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From Your President



This is just a reminder that the Southeast Chapter of ABATE will be having our Semi-Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally at Mickey's Tiki Bar on January 18th from noon until 5PM. We will have our Safety & Membership Booths set up there. If you want you can sign up right there and get all the benefits of being a member of ABATE. Just because we have a rider's choice helmet law doesn't mean we can ever let our guard down. There will be food and drink specials and plenty of vendors. The music will be by Mighty Quinn, Mickey's house band, who will play some great music. Hope to see you there.

On November 30th Heaven Cycle held their 37th Anniversary Party at the Bit BBQ. They add a keg of free beer for every year they have been in business. Alice and I took the cage down to the party because Kick, from the States MC, was recovering my seat. We had a nice ride down 27 to 997 to Tamiami Trail. When we got there the bikes were parked a quarter mile before and the cars a quarter mile past the restaurant. DJ Bert kept the party going when Gypsy Road took a break. With that much free beer being poured I was glad I took the cage. The Pit BBQ is a small place with great food. I couldn't believe how many people were packed into the restaurant and the parking lot. This is one party you should not miss. I hope they stay in business for another 37 years. What a party that will be! When we left the cars and bikes were parked at least a half mile in either direction.

On December 7th Mardi Gras Casino and the South Florida Presidents Council of Motor Cycle Clubs and Organizations held the world's largest toy run at Markham Park in Sunrise. It benefits the children's cancer treatment center at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. It was great to see all of the thousands of bikes ride in with all the toys strapped to their bikes for the kids who might not have any presents under the Christmas tree. There was an international food court where you could eat all day long if you wanted plus over 100 vendors to look at. Opening the music on stage was South Florida's own Soulicide who donate all of their tip money for the year to the kids. To honor Pearl Harbor Day there was a 21 gun salute with members of various clubs participating. ABATE member Jimmy Les read part of the speech FDR gave to congress on Dec 8th after the attack which among others sank the USS Arizona with one bomb down the main smokestack which sank with all on board. Brian Howe the former lead singer from Bad Company went on stage and played for over an hour and last but not least Charlie Daniels took the stage and played all of his best songs and for his last song played "The Devil Went Down To Georgia" and the crowd went wild. What a way to end the 27th Annual Toys in the Sun Run, one that I will remember for a long time to come. I would like to give a special thanks to our ABATE Southeast Chapter members who came out and worked our booth all day.

I would like to congratulate Snooze and Hamish who are the new pro-tem President and Vice-President of the Palm Beach Chapter of ABATE. On Sunday December 14th they held their annual Freedom Rights Rally at Renegades Country Bar & Grill in West Palm Beach. There were vendors, a 50/50 drawing and door prizes. Alice even won a gift certificate to Palm Beach Harley.



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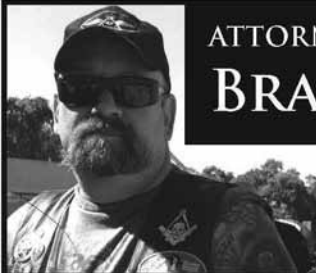
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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Dec 21, 2014

Sgt. @ Arms Steve Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:11 am. There were 38 members and no guests signed in. Total sign in: 38. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a Moment of Silence and a prayer by Poppie.

Presidents Report

President BARS thanked all members for coming and wished all our members a very Happy Holiday. A great show of support from our members and our brother MC's and Associations with representation today from the American Legion Riders Post 321, VVA23, Widows and Sons, Masonic Riders and the Keltics MC. We had a great turn out at this year's Toys in the Sun Run. A total of 18 riders met to ride in together. Thank you to all the members who helped out with the set up and tear down. We still have drawing tickets for ABATES Bike Week Cash drawing. Total prize is 10,000.00 with 1st prize receiving 7,000.00, 3,000.00 for 2nd and 1,000.00 for 3rd. Drawing will be held at the State Office in Deland. Palm Beach Chapter President Nighthawk has resigned. VP "Snooze" will preside as President and Hamish has been selected as VP Pro-tem by the by-laws. They will stay in office until June's elections. Next month we will be hosting our Semi-Annual Rights Rally. It will be held at Mickey's on 1/18/15. Any time you can give to support your chapter will be greatly appreciated.

