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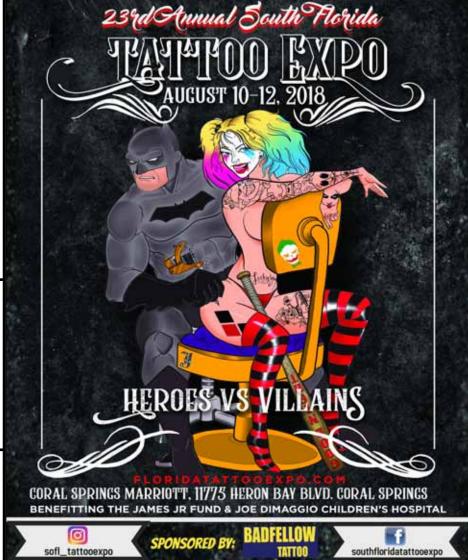
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WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES

WHO WE ARE

- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.
- We promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness.
- We fund our work by holding a series of annual events at different locations within our service area and other motorcycle activities.
- We are your neighbors and friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community.
- We serve and support our country and believe in freedom.
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ABATE is open to all individuals age 18 and older interested in motorcycle rights, safety or education. It doesn't matter what you ride or even if you ride. Everyone is welcome to join ABATE of Florida, Inc., which ensures YOUR opinion and views on motorcycle laws will be heard.

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Stand up for your right to choose - join Florida's only Motorcycle Rights Organization that got the Helmet Law removed in 2000 & stopped it AGAIN in 2017!

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Help make a difference - by supporting ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Program (MSAP). ABATE's Certified instructors bring the MSAP into our High School Drivers Education classes. This is the only program in the state that teaches Florida students to **WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES**. The first step in teaching drivers how to not run us over.

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

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

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

See Page 47 for Membership Application

from Your president



Hey everybody, let's kick start this new year for Southeast Chapter!

I would like to thank all the people who stepped up to take a position for the new year. We have no open positions. Wow!! I am overwhelmed at your support of me and Old Hippy as your leaders for Southeast Chapter. I also want to thank all of the members who, while not having an official position, have stepped up to help.

I know that Southeast Chapter will have a good team this year and I look forward to working with everyone on this exciting ride.

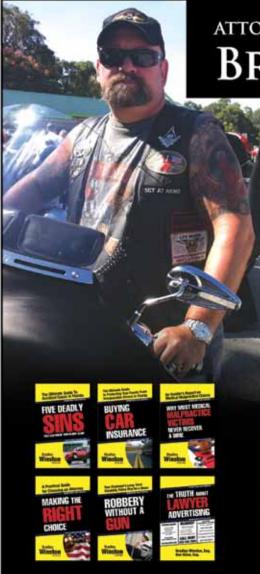
Remember we need advertisers and new members. The more members we have, the more clout in Tallahassee ABATE will have.

And to the younger people out there, you have the chance to inherit an organization that stands up and fights for biker rights and safety. Help us make a difference, now, and for the future! Remember, shiny side up, rubber side down.

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Peace, Johnny Rose President Southeast Chapter



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James "Gambler" Willard
Norman "Rooster" Williams

<u>- Reminder -</u> <u>Memberships Due For June</u>

Bill Ruddy Max Asman

If you have already renewed

for your continued support



For Membership Renewals contact Sheila Rose by either email: membership@ abatese.us or by phone: 786-487-4810 - See Page 47 for Membership Application * 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.



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Winner will be notified and must qualify for ownership with a Florida firearms dealer. Must be 18 or older to purchase a ticket.

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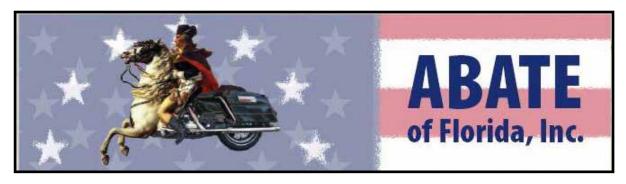
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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Held at American Legion Post 222 Oakland Park, FL June 17, 2018

Nighthawk, called the meeting to order at 10:05am by standing up and asking all to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Suzanne Keene then led us in prayer. There were 35 members present.

