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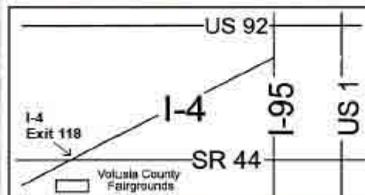
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## President's Message

On Sat. January 26<sup>th</sup> the Southeast Chapter of ABATE had an opportunity to set up a Safety and Membership Booth at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show. If you haven't been to one then I highly suggest that you do not miss the next one in January. They had so many old bikes that if you took time to look at them all the show would be over and you still would not see them all. They had an old Harley that I think it was a 1938 or 1939 that looked like it just came off the showroom floor, even the tires were all white and were like new.

At the Vintage Motorcycle Show the Southeast Chapter of ABATE asked people to sign a petition that ABATE of Florida Inc. is trying to put together to re-instate the annual allocation of safety awareness money to ABATE of Florida Inc. The money comes from a small portion of the registration fee that ONLY motorcyclists pay each year to register their motorcycles. They must have had at least 3,000 people come to the Vintage Bike Show and the Southeast Chapter of ABATE tried to talk to them all. Of the 3,000 people we were able to get 455 people to sign the petition. Let's hope that we can get our money back. At the end of the day the Sun-Sentinel asked us if they could take a picture of all of us in front of our Watch For Motorcycles yard sign and they even put it on their website South Florida.com

Then later that night we had our birthday party for our members at Luke's place owned by Royce and Kathleen who are both lifetime members of ABATE. Geo and the Hoodoo Blue Blues Band had the place rocking all night long. Geo is also the Sgt-at-Arms for the Southeast Chapter of ABATE.

Sun. January 27<sup>th</sup>, the Der Krieger M.C. had their annual party at Luke's place in Davie. It was good to see a party at Luke's again, it's been too long. They had so many bikes that it filled up the parking lot. It seemed like I never left Luke's but what a better place to spend two days partying with a whole lot of friend's.

On Sat. February 9<sup>th</sup> my vice-president "Poppie" and myself took a ride up to the ABATE State Meeting in Palm Bay just a little east of Melbourne. It has been a long time since he was at a State meeting. The 2013 session of the State Senate and House starts March 5<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to end May 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is not much to report on as yet. Here are a few things that are on the floor for the new session: HB4015 motorcycle equipment: removes provisions that limit the height of motorcycle handlebars or hand grips. SB74 would ban texting while driving, already the focus of another bill, but would add talking while driving. Cell phones could still be used with hands free technology.

On Sun. February 17<sup>th</sup> after our chapter meeting we took a ride up to the States Lake Worth MC chapter off Boutwell Road in Lake Worth. We had 4 bikes and 3 cages go up. It was so cold on the ride up that when we got off the highway at SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street "Shakey" had a little problem pulling in the clutch because his hands were so cold. It was the first time I was at their house. Drew AKA "Bad Boy" and the Sooner or Later Band and his new bride had the place jamming all day long. Even though it was so cold there were at least 200 bikes. Now that I know where their house is I will be up there more often.

Remember,  
HERE TODAY GONE TODAY  
BARS



For Membership Renewals contact, George Torrence by either email:

[membership@abatese.org](mailto: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.**

## ATTENTION

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James "Dan" Willows

**Thanks if you have  
already renewed**



## Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes

Feb. 17, 2013

Asst. Sgt @ Arms, Frank T. called the meeting to order at 10:20 am. There were 41 members, no guests. Total in attendance: 41. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and a prayer for our members by "Poppi"

### Presidents Report

BARS thanked all members for coming and many thanks to our brother MC's and associations for attending today with representation from CMA Christian Motorcycle Association, Brothers of the Third Wheel, Wings of Gold, Keltics MC and the American Legion Riders. Our event was a huge success, thanks in part to all of our members who came out to help, all who attended, support of the MC's and Associations who showed up in force, Post 1966 and the band. RPM3, Poppi, Red Dog and Mike donated their fee back to the chapter. Thank you all very much. Participation and support for those who support us is critical for our survival. When the MC's show up in force for our event's we MUST show up and support them. We attended the Vintage Bike Show at Frost Park and have been invited back for next year. We were also invited to have our safety and membership booth at the South Florida AOA Valentines Party. We thank them, we were right up front and also had a good turnout by our members. Please sign the petition to get our safety money back into the state budget.

