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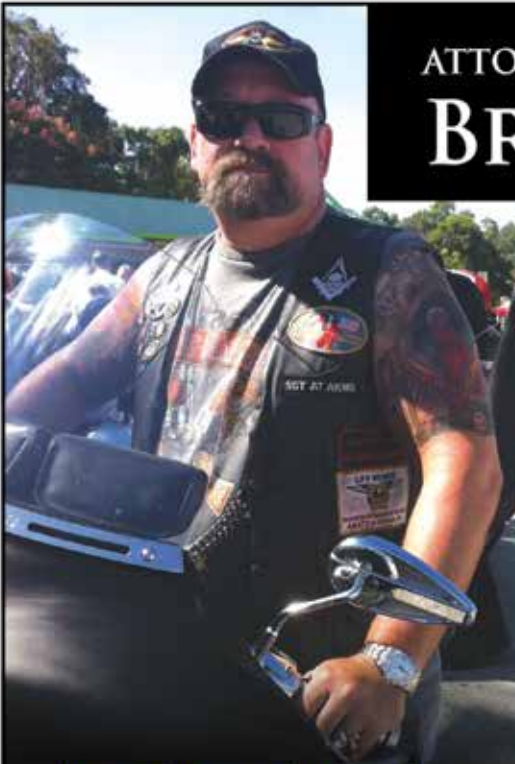
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- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving 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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2020 was our 20th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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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# “This page sponsored by Frank T. (GBNF) & Lisa PRESIDENT’S ARTICLE

“We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate.” – Thomas Jefferson

I had to put this quote in again, as it is so relatable.

Eight years ago, Governor Scott took our Safety Money and put it in the general coffers. Everyone who rides a motorcycle or a scooter pays \$2.50 extra for their registration and tags. And that money is supposed to go for motorcycle safety and awareness. It has taken us eight years, but last month, in April, we finally got our Bill passed in the Senate and the House. Me, my little dog Diddles, and other members of ABATE, were in Tallahassee to make sure everybody knew who ABATE was, to encourage them to pass our Bill. I think Diddles is our new secret weapon to try and get bills passed LOL. This month, May, again, me and Diddles, and other members of ABATE, went to Tallahassee to watch Governor DeSantis sign our Safety Bill into law. It was unbelievable to watch our Representatives and Senators get excited about one little dog, taking selfies with Diddles, pictures of them holding her. Even Governor DeSantis held her for pictures. Somebody asked him, while he was holding her, if he was going to put helmets back on our heads, and he said he didn't want bikers to lose any of their rights. So, we have the right to choose to wear a helmet or not. Anyway, this Bill being signed into law will give us a chance to make it safer out there for all of us.

I have been in ABATE for a long time, and I remember when we had our safety and awareness products, “Watch out for Motorcycles” and “Look Twice, Save a Life” stickers, and a whole bunch of other ways to remind the public to be aware. And at that time, it worked! Accidents and deaths were down. So, keep your eyes out for ABATE Safety and Awareness booths around town, as with this Bill being passed, we are going to ramp up our efforts. ABATE Southeast Chapter has 3 events each year, our Annual in October, Semi- Annual in January, and Memorial Day in May, so stop by our Safety Booth and pick up some safety and awareness products.

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

President

Southeast Chapter



## WITNESSING SUCCESS

The 2023 legislative session in Florida has been... otherworldly for ABATE of Florida. A bill was presented to, once again, try to get the money promised for Motorcycle Safety and Education through the extra \$2.50 charged each time a motorcyclist registers, and renews that registration in the state of Florida. For many years we've tried to get what was taken from us. Taken from programs that have proven to reduce accidents and had saved lives. In the Southeast Chapter, we had a different approach this session. We started early, we kept our eyes peeled and watched. We waited for bill numbers to be assigned in the House and the Senate. And when they were, we waited to see which committees and subcommittees they were assigned to. And once that happened, the call to action came. From post meeting email blitzes, to notifications to call our Senators and Representatives. This wasn't a one person thing, this was multiple people, a community doing what our organization is meant to do. And this year we FINALLY got rewarded for all the work and effort that was put in. The bill passed the House and the Senate. UNANIMOUSLY!

And then we waited again. We waited to find out and when the Governor would sign the bill. And that call came on Saturday May 20, 2023. Word was given that Governor Ron DeSantis would be signing the bill on Tuesday May 23, 2023 and we wanted people there. This was a HUGE win for motorcyclists and for our safety. So on Monday May 22, 2023, Martin Nebojsic, Johnny Rose, and myself, headed north to Tallahassee to witness this moment. And of course we had the ABATE of Florida mascot, Diddles with us too!

The journey was interesting. Filled with rain, hail, rush hour traffic, construction, and excitement so thick, you could cut it with a chainsaw. Over my nearly 30 years as a member of some ABATE organization, mainly Illinois, I had never had the honor of witnessing a bill signing. Plus the bonus of going to Tallahassee for the very first time. I sorta

have a thing for state capitols. We arrived safely, however we found out the signing had been moved up to 10:30 in the morning. Less waiting time! So we slept, woke, and made our way to the capitol.

Tallahassee made me think of Springfield Illinois. No, Springfield doesn't have the pretty rolling hills, but the feel was the same. Blue collar, hard working people surrounding the capitol buildings and the nicer places for people to stay when they came in for various reasons. A small town feel with a tiny touch of urban in the center. I can admit I felt a bit homesick for my midwestern state capitol.



Arriving, before we even parked, there was Rich Newsome looking for those coming today. A quick introduction, handshake, and pointed to the closest and best parking. Walking into the Capitol Building, the first thing that happened after passing through security was Johnny getting a request from one of the police officers stationed there for a selfie with Diddles. I can assure you this was just the first of many. Making our way to where we were directed, then to the Governor's office, another Diddles photo-op, and then happily escorted back to where we had just come from. We had a bit of a wait, and we watched as members of ABATE of Florida, Legion Riders, and L.A.M.A.'s (Latin American Motorcycle Association) arrived.

