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# Motorcycle Rights & Safety Dedicated to "Freedom of Choice, Freedom of the Road"

You may know us as the motorcycle organization that got the helmet law repealed in Florida or from our motorcycle rights and safety rally's throughout the year.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.

# Pick up your Newsletters here!

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# President's Thoughts

When OldHippy and I got on the "E" Board, we had a couple of "GOALS" in line, which was: (1) To make this the biggest Chapter, membership wise, in the State of Florida. And (2) To have the best Newsletter and Website as well.

I would like to thank our Webmaster Mike "Rogue" Hager for doing an outstanding job with our website. You could spend several hours browsing around with all the information that's in it. Please make a point to check it frequently, because new things are always added to it often.

Special thanks goes out to Hope Lanius (Advertising), and Lee Ann "Wildcat" Lewis (Newsletter Editor) for working together on making our Newsletter important to all the MC's, Groups, Associations, and Independents, who really count on using it for vital information, and for using that ever so important Calendar for local events. And let's not forget our Advertisers as well who help support us too! David "Gimpy" Gregory (Safety Director), "Teddy Bear" (former Safety Director), and Joe Baker (Treasurer) have been doing a great job with OldHippy and I for getting out there and promoting our Safety and Awareness Program at various events. It has been getting to the point now to where we are being requested at more than one event on the same day! Therefore we are going to need another 10X10 tent in the very near future!!

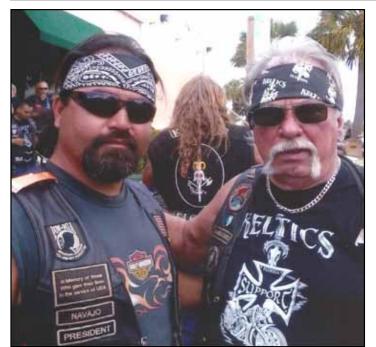
And Steve Thomas....Thank you so much for taking over as our Events Coordinator and for working along with OldHippy, until we at least had our big Memorial Day Event! You did an awesome job!! There are too many names to mention, but I would also like to say Thanks to all our Trustees and Members for all their help and efforts to make this Chapter what it is today.

I would like to apologize for not being able to run in office again this year, but due to health reasons, I just cannot do it at this time. As soon as I am able to get back to work and get caught up, I hope to be able to get back out there and go to as many events as I can.

In order to maintain what we have achieved in the last few years for this Chapter, we need everyone to step-up for our new "E" Board, show some support, and let's keep the ball rolling!

Once again.....Thank you all for everything that you have done! It was great working with you!!

Peace, Johnny Rose







# **Membership Due**

# Thanks if you have already renewed

# June 2012

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# July 2012

Wayne "Pappy" Banta Brad Bennett Kevin Boak Clay F "Clam" Cameron Richard J Dombrowski Hank Konczynski Joyce Konczynski Hugh Robert Mc Phee Erwin Nissen George Pardee David W Rinehart Cory Torrence Derek Torrence



# For Membership Renewals contact, George Torrence by either email:

membership@abatese.org or by phone: 954-385-2837

# \* PLEASE NOTE \*

You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership, or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any changes.

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

ABATE products may also be purchased at:

# **ATTENTION**

Yearly membership pins are available for purchase when you renew your membership.

Shirts and patches available also.

Call Bob "Bars" Calabrese at:

(954) 567-5720

for more details!!



# ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes May 20, 2012

Sgt @ Arms "GEO" called the meeting to order at 10:10am. There were 42 members, no member's at large or guests. Total in attendance: 42. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer.

# **President's Report**

Johnny thanked all members for coming out. We have a lot to cover during this meeting including our Memorial Day Event and final

nominations for next years Board of Directors. Apologizing in advance since he will be hospitalized from this Wednesday for a period of 5 days he will probably not make our event. Please support Old Hippy and your chapter to make this event a huge success.

# Vice-President's Report

Old Hippy thanked all for coming out today in addition to our nominations we will be voting on the 2 open State Board positions.

# Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of April's meeting with the following correction:

Under Old Business nominations, Bob 'BARS" Calabrese name was misspelled as Bob "BARS Calabrese Jr. I apologize to BARS. With the corrections the motion was seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Joe read the financial report for April. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurers report. All in favor, motion passed.

# Sergeant at Arms Report

Geo reported we only have 1 meeting at a time. It is sad to note when a comment by a member is made asking members to keep it

quiet so they may hear what is going on. If you need to talk, take it outside and please do not disrupt the meeting. Our Memorial Day

Event is next Sunday and we will need a ton of help. We only have 3 events each year to raise the necessary funds to operate. Please step up and spend a little time to support YOUR CHAPTER.

We all know the words "Many Hands Make For Little Work". How true this is. Any time you give will be greatly appreciated.