Vice-Presidents Report

Poppie reported on the great turnout at this year's Toy Run. A very special Thanks to Jimmy Les. He has put another BIG feather in the hat of the Southeast Chapter. He was requested to put together a program to honor the military and those who were there on Dec. 7, 2941. What a program he did. More than 20 Abate members were on stage to display the flags

of our armed forces, provide the 21 gun salute in remembrance of all those who gave their lives so WE may have the freedoms we enjoy daily. If you know anyone who made a video of the program, please let any BOD member know. Thank you.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Frank presented the financial report to the membership. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report for November all in favor motion passed. Frank also reported there are many members who are always there to support the chapter. However, we would like more members involved in ABATE activities and please understand everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you all.

Sergeant at Arms Report

Steve wanted to thank Jimmy Les for everything he has done for this chapter. If you were not there, you missed a very special program that he presented at this year's Toys in the Sun Run.

Road Captain's Report

Postal wanted to thank all the members who met for the Toy Run. It does not sound like a lot but having 18 bikes in procession was great. Keep it safe and have a Happy Holiday Season.

Always check the hotline for weekly updates and if there have been any additions or changes made between meetings, this is where you will find the information.

Safety Directors Report

Gambler's report has information which might be considered Good of the Order, since Safety

information is not limited to motorcycles, the following information is being reported to our members: Safety for your selves, family, money and our veterans. On the 3rd Thursday of the month between 1000am and 200pm, here at the legion there is a workshop to assist veterans in looking for a job. From building a resume all the way to how to handle yourself in an interview. During the holiday season, there are a number of companies who will provide FREE OF CHARGE, a taxi, or tow to get you home in case you are not capable to be behind the wheel of a car, if you can't be behind the wheel of a car, very obviously how can you be on 2 wheels. If you go out on New Year's eve, please use a designated driver. Watch out for scams. Do not give any credit card information, pin numbers, access information to anyone who calls you. If you did not request any changes to any of your accounts, someone is out there to steal what you have, and they will. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. If you're not sure, contact your financial institution directly. If you want to make a donation to a charity, please look into the charities financials (they are public record) to where the donations go. For example, if you donate to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House etc 100% of all money is earmarked for research. No administrative costs involved. On the other hand, there are other MAJOR charities whose administrative costs are so high, that less that

.10 of every dollar goes to research. There are presidents of these charities who earn more than \$650,000.00 per year PLUS their expenses to oversee their charities. There are many charities where the Board of Officers **DO NOT** take any salary: The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, McDonald House, St. Jude's etc are just to name a few. Bottom line is, before you donate make sure your hard earned money is going to where it is suppose to go. Do not make a donation to pay someone on top of the mountain.

Since Governor Scott has line vetoed the money which is collected by motorcycle registrations and earmarked for motorcycle safety, we will try to look into funding our own safety products. Lengthy discussion followed. Primarily we have worked for years without the states funding, Just because we do not have the states funding for money owed to the motorcycle community does not mean we cannot lose sight of our goals for motorcycle safety and education. This comment was stated by long time member and past Safety Director Suzanne Keene. A question was asked

as to why we are not providing our Safety program to our schools community groups, drivers education etc. Answer is: Our relationship has been tarnished by certain members of this chapter. They wanted to do everything their own way, give their own program whether we or the State office liked it or not. This is why we have not been invited back to the Broward County schools to give our MSAP course. We will present the course to any group we can. For example, if your company has a monthly safety meeting, your condo association has a monthly meeting etc give Gambler or any Board member a call. We are more than happy to give the course. An educated public is what we need to survive.

Products Report

Joel was excused. BARS reported, If you need anything please contact them. Their contact information is printed in the newsletter.

Events Coordinator

Shaky reported we are all set for our Semi-Annual event. It will be at Mickey's in Pompano Beach on 1-18-15. As is the past we will need help, we only have 3 events per year to provide the necessary funds to operate and be successful. Any time you can give is appreciated. We do need door prizes, last event we were kind of short. Any where you go, all you have to do is ask. Right now our Memorial Day event is tentatively set up for the Elks Lodge. We will keep you posted.