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NEW MEMBERS FOR JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

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MARJORIE "U-TURN" BRODA  
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We are in June and summer's brutal heat is right around the corner. A few years ago, I went to Leesburg's bikefest before the pandemic and it was hot and humid. We would leave the hotel around 11:00am and sweat pouring out of all of us. So much so that we would be soaked by the time we got to the actual event site. We're bikers so the beer vendors around Main Street were doing killer business. Well as the heat of the day kicked in high gear I noticed ambulances were hauling vest wearing folks off in record numbers. What seemed to be happening was that people were drinking beer to quench their thirst. Well beer dehydrates you and in summer heat, that's not good

I have a tour pack so I put 3-4 bottles of water with some cold packs in a soft side cooler and toss it in the tour pack. Don't get me wrong, I like tossing back the suds like any other red-blooded biker but when the heat cranks up, suds is alone is not a good idea. The message here, dudes and dudettes is drink some water. I'm not dumb enough to suggest that you knock off beer entirely in the heat of the summer. But.... Unless you relish the thought of lying on a gurney and going for a ride in a red truck, my thought is toss in a few bottles of water in the beverage mix.

Martin (Hunter) Nebojsic,  
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**SOUTHEAST CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES  
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 142  
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MAY 21, 2023**

Bull called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m., and there were 34 members present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Bull, and a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, Bear.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JOHNNY ROSE:**

Johnny thanked everyone for coming. HHawkeye, from the Military Vets MC, also a long-time member of our Chapter, and a really nice guy, passed away recently in a motorcycle accident. There will be a Celebration of Life for him on July 1st, and there are flyers on the table. Even if you can't attend, if you can help his family financially, there is also information on that flyer. Also, one of our beloved and active members, Jean, had a motorcycle accident last weekend. A few of us are going to see him after this meeting, but he's not ready for a lot of visitors. He is going to be fine, but it will be a while. Please keep him in your prayers. Our Memorial Day Event is next weekend. If you have already signed up to help, you should have received a call from Johnny. If you didn't sign up yet, but want to volunteer, please see Johnny after the meeting. Volunteers are to meet at Mickey's Tiki Bar at 9am. There will be coffee and donuts. We do the set-up and then "shut up" as the Biker Church starts at 11am. You are welcome to attend the service, of course, and many of the church members are also our members. We have a lot of door prizes but can always use a few more. We have ordered and picked up some new memorial Gone But Not For-

gotten plaques for some of our members who recently passed. We have a memorial board that we display them on, at this event. Also, at this meeting, we will have the second round of nominations, at Old Business.

**Vice President's Report –**

**Martin "Hunter" Nebojsic:**

Hunter thanked everyone for coming. He had no report.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT –**

**HOLLIE "DREAMER" SADOFF:**

Dreamer made a motion to approve minutes as printed in the newsletter, motioned, seconded, approved. She will discuss our Safety Money bill during the Legislative report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:**

Sheilare read the Treasurer's Report for the checking and savings account, motioned, seconded, approved.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT – MIKE "BULL":**

Bull said to slow down in school zones when lights are flashing, but also be aware of sport practices and other activities that will have students arriving and leaving even when the lights are not flashing.

Remember to wear ABATE stuff (patch, shirt, hat, etc.) when going to events. It's good that we are being seen, showing up as a unit. It shows our support, and in return, we get support from other groups. However...Represent! When wearing anything with ABATE on it, you are representing ABATE, please keep that in mind and act accordingly. Nighthawk mentioned that BSO got some new motorcycles and are happy to hide behind a tree and write tickets. Bear mentioned that some school times are changing next year.

**ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT –**

**MARTIN "HUNTER" NEBOJSIC:**

Saturday, May 27th, Leathernecks MC party at their clubhouse, always have good food

Saturday, May 27th, Leo Lee, our newest member, and his band at Mickey's Tiki  
Sunday, May 28, Southeast Chapter Memorial Day party  
Monday, May 29th, Memorial Day Ride to Honor our Veterans  
Saturday, June 3rd, AOA Memorial GBNF 1%ers party  
Sunday, June 4th, Wings of Gold MC Off-Annual  
Sunday, June 4th, Benefit for Florida Keys Children's Shelter sponsored by Heathens MC & Alabama Jacks  
Saturday, June 10th, ABATE of Florida State Meeting - MSAP Training available  
Saturday, June 24th, US Military Vets MC S. Broward Annual  
Friday-Sunday, August 11th-13th, South Florida Tattoo Expo at Broward County Convention Center

#### **SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT –**

##### **JON "WAVY" VIGER:**

Wavy thanked all for the support over the years, to whomever takes over, have fun! Johnny thanked Wavy on behalf of the chapter for all of his hard work and dedication. Wavy encouraged the Chapter to continue to be safe, and practice safety techniques using the cones. There are videos out there you can look up. Do refresher courses whenever you can. He suggested buying a few small orange safety triangles to keep in your bike.

#### **STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT-**

##### **MARTIN "HUNTER" NEBOJSIC & JOHNNY ROSE:**

Jonny reported that the next State Meeting on June 10th in New Port Richey & there will be MSAP training at this meeting. Anyone can attend a State Meeting. MSAP training is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program, where we help raise a motorist's, a "cagers" perceptions and awareness of motorcycles. Anyone can take the class and become MSAP trained.

#### **LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:**

Hollie reported on SB 838 & HB 709 - Proceeds Funding Motorcycle Safety Education, SUC-  
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CESS!!! Our Bill has passed both the House and the Senate! And on May 20, 2023, it was announced that Governor DeSantis was signing the Bill on Tuesday May 23, 2023, and it was encouraged for whomever can do so, to go up to Tallahassee in show of support. At the time of the meeting, it was slated for Johnny, Martin "Hunter", Hollie "Dreamer", Ross, and Abby Normal to attend. This has been a very successful legislative session for ABATE of Florida Inc, and it was due to everyone sending the emails, making phone calls, and being active. Dreamer thanked the chapter for stepping up and putting forth the effort. Brad spoke and thanked Dreamer for a true grass roots Call to Action "boots on the ground", helping to get our Bill pushed forward and soon passing into law. He said to look at the Bill, and the words "grass roots" are right in there, and that is exactly what it took, to get it passed. HB 429 to repeal PIP insurance died in committee. HB 579 to limit sales of assault weapons died in committee. SB 578 relating to side-by-side vehicles died in committee. As expected, the terrible "strip our rights" insurance bill passed, horrible!

#### **LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON:**

Brad has no report.

#### **PRODUCTS REPORT – LAUREL**

##### **"LITTLE BIT" CONNER:**

Little Bit was excused. Sheila reported that today is the day we will be raffling off the long-sleeve XL embroidered shirt at the end of the meeting. Tickets are \$10 per chance. We have ordered and received new inventory and are fully stocked for the Memorial Day party. Many items will be on sale, and anyone who shows a membership card, will get 10% off.