# Road Captain's Report

Frank reported next week we will be meeting right here at the legion at 900am with kick stands up at 1000am to head over to the Sandy Ninninger Nursing Home to spend some time with our veterans before escorting them to our Memorial Day Event. There are

a number of Legion Riders who will be attending and we would like to have a great showing of our chapter to assist in the escort. We will not have a police escort but we will take it easy and have a great ride. We will be leaving the nursing home at 11:45am to

Please check the hotline for run updates and important information.

# Safety Directors Report

Dave reported he has safety products and we are in demand and requested at other events.

What a great job, Thank you Dave

# **Products Report**

head to Café 27.

Johnny Rose reported we have products. **We need a Products Trustee**. If any member is interested in becoming our Products

Trustee until our elections in June, please contact any board member. In the interim, if you need any products, please contact Wildcat. Her number is in the newsletter.

# **Events Coordinator**

Steve was excused, Old Hippy reported with the exception of a few minor details we are all set for our Memorial Day Event. There will be a final planning meeting tomorrow night here at the Legion at 7:00pm. Café 27 here we come. Flyers are available in the back of the room, please take some and distribute them. We still need door prizes. Wherever you go, just ask. All they can say is no.

but you do not know if you do not ask. Our flyer was ready early enough to be in the State's Newsletter "Masterlink". Many thanks to

all involved. I believe this is the first time it has happened. We need everyone's help in order to make this event a success.

# State Reps Report

Demetrious and Chris reported on the 2 State Board Positions, which need to be voted on. As your chapter's State Representatives

we represent the chapter and cast our vote on behalf of the chapter not ourselves. Running for State President are: Danny 'Doc' Fish and Frank Kennedy. Running for Vice President are: Jim Gladstone, Emery Griffis and Victor Sayers. After a lengthy discussion

noting qualifications and comments from members who know those who are running for office, a hand vote was called for and counted:

For State President

Danny 'Doc' Fish - 42 votes - unanimous

Frank Kennedy - 0 -

For State Vice President

Emery Griffis - 38 -

Jim Gladstone - 4 -

Victor Sayers - 0 -

Our chapter representatives have been instructed to cast our votes at the June State Meeting for:

President - Danny 'Doc' Fish

Vice President - Emery Griffis

# **Membership Report**

George reported we have 653 members. We are number 1 in the state. New Life Member cards and patches were available for:

Venci and Debbie Corso. Also our newest Life Members are Princess Sharon & Shaky Bob. Congratulations. A very special "Thank

You" to Princess Sharon. Evidently she does not have any friends left after an event. We gained so many new members and life members that George has to add pages to his monthly report for the first time in 3 years.

A big welcome to out newest members, PJ and from Der Krieger MC Gunner. Welcome all

What does that tell you? Southeast Chapter Rocks.

We know times are tough so when you receive your renewal in the mail, please do all possible to return the renewal no later than 30

days after your renewal expires. If not renewed within 30 days after expiration, your tenure with the chapter will start from scratch. So PLEASE take the time to fill out the renewal completely and in a way which we can read it.

# **Newsletter Editor**

Wildcat reminded all members that all articles; contributions, pictures etc are due by the 20th of each month. This month will be an exception, all articles by Tuesday May 22nd.

# Legislative Report

Old Hippy reported all is quiet as legislation is out of session. Chris reported since our Stiffer Penalties Bill has failed and has failed

over the past few years and has not been able to get out of committee, depending on what happens we might want to channel our efforts on other items which affect motorcyclists.

### **Public Relations**

Fern was excused. No report

### Advertising

Hope reported for the first time, all advertising payments are up to date.

Remember: We MUST SUPPORT our advertisers, they SUPPORT us.

# **Social Directors Report**

Steve was excused. Check the hotline for next month's birthday party.

# **Newsletter Distribution**

Charlie advised last months delivery went really well. A very special Thank You to Debbie for all her hard work and coordination efforts to make our newsletter distribution a success

# Quartermaster's Report

Bob Anz reported there was no report

# Photographer's Report

Axman was excused. No report.

# Web-Master's Report

Mike unfortunately had a flat tire on the way to the meeting. Johnny Rose reported for him that the web is up and running.

# Legal Council

Chris reported there was nothing to report.

### **Old Business**

# Final Nominations for Board of Directors and Trustees 2012-2013

Royce, our Chairman of Elections opened the nominations: Members who were nominated and were not present at the meeting and did not advise the chapter secretary of their intentions Are listed as declined

### **President**

Bob "Bars" Calabrese Jr. - Accepted John F. Rose-Declined

Bob "Old Hippy' Leavitt-Declined

# **Vice-President**

Chris Sharpe-Declined
Jimmy "Les" Lesniak- Declined
Steve Thomas-Declined
Alan " Big Wheel" Loper – Accepted

## Secretary

Paul A. Melcer- Accepted

# **Treasurer**

Frank T. Hammons- Accepted Joe Baker-Declined Alice Calabrese-Declined

# Sqt. @ Arms

George "GEO" Bograkos-Accepted Steve Thomas-Declined Al "Newcomer" Acevedo--Declined Dan Barrett-Un Declined Al "ACE' Ryant-Declined Al 'Big Wheel" Loper – Declined Paul "Video Vulture" Declined