State Reps Report

Demetrious reported on the state meeting. Full details are available in the Masterlink. The following statement is being made on behalf of the State Board, there will be no discussion: There was an incident involving a member of ABATE in a sponsored Toy Run. This issue is being handled by our corporate attorney Larry Crow. If asked, please decline comment and refer the questioner to Larry Crow. The campground in Daytona during bike week is now a memory. ABATE will not be sponsoring or endorsing any campground for bile week of 2015. In its place, the city of Avon Park has open their doors for us. This will be a family friendly event starting on 10/3/15 more information to follow. Due to liability and legal issues, verbiage regarding either group or fun rides will change. Please make sure you listen carefully to the hotline and understand what is being printed in the minutes. The December issue of

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the Masterlink will be the last one printed and mailed to the membership. There will be a small number of copies available at the state meeting. Please make sure your email address is on file with the state. They will email you a copy. Social media and Web-Master paperwork need to be turned in. BARS will handle. The State Safety Director has resigned, we are looking for a new State Safety Director. Anyone interested in the position, please contact the State Board. Discussion on having a drawing 2 times per year to increase revenues for the state. A motion was made recommending the State Board to adopt a chapter incentive in the selling of drawing tickets. Seconded, all in favor motion passed. This recommendation will be given to our delegates for the next State Meeting. A straw vote was also called for regarding whether to have 2 drawings per year or 1. 36 in favor of 1 drawing per year, 2 in favor of 2.

Membership Trustee

George reported we have 587 members on the rolls. For years we have been asking for membership renewals to be completely filled out. Last month we had 6 Life Member cards sent out. 4 are being returned due to incorrect addresses. This cost the chapter money for no reason. We cannot stress this enough, **PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION WITH YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION**. We will post the information of all Life Members whose cards are needed to be sent out. If you see your name, please contact either the membership trustee or chapter secretary for information.

Newsletter Editor

Cesar reported just a reminder to all trustees, all reports and pictures are due today with the exception of the Presidents report and the minutes of the meeting provided by our chapter secretary. Everything else is going well. All correspondence can be sent to him at the following Email address: news@abatase.us

Legislative Report

Brad reported the following bills have been filed: HB1, which changes the texting while driving from a secondary offence to a primary offence. Another bill has been filed to allow concealed weapons permit holders to carry their weapons on state campuses. Possible changes upcoming to the Stand your Ground Law which will transfer burden of proof from the defendant to the prosecutor. We will keep you posted on these issues. Thank you Brad.

Public Relations

Fern was excused. She has done a great job with the hotline and is always out and about supporting ABATE.

Billing and Invoicing

Pixie reported all billing is up to date. Thank you Pixie.

Social Directors Report

Jimmy Les reported January's birthday party will be held at Shanks. party starts between 730 and 800PM on 1/10/15.

Newsletter Distribution

Charlie thanked all our members who deliver the newsletter for all their hard work . Hats off to Cesar, you are doing a great job. Your efforts are appreciated by all our members.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob was thanked by BARS for all his help at the Toy Run by providing all the cooking for breakfast, lunch dinner etc. Our members are grateful for all your hard work.

Photographer's Report

Rogue was excused. BARS reported a number of pictures will be posted on the web-site

Web-Master's Report

Rogue was excused, BARS reported the web-site is up and running.

Legal Council

Demetrious reported he had nothing to report.

Old Business

Gambler reported last month since the state is either low or totally out of safety items for giveaways, he requested the chapter look into purchasing our own. Since Governor Scott has line vetoed our safety money, any product giveaways need to conform to state standards. We will be able to order products from the state vendor which conform to the states standards hopefully not having to pay for a set up charge. It will be looked into by the board.

New Business

Due to next month's meeting falling on 1/18/15. a

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motion was made, seconded to move the date of our January monthly meeting from 1/18/15 to 1/11/15. All in favor, motion passed.

Good of the Order

The following riders have been evolved in accidents and are in need of our prayers and support.. Poppie led the membership in prayer for: Shooter, member Dirty White Boys and Brian a friend of long time member Wildcat. Please keep them in your thought and prayers.

Upcoming Events

There will be a group of members getting together to support the following functions:
Jan. 4, 2015 - States MC, Annual blessing of the Bikes. Getting together between 1100 and 1200. Kick Stands Up @ 12:30pm.

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

Please contact any Board Member for information regarding group /fun rides.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor.
Meeting adjourned 11:55 am

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

Paul A. Melcer
Secretary



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The music was by Elegant Mess who really rocked the house with people up and dancing. On the same day they held the 32nd Bill's Bike Memorial Toy Run at the South Florida Fairgrounds which must have ended at Renegades the way the parking lot swelled up with bikes. If you missed this party you missed a good one put on by Snooze and all of his members.