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:**

Sheila read the Membership report, we have over 625 members, most of any Chapter in the state. Johnny has a goal of 700 before year-end.

#### **EVENTS COORDINATOR – GABE CARRERA:**

Gabe is excused. Sheila reported, we have a card

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for the Veterans at Sandy Nininger VA Nursing home, to be signed after the Chapter meeting and will also be at the Memorial Day event, and Sheila will drop off at Sandy Nininger on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR –**

**ADA “ABBY NORMAL” HIBBS:**

Abby Normal was excused. Dreamer spoke on her behalf, articles and pictures due today. Anyone can write an article. Please submit to Abby Normal by email news.abatese@gmail.com.

**Newsletter Distribution – Jon “Wavy” Viger:**

Wavy thanked everyone for their help in distributing newsletters throughout our area. 650 newsletters per month are being distributed.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS –**

**DAWNE “THUNDER” KIRK-WATERS:**

Thunder was present and said thank you to everyone for all they do. Please visit and support the businesses that support Southeast Chapter ABATE of Florida. If they hold an event, stop by, be a patron of their establishment.

**BILLING AND INVOICING – SHEILA ROSE:**

All advertisers are up to date. We have four new full-page ads recently.

**SOCIAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT –**

**BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:**

Bear brought some brownies and cupcakes.

**QUARTERMASTER REPORT – MIKE “BULL”:**

Nothing to report.

**PHOTOGRAPHER’S REPORT –**

**ADA “ABBY NORMAL”:**

Abby Normal was excused. Please send pictures to news.abatese@gmail.com.

**WEBMASTER’S REPORT – IVAN MARTE:**

Ivan is excused.

**ASSISTANT WEBMASTER’S REPORT –**

**ERIK SADOFF:**

Erik reported, just waiting for the final piece, the ad page, then a final meeting with the Board to go live.

**CHAPLAIN – CHRISSEY LEONHARDT:**

Chrissy was excused.

**ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN – BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:**

Bear asked that we keep all in need, in our prayers and to stay safe on upcoming rides.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Today was the second round of nominations and nominees also will accept or decline. Barry “Teddy Bear” Sadoff was excused, and as Sheila is running unopposed, she opened the second round of nominations. The only new nomination was Kris “That Guy” Keyzer-Andre for Distribution Trustee. And after the final vote in June, some positions, such as Road Captain, Distribution, and Chaplain, to name a few, can appoint assistants.

**PRESIDENT:**

Johnny Rose - Accepted

**VICE-PRESIDENT:**

Martin “Hunter” Nebojsic - Accepted

**SECRETARY:**

Ross Haertter - Accepted

**TREASURER:**

Sheila Rose - Accepted

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:**

Michael “Bull” Blackford - Accepted

Ross Haertter – Declined

Louis “OB” Russo – Declined

**ROAD CAPTAIN:**

Martin “Hunter” Nebojsic - Accepted

Ross Haertter – Declined

Kris “That Guy” Keyzer-Andre - Accepted

**SAFETY DIRECTOR:**

Johnny Rose – Declined

Kris “That Guy” Keyzer-Andre - Accepted

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

(we need 4, 2 main, and 2 alt):  
Martin "Hunter" Nebojsic - Accepted  
Johnny Rose - Accepted  
Ross Haertter - Accepted  
Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff - Accepted  
Louis "OB" Russo – Declined

**LEGAL LIAISON:**

Brad Winston - Accepted

**Legal Counsel:**

Brad Winston - Accepted

**PRODUCTS:**

Laurel "Little Bit" Conner - Accepted

**Membership:**

Sheila Rose - Accepted  
Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff – Declined

**EVENTS COORDINATOR:**

Gabe Carrera - Accepted

**NEWSLETTER:**

Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs - Accepted

**DISTRIBUTION:**

Johnny Rose – Declined  
Tony Canty - Accepted  
Ross Haertter – Declined  
Barry "Bear" Crown – Declined  
Kris "That Guy" Keyzer-Andre - Accepted

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Dawne "Thunder" Kirk Waters - Accepted  
Barry "Rush" Gilbert – Declined

**BILLING & INVOICING:**

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff - Accepted

**SOCIAL DIRECTOR:**

Barry "Bear" Crown - Accepted

**QUARTERMASTER:**

Michael "Bull" Blackford - Accepted

**PHOTOGRAPHER:**

Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs - Accepted

**WEBMASTER:**

Ivan Marte – Declined  
Erik Sadoff - Accepted

**CHAPLAIN:**

Chrissy Leonhardt - Accepted  
Barry "Bear" Crown – Declined

Nominations for this second round were closed. The final vote will be at the June Chapter meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Event flyers on the tables.

Motion to adjourn at 11:20am, seconded, approved. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on June 18, 2023.

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff  
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I would like to thank all that came to our 41st Memorial Day Event. Without your support, Abate SE Chapter would not exist.

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Remember your bike will take care of you only if you take care of it. Besides, it's also your sanctuary.

Thank you,

Jon (Wavy) Viger  
Safety Director  
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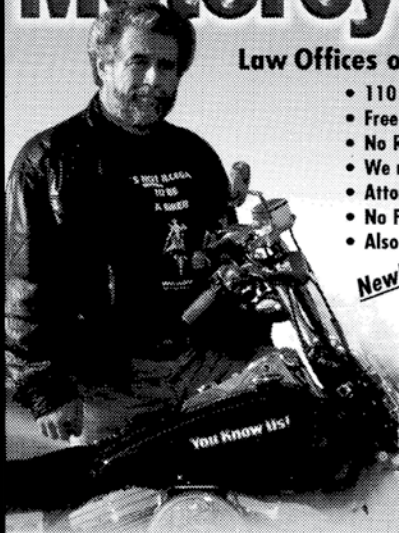
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# FROM YOU ROAD CAPTAIN

I like to ride and I am one of the road captains for our group. I've been called, "by the book." when I lead and my response when I hear that is, "We got there safely didn't we." The role of a road captain is to know the route when given advance notice. Plan gas stops according to the smallest gas tank capacity of the bikes in the group riding. Above it all the road captain is responsible to take steps to get everyone there safely.

The more you ride, the more you learn to anticipate things on the road. One of my fellow bikers said that he always expected to be cut off that way he wasn't surprised or unprepared if it happened. This way of looking at the road has served me so well, more times than I can count. When I do my 13 mile commute to and from my office on my bike, I usually get cut off 1 to 3 times a day EACH WAY.

