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## President's Message

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all the members of the Southeast Chapter of ABATE I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

On Sat. Dec. 1st Angel, the President of the Borinquen Riders M.A and his brothers held the GRAND OPENING of their new clubhouse. I was reminded of the scene in "Easy Rider" when Captain America and Billy are riding down a dirt road to party with their new hippie friends. What great place to party! Good Luck Angel and your members.

On Sun. Dec 2nd we had a ride up to the Palm Beach Chapter's Annual Freedom Rights Rally. We had 6 bikes and 8 people ride up. When we left the American Legion it was a bright and sunny day but this being an ABATE ride the weather changed and it started to rain. It would not be an ABATE ride if it did not, but this being South Florida we kept on going and about 20 minutes later it stopped. Nighthawk and the Chapter put on a great party as always. Alice and Wrench said that they counted at least 14 different patches. It was great to see them all partying together.

On Sat. The 8th we went to Markham Park to set up our tent for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Toys in the Sun Run. When we got there they told us that we would not be in the same spot we had for years and years. They said that they put the Mini Monster Trucks in our spot and that they were going to put us in the midway on the left side by the water. I thought to myself that no one is going to stop and see us but was I wrong. When we went to the park to set on Sun. and all the people started to show up and start talking to us about ABATE and what we were all about it turned out to be a great day. We talked about Safety and Membership. That day we had a red letter day. We handed out all of our Safety giveaways. We also signed up 12 new members. Now if we can get all those people to show up at a meeting and get involved that would be great. Our Jan. Semi-Annual Event will be Sun. the 20<sup>th</sup> at the V.F.W. Post 1966 across from the Armory on State Road 84. Hope to see you there. It is with sadness in my heart that I must tell you that another member of ABATE has died from a motorcycle accident. Jeff Munsell was a member and Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Post 142 in Pompano and Assistant Director of the Legion Riders of that post. While I know that Jeff's family is mourning his loss they will receive \$4,000 in accidental death insurance to help pay funeral expenses. All members receive this insurance as part of their membership dues.

If you reading this then I guess that it's not true what they said. According to the Mayan Calendar the world should have ended on December 21st 2012. The truth is that they ran out of clay to make more tablets for their calendars. I guess they should have made more clay. Like Paul Harvey used to say on the radio back when I was a kid "And now to page two".

Remember  
HERE TODAY, GONE TODAY  
Bars

## New Members



## Membership Due

H Marie Baxter	Marlene "Ivy" Koszo
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For Membership Renewals contact, George Torrence by either email:  
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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.**

**We need your help. When you receive your renewal it is in your best interest if you fill out the renewal portion. I know this sounds stupid, but it does happen, more often than not, so please fill in the information SO WE CAN READ IT. You cannot believe the renewals we receive which are not filled out at all. So PLEASE take the time to fill out the renewal. Also make sure you renew in the month you joined and before the 30 day grace period ends.**

## ATTENTION

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## Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes

Dec. 16, 2012

Assistant Sgt @b Arms, Jimmy Les called the meeting to order at 10:15am. There were 45 members, no guests. Total in attendance: 45. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and a prayer for those innocent lives tragically lost in Newton Ct. and a prayer for our members by "Poppie"

### Presidents Report

BARS thanked all members for coming. There are no new members today but many thanks to our brother MC's and associations attending today with representation from CMA Christian Motorcycle Association, Brothers of the Third Wheel, Wings of Gold and Keltic's MC's. We need to show our support to the many clubs and associations who always support us. On a sad note, we attended the funeral for our member Jeff Munsell. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Thanks to Alice for filling in for Fern on the hotline. We have tickets for next years drawing at bike week. Please see any board member. We need to sell our allocation of tickets in support of the State. First prize is \$10,000.00 the drawing is on Mar. 16, 2013 and you do not need to be present to win. We had a great turnout for the Toy Run. We were moved to the midway, what a great location. We gained 12 new members, and gave away most of the safety products we brought and our products sold very well. The location was a high traffic area. We will request the same location for next year. Our semi-annual event is set for Jan.20th. Further information will be given under the Events Coordinator report.

### Vice-Presidents Report

Poppie reported he attended the funeral for Jeff. There was a great showing of support for him and his family. January's monthly meeting has been changed to Sun. 1/13/13 due to our Semi-Annual Event falling on 1/20/13. There was a great turnout by our members helping out at the Toy Run. But for our event we will need more. We are the only association that has 3 events per year. These 3 events are the only fundraising functions we have and they have to be successful for us to survive. Please come on out, any time you give no matter how small of a time frame you have, will be greatly appreciated. "Many hands make for little work".

