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July 18, 2021

At American Legion
Post 142 **



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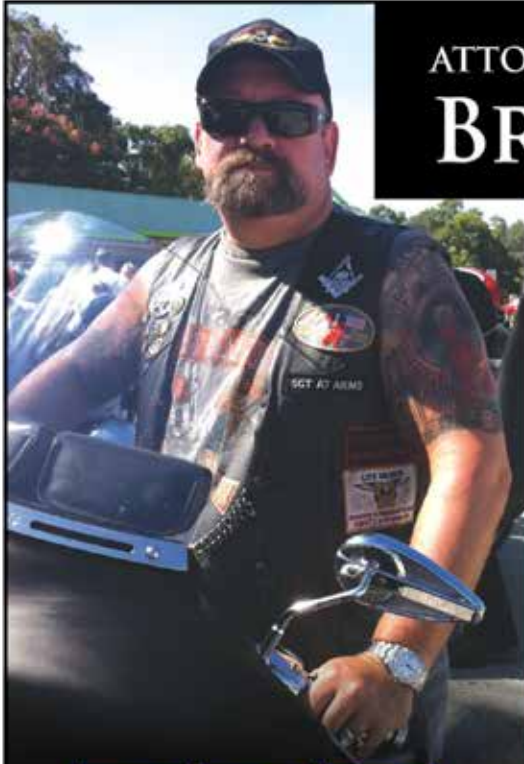
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- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.
- We promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness.
- We fund our work by holding a series of annual events at different locations within our service area and other motorcycle activities.
- We are your neighbors and friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community.
- We serve and support our country and believe in freedom.
- We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.
- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of Florida as a motorcycle rights organization or MRO. We are currently the only political MRO in Florida representing the interest of its members and the motorcycling public at-large.
- WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.

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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Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.
- We've become the 4th largest State Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the country (IN & IL are 1&2, we regularly switch for 3rd & 4th with PA).
- We got the handlebar heights law modified.
- We successfully fought a bill that would forbid our children from riding on our bikes.
- We successfully fought the bill that would confiscate motorcycles for going 30MPH over the speed limit.
- We developed an effective MSAP program that has raised motorist's perceptions and awareness of motorcycles, and have received funding from the State of FL totaling over \$750,000 to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.
- We successfully fought the bill against vertical tags that had over \$1,100 in fines for a first offense.
- Supported and fought for a texting-while-driving ban for the last few years.
- Our 2009-2010 Stiffer Penalties Bill made it through five of the FL House & Senate's committees; this is the farthest it has gone in the number of years we have tried. On the last day of session, a committee member strenuously attempted to attach a revival of the helmet law to our Bill. To avoid a new helmet law in Florida, we had to kill the Bill.
- We publish monthly Press Releases and/or Articles of Interest in many online & print publications, including Florida Full Throttle.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. has been asked to be on and currently sits as a member of The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C. The Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation may appoint a representative from only two State MROs throughout the entire U.S.A. to be on this council.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. sits as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Collation of Motorcyclists (NCOM). NCOM has over 1000 member organizations.

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From Your President

I would like to, again, thank everybody in the Chapter who helped make our Memorial Day Event go so smooth with the set up and tear down, everybody working together as a cohesive unit. Bubba Mike, our Sergeant at Arms got the trailer there real early and everybody kicked butt on the set up and tear down. Bubba Mike also was in charge of parking and security and did an outstanding job. We didn't have any incidents thanks to Russ, Bull, and Pete for helping out with parking.

A big thanks goes out to Alan for letting us have the party at Mickey's. He is always a great host and friend of the community. If was such a fun party and hats go off to Stone Lace. They rocked the party and kept people dancing. I would also like to thank the “young ladies” of ABATE. They did a great job running the gates and products. And they even got us some members. Thanks to Ada, Sheila, Thunder, Anna, Hope, Little Bit, Hollie, Kim, Bet, Suzanne, and Tami.

And we can't forget the sisters, Kiethlyn and Amanda. They helped Gabe with the 50/50 and door prize tickets. Thanks go to Gabe (The Attorney that Rides) who did, as usual, an outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies.

I can't forget the “young men” of ABATE, Wavy, Teddy Bear, and Boatman for running the Safety Booth, Door Prizes, and Flea Market.

I am thankful to Jimmy Les. He was our President, a while back, and came all the way down here from Georgia to read a very emotional story about a soldier who gave his all.

A special thanks has to go out to American Legion Post 142. They supplied the Color Guard and the 21-Gun Salute, then they played Taps. There were tears in many eyes, it was so touching. Nighthawk led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance to start it all off. We all stopped to remember what Memorial Day was all about, the fallen soldiers, who are our heroes. Maybe more than we realize. All of those men and women laying beneath those humble stones had plans for the days after they died. They all had hopes to get out alive, even if



they didn't know how, to start or finish a family, to a write a book...to live a long life. But none of them did. They gave their life to a task that only they could do, or to a brother-in-arms only they could save. For many of them, the life of a warrior was all they knew any more. All they would do. All they could do.

Please support all your American Legions and VFWs. God Bless America, the military, and the veterans who have helped keep this Country free.

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!

ANYONE WHO RIDES SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF ABATE!!!!

God bless America!!!!

Peace,
Johnny Rose



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Papa John Erskine
Adam Gould
Bianca Kasper
KC Kasper
Manual Luaces
Barry O'Neil
Maryanne Sarner**

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Arthur Wayne Usina Sr
Denay Wandersee
Walter Wandersee
Laura Weiner***

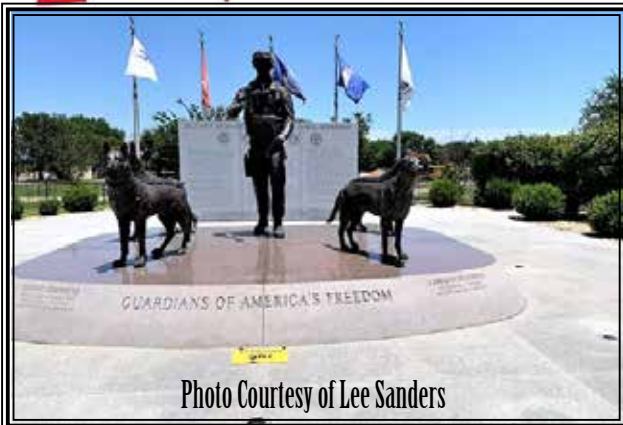


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If you have already renewed
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Thank You