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ABATE Southeast Chapter Sponsorship Program

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

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

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A good New Year's resolution is to try to be a little kinder, a little more attentive to our loved ones, and other people we encounter throughout the coming year, even when it's not returned.

Try to live like Jan.1 starts a new year, the first day of the month starts a new month, Monday starts a new week, and every morning starts a new day.

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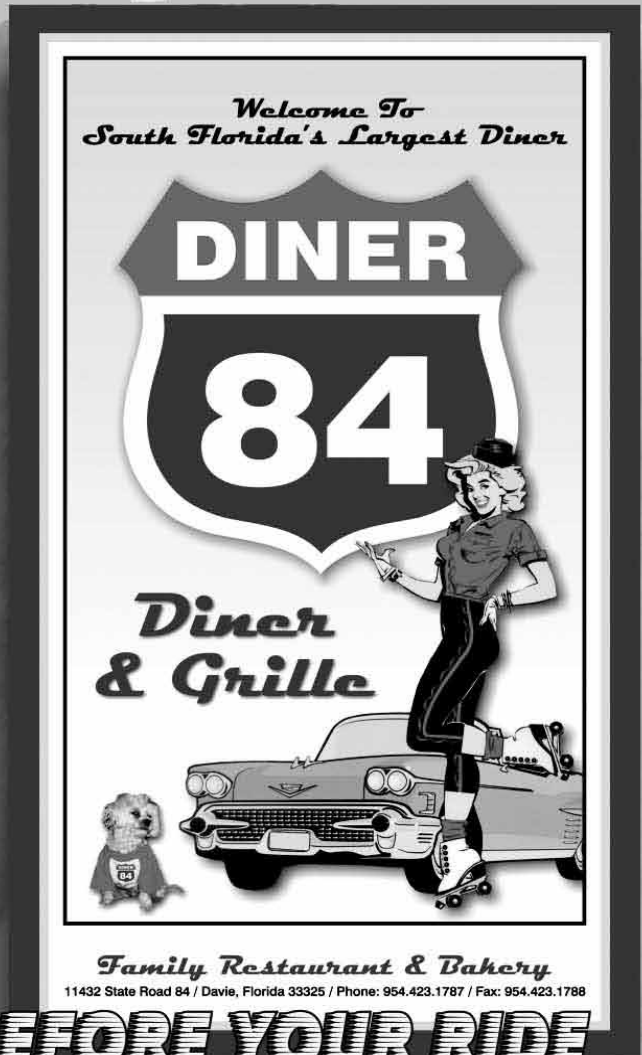
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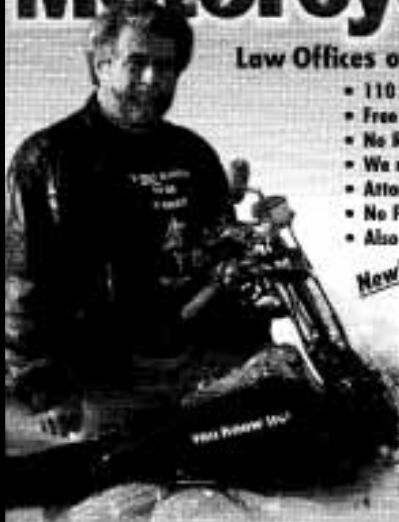
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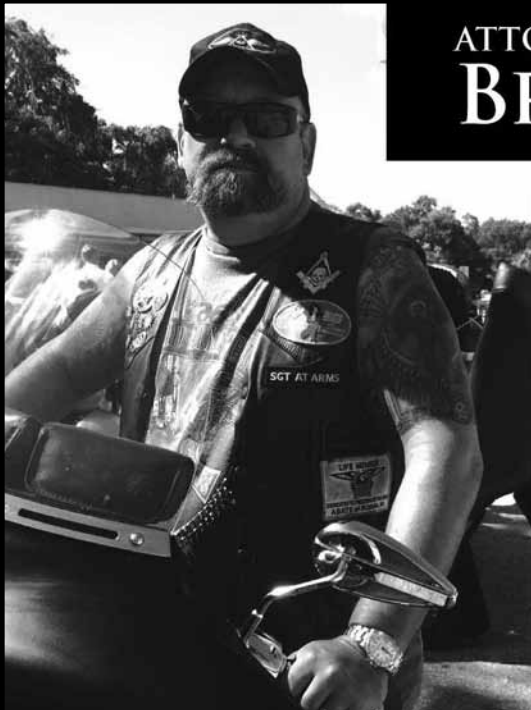
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2015

