Motorcycle Crash Causation Study.

Now, a new Australian National University study, “Allocating Attention to Detect Motorcycles: The Role of Inattentional Blindness”, has found that drivers are overloaded with more sensory information than the brain can handle. “So our brain has to decide what information is most important,” the study reports.

Researchers showed photographs of “safe” or “unsafe” situations involving a motorcycle and a taxi, and 65% did not detect the motorcycle while only 31% did not notice the taxi. In other experiments, drivers modulated their attention to accommodate motorcycles when necessary, suggesting that motorcycles are given the least amount of attention.

Participants said they believed a motorcycle was just as likely to be on the road as a taxi, but admitted they would be far less likely to notice the motorcycle. However, participants who have a motorcycle license were more likely to notice the motorcycles.

“Motorcycles appear to be very low on the priority list for the brain when it is filtering information,” University researcher Kristen Pammer says. Co-authors say their study highlights the need to encourage drivers to be more motorcycle-aware with special training for novice drivers to “put motorcyclists higher on the brain ‘radar’ of the driver.”

Pammer notes many ways drivers can be made rider-aware, including advertising campaigns. “I would put it into driver training programs where everyone who drives must also experience what it is like to ride a motorbike,” she says, adding that “If we could have everyone pass a simulator motorbike riding test -- I bet it would make a big difference.”

**TRAFFIC STOP 101 REQUIRED LEARNING** A legislative trend has started amongst states passing laws requiring licensees be taught the basics of being pulled over, and by knowing what to do drivers can avoid negative interactions with law enforcement during traffic stops. As of the New Year, three more states have introduced such legislation.

In Kentucky, HB104 would require that a driver’s education program includes “instruction regarding a driver’s conduct during interactions with law enforcement officers” and amend the state’s Driver Manual to contain the information needed for an operator’s license examination; and require driver training schools to include it in the course of instruction for new drivers. House Bill 104 was introduced January 2nd and referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

House Bill 1244 in Missouri “Requires driver’s license examiners to demonstrate to applicants what he or she is likely to experience during a traffic stop and requires driver’s education providers to include curriculum on traffic stops.”

Likewise, S7239 in New York would mandate “driver education courses to include a description of law enforcement procedures during traffic stops and the actions a motorist shall take during such stop including appropriate interactions with such officers.” It was introduced January 5th in the Senate and referred to the Transportation Committee.

### **SLUMPING BIKE SALES BLAMED ON UNCLE SAM**

“To say sales of new motorcycles have been slow is an understatement right up there with advising the captain of the Titanic that there’s a ‘little leak’ down in the hold,” observes the National Motorists Association ([www.motorists.org](http://www.motorists.org)), then rhetorically asking ‘Why?’ in a recent blog...“Could it be ... Uncle?”

“It is because of Uncle that motorcycling isn’t what it was once -- freeing, in particular,” claims NMA columnist Eric Peters, adding that it has also become too expensive for Millennials -- the next-up generation that ought to be swelling the new rider ranks, but aren’t, because they’re already saddled with plenty of debt.

Some telling statistics indicate the median age of a rider today is 47 -- up from 32 in 1990 -- and even more alarming is that the number of first-time/new riders in the 18-24 cohort of people who will form the backbone of the buyer base for the next 20-30 years is down from 16% of the total pool back in 1990 to a depressing 6% today. Probably because they can’t afford it, says NMA.

“Motorcycling has become not-cheap for several reasons -- all traceable to Uncle.”

Bikes are now mandated to have the same expense-padding equipment -- especially anti-pollution equipment like cars have had for decades, even though motorcycles overall have a negligible impact on the environment because of small engines in small numbers.

“New bikes must now be very much like new cars -- computer-controlled EFI, catalytic converters...They are not only expensive as a result -- especially to service, which most people can no longer do themselves.”

So instead of being an inexpensive hands-on experience, motorcycling is becoming the pastime of the old -- and affluent.

The median household income of a motorcycle owner is now \$62,200 according to stats compiled by the Motley Fool and 65% bring in more than \$50,000. That largely rules out the 18-24 crowd (Millennials) as a class. It's not that they “don't like motorcycles,” as asserted by some analysts... “It's simply that they can't afford them anymore.”

### **GM TO LAUNCH SELF-DRIVING CARS BY 2019**

General Motors has filed a petition asking the federal government permission to deploy self-driving cars on U.S. roadways without backup drivers or any manual controls.

The U.S. auto manufacturer announced it will mass produce vehicles without steering wheels or pedals, and that it plans on rolling them out in 2019. Some other autonomous cars allow human drivers to take control if something goes wrong.

All vehicles that are allowed to operate on public roads must meet the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards -- 16 of which include human-driver-based requirements. GM is asking NHTSA to allow the company to meet those safety standards through alternate means -- a process that the U.S. House of Representatives intends to include in a self-driving bill that was recently passed.

GM is facing competition from Google, which started testing driverless cars on public roads late last year.

The petition is the latest step toward the company's goal of deploying a commercial robotaxi service. GM wants

permission from federal regulators to begin testing driverless robo-cabs on public roads, starting in 2019; a move that could position the Detroit automaker as one of the leaders in the development of autonomous vehicle technology.

“We believe this is a pretty notable milestone on the journey to AV deployment where we're talking about a real production car with no manual controls,” said GM President Dan Ammann, adding that, “this technology will have a huge impact on the world.”

GM's announcement came on the same day the Boston Consulting Group issued a new report looking at the impact technologies like autonomous driving and electrified vehicles will have on the auto industry over the next two decades. Among other things, the study forecast that about 20% of the miles Americans travel by automobile in 2035 will be in robo-cabs operated by ride-sharing services.

### **AIRBAG SUITS NOW MANDATORY IN MOTORCYCLE RACING**

Motorcycle suits with airbag technology have been used voluntarily by most of the world's fastest riders for nearly a decade, though never mandatory, but that has now changed for all classes across the 2018 MotoGP World Championship races.

Thanks to a new official ruling by governing body Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM), the high-tech devices are becoming mandatory across the board in MotoGP, Moto2, and Moto3 for the 2018 season. The FIM's new mandate states that all full-time riders must wear leathers fitted with an airbag system at all times during every session.

The new regulations also require that every airbag system pass a series of rigorous tests which each manufacturer is responsible for self-certifying that its respective suit passes all regulations and standards.

“These regulations mark yet another step towards increased rider safety, with the FIM, IRTA and Dorna all committed to making sure MotoGP is as safe as possible -- and always evolving,” according to MotoGP.

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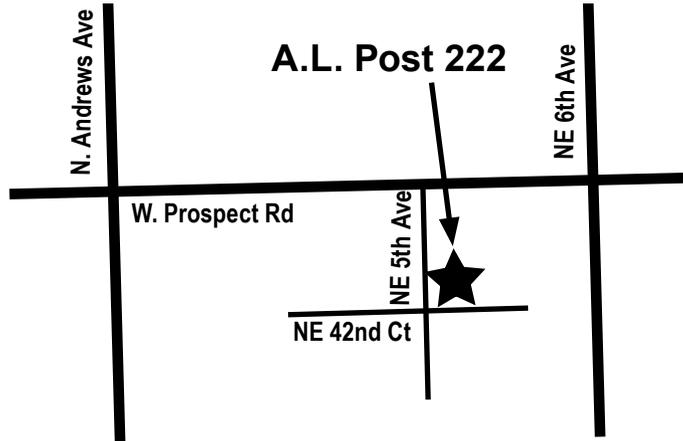
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To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

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**February 18, 2018 - Sunday 10AM**

**March 18, 2018 - Sunday 10AM**

**at:**

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