### Secretary's Report

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

### Treasurer's Report

Frank read the financial report for November. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurers report. All in favor, motion passed. Frank put together a financial presentation to our members to show them where our income comes from and where our expenses go. The presentation was extremely informative. Great job Frank. Thank you.

### Sergeant at Arms Report

Geo was excused Jimmy Les reminded our members we are a business. Our business is motorcycle safety and education. The primary way we get the information out is through our newsletter. Our newsletter is our lifeblood. Lengthy discussion followed. We understand times are tough, but the newsletter needs to be self-sufficient. The only way this will happen is we have enough advertising to offset the cost. In addition our events are a major source of revenue. This year ask your neighbors to stop by. If everyone here asked 1 neighbor we would have 50 more people attend. More people means more revenue. We have talked about the importance of supporting our brother MC's and associations. Every Fri someone has an open house. Stop by say hello, most clubs serve food dirt cheap with something cold to drink. Bottom line is we show up for them, THEY WILL SHOW UP FOR US. A group of us rode up to Wreaths across America Event at the National Cemetery in Lake Worth. I cannot say enough of the Thanks we received from the Patriot Guard Riders and the organizers that we were there.

### Road Captain's Report

Wrench reported as previously discussed we must support those who support us. Many MC's have open houses on Fridays. Our group rides will be set in advance, in the newsletter and on the hotline. We will try to have at least 2 group rides per month on Friday nights. For those who cannot meet at the legion, the days, times and addresses of the MC's and Associations will be printed in the newsletter so you can go straight there. We did have a great ride to Lake Worth. We

rode in formation, everyone looked real good and I was very proud of the run. Since we are an organization whose mission is motorcycle safety and education, let the words of Clint Eastwood sink in. "A Man Must Know His Limitations" Meaning if you drink act responsibility.

### Safety Directors Report

Dave reported on the MRF News release- The Inaccurate Study on Motorcycle Safety Praised by Governors Safety Association. They praised an inaccurate study done by the GOA – Government Accounting Office. Both reports fail to tell you motorcyclists are safer now than in 1984. Here's why; in 2010 fatalities were almost identical to 1984, around 4500 motorcyclists per year. What they did not tell you; there were 1.5 million more motorcycles registered in 2010 than in 1984. Basically mandatory helmet laws always might look good on paper but rarely work in the real world. For example Tennessee has a mandatory helmet law and Arizona does not. In 2010 Tennessee had 121 fatalities and Arizona had 88. The best approach to motorcycle safety is and will always be rider education and awareness campaigns. Teaching people how to ride a motorcycle in the proper way and educating the general public to look for motorcycles, which can only benefit pedestrians and bicyclists as well, will avoid crashes and save lives.

### Products Report

Alice reported we have products. ALL MEN'S SHIRTS ARE STILL ON SALE FOR ONLY \$10.00 per shirt. Once the 5 color shirts are all sold they will be going the way of the DODO. We will not be reordering any 5-color shirts. Only black and white shirts will be ordered. We need a member to step up. We need a Products Trustee. This is not a hard position but you do need to have a vehicle that can transport the products. If any member is interested in becoming our Products Trustee please contact any board member. In the interim, if you need any products, please contact Alice @ 954-567-5720.

### Events Coordinator

Shaky reported on our Semi-Annual Event set for 1/20/13. The event will be held at the VFW Post 1966 located at 350 SW 25th St. at the corner of SW 4th Ave just south of SR 84 across from the armory. Our issue right now is vendors. The vendors, who normally sell at Café 27 on a Sunday, do not want to give up their space out there. A lot of the vendors who we have contacted in the past are out of business. If you know of any vendors, please contact Princess Sharon, Shakey, or any board member. We will be having a planning meeting on Tues 12/18/12 at 7:00pm at VFW 1966. Please come out and attend the meeting and show support for them. As stated previously: Any and All Help is Greatly Appreciated.

### State Reps Report

The State Meeting was help up in Jacksonville. All information will be printed and available in the Master link.

### Membership Report

George reported we have 647 members. Reminder: when you get your renewal in the mail, PLEASE take the time to fill out completely, send it in timely and when you fill it out, please do it in a way that we can read it. Even better check the newsletter for your renewal, take an application from the book and send your money in. It does not sound like a lot of money, but paper, postage costs money. It adds up real fast. Included in your membership's a \$4,000.00 death and dismemberment policy provided at no cost. When you send in your beneficiary card and receive a call from an insurance salesman, just say no. If they persist please contact any board member. If you want extra insurance talk to them, if not it is not necessary or mandatory to do so. If you do not fill out the beneficiary card, you are still covered.