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WELCOME

Alexandre "Alex" Aparecido da Silva
Betty Osceola (Larkins)
Brett "Menu" Gerber
Brian "Roots" Albury
Charlie "Crash" Wagner
Edicberto "Midnight" "Eddie" LeFont
Elicer "Eli" Bermudez
Eric Torrella
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Steve "Pibble" Nadekow
Yesenia "Lefty" "Jessie" LeFont

Vice- President

Thank you,

During our ABATE Southeast Chapter monthly meetings, we go around the room to each of our volunteers who holds one of our chapter's positions of responsibility to give an update. Sometimes it seems like our meetings can go on for what seems like forever, but what it has come to make me realize is how many people are fighting for your Motorcycle rights just alone within the ABATE Southeast Chapter. The number of people and countless hours that go into making our chapter one of the most successful in our fight for Motorcycle rights and Safety within the State of Florida is nothing short of amazing. What many of our members also don't realize is that there are actually 17 ABATE chapters all across the state of Florida. Anyone wanting to learn more about the State organization can log onto the new website at abatefloridainc.com. Currently, just the Southeast chapter is hovering around 700 members while state wide combining all the other chapters in Florida we are almost 6000 voices strong. That is not to mention the multiple other chapters in numerous states across the country that help carry the ABATE mission to legislators all across the nation. As I travel, I'm still amazed at how many people come up to me while I'm wearing an ABATE shirt or patch and say thank you. It reaffirms for me that all the hard work from each of the volunteers is paying off from all across this great country of ours.

Although there are so many people behind the scenes that go unnamed, there is one person that does so much that will now be re-allocating his efforts. Our UP, or as most of us know him, Wavy, will be stepping down from the Vice-President position which will allow him to spend more time as the Safety Director within the organization. Not only does ABATE continually fight for all of our motorcycle legislative rights it also strongly promotes and educates through our Mo-

torcycle Safety Program. Wavy has been holding down both positions for many years now and has chosen to step down as UP to spend more time solely concentrating his attention on the Motorcycle Safety Program. One aspect of the Motorcycle Safety Program is a classroom education course that is approximately 1 to 1 ½ hours in duration that is offered and taught free of charge by Wavy to any organization or school that requests it. Anyone interested in the course just has to contact Wavy at safetydir.abatese@gmail.com or (954) 261-9242.

Thank you Wavy for all your efforts and leadership during your time as Vice President of the ABATE Southeast Chapter. Your hard work has truly paid off and will continue as you focus on the Safety Directors position within the organization.

Troy



FREEDOM RIDE

RIDE WITH US TO END CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2021

KSU 10AM

... refreshments, music, entertainment
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You may know us as the motorcycle organization that got the helmet law repealed in Florida or from our motorcycle rights and safety rally's throughout the year. ABATE of Florida is not a club, we are a motorcycle rights & safety organization dedicated to promoting motorcycle safety while remaining ever vigilant of the legislative issues concerning motorcyclists' nationwide.

We Are Not ANTI-HELMET, We are ANTI-HELMET Law!

One of the most popular misconceptions about ABATE is that we are anti-helmet. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are “anti-helmet law” if you choose to ride with or without a helmet it's your choice, it is your right to decide whether wearing a helmet is right for you. ABATE is an organization fighting to protect your rights.



**Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at American Legion Post 142
171 SW 2nd St
Pompano Beach Fl, 33060
June 20, 2021**

Sargent of Arms Mike “Bubba” Travis called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., and there were 27 members present. Bubba led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and then a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, Barry “Bear” Crown.

President’s Report, Johnny Rose:

- Memorial Day Party 05.30.2021
- Was a great success! Will discuss further in later reports.
- Update on Sean
- Sean is at home using a walker, getting up and around.
- Happy Father’s Day - Gave all the dads scratch off cards.
- Troy will discuss Memorial Ride in his report.

Vice President’s Report, Jon “Wavy” Uiger:

- Welcome newcomers to the meeting.
- Thank you to all those that stepped up and helped at the Memorial Day event.
- Passed out “How Ideas Become Law” info sheet
- Passed out bike inspection info sheet - will discuss in Safety report.
- Last meeting as VP, was honored to be VP, and is now passing it on to another that will be great in the role and position.

- Reminded all that the Mission of ABATE is more important than not liking a person or their opinion

SECRETARY’S REPORT, HOLLIE “DREAMER” SADOFF:

- Minutes were in the newsletter.
- Motion made to accept the minutes, seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer, Sheila Rose:

- Stated would like to put money back into savings that was taken out for the purchase of products. Dollar amount was discussed and approved by the board at the board meeting.
- In addition, after the October Annual if all goes well, would like to transfer funds to savings that was previously used to purchase computer and replace trailer tires. This is tabled until after October Annual.
- Gave report of funds in checking and savings.
- Motion to accept the report, seconded, motion passed.

Sgt At Arms, Mike “Bubba” Travis:

- When wearing ABATE patch / items, and are out and about, remember that you are representing ABATE. No speeding, behavior respectable at all times.
- School zones / busses
- School year has ended.
- Summer School is in session. Some



school zones are still in effect. Please be aware and reduce speed to the 15 mph when in an active school zone.

- Reminded all about the International sign for help, so we know if we see it, the signal is performed by holding your hand up with your thumb tucked into your palm, then folding your fingers down, symbolically trapping your thumb in your fingers. So, if you see someone doing that, they are letting you know they need help

ROAD CAPTAIN, TROY WAUGH:

- Memorial Ride around the lake on May 29th. - Was a good ride. Bitter sweet as we remembered our fallen brothers and sisters.
- Wings of Gold MC Off-Annual on June 6th.
- Freedom Ride by Operation Under ground Railroad on July 24th.
- Many events coming, please check the calendar in the Newsletter.
- Reach out to Troy to be added to the text group to get blasts on Friends Rides.
- Explained about the South Florida President's Council.
- Mainly used to resolve any conflicts and keep peace amongst the MC's.
- Also helps avoid events overlapping.

