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# President's Thoughts

*From the Desk of Miss "Wildcat"*

**A**s some of you may already know, Johnny had to have life-saving major Emergency surgery on December 10, 2011. He had an abscess in his lower intestines which caused a blockage and was causing him to run a fever for more than a week and a half before he finally let me take him to the Hospital. The Doctor said "if" he had waited 'til morning he would've been dead. Luckily we got there in time! Boy was I a mess for a couple of weeks! He is home now and slowly getting better each day, but it will be a long recovery.



Johnny and I worked together doing Acoustical Drop Ceilings. It doesn't seem like it to me, but I've been working with him for 6 years doing that kind of work. But now that he isn't able to work, I'm out too. **Which now, this is the time to announce my Departure away from doing the Newsletter anymore. Come June 2012 someone else will need to take over!!** Before Johnny got sick, our lives were an extremely busy schedule from working a full-time job and then go to work at another job doing the same thing! We'd work late hours, even on the weekends with no days off at times. Plus try to come home and cook, and clean up the house. But I still managed to get the Newsletter going, even staying up very late at night trying to get it done.

I am not just going to dump this in anyone's lap, but please someone come forward and take over. If you don't know how to use the software, I'll teach you how. But now is the time to start learning before June. That gives you 6 months. You can also get books on Amazon that will also show you how to use the software as well. Johnny also doesn't want me to continue anymore either. So come June, I will be done. I'm sorry, but it's nothing against ABATE or our wonderful Chapter, but I am exhausted and things change. I really do love doing the Newsletter, but with my busy schedule, I need to move on. I hope that maybe I can switch jobs too and get out of the Construction field and move on with something that I can do that's a little easier on me. And at least one of us has something coming in for income. Even if I stay doing what I'm doing for work, I still need to quit doing the Newsletter. I'll keep posting reminders every month until May, or until someone comes forward. I hope everyone understands.

***And most importantly...Johnny and I want to say Thanks soooo very much to our Brothers in the "EL Coqui Motorcycle Group" and to some of our other family in ABATE SE for all the help they did for us while Johnny was in the Hospital.***

***You guys are AWESOME and we Love you for it!!!! ;-)***

And in closing of this Article.....We Hope everyone will have a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year! We all sure need it!!

Yours Truly,

*Lee Ann "Wildcat" Lewis*

Newsletter Editor

ABATE of Florida, Inc – Southeast Chapter



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## **ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Dec. 18, 2011**

Vice-President Old Hippy called the meeting to order at 1015 with 39 members, no members at large and 2 guests. Total in attendance: 41. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Poppi.

### **President's Report**

Old Hippy thanked all for coming and thanked all of our members who came to help with the set up and tear down at the toy run. Our President Johnny Rose is in the hospital recovering from surgery; also recovering from surgery is Rainman. Please keep both of them in your thoughts and prayers for a quick recovery. We have a very busy day ahead. Right after the meeting we are headed to the El Coqui Toy Run then we have Christmas on the Beach there is also a celebration of life for King Eduardo at Café 27 and Calvary Chapel will be holding services at the States MC clubhouse. On behalf of the Board of Directors wishing all our members a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

### **Vice-President's Report**

Old Hippy reported the National Call to Action was successful. The following information was received from our State Legislative Trustee.

Due to the quick actions of concerned motorcyclists across the country, a major federal transportation measure narrowly avoided becoming a bill to encourage states to enact helmet laws nationwide.

On Monday, December 12 Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) filed an amendment to S.1449 the "Motor Vehicle and Highway Safety Improvement Act of 2011" that would call for mandatory helmet laws nationwide and could jeopardize funding for Motorcycle Safety programs across America. . By Tuesday the motorcycle community was alerted to Lautenberg's efforts by national and state motorcyclists' rights organizations, including the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) and numerous NCOM Member Groups, and riders were urgently urged to contact their U.S. Senators to oppose the amendment -- and time was of the essence because a Senate committee was to vote on the bill the following day! Wednesday, Dec 14, during the hearing held by the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee to "mark-up" the bill, Senator Lautenberg decided not to introduce his amendment. Not only did motorcyclists' prompt response help avoid another federal helmet law battle and preserve federal funding for motorcycle safety programs, but the committee also voted to accept two amendments by Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) that removed language in the bill that would have lifted the

current ban on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) from lobbying states to enact universal helmet laws for all riders.