### Newsletter Editor

Old Hippy reminded all members that all articles etc are due the day of the chapter meeting. If the articles are not turned in on time, they will not be printed. The only exception will be the minutes taken by our chapter secretary.

### Legislative Report

Demetrious was excused. No report.

### Public Relations

Fern is out of the hospital. You will be hearing her shortly.

### Advertising

Pixie reported all our invoices are up to date. Remember we are a business, so you no pay for your ad, and we no print for ad. Please support our advertisers they SUPPORT us. If you were at the meeting, you know of the financial issues the chapter is dealing with. Out newsletter, our primary tool in communication needs to be self-sufficient. Currently it is not. We

have one of the lowest advertising rates for any magazine or newsletter especially for the amount of circulation we have. 1600 copies per month. At only \$85.57 per year for a business card it is such a deal. Please ask wherever you go. All they can say is NO. You might be pleasantly surprised. Even most important, stop by any of our advertisers just to say "Thank You". It goes a long way. Recently Poppi stopped by one of our advertisers just for that purpose. What happened? They felt appreciated and offered door prizes for our event.

**Social Directors Report**

Patty reported last month's birthday party was a huge success. December's Birthday and Christmas party right after the meeting. Next month our birthday party will be held at "Luke's" on 1/26/13. Remember, " It's on The Way Home"

**Newsletter Distribution**

Charlie reported our newsletters are being delivered in a timely manner thanks to all of our members who deliver the newsletter. Old Hippy is doing an outstanding job in getting the newsletter to the publisher and Geo is great in getting the newsletter to the Post Office. Only issue we seem to be having is getting the newsletter from the printer to us in a timely manner. That's why they were a little late last month. If you stop by one of our advertisers and notice our newsletters being covered by someone else's publication, you know what to do. Simple just move them

**Quartermaster's Report**

Bob was excused. No report

**Photographer's Report**

Wildcat reported that there was no report.

**Web-Master's Report**

Mike reported the web site is up and running. Discussion on the use of either pay-pal or another computer smart phone based program to sell products and renew memberships on line. This issue will be brought up at February's State Meeting. Most all other State Chapters of ABATE use this to gain revenue. It is about time Florida does the same.

**Legal Council**

Demetrious was excused. No report

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Good of the Order**

If you have a recipe you want to share and have published, please email them to abatesecooking@gmail.com

Some of our Christmas decorations are in poor shape; a motion was made, seconded to trash those decorations. All in favor motion passed. Please meet BARS at the Davie Moose Lounge on Wed 12/19/12 @ 1200n to clean out the trailer.

12/22/12 Chrome Angels Event – Check the hotline for details

1/6/13 Blessing of the Bikes at States MC Clubhouse – Check the hotline for details

1/13/12 – Monthly Chapter meeting.

1/20/13 – Southeast Chapters Semi-Annual event at VFW 1966

Jimmy Les pointed out that the number of years of support given to this chapter by their members. From Trash who is a Charter and Founding Member and still here, Cigar Charlie whose Life Member Number is 608 and that's after he was here for 10 years. Given that our President BARS Life Member card is number is 2693 gives you some idea on how long Charlie has been here. Take your Secretary who had been on the Executive Board longer than anyone more than 11 years of the 15 he has been here. You have Terry, Rain man, George Torrence, Video Vulture, Alice & BARS, Joe Baker, Suzanne, Shaky, Princess Sharon & Karyn just to name a few. To everyone present and those who aren't, give yourselves a round of applause, we thank you.

**Please check the hotline for updated ride and event information.**

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

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

Paul A. Melcer  
Secretary



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## From the Vice President

We all have to work together as brothers and sisters in ABATE S.E. Chapter.

As a member of the board I didn't realize how much help we need with all our events. The more the members step up the less work everybody else has to do, so please help whenever you can we need all the of it and greatly appreciate your support.

Make ourselves known to our local businesses, especially the ones that place ads in our newsletter to let them know that we support them. Take the time to thank them for their support to us, and sometime they will give ABATE members discounts, just ask.

Talk to other businesses for their support when you get a chance and maybe they will place ads in our newsletter. We do have a great newsletter that can bring them more business.

We can also talk to other people about joining ABATE whether they ride or no. We need all the members we can get. Let them know about benefits the members get, especially the \$4,000 Life insurance and \$2,000 dismemberment, which does not have to be motorcycle related. The insurance is only \$20.00 a year membership fee.