President's Report

Magneto said he was going to keep it short. He thanked everyone for coming out. He wished all the dads a Happy Father's Day.

Vice President's Report

Johnny Rose thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He said that he hasn't seen such a good turn-out in a long time and it was good to see a lot of old faces. Most importantly, he is very appreciative of everyone giving him the opportunity to step up and serve as your President again. And thank you to everyone who has stepped up to take a position too. Johnny also said a special thanks to everyone who came out to help at our Memorial Day Event. Despite all the rain we had, we still had 20 members volunteer and help out in the rain

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

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

Sergeant at Arm's Report

Nighthawk thanked everyone for coming out to the Memorial Day Event, even though it was wet, it was typical. It's good to see a lot of old faces. Our next event is the Tattoo Expo. We need bodies to come out there and help. Tables and chairs are provided and we only need to bring our safety items. Mark your calendars for August 10-12, 2018. He will be there, camping out the whole weekend. Please be sure to pick up a flyer for the Expo.

Road Captain's Report

This position is open.

Safety Director's Report

This position is open.

State Representative's Report

Critter told us that, after the last State meeting, Darrin, our State VP, was tasked with forming a Fund Raising Committee. A few members have joined already. If anyone is interested in joining the Committee, please contact Darrin. Patti Nasrallah, the State Treasurer, reminded everyone that the chapters' bank accounts should be changed ASAP to reflect the new Board members. Also chapter officer lists should be sent to the State ASAP. Victor, the State Safety Director, said that he is looking for volunteers who are MSAP certified to do an MSAP presentation at the NCOM in 2019. NCOM will be in Orlando May 9-12, 2019. Gator Alley Chapter has volunteered to drive the vans. Doc has an NCOM meeting in November, so please contact him if you have any ideas for a seminar at a national event. Steve "Caretaker" Knee was Products and is handing it over to Shayne "Velcro" Hanley. Shayne will be working closely with Brandy, who works for a company that supplies uniforms for police and fire departments. They are working on new logos that are completely reflective at night. There will also be new t-shirt styles, tank tops, bowling shirts, and neon colors. These will be ABATE of Florida products, not safety and education items. Darrin reminded everyone that this is the time that candidates will be having local meet-and-greets. It is good to attend these and bring as many members with you as you can. Dress as you would when you are riding. Try and get candidates to come and speak at Chapter meetings. Let Doc or Darrin know if any of the candidates are friendly or non-friendly towards our cause. Our lobbyist, James "Doc" Reichenbach, said that the texting bill was stopped by Senator Bradley and no one is really sure why.

He is working on getting it re-submitted for the next session. Both AMA and MRF are pushing bills that deal with the E15 issue. One of the sponsors of the MRF bill is Lois Frankel, US Congresswoman for Florida's District 21 (Delray/ Boynton Beach area). The Tallahassee State meeting will be Sunday, April 14, 2019, and the ride to the Capitol is Monday, April 15, 2019. If you can get the time off work, please do and start making arrangements now. Southernmost Chapter, from the Florida Keys, had half a dozen people show up and they are the furthest Chapter. Doc signed a 2-year contract to be the ABATE lobbyist again. Billy Bird served as the Chairman of Elections for the State. There were only 2 contested positions, President and Treasurer. Our 2018-202 State Board is: President-James "Doc" Reichenbach, Vice President-Darrin Brooks (Gator Alley), Secretary-Shelly Johnson, Treasurer-Debbie Hamby (Palm Beach), Sergeant at Arms-Marcus Hotelling (Vintage), Public Relations/Communications-William Prewitt (Southeast), Membership-Laurie Hanley (Estero River), Masterlink Editor-Joanne Napoli (Southeast), Legislative Representative-Darrin Brooks (Gator Alley), Products-Shayne Hanley (Estero River). Doc has been talking to other states to see what they do to raise money. The answer is always the same, a state party. We have land donated to us to use for the party in Bronson (Levy County). We will need sponsors. Doc suggested that Darrin set up a committee to start working on the state party. The next state meeting is on August 11, 2018 in Ocala. Leadership Seminars are July 14th and 15th in Vero Beach.