S.1449 passed the committee by voice vote and now goes to the Senate floor for further action, while riders remain ever vigilant.

### **Secretary's Report**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November's meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Joe read the financial report for November. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurers report. All drawing tickets must be turned in by next month's meeting. They need to be turned in at February's State meeting.

### **Sergeant at Arms Report**

Geo thanked our members for the nice turnout. We need to be very careful while on the road. Snowbirds are here. Please ride safe.

### **Road Captain's Report**

Frank reported even though the weather was not the greatest, we had a nice ride on our traditional Friday after Thanksgiving Ride to the lake. Anyone interested in having a ride, please contact him. His contact information is in the newsletter.

Please check the hotline for run updates and important information.

### **Safety Directors Report**

Dave reported on the use of road guards. If you have a large group ride, it might be smarter to ask for assistance by local police. A recent incident involving a road guard, while the light was red, the road guard rode into the intersection to stop traffic. He was hit and killed instantly. When riding in a group whether large or small, we must follow the rules of the road.

### **Products Report**

Jackie was excused. Old Hippy reported we did well in selling our products at the toy run, and reminded our members you do not have to wait for our monthly meeting if you need something. Feel free to give her a call and make arrangements. Her number is listed in the newsletter.

### **Events Coordinator**

Jackie was excused. Old Hippy reported we are finalizing plans for our event next month. It will be held on Jan. 22, 2012. Location will be selected by weeks end. We will keep

everyone posted. Since we only have 3 events a year to support our chapter. We will need your help to make this event a huge success. Many hands make for little work. Due to circumstances, Jackie will stay on as Products Trustee but will be giving up the Events Coordinator Position. Any member interesting in the position, please see any board member

### **State Reps Report**

Teddy Bear and Demetrious reported on this month's State meeting. Full coverage will be in the Masterlink.

Highlights include:

New Chapter approved. We welcome the Lighthouse Chapter located in Martin County.

Johnny James was appointed new State Safety Director.

Signed waivers at events must be sent to the state office.

Masterlink will be having a test posting on line next month.

Please take a look. The state is requesting any feedback you have.

Enhanced Penalty bill is in drafting.

Tax id numbers are required for any charity we donate to.

Flyers for any event must accompany the insurance form.

Volunteers needed for bike week.

The state legislature is starting up earlier than normal, next years Tallahassee run to the capitol will be held on the 2nd weekend in February. So dress warmly as the last time it was held in February the air temperature was 40 degrees. Hotel rooms are available for a price, but tent camping is FREE.

### **Membership Report**

George reported we have 623 members. We are still the Largest Chapter in the State.

New Life member cards were received for: Orlando "Zambuca" Arguelles and Vas Sinion.

Congratulations to our newest Life members.

It is impossible to process a new or renewal membership application, send out your membership card and a newsletter to your home:

IF WE CAN'T READ THE INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION.

Please print or write legibly.

### **Newsletter Editor**

Wildcat was excused. Old Hippy reminded all members that all articles; contributions, pictures etc are due by the 20th of each month.

For this month, all articles are due by Tuesday 12/20/11

### **Legislative Report**

Demetrious reported a Civil Law Suit based on discrimination has been turned over to an attorney in Washington DC. Based on reports a Northern Florida State Park refused access to a group of motorcycle riders.

### **Public Relations**

Fern was excused. No report

### **Advertising**

Hope was excused. Old Hippy reminded all members, no matter where you go try to get a business card ad. The cost is very low and helps support our newsletter.

### **Social Directors Report**

Karen reported this month's birthday party is today at Christmas on the Beach. Next month's birthday will be on 1/22/12 at Luke's. Remember, "It's on the way home"

### **Newsletter Distribution**

Karin reported due to the closing of the VFW Post, newsletters are to be picked up at the Moose Lodge in Davie. Just a reminder if for any reason at all where you cannot distribute the newsletter, it is extremely important to call her or any board member. We cannot let the newsletters sit and wait for distribution once it is ready. If you have an issue we will get someone to handle your route but you must communicate and let us know.