# **Road Captain**

Frank "Big Dog" Tomasek – Declined Al "Newcomer" Acevedo - Declined Jimmy "Les" Lesniak-Declined Al 'Big Wheel" Loper – Accepted Paul "Video Vulture" Declined

# **Safety Director**

Dave "Gimpy" Gregory- Accepted Patty Dollard - Declined

# **State Representatives**

Demetrious Kirkiles-Accepted Chris Sharp-Accepted Jimmy "Les"Lesniak-Declined Bob "Old Hippy" Leavitt-Declined Bob "Bars' Calabrese –Accepted

# Legal Council

Demetrious Kirkiles-Accepted

Chris Sharpe-Accepted

Brad Winston - Declined

# **Products**

Dave "Gimpy' Gregory-Declined

Alice Calabrese-Declined

Al "Ace" Ryant-Declined

Bruce Sonnenfeld-Declined

Al "Newcomer" Acevedo-Declined

Patty Dollard - Decllined

Position Open-Appointment will be by the BOD with vote of confidence.

# Membership

George "Blue Trike" Torrence- Accepted

Jimmy "Les" Lesniak -Declined

# **Newsletter Editor**

Suzanne Keene-Declined

Lee Ann "Wildcat" Lewis-Declined

Richard "Huck' Hennerbery-Declined

Bob "Old Hippy" Leavitt - Accepted

# Legislative Laison

Bob "Old Hippy" Leavitt- Declined

Jimmy "Les" Lesniak-Declined

Demetrious Kirkiles-Declined

Chris Sharp-Accepted

# Public Relations

Steve Thomas- Declined

Jimmy "Les" Lesniak- Declined

Bob "Old Hippy" Leavitt- Declined

John F. Rose-Declined

Fern Cameron - Accepted

# **Events Coordinator**

Steve Thomas-Declined

Jimmy "Les" Lesniak-Declined

Bob "Old Hippy" Leavitt-Declined

Mike Hager-Declined

**Bob Anz-Declined** 

Joe Baker- Declined

AL "Big Wheel" Loper - Accepted

# **Social Director**

Steve Thomas\_ Declined

Patty Dollard-Accepted

Sharon "Princess" Bryan-Declined

Frank T. Hammons - Declined

# Quartermaster

Bob Anz - Accepted

# **Photographer**

Axel "Axman" Wojnar - Accepted

Lee Ann "Wildcat" Lewis - Accepted

# **Chaplain**

Jim "Tumbleweed" McLemore - Declined

Frank "Poppi" Cocci- Accepted

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# Web-Master

Mike "Rogue" Hager - Accepted

Nominations are closed. All Executive Board and Trustee positions are running unopposed and will be voted in by a single vote by

the chapter secretary on behalf of the chapter at Junes meeting. For open positions the new board will appoint a member for the position and request a vote of confidence at that time. You must be present to accept your

position at the June meeting. Pursuant to the by-laws if you are not available to attend the chapter meeting on 6/10/12 to accept your office, please call or send an email to the chapter secretary that you will accept the position.

You may e-mail him your intentions at: secretary@abatese.us or melcerp@aol.com or call him at 954-557-1587.

# **New Business**

None

# Good of the Order

After the meeting we will be riding out to Café 27. Also today at America's Back Yard located in downtown Ft. Lauderdale will be the

2nd Memorial event for Jimmy Pagano who was tragically killed 2 years ago. The concert starts at 1130am and will last through midnight. There will be 25 bands playing with our very own GEO playing at 620pm tonight. Admission is 10.00 per person and bike parking is only 3.00. So come out and enjoy.

Zilla, President of Der Kreiger MC and Der Kreiger Probate Poppa Bear reported the need to get back to the way it used to be. An open invitation was given to **every ABATE member** to stop by their clubhouse on Friday nights for their open house. Dinner is served at 800pm and guess what the charge for dinner is –zero, nada, nothing. How can you turn down this gracious invitation? In addition Zilla stated he wanted to get their club back to the relationship it had with ABATE in the past. Which means he is striving for

100% ABATE membership within Der Kreiger MC. If you do not know the meaning of Brotherhood, sit back and learn. This is what it

means. A very special Thank you to Zilla, the Board of Directors and members of Der Kreiger MC for their support.

To acknowledge the hard work of the Board of Directors, a recommendation was made to try to provide pictures of the board of directors over the years on the chapter web site. As The Board of Directors and Trustees of our chapter need recognition for all of their hard work. We will look at it

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A motion was made, seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

Paul A Melcer

Paul A. Melcer

Secretary













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Eighteenth Amendment, on December 5, 1933.

# OldHippy's Corner



ell I just realized that I have done this little piece for almost half a decade and still wonder how I was able to think of different topics, especially since I was also doing a couple of other columns for the past few years.....