### Vice-Presidents Report

Poppi thanked the members for all their help at our event. He restated the need to support all the MC's and Associations who support us. They remember who shows up at their events. In case you did not know, on the SFPC calendar the MC events are listed in bold lettering. The reason for this: Mandatory for MC's to attend. Not listed in bold lettering: Non-Mandatory event. Even though our event was not mandatory the showing of support from all the MC's and Associations who attended was phenomenal. Thank you very much. We had a great turnout by our members and you know what they say:

When more members' get involved, the easier it gets.

### Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of January's meeting as printed in the newsletter with the following

correction, under Good of the Order Ada Hibbs name was misspelled. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

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

### Sergeant at Arms Report

Geo was excused. No report

### Road Captain's Report

Wrench reported we need more participation on our rides. Right after today's meeting we will be heading to the States MC event in Lake Worth. When we have a ride after the meeting, we will hold the pre-ride briefing during my report as not to tie up the parking lot. Many MC's have open houses where all are welcome. Stop by say hello.

### Safety Directors Report

Dave was excused. BARS reported the state safety money is gone and we will be placing an order for whatever is left of the safety products the state has.

### Products Report

BARS introduced Cathy and Joel who have stepped up to take over as Products Trustees. Joel asked to be patient with them, as they get familiar with their position. They will have products at all meetings and our events. If you need anything feel free to contact them. 954-818-4481. Also, we now have the ability for you to pay with a debit or credit card. BARS reported on the request for a reflective ABATE patch. We received a quote from Create A Stitch for \$50.00 per large patch. A minimum order of 10 patches is required. We will not place an order and have them sit due to the cost. If you interested all orders must be pre-paid and must have at least 10 to place an order. We will continue to research this item to find a lower cost alternative.

### Events Coordinator

Sharon thanked all our members who came out for our event. Next event for us: Memorial Day. We have a meeting at Café 27 on Tuesday to finalize the deal. Once finalized we want to get the flyers out as soon as

we can. In the meantime start asking for door prizes. The more we get the better.

### State Reps Report

Poppi reported on the state meeting. Full coverage will be available in the Master link. Highlights and discussion include, serial numbers of chapter owned items, free flyers, insurance information, safety money petitions, stiffer penalties, red light cameras, cell & texting laws and the state boards usage of credit cards.

### Membership Report

George reported we have about 694 members on the books. We are #1 in the state. There was a discussion on the use of our laminator to possible raise funds. Reminder: when you get your renewal in the mail, PLEASE take the time to fill out completely, send it in timely and when you fill it out, please do it in a way that we can read it.

### Newsletter Editor

Old Hippy reminded all members that all articles etc are due the day of the chapter meeting. If the articles are not turned in on time, they will not be printed. The only exception will be the minutes taken by our chapter secretary.

### Legislative Report

BARS reported on Aug. 6th of last year, a driver who made a left turn in front of him killed motorcycle rider Luka Balenovic. Luka was wearing a helmet and had a green light. The driver was ticketed for failure to yield and had a suspended license. After the driver failed to show in court a warrant was issued and he was arrested. Under a plea deal he pleaded guilty. The Miami judge accepted the plea and advised him that it was NOT HIS FAULT that Luka was killed; his reason: MOTORCYCLES ARE DANGEROUS We are waiting for the transcript, as this judge has no business being on the bench. We will keep you posted.

### Public Relations

Fern was excused. You can always find her at an event promoting ABATE.

### Advertising

Pixie was excused. BARS reported we only have 1 outstanding invoice. Discussion followed in getting advertisers who are other than bikers. If we do use a business that advertises with us and they do not do what they say, we should pull their ad. Please support our advertisers they SUPPORT us. Please use her email address for any advertising questions or issues: pixie33@comcast.net.