Safety Jon "Wavy" Viger:

- Hot Weather - Be prepared with bottled water in case of a breakdown. Keep yourself hydrated.
- Motorcycle Readiness - Wavy handed out a checklist of things to check on the motorcycle prior to riding.
- Rainy season is officially upon us. Be aware when caught out in the rain. Especially on painted portions of the road.
- Reminder that when we have a Safety

Booth at events, we cannot close early. If the event goes until 5:00 PM, then the booth needs to stay open until 5:00 PM.

State Board Rep Report Mike "Bubba" Travis:

- Tax season - Looking into discretionary funds that have been used for personal reasons, not A.B.A.T.E. related. Our chapter is not included in this.
- State is looking for sponsors for state meetings next year.
- State is discussing the possibility of a state event. Would require one member from each chapter to be on Committee for the event.
- Next State Meeting is in August and will be in Lake County
- Ride to Tallahassee will be returning on February 14, 2022.
- Gun Raffle: Tickets are available. \$5.00 each. Can check out a book to sell them.

Products Report, Laurel "Lil Bit" Conner :

- Excused
- Per Sheila, did awesome sales at the Memorial Day Event.

Membership, Sheila Rose:

- Over 650 members currently.

Events Coordinator, Gabe Carrera:

- Gabe was excused.
- Sheila gave recap of profits from the Memorial Day Event.

Newsletter Editor, Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs:

- Articles are due today.
- If you have any, send them in.
- Excused.

Distribution Jon "Wavy" Viger:

- Printing and distributing 800 newsletters a month

Legislative Liaison Brad Winston:

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- **Vulnerable Road User Bill - Died in Criminal Justice subcommittee in the House, Transportation Committee in the Senate on 04.30.2021**
- **Safety money died.**
- **New insurance law passed (removing no fault)**

Legal Counsel Brad Winston:

- **Discussed under Legislative**

Public Relations Dawn "Thunder" Kirk Waters:

- **No report - Excused**

Billing and Invoicing Hope Travis:

- **At the time of the meeting, all accounts caught up.**

Social Director Barry "Bear" Crown:

- **Birthdays cake to celebrate June Birth days.**

Quartermaster Bob Anz:

- **No report**

Photographer / Asst Photographer Barry "Boatman" Blundell / Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs :

- **Barry is getting out of the house more.**

Webmaster Mike "Rogue" Hager:

- **Excused**

Chaplain / Asst Chaplain Chrissy Leonhardt / Barry "Bear" Crown:

- **Chrissy Excused.**

Old Business:

- **Memorial Day event was best ever. Everything went smooth from set up to tear down. Using the bags for door prizes for people to pick what they wanted to take a chance on was a great success.**
- **State Gun Drawing tickets for sale.**

\$5.00 each ticket, can check out a book to sell.

- **Chapter Elections. Hollie Sadoff Read the list of those nominated, no offices / positions were contested. Motioned or single vote, got motion, second, passed unanimously.**

New Board and Trustees for July 2021- June 2022

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Troy Waugh

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Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff

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Sheila Rose

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Mike "Bubba" Travis

Road Captain:

Troy Waugh

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Jon "Wavy" Uiger

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Hope Travis**

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Laurel "Lil Bit" Conner

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Sheila Rose

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- **Billing & Invoicing:**
Hope Travis
- **Social Director:**
Barry “Bear” Crown
- **Quartermaster:**
Mike Travis
- **Photographer:**
Barry “Boatman” Blundell
- **Webmaster:**
Mike “Rogue” Hager
- **Chaplain:**
Chrissy Leonhardt
- Johnny appointed Bear as Assistant Chaplain, and Johnny and Troy as State Rep alternates. Requested vote of confidence, motion passed.

New Business:

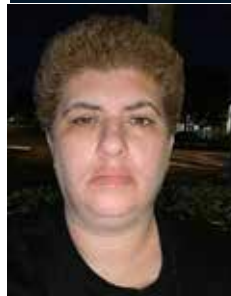
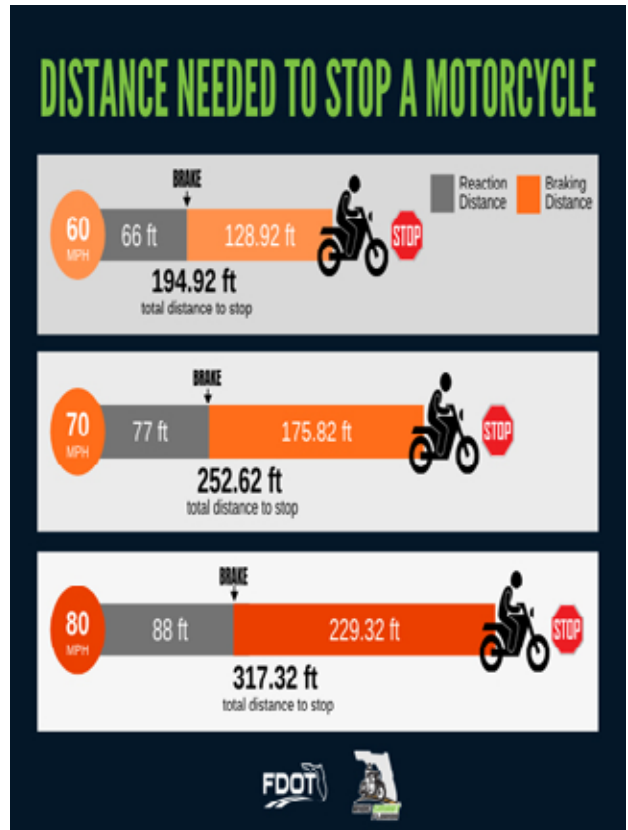
- None

Good of the Order:

- Flyers of events on the table
- Mike and Hope hosting June Birthday party on 06.27.2021 at their home. Need to know how many will come and side dish they are bringing. Hope has sign-up sheet; they will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers.

Motion to adjourn, second. Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.