We have all witnessed our current US President run on the promise of "Change" and with the elections coming up, coupled with the changes in leadership in ABATE makes this my subject for this month. As Arnold Bennett said; "Any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts." Of course sometimes there are more drawbacks and discomforts than changes for the better. Just look at some of the leaders and new laws we have now and you decide. Let's look at an for example that happen when we decided to "change" the constitution a little by adding the 18th amendment in 1920 which was the National Prohibition Act, known informally as the Volstead Act. Didn't somehow work out too well did it? The effects of Prohibition were largely unanticipated. Production, importation, and distribution of alcoholic beverages, once the province of legitimate business, were taken over by criminal gangs, which fought each other for market control in violent confrontations, including mass murder. It took a while for them to admit it but Prohibition ended with the ratification of the Twenty-first Amendment, which repealed the

I bring this example up for many reasons; while intent was noble and it seemed like a good idea at the time, it didn't work, period and it took 13 years to figure it out! Leaders somehow in their infinite reasoning seem to think they know what is good for us and a lot of them have lost touch with the people that they are supposed to represent, plus unfortunately it takes a while to undo some of the stuff they have "changed". In Florida for an example recently the vertical tag law, talks about an over kills and then again that even that took a while to get that one straighten out thanks to the help of ABATE.

We have had over a dozen years of pointless, often harmful, legislative tinkering (change). This is not to say that new laws are always bad; nor is it to aver that all government action is flawed. But it is to say that it has not been necessary to have had dozens of laws whose lack of efficacy has been apparent from the outset, which were introduced simply to make a political point and not to make anyone's life better or simpler or freer.

Some of the government mandated "changes" are not always laws. For example; The Sherman Silver Purchasing Act and McKinley Tariff (1890): These two acts helped create a great depression. The first required the government to purchase silver from western miners. After passage, the miners flooded the market with silver which caused the price to collapse. Meanwhile, the McKinley Tariff raised rates to over 48% on imports. The act created inflation and stymied the economy. The government repealed both acts in the face of the Panic of 1893. The Sixteenth Amendment (1913): The Supreme Court ruled the income tax unconstitutional. So, the progressives' party passed the Sixteenth Amendment legalizing the income tax. Originally, the act was aimed at the richest of the rich. Eventually, the tax trickled down to all Americans. Generally speaking, the higher the tax rate, the more it depresses the economy. To many Americans, the income tax represents the greatest threat to liberty and the economy today. The Espionage Act (1917): Woodrow Wilson and congress passed the act in order to clamp down on anti-war dissent and leftist organizations during World War I. It allowed the government to rifle through the mail and arrest agitators. Despite this, the government went further and passed a more draconian act and began launching raids. Later, Wilson's opponents repealed the acts and stopped the raids. And finally; Gulf of Tonkin Resolution (1964): Following an attack on the USS Maddox, congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution. There was one confirmed attack. A second attack is disputed. Either way, congress gave President Johnson the authority to launch a war on communist North Vietnam. They did not make a declaration of war. As a result, Johnson was given carte blanche. His inadequacies as a commander-in-chief and micromanagement led to 58,000 deaths and a splintered country. Additionally, congress followed the Tonkin precedent with the First Gulf War and the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I can go on and on, but the bottom line is; all of these "changes" are good for progress, but needs to be watched closely and especially in the ones like these. Like my history professor in college pounded in my head; there is nothing new in history, just history repeating itself again.

In closing don't forget June 18th is the 21st Annual International Motorcycle and Scooter Ride to Work Day

Till next time? Keep the shiny side up and the greasy side down







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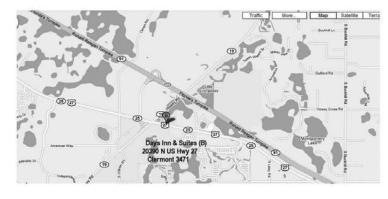
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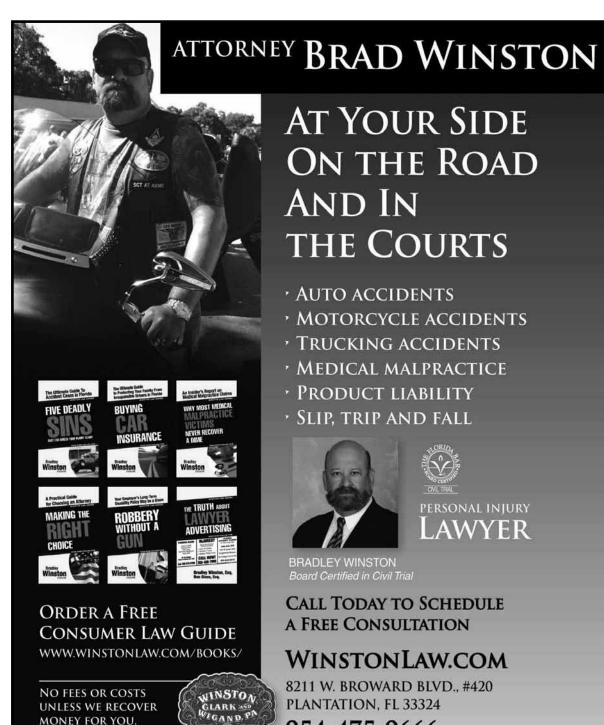
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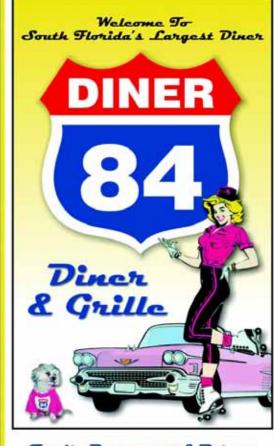
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Let me start off by thanking all the people who came out to our Memorial Event last month and without all the members who donated their time and effort to help, we would have not been able to pull it off.