Products Report

This position is open. Sheila currently has the

products at her home and will be passing them on to Laurel in the next few weeks.

Membership Report

Sheila Rose reported that membership is going well. We had 7 new and renewing members since our last meeting in May.

Events Coordinator

This position is open.

Newsletter Editor

Critter is officially done. The next newsletter will be done by Lee Ann "Wildcat" Lefkowitz.

Distribution

Poppie was excused.

Legislative Report

Brad was excused.

Legal Counsel

Brad was excused.

Public Relations

Fern said everything is going good.

Billing and Invoicing

Sheila reported that all current advertisers are up to date.

Social Director

Sandy wished everyone a Happy Father's Day and Happy Birthday to the June members. She brought cupcakes and cake.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob was excused.

Photographers Report

Barry said he has a lot of wet pictures from the Memorial Day Event.

Webmasters Report Rogue was excused.

Old Business

This is the final meetings for nominations. Suzanne Keene is the Officer of Elections. The only contested position was the two State Rep positions. Suzanne passed out the ballots to the 33 members present. Suzanne and Alice counted the ballots. Our new Board, for the Southeast Chapter are as follows:

President: Johnny Rose

Vice President: Bob "Old Hippy" Leavitt

Secretary: Sheila Rose

Treasurer: Marie Baxter

Sargent at Arms: Steven "Nighthawk" Chomiak

Road Captain: Russell Edgell

 $\underline{\text{Safety Director:}} \ \text{Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff}$

State Reps: Marie Baxter and Jon "Wavy" Viger

Alternate State Reps: Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak and Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff

Products: Laurel Conner

Membership: Sheila Rose

Events Coordinator: Gabriel Carrera

Newsletter Editor: Lee Ann "Wildcat" Lefkowitz

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Social Director: Sandy Strickland

Quartermaster: Bob Anz

Photographer: Barry Blundell

Webmaster: Mike "Rogue" Hager

Chaplain Frank "Poppie" Cocchi Congratulations to the new Board and Trustees and a very special thank you to Suzanne Keene.

New Business

Johnny said that the July meeting falls on July 15th, which is the same weekend as Leadership Seminars. It was discussed and voted on, that we move the July meeting to July 22nd, same place, and same time. Old Hippy said that he is happy to be serving as the Vice President again. One of the key things we will be working on is recruiting. We are only as good as our members. We also need to get more advertisers. We need for the newsletter to be more profitable. We have strong objectives this year. We need to get our organization's name out there, and that is one of his personal goals as well. We need to let everyone know that we are here for the good of all and we need to increase awareness. Johnny said that we need to get our newsletter to be selfsufficient. Sheila is going to put together a list of accomplishments to pass out when recruiting new members. We already have one but we are going to build on it. Suzanne said to remember that we need to education, not legislate. We need more youth. Nighthawk spoke about the E15 issue, that it will kill your bike and your warranty. He stressed that we need to call our congressman about this. WAWA and Sunoco, among others, has ethanol-free gasoline. You just need to look. Critter said that she did a long article about this in a past newsletter, where Lois Frankel, US Congresswoman for Florida's District 21, said that E15 is worse in North Florida. If the pump handle is yellow, the gas has E15. If it is orange, it has E85. The Federal government is pushing for E15 and is pushing the oil companies too. JR said that you can get Sta-bil and Star

Tron, both fuel additives, at Wal-Mart. He puts a shot in each time he fuels up. There was some discussion about the E15.

Good of the Order

Lefty said that States MC has Open House on the 2nd and the Wednesday of each month and Friday night pizza. Patti said that Tin Cup, which is where the US Military Vets party will be on July 8th, is right across from Post 321, so come on by the Post after party.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was called for at 11:02am, was seconded, and all were in favor.

Our next Chapter meeting is July 22, 2018 at the American Legion Post 222, in Oakland Park, FL. See you all at our next meeting!!

Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul. – Author unknown

Sheila Rose

Secretary, Southeast Chapter





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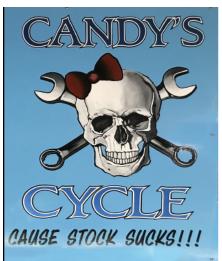


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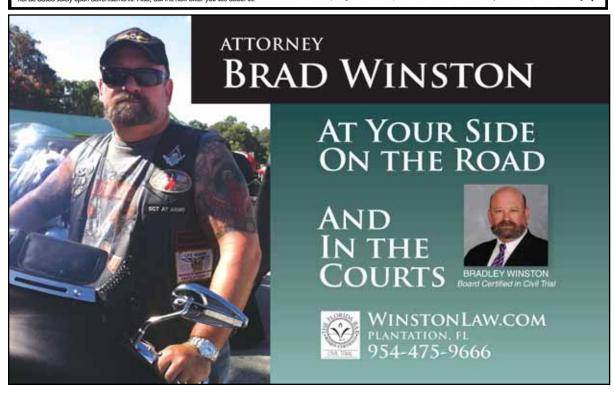












TIPS FOR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY IN FLORIDA

http://www.winstonlaw.com/blog/ - Posted on Monday, May 14th, 2018 at 2:20 pm May is Motorcycle Safety Month, and it has never been more relevant than now for Floridians.

Florida Highway Patrol reported 9,500 motorcycle crashes in 2017. About 611 people died in those accidents.



Safety is at the heart of reducing accidents and deaths. The fact is, motorcyclists are 27 more times likely than passenger car occupants to die in a crash and more likely to be injured.

"Don't text and drive. Don't talk on the phone and drive. Ensure that you are paying attention to the road and that your mind is on the road, your eyes are on the road, and your hands are on the wheel," said Capt. Tim Pikul, with Florida Highway Patrol, a report published by WWSB, ABC-7 in Sarasota.

Here's a look at some of the leading causes of motorcycle accidents (not ranked):

- Inexperienced Motorcyclists: We recommend that motorcyclists take a course before hitting the road.
- Speeding: Who hasn't been surprised by a motorcyclist zipping through traffic. The higher the speed, the greater the chance of impact and the severity of the injuries.
- Lane Changing: Passenger car drivers often don't check for motorcyclists when switching lanes. Blindspots can be an added hazard when drivers fail to double check before changing lanes.
- Car Doors Opening: Motorcyclists have been known to have severe accidents when they hit a car door that suddenly opens, knocking them off their bikes.
- Drinking and Driving: Alcohol is believed to be the main reason for motorcycle accidents.
- Lane Splitting: When a motorcycle operator drives between two lanes of stopped or slower moving cars. In Florida, lane splitting is illegal.
- Road Conditions: Wet and slick roads, road construction, and poorly maintained roads can all cause motorcyclists to lose control and crash.

Is insurance necessary?

Florida is one of the few states that does not require much motorcycle insurance. Motorcyclists in Florida, for example, do not need to carry personal injury protection (PIP). Floridians, however, are required to meet a financial threshold in case of injuries.

What should you do if you're planning on riding a motorcycle regularly on Florida roads? Follow these tips to stay on the road:

- Get insurance; Whether you're injured, or someone else is, you need protection.
- Equip yourself with protective gear.
- · Take a motorcycle safety class.
- Don't drink and drive.
- · Abide by the rules of the road.

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BY CHARLEY BLACKWOLF

MONTHLY EVENTS



FRIDAY

Outlaws MC WPB Open House at 7pm USMV MC Ch 2 Open house at 8pm (Dania Bch) Der Krieger MC Open House at 8pm Mystic 7 MC Open House...Ladies drink FREE! Keltics MC Open House 8pm Scurvy Few MC Open House at 7:30pm States MC - Fri Night Pizza 6-8pm 1st Fri - Soldiers for Jesus Open House 7-10pm 1st & 3rd Fri - Kingdom of Brothers Open House 2nd - US Military Vets Dirty Dozen Open House 3rd Fri - Wings of Gold MC Open House Davie 4th Fri - American Legion Post 36 Bike Night

SATURDAY

1st & 3rd Sat - AOA MC Dania Open House 8pm 2nd Sat - USMV MC Ft. Laud. Open House 2nd & 4th Sat - Mystic 7 Open House 2nd & 4th Sat - Kingdom of Brothers Open House