### Social Directors Report

Patty reported this month's birthday party would be held at Shanks on 2-23-13. Upcoming possibilities for future party's, March-Mickey's, April Café 27. Check the hotline for information

### Newsletter Distribution

Charlie was excused. BARS reported they have been making adjustments to the amounts delivered. Tumbleweed is having health issues and we need a member to help out and deliver his route. Both Poppi and Old Hippy volunteered to help out. Get well quickly Tumbleweed.

### Quartermaster's Report

Bob reported there was no report

### Photographer's Report

Wildcat was excused No report.

### Web-Master's Report

Mike reported the web site is up and running and asked about the use of the web for products etc since we now have the ability to use credit cards. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made and seconded to table this issue to the next meeting.

### Legal Council

Demetrious further discussed the legal possibilities on the Luka Balenovic issue.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

None

### Good of the Order

Right after today's meeting: States MC, Lake Worth 2/23/13 – Town of Davie Orange Blossom Parade 10:00am

2/23/13 – Wheels of Man MC, 40th Annual Reunion Bash at Mickey's 4:00pm

2/23/13 – ABATE SE Chapter Birthday Party at Shanks 7:00pm

2/24/13 – Keltics MC event at Cowboys. KSU American legion at 12:30pm

3/8 to 3/17/13 – Bike Week in Daytona

3/8/13 – Bike night at the Legion 7:00pm

3/9/13 – U.S. Military Vets MC Grand Opening of their New Clubhouse 7:00pm

3/10/13 – Legion Riders Poker Run

If you are having any issues with the company that provides the AD&D insurance, please contact any board member.

Please check the hotline for updated ride and event information.  
All Southeast Chapter Group Rides start at our American Legion Post 321.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor.  
Meeting adjourned 12:00n

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

*Paul A. Melcer*

Secretary



## Phil Peterson

at his 89th Birthday and Dealership Anniversary



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## From the Vice President



How about this weather, about time we are enjoying some great Florida winter and soon spring-time that's what we come to Florida for. Hope your getting out to do some riding in this cool ,dry, time it don't last long enough for me I love it.

Remember to watch out for the other guy, and be safe. We had a great time at the vintage motorcycle show, great turn out of brothers and sisters. Thank you for all the help, we did very well with products, membership and safety. We also, did well and got a lot of people to sign our partition to get our funding back from the State for motorcycle awareness and safety programs. A very special thank you to Joel and Cathy for taking on products an important job.

Good turn out and ride to Der Krieger M C annual, a great time. I'd like take time to thank the members of SE Chapter for all the help you been giving us when we need it, by stepping up it makes the board look good and makes our jobs easier. I'd like to thank Princess and Shaky for the events, old Hippy for the newsletter, Wrench for road captain and Postal. He's always there when needed. Thank you Jimmy Les for all his help he's always there when we need him. He does the announcing very well I think he loves to listen to himself talk, 'm only kidding. Thank you Dave for safety , George for membership, Debbie and Charlie for distribution ,Fern for public relations, Pixie for advertising, Pattie for social director, Bob for quartermaster, Wildcat for photographer, and Rogue for webmaster.

I'd like to thank every member for all the help, but can't remember everybody's name , that is what happens when you get old like me.

I think I can speak for all the Board Members in saying "good work". Almost forgot special thanks to R P M 3 Red Dog, Poppie, and Mike, for their music and contribution to Abate SE.

Your VP  
Poppie

# FLORIDA LEGISLATION UPDATE

By unanimous vote, the Senate Regulated Industries Committees approved the measure (SB 258), which expands the state's clear indoor air restrictions to more outdoor venues. Voters approved the Florida Indoor Clean Air Act a decade ago.