Next; if you were not at the May meeting, the elections nominations where closed and all Executive Board and trustees positions went unchallenged, therefore there be no need to have a decision made with a vote in June's meeting on any position. I also decided to not accept a nomination on the Executive board and with that said, will no longer be writing a report as such for this newsletter anymore. I have enjoyed and also will miss trying to keep you informed in this Newsletter along with the WOTR column that I have done for a few years, but now is the time to let someone else take the responsibility for these 2 columns, each of which, were written differently by me. I hope that at least I was able to get a little helpful information to you in some of these pieces that I wrote. Enough of that!

I want to remind everybody this newsletter is funded by Southeast Chapter members. We have a program in place for advertisers to help finance, but as of yet, we have not been able to fully be able to prevent the expense of this newsletter to produce from becoming a

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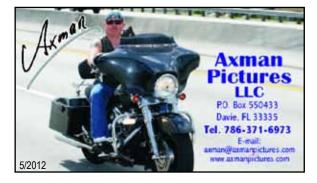
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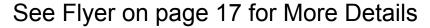


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moved to JUNE 10th!!  It will NOT be on the 17th!		States MC Pompano Dinner				
AOA MC Treasure Coast Party	4	5	Mickey's Bike Night	7 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	8	9 STATE MEETING in Clermont, Florida See Pg 11
10 Chapter Meeting	11	12	Mickey's Bike Night	14 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	15	16 ABATE Birthday Party at: Mickey's See Pg 17
17 Fathers Day	18	19	Mickey's Bike Night	21 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	22	23 Palm Beach ABATE Party
WOG MC Ft Lauderdale Annual	25	26	<b>27</b> Mickey's Bike Night	28 <sub>Cafe' 27</sub> Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	29	30 Luke's Place Bike Night



# IT'S PARTY TIME!





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AOA MC WPB Annual	9	10	Mickey's Bike Night	12 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	13	WOMMC Deerfield Annual Chili Cook-Off
15 <sub>Chapter</sub> Meeting States MC Lake Worth Party	16	17	Mickey's Bike Night	19 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	20	Luke's Place Bike Night
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# JUNE

3 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party

9 - New Attitudes MC Annual

10 - Wings of Gold WPB Annual

16 - AOA Jerry & Roger 1%er's Memorial

23 - ABATE Palm Beach Party

24 - Wings of Gold MC Ft. Laud Annual

# JULY

1 - USMVMC South Broward Party

7 - Wheels of Man MC IRC Annual

8 - AOA MC WPB Annual

14 - Wheels of Man MC Deerfield Chili Cook-Off

15 - States MC Lake Worth Party

29 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual

# AUGUST

4 - Wings of Gold Miami Party

5-12 72nd Annual Sturgis Bike Week

10-12, 17th South Florida Tattoo Expo

12 - AOA MC 45th Anniversary Party

19 - Wings of Gold MC PSL Annual

# **SEPTEMBER**

8 - Outcast MC Party

9 - States Pompano MC 19th Key West Party

14-16 Peterson's 39th Key West Poker Run

23 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party

30 - Keltics MC Party

# OCTOBER

6 - Mystic Seven MC Annual

7 - Rough Riders MC Annual

13 - New Attitudes MC Party

14 - SE ABATE Annual Party

19-21 Biketoberfest

27 - Wheels of Man Deerfield Halloween Party

28 - Alternative Ft. Laud. Annual

# NOVEMBER

4 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual

10 - USMVMC National Annual

11 - CMA Memorial Event

17 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Party

18 - Wings of Gold WPB Party

25 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

# DECEMBER

2 - ABATE Palm Beach Annual

9 - SFPC Toy Run

15 - Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley

15 - Hermandad MC - Alfredo Pena Memorial Run

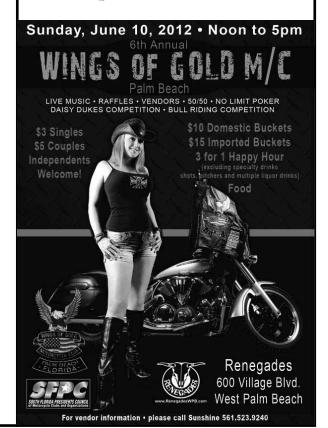
16 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive

22 - SFLCOC Christmas Party

23 - Calvary Chapel Christmas Service



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Last month I was trying to come up with an article for this month. With the weather being so nice I decided to take a ride on the bike. I started by going to Starbucks and having an iced coffee. While I was drinking my coffee, I was thinking of going out to Holiday Park, but something lead me to go over by Hollywood Beach to one of the picnic areas on the Intracoastal. I've gone there before and it's a great place for me to think and pray for an idea for the article. I do believe I was lead to go there by God. Let me tell you why!

I pulled into a parking space and got off my bike and two people walked up to me, and asked me if I knew the area. I said a little. They asked if I knew an address of Balboast St. I told them I never heard of a Balboast St so I used MapQuest on my phone and put Balboast St in. What it came up with was Balboa St. I asked them if they had the right address? They showed me a wallet with a driver's license and we realized there was a mistake on the license. There should have been a space between Balboa and St. So I got them the right address.

They then told me they found the wallet and was trying to return it and that it had \$104 in it. With that being said I told them it was really nice to meet honest people, and they made my day.

We told each other our names and started talking, they were very interesting people. We talked for hours. I found out they were God fearing folks, and we naturally starting talking about God and Jesus and prayed together.

He was telling me about something he called WWW and FFF, it was so interesting I was lead to share it with my brothers and sisters through this article.

WWW

1st W question: WHO ARE WE?
Answer: CHILDREN OF GOD
2nd W question: WHERE ARE WE?
Answer: IN GOD'S CLASSROOM
3rd W question: WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Answer: TO PLEASE OUR FATHER GOD TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY BEFORE GRADUATION

How do we achieve this?

FFF

FAITH IN GOD

FATHER. BELIEVE IN HIM

FEAR OF GOD



We talked about a lot of things. I will mention them in future articles.

As we talked he was asking me if I ever heard his favorite song, it is Welcome to My World, an old country singer Jim Reeves did. I kept telling him I heard it many times, but he insisted that I listen to it, he had a CD player, so I listened to it and he said listen to the words closely. When I did even though I heard the song many times, I realized I never heard it like this, the words are:

Welcome to my world Won't you come on in Miracles I guess Still happen now and then

Step into my heart Leave your cares behind Welcome to my world Built with you in mind

Knock and the door will open Seek and you will find Ask and you will be given The key to this world of mine

I'll be waiting there With my arms unfurled Waiting just for you Welcome to my world

I really believe that God wanted to talk to me, all I had to do was listen.

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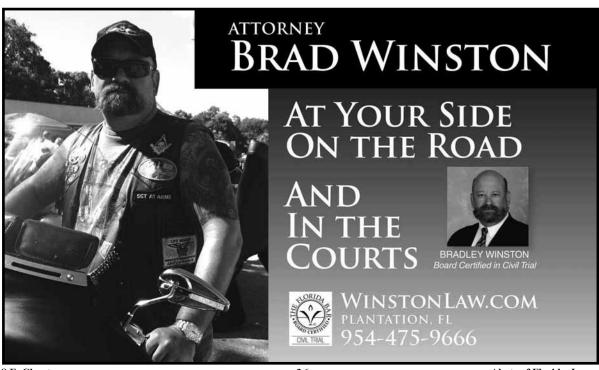
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	Fri	June 15	- ALR SE FLA - BIKE NITE - Post 321 - 7pm		
	Sun	June 17	- ALR P142 - Poker Run - P142,P268, P277,? -KSU TBA		
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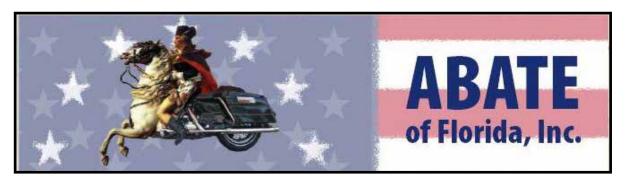
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#### The Love Bugs Are Back!

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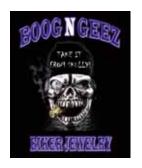
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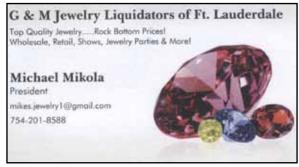
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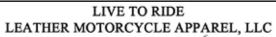












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#### MICHIGAN RIDERS WIN HELMET FREEDOM