SUNDAY

Free pool at Sharkey's Lounge Margate Wind Rider Church Services at Mickey's

WEEK DAYS

Mon - Mystic Seven MC Dinner Night 6:00pm Mon - Ladies nite at Sharkey's 9-2, 241 drinks Tues - Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House Last Tues - USMVMC Palm Bch Open House Wed - Blues Nite at Mickey's

2nd & 4th Weds - States MC Open House 8pm-? Thurs - Leathernecks MC Open House 8-mid Thurs - Hermandad MC Open House, 8-2am Thurs - Mickey's Bike & Cruise Night, 7:30pm Thurs - Scurvy Few MC Open House/Texas Holdem 3rd Thurs - Peterson's Harley South Bike nite 6-10pm





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Mystic Seven MC Dinner 6 pm	3	INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 Leathernecks MC Open House	6	7
⁸ US Military Vets MC (S. Broward) Annual	9 Mystic Seven MC Dinner 6 pm	10	States MC Open House	12 Mickey's Tiki Bar Bike & Cruise Night	13	14
Soldiers For Jesus MC Annual	Mystic Seven MC Dinner 6 pm	17	18	Leathernecks MC Open House	20	21
Chapter Meeting	23 Mystic Seven MC Dinner 6 pm	24	States MC Open House	Mickey's Tiki Bar Bike & Cruise Night	27	Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off
29	30 Mystic Seven MC Dinner 6 pm					

ADDITIONAL INFO, PARTIES, OR EVENTS ARE LISTED HERE





2018 AUGUST 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	Leathernecks MC Open House	3 78th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Begins	4
⁵ Wings of Gold MC Miami Party	6	7	8 States MC Open House	9 Mickey's Tiki Bar Bike & Cruise Night	10 23rd Annual S FLorida Tattoo Expo	23rd Annual S FLorida Tattoo Expo
12 AOA Ft Laud 51st Anniversary Party	13	14	15	16 Leathernecks MC Open House	17	18
Chapter Meeting	20	21	22 States MC Open House	23 Mickey's Tiki Bar Bike & Cruise Night	24	25
26 Kingdom of Brothers MC Annual	27	28	29	30 Mickey's Tiki Bar Bike & Cruise Night	31	

ADDITIONAL INFO, EVENTS OR PARTIES ARE LISTED HERE

AUGUST 10th-12th - The 23rd Annual South Florida Tattoo Expo

AUGUST 12 - AOA Fort Lauderdale 51st Anniversary Party/Moldy's Birthday Party

AUGUST 19th - Scurvy Few MC Annual



JULY

4: Independence Day

8: US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL

15: SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD - ANNUAL

28: WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

AUGUST

5: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY

3-12: 78th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY

10-12: SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION

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

19: SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL

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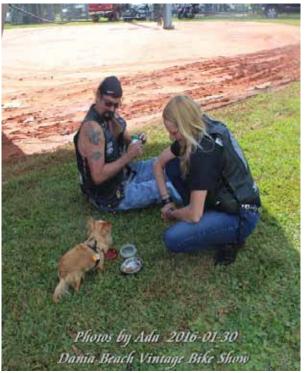












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So you get on your bike and go for a ride down the road that is designated as a highway where motorcycles are allowed. Motorcycles are allowed?

"But wait!, you say to yourself, "that can't happen here."

A number of states and several countries around the world are using private capital to design, build and operate highways, recovering the investment through tolls charged to users. Since 1988, 12 states and Puerto Rico have authorized public-private partnerships for highway projects, and two new toll ways of this type opened to traffic in 1995 (2). Around the country there are restrictions on commercial vehicles on certain roadways, and with this relatively new system of road ownership/maintenance, who's to say whether or not other types of vehicles will be subject to bans and restrictions.

So you get on your bike and go for a ride down the road that is designated as a highway where motorcycles are allowed at the prescribed time of day. Prescribed time of day? A curfew?

"But wait!, you say to yourself, "that can't happen here."