This is going to sound weird but I've kinda developed a strategy always look for an exit plan when I approach a group of cars whether by myself or leading a group. If I see a situation in front of me developing that I don't like, or that I don't see an exit plan in advance of getting into the situation, I'll keep my riders and me out of it as best as I can. After I rode for a while I developed a sixth sense about drivers in cars. Well maybe not a sixth sense. Its not rocket science that if you see a car weaving in and out of traffic on I-95 or anywhere for that matter, chances are this driver with ants in their pants will take a greater risk to get ahead of you than he or she should. My approach to this is give them a wide berth and let them get by. Even if cars are not weaving, if I see them gaining at a fast rate of closure, I will get out of their way.

Some of my buddies (names withheld to protect the goobers) always ride like their hair is on fire. Weaving in and out of traffic is not my thing and neither is lane splitting. I let them get it out of their system and I do my own thing. I encourage you all to do the same when the front of the pack is getting crazy. While riding in a group is much safer, following someone unsafe is not.

Don't get me wrong I like to scoot, time and place people. There is something very relaxing about finding a half mile pocket of road with no cars and insert myself in the middle of it and enjoy the ride. There are times when this is not possible, but once you start looking for these opportunities, these pockets seem to be out there more than you'd expect.

The last thing I'd like to cover is lane choice when approaching traffic merging from an onramp to the highway. I move over and give the merging traffic that right lane about a half mile or more in advance of the cars actually merging into traffic. This prevents them trying to merge into me or my group. I do this in an effort to minimize the interaction with cars because many box drivers just don't know that they should not merge into a group of motorcycle riders. I take away most of the temptation and opportunity by moving over.

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Martin (Hunter) Nebojsic  
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## **BE BETTER THAN HE WAS**

On June 18th, we celebrate Father's Day, 2023. For me, it's going to be rough. This will be a hard day without my Dad to honor. I could spend the entire page talking about how amazing he was and how I knew how much he loved me every day. My father was good at expressing his emotions and telling me, 'I love you' or 'I'm proud of you.' I know how rare that is, and I'll never take it for granted.

But for some of you reading these words, affections were never spoken, or if they were, it was with the back of his quick hand. He wasn't present in your life, and when he was, you cleverly made yourself scarce, knowing at any minute, well, you finish the sentence. 'I love you' or 'I'm proud of you' were unfamiliar words. It was more like, 'You rotten piece of s\*#t! You'll never amount to anything!'

But I can honestly say that wasn't right. Verbal and physical abusive isn't OK. Of course, alcohol is a huge factor, and it's also possible this response was learned somewhere in childhood. At some point, a root of bitterness grew into a study vine, choking off the love that should have been.

No matter the reason, you were robbed, and again... that isn't OK.

There's such a thing as a generational curse. The good news is it can be broken and stopped before damaging you or your future generations. The cure for a generational curse has always been repentance or apologizing to God. We can ask forgiveness for the actions of our fathers, both dead and alive, and God will honor our sincere request. When the nation of Israel turned from idols to serve the living God, the 'curse' was broken, and God saved them (Judges 3:9, 15; 1 Samuel 12:10-11). God promised to visit Israel's sin through to the third and fourth generations. Still, in the next verse, He promised He would show 'love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my command-

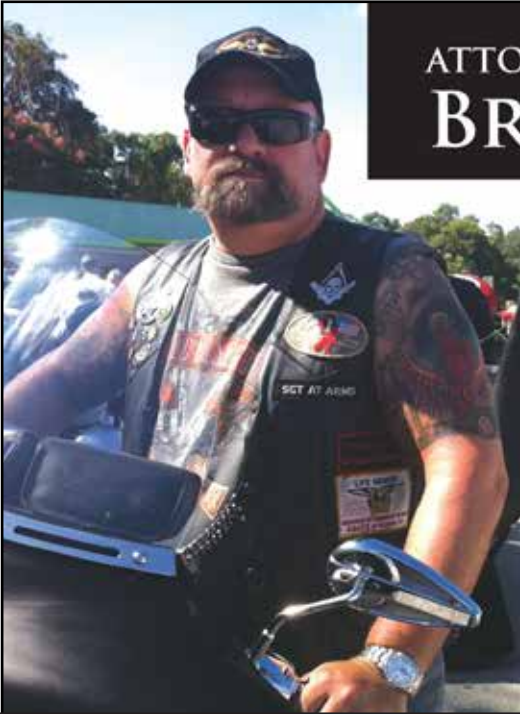


ments' (Exodus 20:6). In other words, God's grace lasts a thousand times longer than His wrath.

The point I'm trying to emphasize here is this: despite a Dad who took from your life rather than adding anything of value, understand you have a heavenly Father who loves you more than words can say. Not only does He love you, but He also offers healing for your broken heart. Can you change the pain or hurt your earthly father caused you? Or get rid of scars that remain? Not exactly, although forgiveness is a place to start. But YOU have the opportunity to be the man/father that God has called you to be. YOU can bring change and, by this, reverse the curse. Be better than he was.

Chrissy Leonhardt -  
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| 4<br>WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. PARTY<br><hr/> HEATHENS MC EVENT  | 5      | 6       | 7  | 8                    | 9      | 10<br>MIDNIGHT CLUB REAPERS MC - ANNUAL<br><hr/> ABATE OF FL, INC STATE MEETING |
| 11  | 12     | 13      | 14<br> | 15<br>EBOARD MEETING | 16     | 17  |
| 18<br><br>ABATE SE CHAPTER MEETING | 19     | 20      | 21   | 22                   | 23     | 24<br>US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL                                   |
| 25  | 26     | 27      | 28   | 29                   | 30     |   |

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| 9<br>ALTERNATIVE<br>MC - ANNUAL   | 10     | 11   | 12        | 13<br>EBOARD<br>MEETING | 14     | 15  |
| 16<br>SOLDIERS<br>FOR JESUS MC<br>BROWARD<br>ABATE SE<br>CHAPTER<br>MEETING | 17     | 18   | 19        | 20                      | 21     | 22<br>WHEELS OF<br>MAN MC -<br>CHILI COOK-OFF |
| 23  | 24     | 25   | 26        | 27                      | 28     | 29  |
| 30  | 31     |  |           |                         |        |   |

**2023 CALENDAR**

**MANDATORY CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD**



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**CALENDAR EVENT**

**JUNE**

3rd-Sat AOA SOUTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL  
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4th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - PARTY