Proving that persistence pays off, motorcyclists in Michigan shook off the sting of two previous gubernatorial vetoes of their helmet law repeal bills over the past few years and bounced back to win freedom of choice with the stroke of their new governor's pen. "Michigan gained freedom today when Governor Rick Snyder signed the bill (SB 291) into law (Public Act #98) that repeals the 37-year old mandatory helmet law," announced Angel Richardson, Legislative Director for the Michigan Confederation of Clubs and a member of the National Coalition Of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Board of Directors. "The repeal is effective immediately!," she continued. "Thanks to everyone who made a phone call, sent a letter or a postcard, or sent an e-mail.....your efforts made a difference." The Michigan legislature overwhelmingly approved the measure with broad bipartisan support, and with Gov. Snyder's signature on April 12th Michigan now joins 30 other states in amending their mandatory helmet law in favor of adult choice. "The new law modernizes Michigan's outdated mandatory helmet law, which was a holdover from bygone days leaving Michigan in the minority as one of only 20 states left enforcing an empty federal mandate," said Vince Consiglio, President of ABATE of Michigan. The proposal to update Michigan's mandatory helmet law was introduced in the Senate by Senator Phil Pavlov (R) St. Clair. "Every year, millions of dollars leave our state because of Michigan's outdated mandatory helmet law," Pavlov said. "This bipartisan plan will keep our dollars here, attract even more tourists to Michigan and help our state in these tough economic times." Allowing motorcyclists to ride helmet-free could also generate more than \$1 billion in direct and indirect revenue, according to a

recent Michigan Consultants study.

The new law gives Michigan the strictest requirements for riding helmet-free of any state that has modified mandatory helmet laws for adult choice. To ride helmet-free in Michigan, motorcyclists

\* Be at least 21 years old.

must:

- \* Have at least two years of riding experience or undergo special safety training.
- \* Carry at least \$20,000 in additional medical insurance.
- "On behalf of the NCOM Board of Directors we congratulate the State of Michigan on a job well done and to all who supported them," said James D. "Doc" Reichenbach II, Chairman of the NCOM Board

NEW VIRGINIA LAW ALLOWS MOTORCYCLISTS TO RIDE SIDE-BY-SIDE

Motorcyclists are eager to legally cruise side-by-side now that Governor Bob McDonnell has signed legislation permitting them to ride two abreast in a single driving lane in Virginia.

House Bill 97, sponsored by Delegate Tony Wilt (R-Harrisonburg), passed overwhelmingly 87-10 in the House and 38-2 in the Senate, and will now allow two-wheeled motorcycles to drive alongside each other in one lane. State law currently prohibits motorcyclists from riding next to one another, and violators can be charged with reckless driving.

"The bill allows riders to use their own judgment in determining when it is appropriate to ride beside someone, but does not require them to do so," said Del. Wilt. "One goal is to eliminate the harsh punishment placed on riders for doing something as innocent as pulling aside another rider while stopped or taking off together after being stopped."

Virginia will become the 49th state to accommodate two-abreast riding when the new law takes effect July 1. Vermont remains the only state to prohibit the practice.

KENTUCKY MOTORCYCLE LICENSING MEASURE PASSES "HB 328 was signed into law by Governor Steve Beshear on April 11th, 2012," announced Jay Huber, State President of the Kentucky Motorcycle Association in a legislative alert to KMA/KBA members. "In short this bill does two things: Stops the cycle of people riding around on a permit for years and years along with providing a way for 16 and 17 year olds to once again get a motorcycle license."

According to the bill's digest, the new law will "allow a person who has received an intermediate operator's license to apply for a motorcycle instruction permit; make a motorcycle instruction permit good for 1 year, with the ability to renew the permit 1 time, allow a person whose motorcycle instruction permit has expired apply for a motorcycle operator's license if the person can present proof of successful completion of a motorcycle safety education course." MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ACT BECOMES LAW IN WISCONSIN Governor Scott Walker signed AB55 into law, reports ABATE of Wisconsin, which not only clarifies penalties for right-of-way violations but also establishes motorcycle awareness training in Drivers-Ed courses.

AB55 provides a technical correction for 2006 Wisconsin Act 466, moving the penalty provisions from the courts to an administrative function of the DMV. All right-of-way violators that cause serious injury or death on Wisconsin's roadways will be subject to up to a one thousand dollar fine and up to a nine month license suspension and must complete a DOT approved right-of-way awareness class before being reinstated. Also, AB55 adds a mandatory minimum of thirty minutes of motorcycle awareness training in all drivers' education classrooms throughout the state.

"It is ABATE of Wisconsin's hope that the education and awareness portions of this law will help promote responsible driving on Wisconsin's roadways and make our roads safer for all roadway users," said the motorcyclists' rights organization in a prepared statement.

FLORIDA FUNDS RIDER SAFETY

"This morning the Governor of the State of Florida signed into law

the budget for the next fiscal year," reported ABATE of Florida State President James "Doc" Reichenbach, adding that "Included in the budget was \$250,000 to ABATE of Florida, Inc. for motorcycle safety."

In the past five years the Florida Legislature has put in the budget \$1,250,000 for motorcycle safety to be administered by ABATE. "Congratulations to the members of this great organization," Doc told the membership.