### **Quartermaster's Report**

Bob Anz reported he would be handling the cooking at today's Christmas on the Beach. So come on out and enjoy.

### **Photographer's Report**

Axman was excused, no report.

### **Web-Master's Report**

Mike was excused. Old Hippy reported the web is up and running.

### **Legal Council**

Demetrious reported there was no report.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Good of the Order**

Long time member Clive Taylor reported on the upcoming 6th Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show. It will be

held at Frost Park on Jan. 28, 2012. This year's theme is antique military motorcycles. If you have or know of anyone with an antique motorcycle, please give Clive a call at 954-830-8855. To be considered an antique the bike must be 35 years old or older. You will not find a greater collection of antique motorcycles in the same place at the same time. You don't want to miss this one. Our membership and safety booth will be there and best of all there is NO CHARGE to attend.

The annual Blessing of the Bikes will be held on Jan. 8, 2012 at the States MC Clubhouse.

George reported a recall of 2001 to 2012 Honda Gold Wing's. If you or anyone you know owns one, get the bike back to the dealer. The issue is with the rear brakes. Brake failures that have caused fires. Since there is a lot of plastic and fiberglass over the rear wheel, the fires have caused significant damage. He has also seen (he works in a motorcycle shop) brake failures due to incorrect brake fluid in the reservoir. You can't mix DOT 4 and 5 brake fluids together. The mixture becomes a gel and causes serious problems for the brake system.

**YOU WON'T HAVE ANY.**

New Years Eve at the American Legion. Prime Ribs, Salmon stuffed with Crab, Chicken Cor-don Bleu, and Open Bar for 5 hours with entertainment provided by our very own Geo and his Hoodoo Blues Band.

Cost is only 40.00 per person with only 80 tickets available.

Remember to check the Hotline @ 954-310-4636 for all updates

A motion was made, seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

*Paul A. Melcer*



Secretary





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# OldHippy's Corner



**H**ere I am debating to tell my editor to count me out this month when I remember what a few readers of this newsletter had told me in the past, "Always look forward to your column". Granted, I have had my share of people who complain about the contents, or how it is worded, but this is what the first Amendment is all about. Besides there is a disclaimer in the beginning of this rag that plainly states this is not their views. I have had a few offers from different publications to contribute articles, but between the Blogs that I am restarting and this little ditty I do here, I just don't see it happening soon. I am going to touch on a subject censorship, everybody at one time or another has seen some form of it. Unlike some countries like China or Iran, we have enjoyed not being restricted or censored when we use the Internet, at least for the time being. Now the US Congress is considering America's first system for censoring the Internet. This Censorship bill could pass at any time and if it does, the Internet and free speech will never be the same.



HR3261 and S968 passes as written, government can order internet providers to block any site for its users' infringing posts. It also can cost you; it becomes a felony with a potential 5 year sentence to stream a copyrighted work that would cost more than \$2,500 to license, even if you are an ordinary noncommercial user. Singing a pop song on Facebook could be a felony.

Like many bills in Congress they are misleadingly named. The House bill is called the **E-PARASITES Act**. The Senate bill is called the **Protect IP Act**. They should be named, "Destroy the Internet, Corresponding Jobs Created by Entrepreneurship around the Internet, and Restrict Freedom of Speech" Act.

If you have the patience and emotional fortitude, read them –read them slowly and try to understand them what they actually say, they might scare the crap out of you. You can find them here:

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/billtext.xpd?bill=h112-3261>

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/billtext.xpd?bill=s112-968>

Fred Wilson has a strong post up titled **Protecting The Safe Harbors Of The DMCA And Protecting Jobs** that explains the situation. Go read the post now – it's an outstanding summary in plain English of what is going on

[http://www.avc.com/a\\_vc/2011/10/protecting-the-safe-harbors-of-the-dmca-and-protecting-jobs.html](http://www.avc.com/a_vc/2011/10/protecting-the-safe-harbors-of-the-dmca-and-protecting-jobs.html)

Even if you are not heavy into Internet use, the implications can effect us all. Views, opinions and even vital information could be blocked.