Hollie “Dreamer” Sadoff
Secretary, Southeast Chapter



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SAFETY DIRECTOR

Good Day,

I want to thank everyone that helps at the Safety Booths. It is very much appreciated.

Also want to say thanks to those of you who stop by the Safety Booths to say hello. It looks good to see people around the booth, draws more people in.

The hot weather is here along with the rainy season. A reminder – be very cautious when the roads are wet, especially careful at the intersections. The painted white road markings on the road surfaces are very slippery, this includes the painted road signs for the interstates.

Besides the road markings, be watchful of puddles. At night you can't always judge how deep the puddles may be.

In this hot weather always stay hydrated. Keep an extra bottle of water on your bike.

Thank you again
Jon "Wavy" Viger
Safety Director, ABATE S.E. Chapter



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But aren't you worth it?*

Taken from the "Motorcycle Safety Awareness" training program.

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For more information or to arrange for a presentation, please contact

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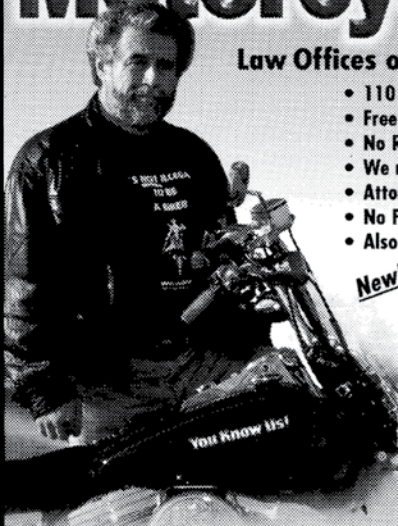
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From Our Road Captain

Respect

The basis of the whole Biker culture could be summed up in one word.... Respect. Respect can come in many different ways, some intentional and sometimes not.

How many times has someone of three generations younger than you pulled up in a cager, music blaring, and what was your first thought? Exactly, turn that shit down! Then all the other emotions start of this younger generation of they have no respect, when I was growing up, we walked to school up hill, in the snow, etc.....

Well guess what, older Biker generations can have the same problems of showing respect. When you get that new sound system that you're so proud of and you're cruising down the highway on a motorcycle, you have to have it cranked because you're blowing in the wind at 80 mph and you think your obligated to hear that favorite song from the 80's, 70's, or 60's for the Old Skoolers, that just came on sending you for a brief moment in time to your younger days. Putting you in that mirage of memory lane when life seemed so much simpler. But what happens when you now slow down pulling up to that traffic light or into a restaurant parking lot and your speakers are blaring just like that 17-year-old or something. Yep, you just became that asshole that everyone is now thinking, turn that shit down!

Now don't get me wrong, loud pipes equal loud sound systems. Racking them through a residential neighborhood late at night is just as disrespectful. Now all the neighbors are looking at you when you're taking out the trash the next morning going WTF? Don't you know some people have to get up early and go to work?

Bottom line, show some respect, turn that shit down. Be sensitive to the other people and the neighbors around you no matter what generation

you are from. But also on the same note, when the timing is appropriate, keep it blaring, relive your youth, and enjoy the ride!

Your Road Captain,
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FROM PHARAOH TO FREEDOM



We've seen a lot of changes in the last 1-½ years. Our society has been through so much; it could easily be categorized as traumatic. Justice seems distant and freedom could be something we tell our grandchildren about. Depending on what side of the fence you live on, some of these changes haven't helped much. Our rights are being tampered with and the slippery slope gets pitched lower and lower.

I say it's not a time to be silent, not a time to hold back. We need to speak up when asked our opinion, knowing what we've fought for as a nation is worth repeating. For so long, we've held our tongues, wondering if we sound offensive. I think if we choose our words correctly, we can stand our ground and passionately express what's in our hearts.

Every night I watch the news and ask myself if there's anything I can physically do about all the injustices. When I receive emails about bills coming up for a vote, at least I can write my senators and congressmen to voice my opinion through emails and letters. But that's not enough. Sure, I know I can pray, and I do, but I feel so helpless!

Moses was an ordinary man with a bit of a sorted past. From the beginning of his spared life, it appears God had Moses in training and used his exposure, as well as his experiences to prepare him to do the extraordinary. At 80 years old, God called him to bring freedom to his people, the Israelites. They were led to Egypt after years in the wilderness, only to come under the harsh rule of this Egyptian King. In the beginning, Pharaoh was easy on them, but as time passed, his heart grew harder and harder, requiring more than they could humanly bear. Like a frog in a pot of cool water, Pharaoh slowly turned up the heat and before they knew it, the water was boiling. But the unexpected, unassuming Moses was chosen by God to set His people free. Like most of us would, Moses listed every excuse until God told him He would be with him all

the way. Before Moses set out on this huge task, God told him exactly how the whole thing would go down so Moses could refer back to what God promised, especially when the going got tough.

The long and short of it is this: God would have HIS way no matter how many times Pharaoh said 'yes', then changed his mind and punished the Israelites further. Moses was told what plague to pronounce over Pharaoh and the Egyptians, and each time it was worse than before! If I were an Egyptian in that day and time, I'd wonder why there wasn't a riot amongst the Egyptians, or why the Egyptian Mob hadn't taken the King out! I guess he must have had some pretty tight security. In the end, God used old Moses to deliver His people from Pharaoh to freedom.

What is it going to take and which ordinary WHO, whether that is one or many, will God extraordinarily use to help set us free from the taskmasters over US, threatening our freedoms? Or are we in the cool pot of water slowly getting boiled to death???