10th-Sat **MIDNIGHT CLUB REAPERS MC - ANNUAL**

11th-Sun

17th-Sat

18th-Sun Fathers Day

24th-Sat **US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL**

25th-Sun

**JULY**

1st-Sat

2nd-Sun

4th-Tues Independence Day

8th-Sat

9th-Sun **ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL**

15th-Sat

16th-Sun **SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD - ANNUAL**

22nd-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

23rd -Sun

**AUGUST**

4th-13th 83rd STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY

11th-13th 25th Annual South Florida Tattoo Convention

13th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. - 56th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

19th-Sat

20th-Sun

26th-Sat

27th-Sun **SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL**

**SEPTEMBER**

2rd-Sat SOUTHERN MC TEDDY BEAR RUN

3th-Sun

4th-Mon Labor Day 9th-Sat

10th-Sun STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY Not sure

16th-Sat 17th-Sun

23rd-Sat **KINGDOM OF BROTHERS MC - ANNUAL**

24th-Sun

**OCTOBER**

7th-Sat

8th-Sun **MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL**

14th-Sat OUTCAST - PARTY

15th-Sun **S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL**

13th-16th DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST

21st-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY

22bn-Sun CMA - MEMORIAL

28th-Sat **FEARLESS MC - ANNUAL**

29th-Sun

31st-Tues HALLOWEEN

**NOVEMBER**

4th-Sat **HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL**

5th-Sun

11th-Sat

12th-Sun

18th-Sat

19th-Sun

23rd-Thur **Veterans Day USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL ????????**

26th-Sun **Fly-In Wheels Annual LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL**

Thanksgiving Day 25th-Sat

**DECEMBER**

3rd-Sun 36th SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN

10th-Sat ALLIGATOR ALLEY TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING???

9th-Sat HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEMORIAL AND TOY RUN

9th-Sat USMVMC - WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

25th-Mon Christmas Day



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**WEDNESDAY**

- >Blues Nite at Mickey's
- >Mickey's Open Mic and Karaoke 8PM-12AM

**THURSDAY**

- >Mickey's Bike Night Live Bands 8PM

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**TUESDAY**

- Wings of Gold - Open House Davie 7PM
- States MC Taco Tuesday 6:30PM

**WEDNESDAY**

- 2nd Wed.
- The Crew 8PM

**THURSDAY**

- Hernandad MC - Open House 8PM
- Scurby Few = Poker Night -7PM

**FRIDAY**

- States MC – Open Meeting 7-10PM
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  - Outcast - Open House 8:00PM
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Finally it was our turn to enter the Cabinet Meeting room. Everyone started taking our seats, but instead we were ushered to stand beside and behind this desk. I sorta felt bad for the media people, they had the fun task of herding all these bikers and getting them to follow directions. That's like herding cats at times, but we got there. Within a few minutes, Governor DeSantis came into the room, made his way to the desk, and signed the bill. Using multiple pens (Martin was one of the lucky ones to get one of the pens used!). All the while asking questions about the bill and asked if the organizations that would be utilizing the funds already earmarked, and a confident yes was given. The signing was done, but the Governor was not. He spoke to the group, showed support to the motorcycling community and yes...you guessed it...had a photo-op with Diddles! (She's such a star!)

It seemed to go pretty quickly, but it was also great to meet members from other chapters, to also meet Griz and Brandy, as well as Rich New-some. I'll say, Rich has me hyped up for things to come and I can't wait to see what's in store. The comradery between ABATE of Florida, Legion Riders, and L.A.M.A. was great and gives promise of good things to come! As we headed home with more rain and traffic, it felt like we've turned a corner, or a page and we are stepping forward with opportunities in front of us that can benefit the motorcycling community, and in this case, truly, everyone out there using the roads. Looks to me like the future is pretty bright...now to get me a pair of those ABATE sunglasses so I can see it better!

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff



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Approximately 40% of our members are Life Members, which means they do not pay annual dues, so they do not financially support the Chapter through dues. They do buy products, pay to attend events, post ads in our Newsletter, and make monetary donations, but they have no obligation to do so. This is another opportunity for them to contribute, if they wish, but anyone can do this.

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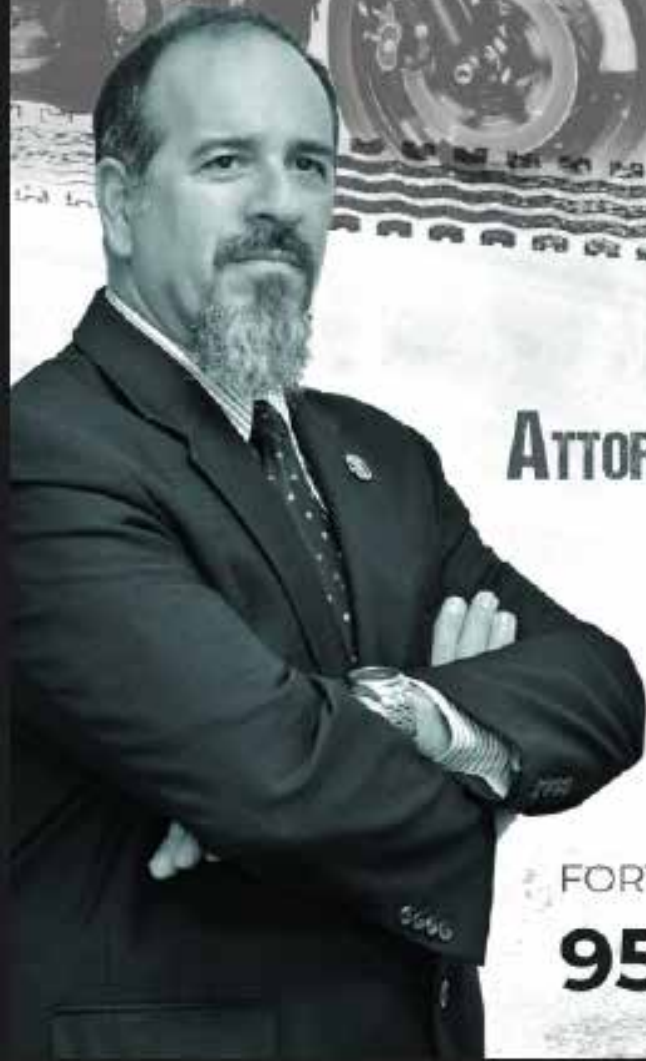




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**STUFF WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE  
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-by: Sheila, Sandy, Little Bit, & Thunder

Did you know that each year when you register your motorcycle, you pay a mandatory fee that goes into a fund to be used specifically for motorcycle safety awareness programs? Many years ago, this fund was set up to help ABATE of Florida, Inc., which is a grassroots volunteer organization that promotes motorcycle safety awareness all across the State of Florida. The money was used to raise the awareness of motorcycles to the driving public all across Florida. We used to go into the high schools and speak to the students in drivers ed, to teach them to be aware of motorcycles out on the road. We also still set up booths at community events and speak one-on-one to the people. Many years ago, this money was “taken away” from ABATE and put into the general fund. BUT NOW, on May 23, 2023, a historic event for ABATE of Florida has occurred. Governor Ron DeSantis, signed into law, Senate Bill 838: Proceeds Funding Motorcycle Safety Education. YAY!