Till next time

Keep the Shiny side up and the Greasy side down



OldHippy



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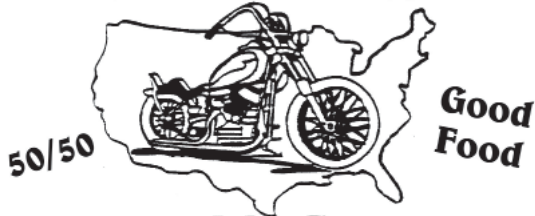
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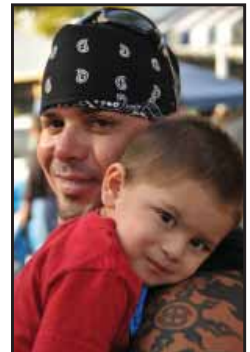
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Hello everyone,

This is a sad message only for my part! I'm sorry to say I need to give up my volunteer duties for a while due to personal issues, nothing to do with our great organization. I hope you'll be kind to the next Social Director and help out where you can. Thank you all for all the great times, I'm going to miss all this, but will see you at the meetings!

I didn't attend the Christmas/Birthday Party on the Beach, but heard everybody had fun as always.

The wedding for Joe Baker and Greta had been postponed and will happen in the near future.

**January's Party will be at Luke's Place on Saturday the 14th.** And if you're wondering why again already, it's Kathleen's Birthday! Thank you to Royce & Kathleen for providing the entertainment and the cake. We'll meet as always between 7 - 8 pm.



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# Vice Prez

Just want say that this year ending with a bang of sorts and I am hoping that the upcoming year will be a lot better. We had friends that lost their jobs, brothers and sisters that have either fallen to illnesses, or accidents or even have passed on. I am happy to say our Chapter Presidents is out of the hospital and is recouping at home. We came very close to losing him due to illness, but he eventually listened and sought treatment, which resulted in an operation and another in the future to get him back to normal. I personally want to thank everybody for their support and prayers.

Also we had an issue and anybody who is registered with ABATESE or ABATE of Florida alerts knows there was an alert sent out to call our Senator Marco Rubio who happens to be on the US Senate Committee on Commerce Science and Transportation. This resulted in Lautenberg not calling for a vote on an amendment to The Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 2011 (S. 1449) that would have altered the motorcycle safety grant program by forcing states to pass mandatory universal helmet laws and drive federal tax dollars to be used to promote the use of helmets. This provision would make it easier for helmet law states to obtain 2010 grant money. This amendment would provide no money for awareness or training.

Several things to think about in the upcoming year is our Semi-Annual in January, ride to the Capitol in February with Florida session starting earlier this year make this starts off a busy 60 days for the beginning of the year. This is also election year for not only the President of the United States and some members of State and Federal congress, but also for the board of both, Abate of Florida and the Southeast Chapter.

In closing I hope everybody had a safe and joyous Holiday Season!

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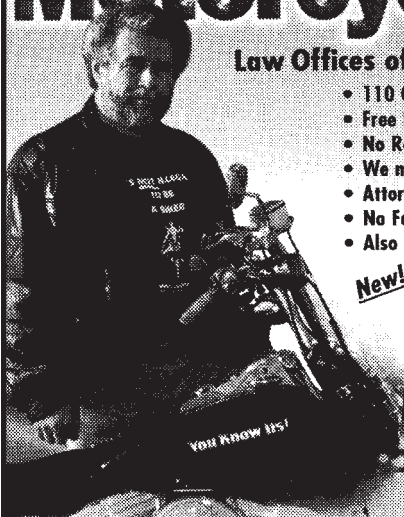
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Mickey's Bike Night	<b>5</b> Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> States MC Pompano 17th Annual Blessing of the Bikes	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Mickey's Bike Night	<b>12</b> Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>ABATE Birthday Party at: Luke's Place</b>
<b>15</b> <b>ABATE Chapter Meeting</b> Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Mickey's Bike Night	<b>19</b> Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> WOMMC Indian River Party  Luke's Place Bike Night
<b>22</b> <b>SE ABATE Semi-Annual Event</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Mickey's Bike Night	<b>26</b> Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6th Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show
<b>29</b> Der Krieger MC Annual	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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FEBRUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Mickey's Bike Night	<b>2</b> Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Alternative W P B Party ----- Luke's Place Bike Night
<b>5</b> Third Tradition MC Annual	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Mickey's Bike Night	<b>9</b> Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	<b>10</b> <b>17th Annual Freedom Rights Rally</b> →	<b>11</b> USMVMC Homestead Party ----- Luke's Place Bike Night
<b>12</b> <b>STATE MEETING Monticello, FL</b>	<b>13</b> <b>RIDE TO THE CAPITOL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Mickey's Bike Night	<b>16</b> Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Luke's Place Bike Night
<b>19</b> <b>ABATE Chapter Meeting</b> ----- States MC Lake Worth Annual	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Mickey's Bike Night	<b>23</b> Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Wheels of Man MC Deerfield Beach 39th Annual
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Mickey's Bike Night			Luke's Place Bike Night