January

2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	2	3
4 States MC - Blessing of the Bikes	5	6	7 Chit Chat's Bike Night	8 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	9	10
11 Chapter Meeting	12	13	14 Chit Chat's Bike Night	15 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	16	17
18 ABATE Motorcyclists Rights Rally	19	20	21 Chit Chat's Bike Night	22 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	23	24
25 Der Krieger Annual Blowout	26	27	28 Chit Chat's Bike Night	29 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	30	31

Additional Info:

01/31/2015 - Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show

01/10/15 - January's birthday party will be held at Shanks. party starts between 730 and 800PM.

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2015

February

2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Chit Chat's Bike Night	5 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	6	7
8	9	10	11 Chit Chat's Bike Night	12 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	13	14
15 <u>Chapter Meeting</u>	16	17	18 Chit Chat's Bike Night	19 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	20	21
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2015 CALENDAR

MANDATORY ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD

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JANUARY

4- STATES MC - BLESSING OF THE BIKES
11-WINGS OF GOLD FL - BIKER APPRECIATION
18-S.E. ABATE - SEMI ANNUAL
25-DER KRIEGER MC - ANNUAL

FEBRUARY

1-ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL
7-US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD - PARTY
15-AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL
21-WHEELS OF MAN MC - ANNUAL

MARCH

1-HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL
7th-15th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
15-KELTICS MC - ANNUAL
22-US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY

APRIL

5-CMA EASTER SERVICE
11-MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
18-OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL
19-STATES MC - ANNUAL
24-26th LEESBURG BIKEFEST

MAY

3-SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL
17-WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL
24-S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
31-LOS COQUIS MC - ANNUAL

JUNE

7-NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY
13-AOA PAULY, JERRY, ROGER, AND KENNY
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14-WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL

JULY

5-US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROW - ANNUAL
12-ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY
18-WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

AUGUST

2-WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
4-74th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
8th-10th SO FLORIDA TATTOO EXPO
9-AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNIVERSARY PARTY

22-LOS COQUIS MC - SMOKEY/DIESEL B-DAY

SEPTEMBER

6-SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
12-OUTCAST MC - PARTY
13-STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
18th-20thPETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
27-KELTICS MC - PARTY

OCTOBER

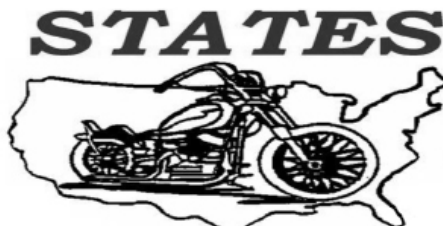
4-MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL
10-NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL
11-S.E. ABATE RIGHTS RALLY
16th-19thDAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
25-WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY

NOVEMBER

7-US MILITARY VETS MC CH 1 - ANNUAL
8-CMA - MEMORIAL EVENT
14-HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL

DECEMBER

6 SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
12-PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
12-HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEM/TOY RUN
13-WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN
19-SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY
20-CALVARY CHAPEL - CHRISTMAS SERVICE



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I want to thank all of you for all your support at the Toys in the Sun Run it was an awesome event for the Cid's. Charley Daniels doesn't get any better than that I also want to thank Jimmy Les for his awesome tribute to the veterans of past and present.

Don't forget to check the Hot line for upcoming events and Rides.

Happy New Year! As always, until next time, Ride Safe and keep the shiny side up.

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Lu9is Perez "Frosty"
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"Shakie Bob" Nieman
Chuck Widle
Kathleen McGee
Angela Correa

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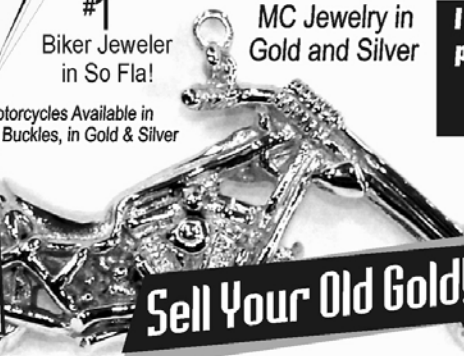
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Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to You, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly Yours, utterly dedicated to You; and then use us, we pray You will, and always to Your glory and the welfare of Your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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I do hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Did you get all the toys you asked for or expected? I hope you did. No one wants to be with an angry biker. Oh yea, I also hope you all had a safe New Year's Eve. I won't ask how much you had to drink. I just hope that if you did drink too much that you had a designated driver with you and that designated driver got you and you're significant other home safely.