Let's try to make 2013 a great year for ABATE S.E. Chapter, we can do it if we try. In closing I wish all my brothers and sisters a very Happy, Prosperous, and Blessed New Year.

V.P.  
Poppie



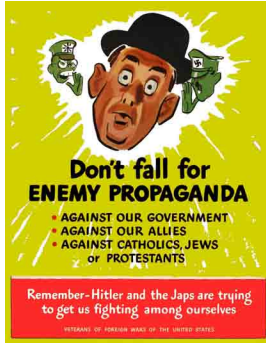
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# OLDHIPPIY'S CORNER



**Propaganda** is a form of communication that is aimed at influencing the attitude of a community toward some cause or position by presenting only one side of an argument. Propaganda is usually repeated and dispersed over a wide variety of media in order to create the chosen result in audience attitudes

It has been with us forever and with the advent of the different types of media now available there seems to be no let up on us being exposed to some form of it.

While the term propaganda has justifiably acquired a strongly negative connotation by association with its most manipulative and jingoistic examples (e.g. Nazi Propaganda used to justify the Holocaust), propaganda in its original sense was neutral, and could refer to uses that were generally benign or innocuous, such as public health recommendations, signs encouraging citizens to participate in a census or election, or messages encouraging persons to report crimes to law enforcement, among others.

The first large-scale use of propaganda by the U.S. government came during World War I. The government implemented citizens and children to help promote war bonds and stamps to help stimulate the economy. To keep the prices of war supplies down, the U.S. government produced posters that encouraged people to reduce waste and grow their own vegetables in "victory gardens." The government used propaganda on a larger scale during the

New Deal and World War II. Why We Fight is a famous series of US government propaganda films made to justify US involvement in World War II.

The public skepticism that was generated by the heavy handed tactics of the Committee on Public Information would lead the post-war government to officially abandon the use of propaganda. During World War II American GIs in both the Pacific and European theaters of war heard American females on the radio playing very carefully selected American music and extolling the virtues of Japanese and Nazi causes. The female DJs encouraged GIs to stop fighting and constantly made false claims of American defeats and Japanese or Nazi victories. The DJs frequently referred to American units and individuals by name and in some cases mentioned the names of loved ones back home. GIs dubbed the voice from Japan "Tokyo Rose" and the one from Germany, "Axis Sally."

During the Cold War, the U.S. government produced vast amounts of propaganda against communism and the Soviet bloc. Much of this propaganda was directed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under J. Edgar Hoover, who himself wrote the anti-communist tract Masters of Deceit. The FBI's COINTELPRO arm solicited journalists to produce fake news items discrediting communists and affiliated groups, such as H. Bruce Franklin and the Venceremos Organization.

The war on Iraq, however swift in its short three

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## From the desk of the editor

It's a New Year and with it comes, new challenges for all of us.

This month is off to a start with one of our three events that this Chapter of ABATE of FL. Inc. has for the year which is also happens to be a major avenue for us to fund the continuing efforts to fight for our rights as a motorcyclist and to promote our safety/awareness program.

We need to continue generate some form of funds like the event (see flyer on cover), memberships, advertisers, along with The State events like Bike Week camping and \$10,000 drawing (see pg.31 to get in on it) to be successful.

Remember, our lobbyist, newsletters, web site, along with all the give a ways are a direct results of the continue support of concern riders and other supporters.  
OldHippy Editor