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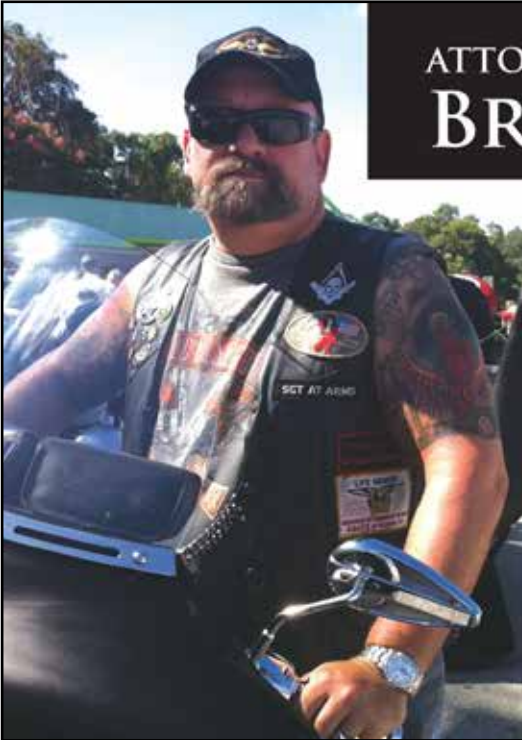


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SUNDAY

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MONDAY

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WEDNESDAY

> Blues Nite at Mickey's

THURSDAY

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SATURDAY

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4 	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL	12	13	14	15 E-Board Meeting	16	17
18 Soldiers For Jesus MC Broward Annual ABATE SE Chapter Mtg	19	20	21	22	23	24 WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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JULY

- 3rd-Sat
- 4th-Sun Independence Day
- 10th-Sat
- 11th-Sun **ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL**
- 17th-Sat
- 18th-Sun **SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD - ANNUAL**
- 24th-Sat **WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF**

AUGUST

- 1st-Sun
- 6th-15th 81st STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION
- 13th-15th
- 15th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. -54th ANNIVERSARY PARTY-
- 21st-Sat
- 22nd-Sun **SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL Fly-In Wheels Annual**
- 28th-Sat
- 29th- Sun

SEPTEMBER

- 4th-Sat SOUTHERN MC TEDDY BEAR RUN
- 5th-Sun
- 6th-Mon Labor Day
- 11th-Sat
- 12th-Sun STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
- 17th-19th PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
- ???????
- 25th-Sat **KINGDOM OF BROTHERS MC - ANNUAL**
- 26th-Sun



OCTOBER

- 2nd-Sat
 - 3rd-Sun
 - 9th-Sat
 - 10th-Sun
 - 14th-17th
 - 23rd-Sat
 - 24th-Sun
 - 30th-Sat
 - 31st-Sun
- MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL**
OUTCAST - PARTY
S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL
 DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
 WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY
 CMA - MEMORIAL
FEARLESS MC - ANNUAL HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER

- 6th-Sat
- 11th-Wed Veterans Day
- 13th-Sat **USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL**
- 14th-Sun
- 20th-Sat
- 26th-Thurs **LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL** Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

- 5th-Sun
 - 11th-Sat
 - 11th-Sat
 - RIAL
 - 11th-Sat
 - AMERICA
 - 19th-Sat
 - 20th-Sun
 - 25th-Sat Christmas Day
- SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
 ALIGATOR ALLEY TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING???
- HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEMO- AND TOY RUN
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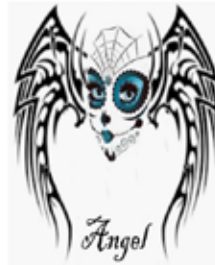
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**Educate, don't legislate – stuff we thought you might like to know*

-by: Sheila, Sandy, Little Bit, & Thunder



We were sitting around, talking about how the Florida Vulnerable Road User bill, recently died in committee, in both the House and the Senate. This Bill, basically, provides criminal penalties for a person who causes injury to a “vulnerable road user”, such as a motorcyclist, bicyclist, skateboarder, pedestrian, wheelchair, etc. That bill died, but what about other hazards, besides cars, to motorcyclists, and even some of these other “vulnerable road users”?

We encounter many more hazards on the road than cars. Bikers should not assume that, because we have been driving a car for years, that we know what is dangerous. Some of the most common hazards for bikers are surprising, stuff you would never think about, until its right there in front of your bike, and you have to think fast.

In Florida, you can call *347, which is the letters “FHP”. You can call to report drunk drivers, traffic crashes, stranded or disabled motorists, AND road hazards. They have to come out and investigate the complaint and try and correct the problem. Here are some of these road hazards:


Paint on the road: You have all seen them, the big highway logo signs painted right on the road, for 595 and other highways. The paint is thermoplastic and also used for the white lines at stop lights, crosswalks, etc. The purpose of these is to help delineate traffic and help us all be safer. But they can, and do, deteriorate, then we are not safe anymore. Many of you have experienced this paint, not just the big ones, but the small ones, and if it is wet from a recent rain, and you stop to put your foot down, sometimes you go down too. They get slippery. When these lines and logos start to deteriorate, they can start to peel, like a piece of tape, and it

is dangerous to bikers, because they can peel up right as you are going over them, and down you go. Just start a conversation about these among the bikers down here and you will hear a lot of pissed off people, everyone seems to have had a bad experience with this road paint.

Gravel on pavement: Gravel is one of the trickiest hazards for motorcyclists to navigate. It is especially troublesome if encountered during cornering. Unfortunately, gravel on pavement tends to be more common on winding roads --which are popular with bikers, and which require lots of cornering. Accidents caused by gravel go hand in hand with motorcyclists who are going too fast, some of whom do not have the requisite skills to ride a bike in such conditions. Just this year, at Biketoberfest, a 76-year-old, experienced biker, going down the highway at 65 mph, hit some loose gravel and slid into the guardrails. He survived, but had multiple broken bones and lacerations, and a totaled bike.

Edge breaks/Uneven pavement: An edge break is when two traffic lanes are different heights. We see this a lot down here lately, as construction on all the roads, local and highway, seem to be ongoing, all year. This is not a big deal if you are driving a car, but can be a huge deal for unsuspecting motorcyclists, especially when traveling on the highway at higher speeds. If you just hit that edge at a bad angle (are there any good angles), then your front tire can start to wobble, and down you go, on a highway, where everyone is going fast. Even when you aren't on the highway, when you are on a country road, this is dangerous. Sheila was telling us about a time when she was at the Leesburg Bikefest, on a small country road, and right in front of her, saw a bike go down,

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because of some uneven pavement.

Rough roads: Rough and bumpy roads, either from disrepair, construction work, or resurfacing efforts, can cause motorcycle accidents. Always be on the lookout when you see orange cones or barrels.