**Additional Info:****February 10th through the 13th - ABATE of Florida, Inc. 17th Annual Freedom Rights Rally - See pg 32**

February 12 - AOA MC Ft Lauderdale Valentine's Annual

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## JANUARY

- 8 - States MC 17th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
- 15 - Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day
- 21 - Wheels of Man MC Indian River Party
- 22 - SE ABATE semi-annual event
- 29 - Der Krieger MC Annual**

## FEBRUARY

- 4 - Alternative WPB Party
- 5 - Third Tradition Annual**
- 11 - USMVMC Homestead Party
- 12 - AOA MC Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual**
- 19 - States MC Lake Worth Annual**
- 25 - Wheels of Man MC Deerfield 39th Annual**

## MARCH

- 4 - Der Krieger MC PSL Annual**
- 10 - Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud Party
- 18 - Keltics MC Broward Annual**
- 24 - USMV MC Chapter 1 Party
- 25 - Hermandad MC Annual**
- 25 - Fiasco Brothers MC Annual**
- 31 - Black Pistons MC T.C. Annual**

## APRIL

- 1 - States MC Pompano Annual**
- 7 - Mystic 7 MC Party
- 8 - CMA Easter Party
- 14 - Outcast MC Annual**
- 21 - USMVMC Martin Ctny Party
- 22 - AOA WPB Party
- 28 & 29 - Leesburg

## MAY

- 6 - Southern MC Annual**
- 12 - Wings of Gold MC P.S.L. Chili Cook Off
- 19 - USMVMC WPB Annual**
- 20 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual**
- 27 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

## JUNE

- 3 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
- 9 - New Attitudes MC Annual**
- 10 - Wings of Gold WPB Annual**
- 16 - AOA Jerry & Roger 1%er's Memorial
- 23 - ABATE Palm Beach Party
- 24 - Wings of Gold MC Ft. Laud Annual**

## JULY

- 1 - USMVMC South Broward Party
- 7 - Wheels of Man MC IRC Annual**
- 8 - AOA MC WPB Annual**
- 14 - Wheels of Man MC Deerfield Chili Cook-Off
- 15 - States MC Lake Worth Party
- 22 - Black Pistons Ft. Laud. Annual**
- 29 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual**

## AUGUST

- 4 - Wings of Gold Miami Party
- 5-12 72nd Annual Sturgis Bike Week**
- 10-12, 17th South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 12 - AOA MC 44th Anniversary Party
- 19 - Wings of Gold MC PSL Annual**

## SEPTEMBER

- 8 - Outcast MC Party
- 9 - States Pompano MC 19th Key West Party
- 14-16 Peterson's 39th Key West Poker Run
- 23 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party
- 30 - Keltics MC Party

## OCTOBER

- 6 - Mystic Seven MC Annual**
- 7 - Rough Riders MC Annual**
- 13 - New Attitudes MC Party
- 14 - SE ABATE Annual Party
- 19-21 Biketoberfest
- 27 - Wheels of Man Deerfield Halloween Party
- 28 - Alternative Ft. Laud. Annual**

## NOVEMBER

- 4 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual**
- 10 - USMVMC National Annual**
- 11 - CMA Memorial Event
- 17 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Party
- 18 - Wings of Gold WPB Party
- 25 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

## DECEMBER

- 2 - ABATE Palm Beach Annual
- 9 - SFPC Toy Run**
- 15 - Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley
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- 23 - Calvary Chapel Christmas Service



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Holy Father

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We praise You for your unequaled greatness,  
Thank you for the year behind us and for the year ahead.

Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more.

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Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us.

So that Love could be with us, and we could know You  
That we could share Love with other.

Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise,  
in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards,  
in the stories of our old folks and the fantasies of our children.

Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs,  
so that we may know You better and better.

We rejoice in the world You loved into being.  
Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.

We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.

Forgive us for falling short this past year.  
We leave the irreparable past in your hands,  
and step out into the unknown new year knowing You will go with us.

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**FEDERAL HELMET LEGISLATION NARROWLY  
AVERTED**

Due to the quick actions of concerned motorcyclists across the country, a major federal transportation measure narrowly avoided becoming a bill to encourage states to enact helmet laws nationwide.

On Monday, December 12 Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) filed an amendment to S.1449 the "Motor Vehicle and Highway Safety Improvement Act of 2011" that would call for mandatory helmet laws nationwide and could jeopardize funding for Motorcycle Safety programs across America.

By Tuesday the motorcycle community was alerted to Lautenberg's efforts by national and state motorcyclists' rights organizations, including the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), the AMA and MRF, and riders were urgently urged to contact their U.S. Senators to oppose the amendment -- and time was of the essence because a Senate committee was to vote on the bill the following day!

Wednesday, Dec 14, during the hearing held by the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee to "mark-up" the bill, Senator Lautenberg decided not to introduce his amendment.

Not only did motorcyclists' prompt response help avoid another federal helmet law battle and preserve federal funding for motorcycle safety programs, but the committee also voted to accept two amendments by Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) that removed language in the bill that would have lifted the current ban on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) from lobbying states to enact universal helmet laws for all riders.

S.1449 passed the committee by voice vote and now goes to the Senate floor for further action, while riders remain ever vigilant.

**JUDGE UPHOLDS N.Y. MOTORCYCLE-ONLY  
CHECKPOINTS**

A federal judge rejected motorcyclists' claims that their Constitutional rights were violated by New York State Police motorcycle-only "safety checkpoints" that detained thousands of riders en route to large N.Y. rallies and ticketed many of them for mostly non-safety violations.

Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Mitch Proner of NYC sued troopers on behalf of four motor-

cyclists who claimed that safety was a mere pretext in looking for criminals and that the practice was intrusive and unfair to motorcycle riders as a group.

But Judge Gary Sharpe concluded that safety was indeed the main focus of the initiative, which distinguishes the checkpoints from "a general interest in crime control" that could have amounted to unconstitutional seizures when there's no "individualized suspicion of wrongdoing."

"The court concludes the checkpoints were enacted to promote motorcycle safety, a manifest public interest; they were effective in addressing this interest; and that any interference with individual liberties was not only minimal, but also grossly outweighed by the interest advanced," Sharpe wrote in his ruling.

"The intrusion on civil liberties is something that shouldn't be countenanced," Proner told the Associated Press, adding that the discriminatory roadblocks have been ongoing since 2008 even though motorcycles, like other vehicles in New York, are already subject to annual safety inspections, and no other vehicles are stopped for roadside safety checks.

"It's obvious just from their own internal documents they're looking for criminal activity," said Attorney Proner, citing a checkpoint near Buffalo's Peace Bridge that included border patrol agents, and one in central New York near a rally sponsored by a motorcycle club included gang task force officers.

"The fact they didn't find crime doesn't mean that wasn't what they're fishing for," he said. "That just shows you've got law abiding citizens on motorcycles primarily being inconvenienced."

Proner told the AP news agency that motorcyclists across the country are interested in this case, the only such federal lawsuit nationally though some other states have similar checkpoint programs, and that he will appeal.