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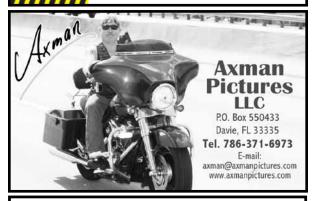




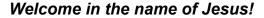
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So you get on your bike and go for a ride down the road that is designated as a highway where motorcycles are allowed at the prescribed time of day wearing your government-mandated helmet, eye protection, highly-reflective jacket, pants, boots and gloves. Government-mandated gear? The government's telling us what we can and can't wear?

"But wait!, you say to yourself, "that can't happen here."

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"All bikers and passengers riding on base and service members driving off base either on or off duty must wear the appropriate and required personal protective equipment" (6). This is the rule, not the exception. And there are those in positions of authority and influence that think these rules should apply to ALL riders.

So you get on your bike and go for a ride down the road that is designated as a highway where motorcycles are allowed at the prescribed time of day wearing your government-mandated helmet, eye protection, highly-reflective jacket, pants, boots and gloves.

And you ask yourself, "How the hell did it get this far? What the hell happened?"

And you catch a glimpse of yourself in your mirror as you are out riding while others who belong to motorcycle rights organizations are attending meetings, because you believed that your one vote, one voice wouldn't make a difference, and you see the answer.

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NEW 'A BIKER'S GUIDE TO MAKING LAW' BROCHURE AVAILABLE FROM NCOM

The latest in a line of "BIKER'S GUIDE" brochures was recently unveiled during the Mock Legislative Session at this year's NCOM Convention in Mobile, Alabama. Conducted by the National Coalition Of Motorcyclists' Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF), the seminar was a hands-on demonstration of passing legislation, providing a perfect opportunity to unveil the new "A BIKER'S GUIDE TO MAKING LAW" educational brochure of similar topic.

The new tri-fold brochure was produced by the NCOM-LTF to explain how to get a bill introduced and lobby for pro-motor-cycle legislation, and is being provided free of charge to any Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO), Confederation of Clubs (COC), NCOM Member Group, club or organization, through Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) and the Law Offices of Richard M. Lester.

"The Biker's Guide was well received," said Frank Ernst, Chairman of the NCOM-LTF following the mock session on May 12th. "After we passed them out, many attendees came up and asked if they could have additional copies, and most agreed it is a valuable tool and will give people help on how to get started in the process."

A BIKER'S GUIDE TO MAKING LAW joins previous titles in the educational series which includes; RUNNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE, COMMUNICATING WITH GOVERNMENT, and NEWS MEDIA RELATIONS, and for free copies for you and your motorcycle group, call A.I.M./NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE (800-662-2453).

MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES TREND DOWNWARD Nationwide motorcycle traffic fatalities dropped by 5.6% from 2016 to 2017, a new report shows. The Governors Highway Safety Association released a report in May showcasing preliminary data on last year's motorcycle fatalities by state. Per the report, U.S. motorcycle fatalities dropped by 296 deaths -- from 5,286 in 2016 to a projected 4,990 last year. That's coming off a 5.1% increase in such road fatalities from 2015 to 2016, the report states.

The figures reported are projections based on preliminary data

provided for 2017 from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Compared with 2016, motorcyclist fatalities are estimated to have decreased in 30 states, remained the same in two states, and increased in 18 states.

E15 ETHANOL PROTECTION PROPOSED IN CONGRESS U.S. Representatives Austin Scott (R-GA) and Lois Frankel (D-FL) have introduced the bipartisan "Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2018" to require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to expand consumer awareness on how to safely use fuel containing more than 10% ethanol.

Since motorcycle and ATV engines are prohibited from using fuel with more than 10% ethanol content, namely E15 (fuel containing 15% ethanol), improved labeling, fuel pump safeguards, and education outreach are key to protecting consumers. E15 fuel is sold at many retail gas stations, and currently 63% of consumers assume all products sold at these stations are safe for their engines despite the fact that high ethanol fuel blends can damage smaller engines and void manufacturer warranties.