Many people have been trying for many, many years to get this money back for ABATE. Many of these people are no longer with us, but we stand proud of what they have done, to get us here. In our own Chapter, our Secretary, Dreamer led the charge, setting up email meetings to send letters to our legislators, and getting the word out, on what needed to be done, to all of our members, and talking about it at every opportunity. That is

real grassroots. It is because of Dreamer and all the other members of our Chapter and the many chapters of ABATE throughout the state, that got this done!

So here is the bill for you all to read.

Senate Bill 838: Proceeds Funding Motorcycle Safety Education (sponsored by Senator Jay Collins and Representative Taylor Yarkosky)

An act relating to proceeds funding motorcycle safety education; amending s. 320.08, F.S.; requiring that the motorcycle safety education fee be used for a safety and education program administered by Florida not-for-profit corporations; specifying requirements for the administrators of such program; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to enter into certain contracts for a specified purpose; specifying the requirements of the safety awareness and education programs; specifying requirements for certain contracts; requiring the administrators of the programs to file an annual report with the Legislature by a certain date; amending s. 320.086, F.S.; conforming cross-references; requiring the department to select program administrators and enter into specified contracts by a specified date; requiring the department to transmit portions of the safety education fee to the program administrators quarterly; specifying the first payment date; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Present paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 320.08, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (g), a new paragraph (d) and paragraphs (e) and (f) are added to that subsection, and paragraph (c) of that subsection is amended, to read:

320.08 License taxes.—Except as otherwise provided herein, there are hereby levied and imposed annual license taxes for the operation of motor vehicles, mopeds, tri-vehicles as defined in s. 316.003, and mobile homes as defined in s.

320.01, which shall be paid to and collected by the department or its agent upon the registration or renewal of registration of the following:

(1) MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS.—

(c) Upon registration of a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped, in addition to the license taxes specified in this subsection, a nonrefundable motorcycle safety education fee in the amount of \$2.50 shall be paid. The proceeds of the safety education fee shall be deposited in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund

(d) The entire safety education fee shall be used for a safety and education program administered by three Florida not-for-profit corporations.

1. The program administrators must be charities registered with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

2. One of the program administrators must be a motorcycle grassroots organization that has been in existence for no less than 30 years with an established history of advocating for motorcycle safety during that time period and can demonstrate membership of at least 5,000 members as of January 1, 2023, which are geographically dispersed throughout this state.

3. Two of the program administrators must be motorcycle grassroots organizations that have been in existence for no less than 20 years with an established history of advocating for motorcycle safety during that time period and can demonstrate membership of at least 1,000 members as of January 1, 2023, which are geographically dispersed throughout this state.

(e) The department shall enter into a 5-year contract with each of the program administrators to use their portion of the safety education fee to pay for motorcycle safety and education programs. The programs must promote motorcycle safety and education with the goal of reducing motorcycle injuries and deaths in this state. The programs may include pamphlets, advertisements, public service announce-

ments, digital media, social media, a website, participation at grassroots motorcycle events, advocacy, and reasonable administrative expenses. Each 5-year contract between the department and each program administrator must require that each program administrator show clear collaboration during and prior to implementation of motorcycle safety and education programs which may include, but need not be limited to, collaboration regarding advertising, management of the safety education fee funds, and motorcycle safety and education programs.

(f) Each of the program administrators shall file an annual report by July 31 with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, outlining the types of events the program administrator attended, if any, and the methods selected to distribute safety awareness and education materials or to expose the public to the programs, estimating the number of people who were exposed to the program administrator's educational efforts, and specifying clear collaboration with any other program administrator during and prior to implementation of any safety education programs.

Section 2. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 320.086, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

320.086 Ancient or antique motor vehicles; horseless carriage, antique, or historical license plates; former military vehicles.—

(1) The owner of a motor vehicle for private use manufactured in model year 1945 or earlier and operated on the streets and highways of this state shall, upon application in the manner and at the time prescribed by the department and upon payment of the license tax for an ancient motor vehicle prescribed by s. 320.08(1)(g), (2)(a), or (3)(e) be issued a special license plate for such motor vehicle. The license plate shall be permanent and valid for use without renewal so long as the vehicle is in existence. In addition to the payment of all other fees required by law, the applicant shall pay such fee for the issuance of the special license plate as may be prescribed by the department commensurate with

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the cost of its manufacture. The registration numbers and special license plates assigned to such motor vehicles shall run in a separate numerical series, commencing with "Horseless Carriage No. 1," and the plates shall be of a distinguishing color.

(2)(a) The owner of a motor vehicle for private use manufactured in a model year after 1945 and of the age of 30 years or more after the model year and operated on the streets and highways of this state may, upon application in the manner and at the time prescribed by the department and upon payment of the license tax prescribed by s. 320.08(1)(g), (2)(a), or (3)(e) be issued a special license plate for such motor vehicle. In addition to the payment of all other fees required by law, the applicant shall pay the fee for the issuance of the special license plate prescribed by the department, commensurate with the cost of its manufacture. The registration numbers and special license plates assigned to such motor vehicles shall run in a separate numerical series, commencing with "Antique No. 1," and the plates shall be of a distinguishing color. The owner of the motor vehicle may, upon application and payment of the license tax prescribed by s.320.08, be issued a regular Florida license plate or specialty license plate in lieu of the special "Antique" license plate.

Section 3. By October 1, 2023, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall select three program administrators that meet the requirements of s. 320.08(1)(d), Florida Statutes, and shall enter into contracts as specified in this act. The department shall award the contracts pursuant to this act to eligible entities even if a sufficient number of qualified entities have not applied. The department shall transmit one-third of the safety education fee to each program administrator quarterly, with the first payment being payable October 1, 2023.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.