**SAFETY BOARD SEEKS BAN ON CELL PHONE  
USE WHILE DRIVING**

States should ban all driver use of cell phones and other portable electronic devices (PEDs), except in emergencies, urges the National Transportation Board. The NTSB recommendation, unanimously agreed to by the five-member board, applies to both hands-free and hand-held phones and significantly exceeds any existing state laws restricting texting and cellphone use by drivers.

The board made the safety recommendation in connection with their investigation of a deadly highway pileup in Missouri last year that was caused by the inattention of a 19 year-old-pickup driver who sent or

received 11 texts in the 11 minutes immediately before the tragic crash that involved a semi and two school busses.

The accident is a “big red flag for all drivers,” NTSB chairman Deborah Hersman said at a meeting to determine the cause of the accident and make safety recommendations. “No call, no text, no update is worth a human life.”

The board has previously recommended bans on texting and cell phone use by commercial truck and bus drivers and beginning drivers, but it has stopped short of calling for a ban on the use of the devices by adults behind the wheel of passenger cars. While the NTSB doesn't have the power to impose restrictions, its recommendations carry significant weight with federal regulators and congressional and state lawmakers. In November, Pennsylvania became the 35th state to forbid texting while driving, but despite such laws the problem is continuing to get worse according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that reports nearly 20% of drivers admit to texting or e-mailing, and at any given moment last year almost 1 in every 100 car drivers was texting, emailing, surfing the Web or otherwise using a hand-held electronic device, up 50% over the previous year. Joining in the campaign to curb distracted driving, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) has produced a color vinyl bumper sticker that reads; “HANG UP AND DRIVE!” that is available free by calling A.I.M. at 1-(800) ON-A-BIKE.

#### US TRAFFIC DEATHS HIT LOWEST LEVEL SINCE 1949

Annual traffic deaths in the U.S. have fallen to their lowest level in six decades, reports the U.S. Department of Transportation. Despite the fact that Americans drove almost 46 billion more miles during the year, highway deaths fell by nearly a thousand to 32,885 in 2010, representing a 2.9% drop from 2009 (33,883) and the lowest number of fatalities since 1949.

“While we have more work to do to continue to protect American motorists, these numbers show we're making historic progress when it comes to improving safety on our nation's roadways,” said DOT Secretary Ray LaHood.

According to DOT statistics, deaths in crashes involving drunk drivers dropped 4.9% in 2010, resulting in 10,228 fatalities compared to 10,759 in 2009. Fatalities declined in most categories in 2010, including for occupants of passenger cars and light trucks, but fatalities rose among motorcycle riders (4,469 in 2009

to 4,502 in 2010, an increase of 33, or less than 1%), pedestrians (up 4% from 4,109 to 4,280), occupants in medium and heavy trucks (499 to 529, +6%) and buses (26 to 44, +41%).

The latest figures also include a new measure of fatalities caused by distracted driving, essentially a refinement of existing data that focuses more directly on situations where dialing a phone, sending a text or the activities of another person or event are likely to lead to a crash. The DOT reports that 3,092 fatalities were the result of such “distraction-affected crashes.”

#### FEDS PROPOSE ADDITIONAL MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STUDY

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is proposing to launch a study program equipping 160 motorcycle riders with cameras, GPS, and other data recording devices in order to track riding behavior and how riders avoid -- or fail to avoid -- crashes.

“Knowledge of both how riders successfully avoid crashes and of behaviors that correlate with and contribute to crash risk is crucial to developing effective countermeasures to reduce motorcycle crashes and fatalities,” says the NHTSA study proposal.

The federal agency is currently seeking comments on their proposed motorcycle safety study, which is very similar to a “naturalistic study” being conducted by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) tracking 100 specially-equipped motorcycles for one year to compile data on rider behavior.

#### NOISE CAMERA TO MUFFLE LOUD VEHICLES

First came red-light cameras, followed closely by speed-cameras, and now Calgary will soon become the first municipality to introduce noise cameras to the motoring public.

“Motorcycle riders and hotrod enthusiasts beware: the Noise Snare is one step closer to squelching your high-decibel expressions of mechanical masculinity,” reported the Calgary Herald about the pilot project that pairs a noise-reader with a camera to catch law breakers.