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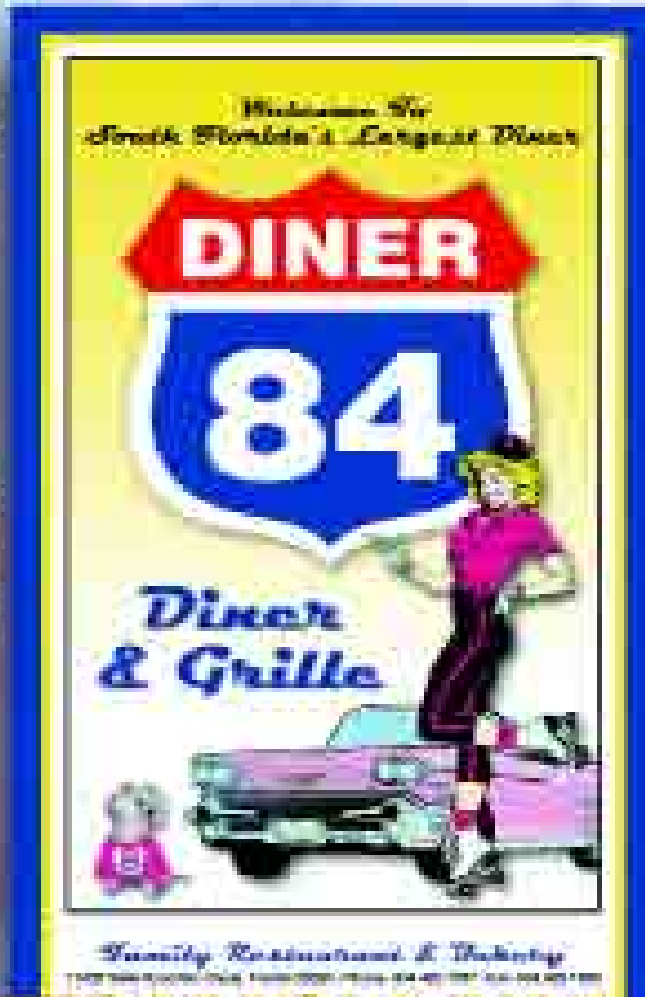
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 week period, was accompanied by propaganda from many angles. From the ridiculous claims of the Iraqi information minister that the Americans will surrender or perish, or that they were nowhere near Baghdad (while coalition tanks could be heard just a mile from where he said that!) to the subtle propaganda of Coalition nations' media, that at times minimized the civilian casualties, highlighted the awesome military force of the coalition, minimized geopolitical discussion and context, and often jumped at unconfirmed reports as confirmed news.

Amendment 114 of the NDAA was approved by the House in May of this year  
 The Smith-Mundt Modernization Act (2012) reads:  
 Sec. 501. (a) The Secretary and the Broadcasting Board of Governors are authorized to use funds appropriated or otherwise made available for public diplomacy information programs to provide for the preparation, dissemination, and use of information intended for foreign audiences abroad about the United States, its people, and its policies, through press, publications, radio, motion pictures, the Internet, and other information media, including social media, and through information centers, instructors, and other direct or indirect means of communication

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According to Michael Hastings : "The new law would give sweeping powers to the State Department and Pentagon to push television, radio, newspaper, and social media onto the U.S. public. "It removes the protection for Americans," says a Pentagon official who is concerned about the law. "It removes oversight from the people who want to put out this information. There are no checks and balances. No one knows if the information is accurate, partially accurate, or entirely false."



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The amendment, which was hidden within the NDAA, has remained relatively unnoticed. However, it empowers the State Department and Pentagon to utilize all forms of media against the American public for the sake of coercing US citizens to believe whatever version of the truth the US government wants them to believe.

All oversight is removed with Amendment 114 . Regardless of whether the information disseminated is truthful, partially truthful or completely false bears no weight

Four billion dollars per year is spent by the Pentagon on propaganda aimed at the American public; as well as \$202 million spent by the Department of Defense on misinformation operations in Iraq and Afghanistan in 2011.

Currently, the Pentagon is using “sock puppet” (fake handles) on social media sites to purvey false information, harass users and enact psy-ops to influence Americans

US Army whistleblower, Lieutenant Col. Daniel Davis believes there is a definitive aspiration within the

US government “to enable Public Affairs officers to influence American public opinion when they deem it necessary to “protect a key friendly center of gravity, to wit US national will.”

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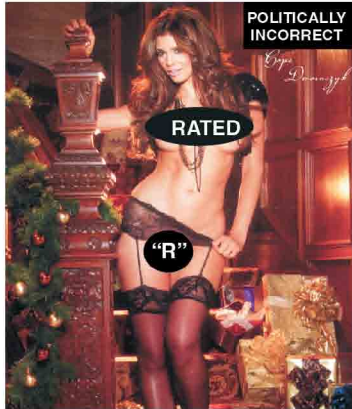
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 New Year's Day	2	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	4	5 Luke's Place Bike Night	
6 States MC Blessing of the Bikes	7	8	9	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	11	<b>BOD Meeting</b> Luke's Place Bike Night	
WOG 13 Appreciation day CHAPTER Meeting	14	15	16	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	18	19 WOM INDIAN RIVER PARTY Luke's Place Bike Night	
20 <b>ABATE EVENT</b>	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	22	23	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	25	26 <b>Vintage Bike Show</b> Luke's Place Bike NightTi.	
27 DER KRIEGER ANNUAL	28	29	30	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	31		


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Sat. Jan. 26 Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show (see pg. 11)