Speaking of a New Year, did you make your normal New Year's resolutions? You know the same ones you make every year but never keep. They never last past the first weekend. NEVER!

How about we make a resolution we can keep. Let's make 2015 the year we all work together to promote Motorcycle Safety and awareness. It doesn't take a lot of work. We can promote safety by acting responsible. Let's start by drinking responsibly. We, whether ABATE members or just bikers, don't get so intoxicated that you can't stand up or walk a straight line. This goes for passengers as well. When riding always be aware of your surroundings, anticipate other vehicles movements and have an escape plan. Also, promote ABATE's Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program. It only takes about an hour and is geared toward drivers of cages. It could be a school, a business that has safety meetings or even a Home Owners Association, just to name a few.

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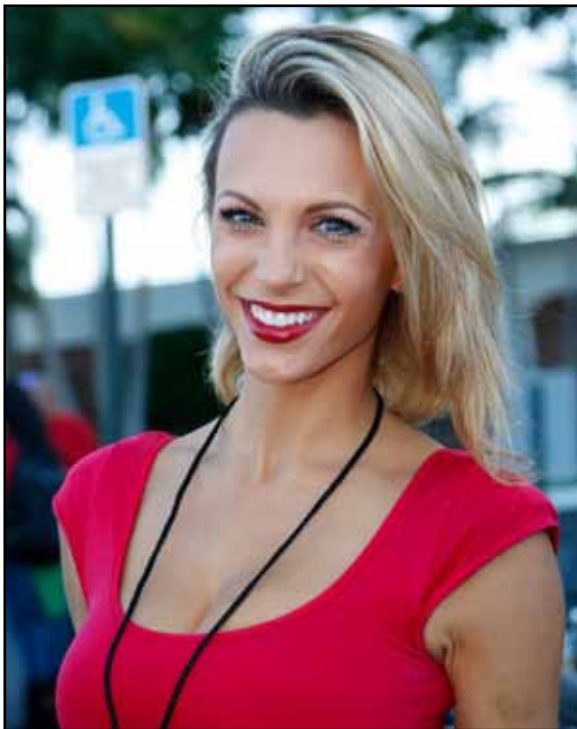
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WASHINGTON TARGETS DISTRACTED DRIVING IN MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS VIDEO

The Washington State Motorcycle Safety Program recently released a new motorcycle awareness video targeting inattentive drivers. Created with teen driver education students in mind, the eight-minute-long film starts by showing a teen driver cruising the streets in a car while eating and listening to loud music. When he turns left into the path of an oncoming motorcyclist, time stops, giving both the driver and rider a chance to exit their vehicles and talk to each another. After some initial frustration, Randy the motorcyclist gets in the car with Ian, the teen driver, and teaches him the dos and don'ts of how to drive when sharing the road with motorcyclists. Randy's lessons include looking twice before turning and giving motorcycles more space.

The two eventually return to their vehicles and the inevitable crash takes place.

"The video is meant to be a relevant and easily accessible tool for Driver Training providers to use as they fulfill the motorcycle awareness requirement of their curriculum," states the Washington State Department of Licensing, adding that the WMSP is supported by motorcycle endorsement fees and is tasked with providing Public Awareness of motorcycle safety, Motorcycle Safety education programs including classroom and on-cycle training, and Improved operator testing. The YouTube video "Motorcycle Awareness - A Second Look" has already been viewed over 100,000 times in the first three weeks (www.youtube.com/watch?v=_b3T7u4ZJ1Y#t=19).

TENNESSEE BANS BIG RIGS FROM DRAGON

A mountainous stretch of U.S. Route 129 (SR 115) from Tennessee to North Carolina famously known as "The Dragon" boasts 318 curves in 11.19 miles and is a beacon for drivers and riders alike, but semis are no longer welcome! Due to a "critical number of traffic accidents involving large trucks," the state of Tennessee is following the lead of neighboring North Carolina in banning big rigs from US 129, on sections of highway known as Deals Gap or The Tail of the Dragon. For years, navigation systems have pointed truckers to the Dragon as a shortcut across Blount County. That ends with the new year, and signs will be posted

mid-January prohibiting commercial vehicles (longer than 30 feet).