RETALIATORY TARIFFS WOULD 'SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT' HARLEY-DAVIDSON

With the full support of all 28 member states, the European Union will impose "rebalancing" tariffs on U.S. imports ranging from Harley-Davidson motorcycles to Levi's jeans beginning in July in retaliation over President Donald Trump's decision to put duties on European aluminum and steel. After failing to win trade concessions, on June 1 the Trump administration withdrew exemptions given to imported metals from the EU, Canada and Mexico from global tariffs imposed in March, citing "national security" interests.

Harley-Davidson has warned of a "significant impact" on its sales from reprisal duties, saying in a statement; "We believe a punitive, retaliatory tariff on Harley-Davidson motorcycles in any of our major markets would have a significant impact on our sales, our dealers, our suppliers and our customers in those markets."

The Milwaukee-based Motor Company claims such tariffs on raw materials would inflate its costs by an additional \$15-20 million this year.

Likewise, India is countering the Trump tariffs by proposing an increase on import duty on 30 American products, including "specific motorcycles imported from the U.S.", by up to 100%.

MIC, CONGRESSIONAL MOTORCYCLE CAUCUS CONFER ON AUTOMATED TECH

The Motorcycle Industry Council, in coordination with the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus, hosted a briefing on "Intelligent Transportation Systems and Automated Vehicle Applications Impacts on Motorcycle Safety" on May 22. Caucus co-chairs, U.S. Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI) and Michael Burgess (R-TX) addressed the Caucus's mission to support riders through education and awareness, the potential for technologies to improve the riding experience and bring in new riders, and why the discussion on how motorcycles will factor into a connected and autonomous world is so important.

The briefing, moderated by Callie Hoyt, MIC's manager of federal affairs, featured a panel of industry and research experts: Sam Campbell, BMW Group; Gary Higgins, American Honda Motor Company, Inc.; Shane McLaughlin, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute; and Eric Teoh, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

"Visibility on the road can equate to life or death for motorcyclists, and human error is a major factor in that equation. If emerging connected and automated technologies are developed to correctly detect and respond to motorcycles, their deployment holds the potential to considerably decrease motorcyclist injury and fatality rates," Hoyt said.

Panelists discussed how connected and autonomous applications relate to motorcycles, how the applications can supplement one another, and the overall effect that widespread connected and automated technology can have on motorcycling.

Both the House and Senate have been developing legislation that would establish the first federal regulatory framework for autonomous vehicle (AV) technologies. The briefing recognized the importance of ensuring that the needs of everyone on the road -- particularly motorcyclists -- are addressed in AV legislative and regulatory landscapes, as well as in real-life applications.

Advanced technology will also affect motorcycle rider training programs, and the panel talked about the need to train riders on how to interact with connected and automated vehicles.

AUTOMATED VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY SHOWING UP ON MOTORCYCLES TOO

It's not only cars and trucks: automated tech is starting to show up wherever there are wheels, and companies are starting to focus on making motorcycles safer with automated-driving technology. Exposed to the elements and operating on two wheels instead of four, motorcyclists are particularly defenseless in the event of a crash. Yet there's been little innovation in the motorcycle safety industry until recently.

Earlier this year, major auto parts supplier Bosch announced it was working on driver-assistance systems for motorcycles, like adaptive cruise control, which accelerates and decelerates to avoid potential collisions. Before that, a Canadian startup called Damon X Labs also launched with the intention of creating a similar system for motorcycles.

Now, Israel-based startup Ride Vision is also working on rider safety features for motorcycles, creating an alert system that uses relatively inexpensive front- and rearview cameras to give a 360-degree view of the motorcycle's immediate surroundings. The system uses lights attached to the motorcycle's rearview mirrors to alert the motorcyclist when there is a chance of collision -- whether there's a car passing or if the rider is leaning too hard.

Skully Technologies, an Atlanta-based wearable tech company, is introducing a DOT certified motorcycle helmet that has augmented reality and artificial intelligence features including a heads-up display, rearview camera, Smart Phone and Bluetooth integration, with hands-free control and other smart technology.

While some of the self-driving sensors and systems are the same between cars and motorcycles, it's a notably different product says recode.net; "While the mechanics are different, the automated motorcycle industry will likely move in a similar direction as the autonomous car industry. Startups and suppliers alike will rush to partner with major motorcycle manufacturers to begin testing and then eventually producing vehicles with this technology."