Sat. Jan. 26 Chrome Angles Winter Bash Party at Mickey's

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2013		FEBRUARY					2013
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1	2 Alternative Annual Luke's Place Bike Night	
3 Third Tradition Annual	4	5	6	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	8	9 Groundhog Day USMV Homstead Party	
10 AOA Ft. Lauder. Valentines Day Annual	11	12	13	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	15	16 BOD Meeting Luke's Place Bike Night	
17 <b>Chapter Meeting</b> STATES Lake Worth Annual	18	Mardi Gras 19	Ash Wednesday 20	21 	22	23 WOM 40th ANNUAL Luke's Place Bike Night	
24 KELTICS Broward Annual	25 President's Day	26	27	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	28		

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## JANUARY

- 6 - States MC 18th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
- 13 - Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day
- 19 - Wheels of Man MC Indian River Party
- 20 - SE ABATE semi-annual event
- 27 - **DER KRIEGER MC Annual**

## FEBRUARY

- 2 - **ALTERNATIVE MC Ft. Laud. Annual**
- 3 - **THIRD TRADITION Annual**
- 9 - USMVMC Homestead Party
- 10 - **AOA MC Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual**
- 17 - STATES MC Lake Worth Annual
- 23 - **WHEELS OF MAN MC DB 40th Annual**
- 24 - **KELTICS MC Broward Annual**

## MARCH

- 3 - **HERMANDAD MC Annual**
- 8th-17 - Daytona Bike Week
- 24 - **FIASCO BROTHERS MC Annual**
- 30 - **BLACK PISTONS MC Annual**

## APRIL

- 6 - USMVMC Martin Cty party
- 7 - **STATES MC Pompano Annual**
- 13 - Mystic 7 MC party
- 20 - **OUTCAST MC Annual**
- 22 - AOA WPB Party
- 27 & 28 - Leesburg

## MAY

- 5 - **SOUTHERN MC Annual**
- 11 - Wings of Gold MC P.S.L. Chili Cook Off
- 18 - **USMV MC PB Annual**
- 19 - **WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI Annual**
- 26 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

## JUNE

- 2 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
- 8 - **NEW ATTITUDES MC Annual**
- 9 - **WINGS OF GOLD MC PB Annual**
- 15 - AOA Jerry & Roger 1%er's Memorial
- 22 - ABATE Palm Beach Party
- 23 - **WINGS OF GOLD MC Ft. Laud Annual**
- 30 - USMV MC Broward party

## JULY

- 6 - **WHEELS OF MAN MC IRC Annual**
- 7 - **AOA MC WPB Annual**
- 14 - STATES MC LW party
- 20 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook off
- 28 - **SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC Annual**

## AUGUST

- 4 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Party
- 8-18 73rd Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 9-11, The 17th South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 17 - AOA MC 45th Anniversary Party
- 25 - **WINGS OF GOLD MC PSL Annual**

## SEPTEMBER

- 7 - Outcast MC Party
- 8 - States Pompano MC 20th Key West Party
- 13-15 Peterson's 40th Key West Poker Run
- 22 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party
- 29 - Keltics MC Party

## OCTOBER

- 5 - **MYSTIC SEVEN MC Annual**
- 6 - **ROUGH RIDERS MC Annual**
- 12 - New Attitudes MC Party
- 13 - SE ABATE Annual Party
- 18-20 Biketoberfest
- 26 - Wheels of Man Deerfield Halloween Party
- 27 - **ALTERNATIVE MC PB Annual**

## NOVEMBER

- 3 - **AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual**
- 9 - **USMVMC CH 1 Annual**
- 9 - CMA Memorial Event
- 16 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Party
- 17 - Wings of Gold MC PB Party
- 24 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

## DECEMBER

- 1 - ABATE Palm Beach annual party
- 8 - **SFPC Toys in the Sun Run**
- 14 - Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley
- 14 - Hermandad MC Alfredo Pena Memorial Run
- 15 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
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- 21 - SFLCOC Christmas Party
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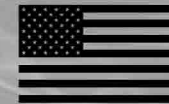
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I'm also asked, how do we know when our prayers are answered? Sometimes we know right away, sometimes we don't know right away, but you can be assured that all your prayers will be answered. God will answer in His time, remember God is never late and never premature, His timing is perfect.

It can sometimes be a lifetime. You can be sure that all things are possible with God.

As it says in Mathew 6:7 "When you pray don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered by merely repeating their words again and again", remember God knows what your needs are and will fulfill them, just ask with as little a word as "Help", and always ask in the name of God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He will speak to you.