After conducting a safety review, according to the Tennessee DOT there were a total of 204 crashes from 2010 to 2012 in Blount County -- six of those resulted in fatalities. Only one of those fatal accidents involved a tractor trailer, but many of the other incidents with semis have blocked the narrow highway for hours and prevented travel for all motorists.

NEW MEXICO HELMET STICKER PROPOSAL OPPOSED

In response to a Senate bill draft creating a sticker riders would have to pay for in order to exercise their freedom of choice in helmet use, the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (NMMRO) has authored a letter of opposition supported by the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) and the NCOM Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF), among others, it states: Dr. Kurt B. Nolte, M.D., Office of the Medical Investigator;

"It has recently come to the attention of the New Mexico Motorcyclists Rights Organization (NMMRO) that a bill was drafted on your behalf by Clifford Rees at the New Mexico Legislature. If passed this bill would impose a \$692 fee on motorcyclists who chose to ride without a helmet. As an organization we are interested in hearing your justification for placing this burden on the public and if you think that placing helmets on motorcyclists would decrease the number of motorcycle crashes.

Our organization would be pleased to share government statistics with you which show that 58% of all motorcyclist deaths are experienced by riders wearing helmets. We would also like to point out that it has been proven that accident prevention has a much bigger impact on preventing motorcycle injuries and fatalities. Helmets have not been shown to prevent motorcycle accidents and in some cases can increase the chances of an accident occurring. We have also worked with the New Mexico Department of Transportation to try to improve the awareness of drivers on New Mexico's roads in respect to motorcycles as another method of accident prevention.

If in fact you do intend to proceed with your present actions we would like to spend some time with you looking into what affect this would have on the motorcycle riders of New Mexico and not just assume that it would be beneficial to their safety. The NMMRO and NM State Representative Rick Miera (a long-serving member of the NCOM-LTF) are available to meet with

you to discuss this issue further.”

Thank you for listening to our concerns on this subject,

Annette Torrez, Chairperson NMMRO (and member of the NCOM Board of Directors)

LANE-SPLITTING LEGISLATION PROPOSED IN CALIFORNIA

From across Europe to throughout Asia, motorcyclists around the world routinely “filter” their way between lanes of slow-moving cars, but here in the U.S. only riders in California are allowed to “lane-split” through congested traffic -- not-so-much because it’s legal, but because there are no specific laws addressing the issue. That may soon change, as Assemblyman Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) has introduced Assembly Bill No.51 to specifically regulate the practice.

According to ABATE of California, their lobbyist Jim Lombardo has contacted the author’s legislative staff who said the measure was introduced by their office because of the widespread newspaper and television coverage regarding lane splitting and the general public’s ignorance of the legality of the issue. The staff members are willing to accept amendments to improve the bill language but are seeking to “codify”, or write into California law, lane splitting legislation to ensure it is not completely outlawed after the CHP (California Highway Patrol) was forced to remove their “lane splitting guidelines” last summer.

AB 51 seeks to amend Section 21658 of the California Vehicle Code to “authorize a motorcycle to be driven between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane if the speed of traffic is 35 miles per hour or less and the motorcycle is driven no more than 10 miles per hour faster than the speed of traffic.” A violation of the Vehicle Code is a crime, so the bill would create a new criminal penalty.

In addition to general opposition to over-regulating an accepted practice, “Obviously this bill is not something ABATE can endorse, especially when it limits lane splitting to traffic speeds of 35 MPH or less,” said Dave Hastings, ABATE Executive Director. “We will implement a plan of action to kill this bill or at least amend it into something that the riders of California can live with.”

WHEN GAS PRICES GO UP, SO DO MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS

A new study suggests that as gas prices rose in recent years, so did motorcyclist injuries and fatalities, because more people start using motorcycles and

many of those riders are inexperienced, the researchers explained.

The analysis, published in the journal for Injury Prevention, revealed a strong association between rising gas prices and an increasing number of motorcycle registrations, along with motorcyclist injuries and deaths. But it did not prove a cause-and-effect link. Analysts examined data gathered between 2002 and 2011 in California, which has the highest number of motorcycle registrations in the United States and the third highest number of motorcyclist deaths, and extrapolated that higher gas prices resulted in an additional 800 deaths and 10,290 injuries among motorcyclists in California over the ten year period.