Animals: Most times, you can see a dead animal on the road, and avoid it. Down here in South Florida, we have a lot of wildlife that like to run in the road. Most of us have seen raccoons running across the road, or already dead. Johnny, our President, is a big turtle saver. For some reason, he sees them in the road a lot, and parks, then walks over to save them, get them to the place they were headed. Fortunately, they are slow, so you do have a chance to go around them. This is the same for armadillos. We see a lot of them, mostly dead though, hit by a car. We have a lot of cats and dogs, wild or tame, that find their way to the roads. Even hitting a small animal can throw your motorcycle off path or off balance. Unfortunately, live animals that run into the road are difficult to anticipate and swerving to avoid them can cause an accident. Johnny was riding one day, with Sheila, and a large white bird flew right into Johnny. He kept control and we tried to find the bird, but it was a little scary. Large animals, like deer and bear, can be a major hazard. There are many stories of bikers being killed by deer and bear in South Florida. Be aware of your surroundings, especially in country areas, but we even heard of a biker killed in Pembroke Pines, by hitting a deer.

Debris or objects in the road: Debris or objects in the road, such as parts of tire treads (road gators, we call them down here), things fallen from trucks (furniture, tools, boxes), branches, or rocks, are more hazardous to motorcycles than to cars. Not only can they cause a crash, but the object itself can hit and seriously harm the rider. We have all seen things, that weren't properly secured, falling off trucks. We've seen tires blow, and then the treads go everywhere. We see the garbage trucks and construction trucks, all the time, with open tops and all kinds of stuff falls out, and many times flies in the air, and we feel like we are the target. If you are ever behind one of these trucks, get around them as soon as possible.

Slick surfaces: The list of objects and surfaces that are, or can become, slippery is too long to list here, but you prob-

ably could name half a dozen right away. What first came to mind, for us, as we were talking, was gas and oil, which we commonly see at gas stations down here. It sometimes seems like people are getting oil to put in their cars but miss the hole. Slippery surfaces are much more dangerous for motorcycles than for cars. Sliding on the road can easily result in a crash. Slick surfaces are even more dangerous when the biker is turning. Bikers must also be cautious of rain after a dry spell. A first rain on a dry road is difficult to drive on, even for cars. The mud and oil on the road combine with the water to form a slippery layer. The first half hour of a rainstorm is the most dangerous time to ride on the road. The center lane gets coated with oil from automobile engines that make it slicker than the outside of the lanes, where the tires run. The rain brings this oil to the surface and make it a lot slicker.

Now comes what might be the most surprising road hazard to non-riders...

Grass clippings: These are so very dangerous and slippery on the roadway because they're mostly water. Anything that comes between a motorcycle's tires and the road can make the motorcycle lose traction, but when it's an organic material, like grass clippings, comprised mostly of water, the loss of traction is compounded. It's so slippery, it like ice. We want to include leaves here too, even though we don't have a traditional "fall" down in South Florida, a good rain, and wet leaves can pile up on the road. You don't see a lot of these type stories in the news, but I bet 4 out of 5 bikers that you talk to, would have a story about these grass clippings. Landscaping is big down here. We have this great weather most of the time and grass just loves to grow, and landscapers just love the business. They don't all realize the dangers, for us bikers, of blowing the grass into the roadway. Cars roll right over that. Many counties and cities have ordinances about this. Broward County Municipal Code Sec. 39-133(a) states "Accumulation of junk and debris such as appliances, furniture, auto parts, tires, vegetation cuttings, building materials, and other trash cannot be left in the yard or public right-of-way areas." Get your phone out, take a picture of the landscape company truck or workers. You can call the company and maybe help educate them about the dangers to motorcyclists, and bicyclists too. Be polite. But if they don't want to listen, call Code Enforcement (954) 831-4000. You can look up the

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(Throwback August 2009)

The Do Not Care Groups

Motorcycle Rights Organizations fight for our rights, plain and simple. You, as a member maybe fighting to protect your freedom to choose; or fighting to gain you freedom of choice; you maybe are fighting to keep bureaucrats from taking your ride because it's too loud, or too polluting; you may be fighting for the privilege of riding in a specific area, or riding at all. We all know there is a host of other reasons and causes for which to fight for.

And then there are those who don't care. Certainly, the general public doesn't give a rat's ass, they don't ride, and it doesn't affect them. They are too busy racing to soccer games and ballet lessons or talking on their cell phones; obviously, they don't care. Our bureaucrats claim they care but they are too busy justifying their own existence and so called "doing their job", do they really give a crap? I must be fair there are some of our elected officials that do care, but they are few and far between. It is entirely understandable that in these hard times, with everything costing more, people making less, and have to do more with less, unemployment looms, free time is a prime resource that we all guard and only give away to the most deserving causes. This is the life we live and reality as it stands.

You can say we might have covered it all but the people that don't care just bugs the crap out of me. I need to say, they are not bad people they are just caught up in their own needs.

Dealers and the companies that caught up in making the bottom line are also ones that do not care. They just want to make money, why else would they make a bike that can do 220 MPH out of the box and sell it to someone who promises to get a motorcycle endorsement, maybe, in the future.

Then we have the, what I call, "free riders"; they are the general public riders that ride and are oblivious to the fact

that they are in danger of losing their ability to travel the roads on their chosen mode of transportation. Why do I call them 'free riders' you might ask? Well, they are the ones that ride on the freedom that so many have fought for years to protect, them and their right to ride, and many of them don't have a clue or are informed of the where's, when or how's . Unfortunately, many of them just don't care.

Now we go to the group that bugs me the most; these are the ones inside the motorcycle rights movement that went ahead and signed and joined an MRO like ABATE. They had good intentions when they joined; to protect their rights; to work for motorcycle safety; to help in the fund raising for the organization or community charities. Some of them rise to leadership, but they get caught up in the day- to-day affairs and have forgotten the reason for their joining, it's not they don't care, they are confused. Others join for the parties and events, they do not really care because when asked to write a letter or step up to help with some task, they are somehow busy, or it's not their area of expertise, or their pet snake is expecting triplets. Then you have the ones that join to gain some kind of self-promotion, like being a big fish in a little pond; they do not really care, they are looking for self-promotion. Some join and pay their dues and figure "well I've done my part". I don't need to do anything more, there are plenty of other people that can do it; they do not care.