Let us start the New Year with a prayer,

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Inaccurate Study on Motorcycle Safety Praised by Governors Highway Safety Association.

Recently the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) praised the inaccurate study on motorcycle safety done by the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

What both reports failed to tell you is that motorcyclists are safer now than since 1984. Here's why; in 2010 fatalities were almost identical to 1984, around 4,500 motorcyclists a year. However, what they did not tell you is that in 1984 5.5 million motorcycles were registered in the USA. Compare that to the 7 million registered motorcycles in 2010. That's 1.5 million more motorcycles and the same amount of fatalities.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Highway Statistics.

Both the GAO and the GHSA are pushing for what they believe is the silver bullet of motorcycle safety, the mandatory helmet law. Proper riding gear should be left to the rider, not the government. When you look at States like Tennessee and Arizona that have roughly the same size population and then break down fatality numbers it becomes clear that helmet laws do not have significant influence. Tennessee has a mandatory helmet law and 121 fatalities for 2010. Arizona has no mandatory helmet law and had 88 fatalities for the same period of time. Even right over the border from Tennessee their neighboring Kentucky, which also has no mandatory helmet law, had just 87 fatalities in 2010.

Another area where the Government agencies continue to overlook when dealing with motorcycle safety is rider education. If we cannot teach people to ride motorcycles we will have more and more fatalities.

Take New Hampshire for example. According to Robert LeTourneau, New Hampshire State Official Motorcycle Education Specialist they have had 15 fatal motorcycle accidents of riders who took the class since 1990. That's out of over 44,000 students trained in the same time period and .034% of fatal motorcycle accidents. All with no mandatory helmet law.

While mandatory helmet laws look good on paper they rarely work in the real world. The best approach to motorcycle safety is and will always be rider education and awareness campaigns. **Teaching people how to ride a motorcycle in the proper way and educating the general public to look for motorcycles, which can only benefit pedestrians and bicyclists as well, will avoid crashes and save lives.**

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#### SUPREME COURT STRIKES DOWN LAW AGAINST FILMING POLICE

The U.S. Supreme Court has rejected an Illinois prosecutor's appeal to allow enforcement of a state law barring ordinary citizens from recording police officers as they do their jobs. A lower federal court had found that Illinois' anti-eavesdropping law violates free speech rights because it was being used by police and prosecutors against people who tape law enforcement officers.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) had filed a lawsuit against Cook County in 2010 to halt prosecution of ACLU staffers for recording cops in public spaces, an activity promoted by the ACLU all over the country, but when Chicago officials objected the legislature passed a law outlawing the filming of them. The so-called "anti-eavesdropping" measure was designed to prevent covert recordings without consent, but the State of Illinois has applied that statute to mean any photography in a public zone; meaning no photographing or recording a cop on a public street while he/she is making a traffic stop, arrest, or for any other reason. Most other states don't have laws prohibiting the filming of anyone or anything in public places, and the Illinois law had some serious teeth, carrying a 15-year

prison term.

But the High Court has sided with a lower court decision protecting the rights of Americans when it comes to privacy under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and they refused to take action on the appeal. In rejecting the state's plea to criminalize videotaping police, the Supreme Court apparently agrees with the lower court, and police officers have no more expectation to privacy in public than any other person in America.

Harvey Grossman, legal director of the Illinois ACLU, was "pleased" with the result; "The ACLU of Illinois continues to believe that in order to make the rights of free expression and petition effective, individuals and organizations must be able to freely gather and record information about the conduct of government and their agents -- especially the police."

#### VIRGINIA BIKERS SCORE HELMET VICTORY IN COURT

A dozen motorcyclists convicted of violating Virginia's mandatory helmet law have had their convictions reversed by the state Court of Appeals, while three others had their helmet convictions affirmed by the court. All 15 defendants were wearing headgear of some kind when they attended the 2011 Virginia Beach Bike Classic, but police claimed the riders' helmets failed to meet the state's standards. Each of them was convicted in general district court and in circuit court, but on appeal the state acknowledged the lower courts were in error in 12 of those 15 cases.

Virginia's helmet law, Code §46.2-910, requires helmets to meet any of three published standards but does not require any marks or labels to show compliance. Ten of the convictions addressed in *Bennett v. Commonwealth* were based solely on a lack of labeling, so those convictions were reversed.

One rider wore what a trooper described as a "toy" helmet with a plastic chin strap held together with a key ring. The state argued the key ring flunked one published standard, but the court of appeals panel

said the state failed to rule out compliance with the other standards, so that conviction also was reversed.