#### BIKERS ROLL WITH "COLORS" LAWSUIT

Police claim that a group of bikers was pulled over for wearing improper helmets, but an attorney for the bikers claims they were stopped by state troopers because of their colors.

In a recently issued court opinion, U.S. District Judge Jerome Simandle in Camden, N.J. said two members of the Pagans Motorcycle Club and one Tribe M.C. member can proceed with their lawsuit stemming from a July 30, 2009, traffic stop in Burlington County, including malicious prosecution. During the stop, New Jersey state troopers ordered riders of six motorcycles to remove their "colors," the members' patched jackets, but the bikers refused -- leading to a federal lawsuit alleging actions by the troopers violated their constitutional rights.

"The court has basically said, 'Yes you have a right to wear a patch, these logos,' "said Norristown attorney Boyd Spencer, who represents the Eastern Pa. Confederation of Clubs.

The bikers were ticketed for not having approved helmets, and were told to remove their colors if they wanted to leave. The whole traffic stop, which lasted more than an hour, was captured by mounted cameras in the police cruisers.

"Now you're all going to take your jackets off, because on this highway, these are the only colors," one of the state troopers told the group after nearly 50 minutes had passed, referring to State Police blue and gold uniforms.

None of the bikers removed his colors, and at a later municipal court hearing, the helmets were found to be legal and a prosecutor dismissed the charges.

"We're looking ... for the court to rule the obvious: These people have a right to wear their colors," said Spencer, who is the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) attorney for Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and serves as legal counsel for the local Confederations of Clubs. "This is a widespread practice of police officers harassing people with (club) patches on," asserted Spencer, who contends his clients were stopped and detained by the troopers because of their colors. "It's not an isolated incident."

The state filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit but Simandle, in his ruling, said the plaintiffs "sufficiently alleged deprivations of a clearly established constitutional right."

DATA SHOWS HIGHEST RISK FOR NEW MOTORCYCLISTS Safety studies show the most dangerous time for motorcyclists is their first year riding, peaking in the first month. For motorcycle riders, their first 30 days are about four times more risky than their entire second year. A study by the Highway Loss Data Institute

shows 22% of nearly 57,000 collision claims from 2003 to 2007 occurred within 30 days of a new policy taking effect. The claim rate then dropped by one-third in the second month and by almost two-thirds after six months.

#### PREDICTING FUTURE CYCLES

The Motorcycle Industry Council has reported a 7.2% gain in first quarter motorcycle sales across 18 leading brands, and a staggering 50% increase in scooter sales – suggesting that the recent spike in gas prices is inspiring more Americans to take to two wheels.

The MIC also notes that total on-highway tire sales rose 27.5% for motorcycles and 48.6% for scooters, indicating that alreadyowned bikes are seeing usage.

Market prognostication is an iffy proposition at best, but the MIC is boldly offering their first ever estimate for future motorcycle sales, though it's not an entirely rosy outlook. Regarding the remainder of 2012, MIC president Tim Buche says "Even with low interest rates making this a great time to buy for many people, overall economic uncertainty is leading us to predict we'll have fewer sales in 2012."

The MIC does offer a positive observation: "Spending on maintenance and repairs has been rising since April 2010, according to the business advisory, suggesting that the market for consumers taking care of bikes they've long owned, or improving used bikes they've recently purchased, could continue to improve." The MIC also states that tire sales confirm that riders are putting more miles on their motorcycles, suggesting that while new bike sales might be weak, interest in the sport isn't waning.

WEIRD NEWS: MOTORCYCLISTS CHARGED WITH TERROR-ISM FOR NOISY EXHAUST

Prosecutors in violence-stricken northern Mexico have brought terrorism charges against two motorcyclists because their loud exhaust pipes backfired and caused a sound like gunshots that sent a crowd into a panicked stampede.

The two motorcyclists were leaving their workplace near the main square of the northern city of San Luis Potosi, where an Easter week festival was being held. The two got on their bikes and fired them up, and that is when the confusion began. Because the backfiring of the engines sounded like the popping of gunshots, hundreds of people stampeded out of the square seeking cover. But the streets were nearly blocked by vendor stalls, causing the crowd to pile up and resulting in some people getting trampled. That, not the motorcycle engines, was the real problem, according to the state Human Rights Commission, which has launched an investigation into the arrests and noted that the two suspects had been beaten by police.

State law defines terrorism as acts that "produce alarm, terror or fear in the population ... to disturb the public peace or try to undermine government authority." Officials say state criminal codes often lack lesser but more appropriate charges to handle situations involving acts that may be irresponsible but are hardly

criminal.

It would all seem like a tempest in a teapot, if the two men weren't facing possible sentences of five to 20 years in prison if convicted. While that seems like harsh punishment for a noisy exhaust, authorities said such irresponsible behavior is a real problem for states where drug-gang gunbattles have terrorized residents in recent years.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example."

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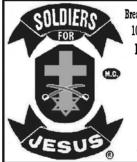
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