The \$112,500 device was offered to Calgary for free as the first city to test the gadget, and if all goes well the city expects to be handing out \$200 tickets by summer.

“This is something that will allow municipalities across North America to start enforcing (noise) bylaws. The fact that now it's been proven to be an accurate test is very, very important,” said Bill Bruce, the city's director of bylaw services.

Electrical engineer Mark Nesdoly invented the “Noise

Snare" after a loud motorcycle awoke his sleeping daughter one night.

#### SHOOTINGS PROMPT HONDURAN CONGRESS TO BAN MOTORCYCLE PASSENGERS

Following two recent high-profile killings, legislators in Honduras approved a decree banning motorcyclists from carrying passengers. It took the deaths of a radio journalist and a former government advisor to convince the National Congress of the need to restrict the number of riders on a motorcycle to one -- the driver. Suspects in both cases were passengers on motorcycles, who got away.

The legislation is being hailed as a common sense approach to fighting crime that will help discourage drive-by shootings, which have been one of the most common murder tactics in this Central American country because it makes it nearly impossible to identify and catch the helmeted killers who quickly flee the crime scene. Now, any motorcycle with two people will be suspect and can be pulled over by the police.

#### NIGERIA RESTRICTS MOTORCYCLES TO CURB BOMBINGS

Restrictions have been imposed on the operations of commercial motorcycles in Nigeria to check bombing incidences. The restrictions on the motorcycles, popularly called okada, were announced by the Special Task Force (STF) after a deadly triple bomb blast rocked three television viewing centers was attributed to the Islamic sect Boko Haram.

"The general public should be informed that no motorcycle will be allowed to operate beyond 7pm within the Jos-Bukuru metropolis. Riding of motorcycles is only permitted from 6am - 7pm, the enforcement of this ban will be strictly enforced," said Ikemefuna Okafor, an officer of STF.

#### WEIRD NEWS: MOTORCYCLISTS TAKE BITE OUT OF SNAKE VENOM DEATHS

In rural Nepal, volunteer motorcyclists are getting snakebite victims to help soon enough to cut deaths by 95%, reports Scientific American.

Snake bites are still a big concern for much of the world's population, and the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that about 100,000 people die from poisonous snakebites each year. Many more people become paralyzed or permanently disabled.

Most victims live too far from clinics that could provide them with anti-venom. In Nepal, where more than 10% of bite victims die, an experimental program uses volunteer motorcyclists to save residents. Since the program launched 2003, only about 5% of victims who got a ride died. These findings were presented at the

annual meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

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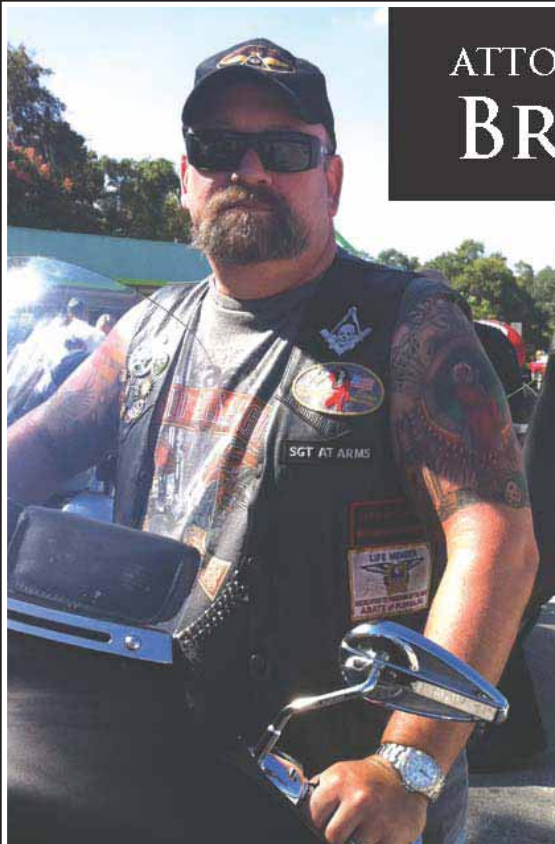
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