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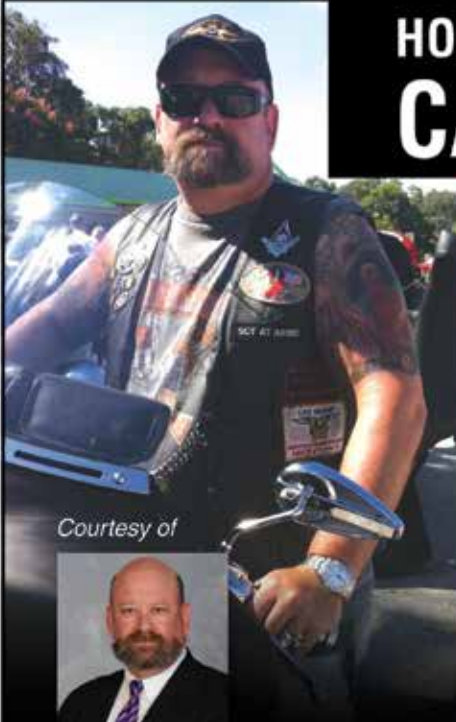
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# JOHNNY'S RANT

Man, it seems like I can't go anywhere without seeing a bunch of accidents. I don't know if it's because the drivers in the cars are distracted by their cell phones, texting or looking for an address, or by eating in their car or by putting on makeup, or all kinds of other things that distract. But it's getting really old. I'm tired of them killing or maiming bikers. It doesn't matter if you ride go-fast bikes or cruisers, it feels like we have a bullseye on us when we're on our bikes.

I'm tired of going to funerals or hospitals to see my brothers and sisters that have gotten run over by cages, it's been monthly lately. It's heartbreaking, my prayers go out to the families and friends that have lost someone recently.

Oh yeah, and then, all the construction going on the roads, with cones making everyone go from three lanes to two or two lanes to one, we gotta be extra cautious. It's crazy out there. And if one of them is in a hurry and not paying attention, they're just changing lanes right into us, and they're bigger than us wrapped in a steel cage. just sayin', you know.

Also, with construction, comes all the debris that is on the highways, you know road gators and such. So, I guess all we can do is be aware of what's going on around us and try to keep an out in case a cage screws up around us. I guess what I'm trying to say, is always try to have a way out in case something like that happens to you. Please be safe and know what's going on all around you always while you're riding down the road, doing the thing you love the most, riding your motorcycle.

Peace,  
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### **"COMING TOGETHER" WELCOMED AT NCOM CONVENTION**

"My goal is to strengthen the organization in a positive way to achieve our legislative goals," announced Charlie Boone of the Concerned Bikers Association (CBA/ABATE of North Carolina) in accepting the post of Chairman of the NCOM Board of Directors. Boone has been instrumental to the CBA for over three decades, and has served for several years as Region VI (AL FL GA NC SC) representative on the board of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), who added "A huge THANK YOU to outgoing Chairman Doc Reichenbach" (ABATE of Florida) for his many years of service to the organization."

NCOM also welcomes Ed Schetter, Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio as Chairman of the NCOM Legislative Task Force, replacing retiring chairman Frank Ernst of ABATE of Minnesota.

Both join Joseph Lester, Executive Director of NCOM, in extending a welcoming hand to all motorcyclists and every motorcycle organization to join together during the upcoming NCOM Convention in Phoenix, Arizona over Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023.

"NCOM is a coming together of a broad range of biker groups & individuals, who have similar goals of protecting their rights to ride their motorcycles with as minimal intrusion from the government

as possible," said Lester, whose father attorney Richard M. Lester founded NCOM nearly forty years ago to promote communication between various groups and form an umbrella organization representing diverse clubs and organizations that share common interests.

"NCOM does its work by the monetary and legal help of the AIM Attorneys across the country, so there is no money or dues required for groups to join NCOM," explains 'Joey' Lester. "I believe the future we want can only be achieved by working with other biker groups and truly believe unity of purpose and direction will achieve the best results."

In the past this has not been the case, but putting the past in past and moving forward, NCOM is encouraging representation from groups such as the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), "which has been doing an incredible job on the National Legislative front," and the Council of Clubs along with the Motorcycle Profiling Project recognized "for helping state groups in getting anti-profiling laws adopted locally and nationally," to attend a "Coming Together" at this year's 38th annual NCOM Convention.

"NCOM looks forward to working with and supports all these highly successful biker groups in any way we can, and not in competition, as we fight together for bikers' rights legally and legislatively," concludes Lester in a call for unity and cooperation going forward.

For more information on the NCOM Convention, or to register, visit [www.on-a-bike.com](http://www.on-a-bike.com) or call (800) 525-5355. For hotel reservations, contact the Hilton Phoenix-Tempe at (480) 967-1441.

### **AORA WOULD EXPAND MOTORIZED RECREATION**

The American Outdoor Recreation Act has been introduced in Congress to expand motorized recreational opportunities, and the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) urges you to

“Take Action!” and ask your U.S. Senators to support the AORA, S. 873.

“Enjoying time in the great outdoors is not only fun, but it’s beneficial to a person’s mental and physical health,” according to SEMA. “Outdoor recreational activities are also a key economic driver in communities across the U.S., employing over 4.5 million Americans.”

The SEMA Action Network (SAN) is committed to expanding motorized recreational access on government lands, so “tell your U.S. Senators they need to expand motorized recreational opportunities by supporting the American Outdoor Recreation Act.”

### **MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY “FLAT” AS SALES SLIP**

The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has released their 2022 Motorcycle Statistical Annual, a comprehensive collection of data about the motorcycle business in America, featuring detailed information on vehicle population, owner demographics, product use, sales, market share, manufacturers, distributors and dealerships nationwide.

“While 2022 is pretty much flat compared to 2021 and 2020, it still is a significant increase from 2019,” explains Buckner Nesheim, MIC Director of Research & Statistics. The industry’s reference book has been updated and the data indicates 2022 sales of new motorcycles and scooters decreased by -3.5% over the previous year, while ATVs decreased -12.7%.

“When we compare 2022 to 2019 sales, off-highway is up +36%, on-highway is up +4%, and scooters are up +12%,” notes Nesheim. “Dual sport (ADV) is a tremendous growth story. Sales in this category have increased every year since 2016 and more dual sport motorcycles were sold in 2022 than in any other year since we started collecting data in this category in 1990.”