In three cases, the motorcyclists admitted to a trooper that they knew their headgear was not the real deal. One helmet even had a label identifying it as a "novelty helmet," not for road use. For those three riders, the trip to the Court of Appeals proved fruitless. Convictions affirmed.

An admission of guilt, while always ill-advised, doesn't always equate to a conviction, however, as the 3-judge panel drew a fine line with one remaining defendant who told the trooper he knew he was wearing a novelty helmet -- but that statement alone was not enough to establish it failed to meet any of the safety standards, the court held. That biker's conviction was reversed, as reported in *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*.

#### NEED FOR SPEED

Florida #1 for Speeding Tickets, Wyoming #1 for Speed Deaths. As you may know, Texas drivers can now legally outrun the rest of the U.S. with a new 85 MPH speed limit posted between Austin and San Antonio, now the fastest stretch in the country. But it's in Florida that you run the greatest risk of getting slapped with a speeding ticket. Georgia, Nevada, Texas and Alabama follow Florida as the Top 5 states for speeding (Texas ranks a mere #4).

Wyoming drivers, meanwhile, have the highest rate of speeding-related deaths in the nation. 25 million speeding tickets are issued nationwide each year, and drivers pay an average of \$150 per ticket. These findings are part of newly-released data just published in the "Need for Speed" infographic on Bankrate's Insurance Quotes website. These statistics are for all vehicles.

A KTRK legal analyst says Plummer should not have been arrested, but the Houston Police Department stood by the officer's report that she was walking in the road and a danger to herself and others.

About thirty "Angry" bikers took to the streets of Toulon, brazenly taking matters into their own hands

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with a pot of paint. And these aren't just crude daubings either - these Gallic agitators have made their new markings look like a pro job, effectively communicating to drivers of speed cameras ahead; at least until local law enforcement catches on.

#### LANE SPLITTING SUPPORTED BY LAND-MARK REPORT

Motorcyclists should be allowed to weave their way to the front of stationary traffic and car drivers should have to study up on motorcycle safety, according to a "landmark" parliamentary report recently released by Australian lawmakers.

It is currently an offense there, and in most developed countries, for motorcycles to "filter" (lane split) between cars at red lights and in slow traffic, but the report by the Road Safety Committee said that behavior could cut commuting times, slash congestion and should be legalized.

The report, applauded by the motorcycling community but given a mixed reception by other road users, also recommended questions about safety around motorcycles be included in future car license tests.

Rob Smith, of Motorcycles Australia, told the Herald Sun newspaper that the report was a big win for motorcyclists but it might be some time before new laws are introduced. He said he understood concerns from other motorists about safety, but agreed with the government officials that filtering through traffic could be a solution to congestion. "Filtering motorcycles benefits every road user by saving travel time," Smith said. "People should be concerned about road safety, but there is no evidence anywhere in the world that lane filtering is actually dangerous."

Victoria Motorcycle Council deputy chairman of data and research Rob Salvatore said the report was a landmark recognition of motorcyclists as legitimate road users. Committee chairman Murray Thompson MP said there has been a 66% increase in registrations of motorcycles in the past decade and passenger vehicle drivers needed to be more aware of them.

"GANG LAW" CHALLENGED DOWN UNDER  
The Finks MC in Australia is challenging the constitutionality of a law that would make it easier to declare them a criminal gang, and have asked Australia's highest court to overturn laws they say are draconian and threaten civil freedoms.

Under the laws, police in Queensland state have sought to have the Finks declared a "criminal gang". Similar laws have been used elsewhere in Australia, and have been met with similar resistance from organized biker clubs.

"This legislation can be used against any organization which the police or the government may target to say they are criminal in nature," Finks lawyer Bill Potts told reporters ahead of the High Court challenge. "We say it's a law too far, it's a law that's unnecessary. We say that in total that large sections of it are in fact unconstitutional," he told Reuters.

The laws have been successfully challenged by other so-called "gangs", including the Hells Angels, in two other states; New South Wales and South Australia, "frustrating governments who have tried to link rival gangs to the illicit drugs trade, trafficking of illegal firearms, robbery, murder, extortion and prostitution," the news agency reported.

New South Wales and South Australia subsequently recast their laws after the High Court of Australia decided that new powers allowing lower court judges to hear evidence in secret and to prevent legal appeals went too far under the Australian Constitution.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "America is at that awkward stage. It's too late to work within the system, but too early to shoot the bastards."  
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