The last group concerns me the most; they are the ones who cared the most but for some reason or another they seem to not care anymore. These are the people that gave and gave and gave to a point that they got burned out, in their hearts, I'm sure they still care. They lead, they followed, they worked unit there was nothing left to give, and now they have faded to the sometimes forgotten past. Some of them are remembered and some of them are just ignored, once they are no longer useful, and some we didn't even know they were there till they were gone and something wasn't getting done, most of them just slip into obscurity.

Need to ask yourself this.....what group do you see yourself?
And do you really care? Oh, by the way...How are the triplets
doing?

Till next time,

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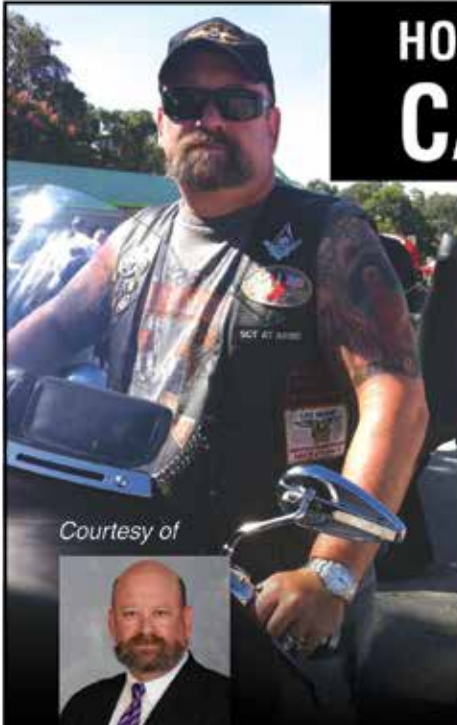
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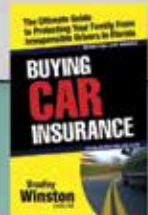
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Johnny's Rant

Well, again, I really don't have anything to rant about this month, but I want to talk a little about Respect.

There is a saying, "respect your bike and it will respect you". It means you have to take care of your bike, inspect and maintain it properly, cuz if you don't, you might end up with the shiny side down. You should do this before every ride. Respect the limitations of your bike in bad weather. You have to respect what your bike can do, and your limitations. Don't be stupid, because your bike may have more power than you are capable of. I feel that right now, little capabilities, as my doc will not allow me to ride for a month or so, after some minor surgery I had.

You also hear the saying "respect is earned". Many "outsiders" don't respect bikers, just because of the media, not because they know us. Bikers have respect for other riders. They don't leave someone on the side of the road, they stop and help them. The "outsiders" shouldn't let the beards, leathers, and skull rings fool them. Bikers really are some of the nicest people they will ever meet, and we have earned the respect. You only need to look at the different runs, like down here, our Toys in the Sun Run, or the Toys for Tots Runs, or most recently, the Rolling to Remember Ride in Washington DC, to honor veterans.

Just saying.....Ride free and ride safe

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SYNTHETIC FUEL COULD PARDON MOTORCYCLES FROM ELECTROCUTION

With governments around the world establishing firm deadlines for eliminating gasoline-powered vehicles, the technology that has driven transportation for more than a century isn't ready to go the way of the dinosaur just yet, and combustion engines may be given renewed hope with the advent of synthetic fuels that are nearly as green as going electric.

Synthetic petrol, diesel and aviation fuels are all the subject of heavyweight pilot projects and are gaining interest fast as they eliminate the CO₂ emissions from transport without the need for end-users to switch to new tech, according to motorcyclenews.com.

"While biofuels already offset their emissions to an extent, synthetic fuel takes a more direct approach by stripping CO₂ from the air and combining it with hydrogen to create a petrol replacement," explains MCN. "By using wind, solar or hydro-electric to generate the electricity for the electrolysis, the process is sustainable, and while engines using the fuel still emit carbon, the same amount is reabsorbed in the fuel-making process."

The idea of using electricity to create synthetic petrol and then to burn that fuel in combustion engines might seem wasteful but the benefits are also significant, reusing existing infrastructures and giving new life to billions of combustion engines rather than reducing them to scrap. With similar power density to normal petrol, synthetic fuels also mean you don't need to lug vast batteries around.

Several synthetic fuel projects are underway, including investments by Porsche and BMW, and the World Rally Championship is due to use 100% sustainable fuel as soon as next year.

While many governments seem keen on switching from combustion tech to all-electric vehicles in order to achieve carbon neutrality, "synthetic fuel could mean that more than 100 years' worth of bikes have a future."

MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURERS STRUGGLE TO DELIVER NEW BIKES

Like other manufacturers struggling with supply chain breakdowns, due in large part to the COVID-19 restrictions worldwide, motorcycle makers are coping with shortages of raw materials and parts and an unreliable global transportation system to fill showroom floors.

Complications from the pandemic have affected many of the logistics and production constraints, but bike firms are facing other challenges in getting motorcycles and parts to customers, including a global shortage of semiconductors, fluctuating demand, unpredictable sales and international trade tensions. Supply-chain disruptions, transportation bottlenecks and labor shortages are now pervasive throughout the motorcycle industry and many others.

COVID's butterfly effect on trade has also left empty shipping containers stranded in some parts of the world and a shortage of them where they're needed, pushing up shipping costs and causing further delays.

One major manufacturer had complete motorcycles aboard the Ever Given, the cargo vessel that ran aground and blocked the Suez Canal shipping lanes, which was subsequently seized by the Egyptian government and remains officially impounded months later.

For consumers, a combination of increasing raw materials costs, shipping difficulties and problems securing parts could lead to price increases as firms battle to meet demand.

INITIAL HIGHWAY BILL CONTAINS MOTORCYCLE-FRIENDLY PROVISIONS

The Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act (INVEST in America

Act; H.R. 3684), a half-trillion-dollar surface transportation reauthorization bill that sets the funding and rules for various ongoing U.S. Department of Transportation programs, specifically highways, transit and rail, has passed initial muster including pro-motorcycle provisions.