MIC data for the full year 2022 show total power-sports industry new model retail sales at -6.2% (733,537 units compared to 781,806 units in 2021). Domestic U.S. on-highway retail motorcycle sales were 297,174 units for the year (-5.4%); scooters at 22,181 units (-4.3%); dual sport models (ADV) were 72,643 units (+0.0%); off-highway motorcycles were -5.0% (145,216 units), with ATV retail sales -12.7% at 196,860 units.

### **MIC ADDS POPULAR “ADVENTURE BIKE” MARKET SEGMENT**

With the growing popularity of the adventure bike market segment, the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has announced it will add a new category to its Retail Sales Report (RSR) for the first time in decades. The MIC Research & Statistics Department will divide the adventure and dual sport categories as specific types underneath the general dual heading in the April RSR.

As well, the MIC is looking for someone who understands electric vehicle technology, and is interested in government policy, to join the association staff and support the industry on EV issues, working with the MIC Government Relations Office on federal and state matters, including infrastructure, battery standards, aftermarket and dealer concerns, safety, public lands and charging availability. Resumes should go to [HR@MIC.org](mailto:HR@MIC.org).

### **NHTSA REPORTS RISE IN MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has released a report showing an increase of motorcycle fatalities from 2020 to 2021, citing distraction, speeding and alcohol as key factors of these fatalities.

NHTSA reported that in 2021, motorcyclist fatalities were up 7.7% from the year before, totaling 5,932 motorcyclists and representing 14% of all traffic fatalities. This is the highest number of motorcyclists killed since 1975.

With May being Motorcycle Safety Awareness

Month, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) encourages all drivers to “Expect Us, See Us,” and actively search for riders and stay focused on the road, as motorcycle and scooter riders are at greater risk of not being seen.

For all vehicle drivers on the road, distraction-affected crashes rose 12% from 2020 to 2021, while speeding-related fatalities increased by 7.9%, and alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities rose 14%. The number of alcohol-impaired riders involved in fatalities jumped 19% from 2020 to 2021, and NHTSA also reported that 29% of motorcyclists killed were under the influence.

“The NHTSA data may be from 2021, but distraction, speeding and driving or riding while under the influence continue to be problems today,” says Rob Gladden, vice president of training operations for MSF. “However, these are all things we can change.”

### **WHO PROMOTES HELMET USAGE WORLDWIDE**

“As motorcycles proliferate at an astonishing rate, especially in low and middle-income countries, urgent action is needed to stave off a rapid rise in deaths and injuries in the coming years,” stated the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2021-2030) Global Head Dr. Matts-Ake Belin.

The World Health Organization (WHO) released its first edition of their Helmet Road Safety Manual in 2006, and over the past 17 years, new data, developments, and research have influenced both helmet safety standards and manufacturing practices, so to address the needs of today’s riders, WHO published the manual’s Second Edition on April 5, 2023.

The WHO’s latest guidelines don’t call out specific nations, but concentrates on low- and middle-income countries, noting that 42% of West Kenya’s powered two-wheeler (PTW) riders admitted sustaining head injuries. In Vietnam, 70% of all

motorcycle-related hospitalizations include head injuries. Taiwan and China report similar figures, with motorcycle head injuries accounting for 71% of all vehicle-based head injuries. In response to these numbers, WHO claims that “helmets reduce the risk of death by over six times and brain injury by up to 74%.”

“To reduce all deaths from road crashes, actions that aim to increase the use of helmets must be applied as part of a wider shift to a safe systems approach to road safety and mobility,” added Dr. Belin. “The safe systems approach recognizes that road transport is a complex system with many interconnecting elements that all affect each other.”

The global health organization believes the paucity of quality yet affordable helmets (including helmets for children), lacking law enforcement, and hot climates only contribute to the issue. Even when riders use helmets, improperly fastened lids undermine the efforts of regulators.

“Authorities must put the laws, frameworks, and actions in place to boost the availability and uptake of safe, quality helmets,” concluded Dr. Belin, citing evidence rooted in the manual.

### **ENHANCED DRIVERS LICENSES AVAILABLE IN OHIO**

A new Ohio law (House Bill 23) will soon allow residents to get an “enhanced” driver’s license or ID card that can then be used instead of a passport to enter Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean more easily.

Ohio is the first state in years to join the handful of other states along the Canadian border that offer enhanced licenses; Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Vermont, and Washington.

Enhanced licenses, unlike traditional licenses or even “Real ID” cards that will soon be required to board airplanes, have a radio chip that broadcasts an identification number that border guards can use to access personal information beyond

what's printed on the license itself. That allows people to move more quickly through international border crossings without having to dig out and show a passport. It's similar to Clear Check at the airport.

Ohio lawmakers initially rejected enhanced licenses nearly a decade ago amid civil-liberties concerns that the radio chips could be exploited by identity thieves or used by government officials to follow people's movements, but experts say those worries seem almost quaint now as tracking technology has advanced due to the proliferation of cell phones and greater availability of people's personal information online.

### **MOTORCYCLE TRAINING GRADUATES EXEMPTED FROM SKILLS TEST IN KENTUCKY**

Senate Bill 60, a bipartisan bill introduced by Senator Brandon J. Storm (R-D21 London) was signed into law by Governor Andy Beshear (D) on March 17, 2023 "to exempt applicants for a motorcycle operator's license who have passed an approved motorcycle safety education courses from written and skills testing required under KRS 186.480."

Under this measure, passed unanimously 98-0 in the state senate, Kentucky now joins with many other states where rider training course graduates can obtain a waiver for the riding skill test and/or written knowledge test portion of their state's license exam requirements.

### **BIG-FOUR TO CONDUCT JOINT RESEARCH ON HYDROGEN MOTORCYCLES**

Japan's Big Four motorcycle manufacturers will conduct research and development together, announcing a bold new plan to cooperatively develop hydrogen-powered motorcycle engines. Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, and Yamaha executives all gathered at a Tokyo press conference on May 17 to announce the formation of HySE, which stands for "Hydrogen Small Mobility and Engine Technology."

HySE will pursue three main research and development areas, with responsibilities for each divided among the four OEMs as follows: Research on

hydrogen-powered engines (Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha, and Kawasaki Motors); Study on hydrogen refueling system (Yamaha); and Study on fuel supply system (Kawasaki Motors).

Clean "green" hydrogen is theoretically possible, though it's been prohibitively expensive to produce, but according to the US National Resources Defense Council, implementation of the massive hydrogen tax credit included in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 could be a game-changer in terms of clean hydrogen development incentivization for companies.

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