NEW HAMPSHIRE BANS MOTORCYCLE-ONLY ROADSIDE CHECKPOINTS

Motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints first appeared in New York in 2009; functioning like sobriety checkpoints, motorcycle-only checkpoints (MOC) allow law enforcement to pull over motorcyclists without cause, for an on-the-spot safety, license, and helmet inspection. Since then, these so-called safety checkpoints have popped up across the country and have spiked controversy as opponents claim invasion of privacy and discrimination against motorcyclists over the operators of other motor vehicles.

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Nineteen states now bar such roadblocks either through legislation or judicial proceedings (AK CA IL ID IA LA MD MO MI MN NC NH OR RI TX VA WA WI & WY), and in 2015 Congress banned the use of federal funds for MOCs as part of the FAST Act highway bill. Yet they continue to be a problem for bikers in some states.

Although in 2011 New Hampshire became the first state to prohibit the use of federal funds to conduct discriminatory motorcycle-only stops by police, the "Live Free Or Die" state recently enacted Senate Bill 516 to prohibit motorcycle-only checkpoints outright.

Signed by Governor Chris Sununu on May 30, 2018, effective immediately; "No law enforcement officer or agency shall establish or conduct motorcycle-only checkpoints."

PHILIPPINE RESOLUTION CALLS FOR REVIEW OF ALL ANTI-BIKER I AWS

Senator Grace Poe of the Philippines has recently filed a resolution in the Senate to look into legislation and ordinances that lead to the discrimination of motorcycle riders. The resolution notes the prevalence of, "stricter checkpoints specifically targeting motorcycle riders and the latter are now perceived by the community as reckless riders and/or prone to criminal activities."

It cites the following activities as discriminatory to riders: «a. irregular PNP checkpoints; b. national laws that penalize motorcycle riders excessively; c. high fines being imposed against motorcycle riders; and d. local ordinances that have overlooked the income of minimum wage-earning motorists.»

The resolution is hoped to review current legislation, ordinances, and law enforcement practices that specifically target motorcycle riders. Riders of the Philippines recently united several groups to ride in protest of such discriminatory practices, and drew several thousand attendees.

The resolution, filed on May 28, 2018, ends with the statement, "that while it intends to substantially bring down the number of accidents and crimes involving motorcycles, the State shall not do so to the detriment of the rights of motorcycle riders who seem to be treated with automatic disdain and «Harassment» at times."

MOTORCYCLE RACING ENDANGERED BY INSURANCE IN ENGLAND & THE EU

Motorcycle racing is in danger in the U.K. and across Europe

as new insurance rules loom, and the Motorcycle Industry Association (MIA) has called on EU member governments to reject the latest European Commission proposals, which have the potential to end all competitive motorsports across England..."Even if this means defying Brussels."

The EU directive amends aspects of the Motor Insurance Directive, responding to the so-called 'Vnuk' judgment from 2014 which ruled that all mechanically propelled vehicles must have third-party insurance, even if they are only used on private land.

The insurance industry has already made it clear that it would be difficult to provide such insurance given the risks involved with racing and that doing so could be incredibly expensive and lead to "catastrophic damage inflicted on motorsports across the board if this ruling becomes law," according to the MIA. In other EU countries where this has already been applied, premiums have risen dramatically making many events unsustainable.

The proposals represent a complete U-turn from the European Commission's previous position in 2016, when it proposed to exclude vehicles not being used 'in traffic'. This would have made all forms of motorsports exempt from the impact of the ruling, impacting around £11 billion (\$14.6 billion USD) to the U.K. economy alone.

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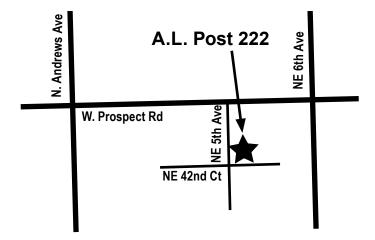
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To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.

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

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

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

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July 22, 2018 - Sunday 10AM August 19, 2018 - Sunday 10AM at:

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