On Thursday, June 10, The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee voted 38-26 along mostly party lines to approve the massive funding measure, which includes three initiatives that would benefit motorcycle riders;

SEC. 3011: STOP MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINT FUNDING, not only expands prohibitions on motorcycle-only checkpoints, but also prohibits law enforcement activities that “otherwise profile and stop motorcycle operators or motorcycle passengers using as a factor the clothing or mode of transportation of such operators or passengers.”

SEC. 3013: MOTORCYCLIST ADVISORY COUNCIL, reauthorizes the MAC to “advise the Secretary, the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration on transportation issues of concern to motorcyclists,” including “barrier design, road design, construction, and maintenance practices, and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation systems technologies.”

The entire 2021 highway bill will next be taken up by the House Ways and Means Committee before advancing to the full House floor.

OREGON GOVERNOR VETOES LANE-SPLITTING BILL

Despite resounding bipartisan support, Oregon Governor Kate Brown (D) has officially vetoed Senate Bill 574, which would have allowed motorcyclists to travel between lanes of slow-moving traffic under certain conditions.

Gov. Brown sent a letter to the House and Senate on May 26 informing them of her decision to veto S.B. 574; “I have several concerns with the bill as currently drafted, particularly related to public safety and noncompliance,” Brown wrote in her veto message.

Under S.B. 574, motorcyclists would have been permitted to travel between lanes on multi-lane highways with a speed limit of at least 50 mph, but only when traffic had slowed to 10 mph or less on those roads. Motorcyclists riding between

cars could travel no more than 10 mph faster than the flow of traffic.

Proponents said the bill was a compromise from past attempts to legalize lane splitting in Oregon and drew a distinction between the proposal and the law in California, where riders can travel in between cars at faster speeds.

Supportive motorcyclists testified in favor of the bill in droves, arguing the policy would help riders avoid being rear-ended in stop-and-go traffic, and would help clear congestion. Many pointed to a study from the University of California, Berkeley, that concluded lane splitting can be safe under certain conditions.

California has long allowed lane splitting, and Montana recently passed a law similar to Oregon’s failed proposal. Utah now allows riders to “filter” through traffic stopped at an intersection, while Hawaii permits motorcyclists to utilize the shoulder when traffic is congested.

MOTO INDUSTRY REPORTS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AT AN ALL-TIME LOW

With industries leading the way into a newer, brighter, cleaner future for transport, a new report from Forbes released a series of studies carried out by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) demonstrating that fatality statistics have been fluxing in favor of automobiles and trending against motorcycle safety.

According to the studies cited, motorcycle fatalities have increased to 21.46 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles driven when measuring intel gathered between 2009 and 2018, meaning that motorcycle riders’ risk has been increased by 15-21% -- and equating to 22 times that of automobile drivers.

By contrast, automobile fatalities are at an all-time low, with 1.11 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles driven stated for the same time frame.

Data like this contributes to creating the Hazard Analysis and Risk Assessments (HARAs), used to determine Functional and Technical Safety Concepts, which guides design requirements for a new vehicle and in turn creates a safer product.

“Per a recent 2021 report prepared for Congress,” writes Forbes, “The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has urged NHTSA to address the design of motorcycles including the following:

- requiring motorcycles to meet performance standards for passenger vehicle crash warning systems;
- mandating that new motorcycles manufactured for on-road use come equipped with antilock braking systems; and
- developing standards for stability control systems for on-road motorcycles.”

SEATBELTS FOR MOTORCYCLES

A new patent filed by Italdesign reveals a Smart Seatbelt System for motorcycles, describing all-new technology that they believe to be the answer to road safety for riders.

Of course, in the event of accident, riders are frequently taught to let the bike go. Disconnecting from the vehicle can reduce the severity of injuries, as the rider avoids entanglements with the machinery. To suit the seatbelt harness system for such unplanned dismounts, engineers at the Italian design firm equipped the software to detect when it's best to detach the apparatus.

For instance, if the rider t-bones another vehicle, the onboard computer could determine that it's best to lock the user in place, avoiding an additional collision with the vehicle itself. However, that doesn't save the rider from tipping over with the motorcycle or scooter, as two-wheeled vehicles aren't self-balancing. Conversely, in a high-speed crash, the system may eject the rider to decrease the likelihood of injury.

It all sounds a little James Bond-ish, but its inventor hopes the novel idea could attract non-riders, though the system may restrict passenger accommodations and slightly resembles a child's car seat.

A THIRD OF MOTORCYCLISTS WOULD STOP RIDING IF ELECTRIC REPLACES GAS

A new survey conducted by the Motorcycle Action Group (U.K.) has shown that nearly a third of motorcyclists would give up riding rather than switch to an electric-powered motorcycle, reflecting strong opposition to governments' plans to electrify transportation and phase out gasoline engines.

The British government is currently working towards an

ambitious plan to end the sale of petrol and diesel powered four-wheel vehicles in 2030, and it is presumed the ban will eventually cover all modes of transport.

The participants were asked whether they would be prepared to accept a full ban on petrol-powered motorcycles in future. Of 4,805 respondents, just 8% said they would, while 31% would be prepared to quit riding if their choices were limited to electric models.

For now, motorcycles have been a little forgotten in the government's crusade to get petrol banned, but it likely won't stay that way forever as 55% were 'completely opposed' to the idea of a future without gas-powered motorcycles, while a huge 83% wanted to see groups come together to oppose a ban on petrol and diesel.

FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR NCOM CONVENTION IN DES MOINES

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QUOTABLE QUOTE: “When an old man dies, a library burns down.”

~ African proverb

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information if you live in a county other than Broward.

So, in our opinion, road hazards are everywhere and just be extra careful. Be extra careful anyway, because you are on two wheels and your "cage" is flesh and bone. We don't want anyone getting hurt, doing what they love, riding their motorcycle.

We will end with some of our favorite safety slogans:
"Never ride faster than your guardian angel can fly"
"Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass; it's about learning how to ride in the rain"
"It's not about what you ride, it's about how you ride"
"Alert today, alive tomorrow"
"Safety is not automatic, think about it"

Till next time.....and hope to see you then.

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