According to the report, crashes were more likely to occur in urban areas and during the afternoon. Of the motorcyclists involved in crashes, nearly 93% were men, 46% were middle-aged, 68% were caucasian, and 20% were uninsured. Riders ages 16 to 24 and those on the latest models of motorcycles were most likely to be involved in at-fault crashes.

JAKARTA POLICE DEPLOY OFFICERS TO ENFORCE BIKE BAN

Hundreds of police officers and transportation officials were deployed throughout the Indonesian capital of Jakarta for the trial run of a controversial new traffic regulation that bars motorcycles from entering two of the capital’s major thoroughfares.

During the month-long initiation period, motorcycles are barred from entering parts of the country’s largest city from Dec 17-Jan17, after which officers will begin enforcing the new ban. “The restriction will be introduced for a month and we expect people who frequent the restricted areas to be familiar with the new regulation,” a police spokesman said. “Once the trial period is over and we still find infractions, then we will take action by issuing tickets,” he said, adding that these penalties will also be applied on weekends and major holidays.

Motorcyclists will be provided with designated parking spaces where they will have to abandon their motorcycles and board double-decker buses that are free of charge.

Introduced by Jakarta Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama, the city government says the ban is aimed at cutting down the number of accidents and reducing traffic in the notoriously congested capital. There are 9 million motorcycles registered in Jakarta, a city of 10-million people.

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The governor is also in discussions with the Jakarta Police about whether the ban on motorcycles should be extended to more roads around the capital.

CIVIL UNREST AFTER ORDER BANNING MOTORCYCLES IN SUDAN

In the Republic of the Sudan, an Arab republic in the Nile Valley of North Africa, local youths have protested an order by the West Kordofan governor banning the use of motorcycles inside the town of Meiram.

Local authorities have taken steps to better regulate and license the use of motorcycles, saying they were being used to smuggle goods into rebel-controlled areas.

The order prompted unrest in the market including some shooting in the air after armed local youth refused to implement the order. Eyewitnesses told Radio Tamazuj that about five youths had been arrested over instigating chaos in the area. A source said that some shops have remained closed or on standby until life has relatively returned to normal.

WEIRD NEWS: NEW ZEALAND COUPLE FINED \$40K FOR RIDING WITHOUT HELMET

A couple in New Zealand have been fined \$20,000 each following multiple instances of riding a quad bike without a helmet. According to the New Zealand Herald, Phillip Andrew Jones and Maria Anna Carlson, share-milkers from Marlborough, had been seen riding their All-Terrain Vehicle without helmets multiple times dating back to 2012.

The pair were both fined under the Health and Safety in Employment Act; Jones was charged with failing to take all practicable steps to ensure no other person was harmed at work while riding a quad bike, and Carlson with failing to take all practicable steps to ensure her own safety by wearing a helmet, and the safety of others by not carrying her children on a quad bike.

"Quad bikes pose a serious risk on farms, and on average five people were killed and 850 were injured every year," said WorkSafe spokesman Francois Barton, adding that Carlson was twice witnessed riding her quad bike without a helmet after a prohibition notice had been issued and the second time she had two young children with her on the bike.

Carlson admitted that despite owning helmets she didn't wear one because "it becomes just a little bit of a hassle."

EPA GRANTS ETHANOL TEMPORARY REPRIEVE

The ethanol industry dodged a bullet recently after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) deferred action on permanently lowering the amount of renewable fuels that must be blended into the U.S. gasoline supply. Rather than deciding to change the methodology of the mandate included in the Renewable Fuel Standard law, currently based on steadily increasing levels of ethanol-blended fuels, as it first proposed last year to lower the required annual levels, the EPA opted to wait until 2015 to decide.

While the delay gives the renewable fuels industry time to regroup and lobby for higher levels, the final quota will likely be less than the original mandate required, but avoids an outcome that could have been much worse for the \$30-billion-a-year industry. Meanwhile, many motorcycle and automobile organizations, among others, continue to lobby against ethanol, not just because its unapproved use can damage some internal combustion engines, reduce power and mileage, and void manufacturer warranties, but opponents also argue that ethanol pollutes more than the oil it's meant to replace, takes more energy to produce than it delivers, drives up cost and scarcity of food resources, doesn't reduce our oil-dependency, and the government subsidies being paid for ethanol production steals funds that could improve our highways, bridges and infrastructure.

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