**HB 799 - Use of Force in Self-Defense;** Provides that provisions allowing person to stand his or her ground & meet force with force in certain circumstances do not apply to person who initiates an altercation, progressively disrupts peace, or actively pursues another individual for any reason; provides investigatory and pretrial procedures when an individual claims benefits of stand your ground provisions in an incident in which death has occurred. **Filed on Thursday, February 14, 2013**

The panel charged by Gov. Rick Scott with reviewing the state's 'stand your ground' self-defense law did not recommend any major changes to the statute, although it did make suggestions for tweaks by the Legislature in the upcoming session. The basic premise of the law isn't challenged in the final report. Scott's Task Force on Citizen Safety and Protection included lawmakers, prosecutors, defense attorneys, representatives of minority communities and law enforcement.

**HB 3 - Child Safety Devices in Motor Vehicles; Now in Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee**

**HB 13 - Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving; Now in Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee**

**HB 91 - Traffic Infraction Detectors;** Removes provisions relating to installation & use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when driver fails to stop at traffic signal; removes provisions that authorize DHSMV, county, or municipality to use such detectors.

**Withdrawn prior to introduction**

**HB 97 - Concealed Weapons and Firearms;** Creates exception to preemption of regulation of firearms to Legislature to allow state agency or local government to prohibit possession of concealed firearms & ammunition at specified publicly sanctioned or sponsored events conducted in public buildings or at government-sponsored outdoor public venues. **Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee**

**HB 119 - Searches and Seizures;** Prohibits law enforcement agency from using drone to gather evidence. **Favorable with CS by Criminal Justice Subcommittee**

# OLDHIPPIY'S CORNER

## You have got to love the way the system works

I had or better yet the misfortune to see how our court system has managed to have layers upon layers of ways it seems, to extort monies from the common man

I recently had to take care of a toll issue in Palm Beach. I received a notice that if I didn't pay a ticket I would lose my DL. After finally getting through on the phone, and found out it was for not paying a toll and I would either have to pay a \$ 250 fine or I can go to the court house to challenge it.

Well I went down there and pleaded my case to the Clerk of the Court stating that there must be a mistake that I have a Sun pass and even if I didn't, should I have at least been billed by the pay by the plate program? Nope , nada and of course I did not receive the ticket by mail either, which kind of made it worse. Well after waiting over 2 months and already paying \$20 late fee. I went to court which had around 100 participates, most for the same reason as myself, only to find out it was a hearing and was advised to either now pay a lower fee of \$135 court cost and \$20 for some other thing or can request a trial date, which would not be for another couple of months.

Needless to say I gave up.( Which they wanted me to do)

In this land where reality and fiction are sometime indistinguishable there is a dead legal principle that says judges and courts should not personally benefit from the results of their rulings. Obviously, there is

a conflict of interest anytime a judge's well-being would be affected by his or her decision. On occasion, a judge is found guilty of taking bribes for deciding in favor of his benefactors.

But, when the conflict of interest is systemic, universal, and worth billions of dollars it is also invisible! I'm talking about the adjudication of traffic tickets. Traffic tickets are the mother's milk of the court system. Thousands of judges rule on traffic cases knowing full well that guilty verdicts pay their salary, fund their retirement systems, and build their courthouses. But does anybody see a conflict of interest in this system? Are the noble judges apparently above the temptations the rest of humanity experiences?

I spent hours trying to find out where all the dollars collected at the expense of a lot of common folks goes and came up empty, but was able to find where a \$214.00 speeding ticket in Indiana that was paid though their Traffic Justice Program) is divvied up:

State Courts: \$49.00  
County Courts: \$18.90  
City Courts: \$2.10  
Law Enforcement Fee: \$4.00  
Jury Fee: \$2.00  
Highway Work Zone: \$0.50 (??)  
Auto Record Keeping Fee: \$7.00  
Document Storage Fee: \$2.00  
I Public Defense Administration Fee: \$3.00  
Judicial Insurance Adjustment: \$1.00

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# From the desk of the Editor

First and foremost I would like to congratulate Phil Peterson on his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday along with the 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his dealership. He has come a long way from farming in Wisconsin and racing Harleys to establish one of the best, still family own Harley-Davidson dealership's around anywhere.

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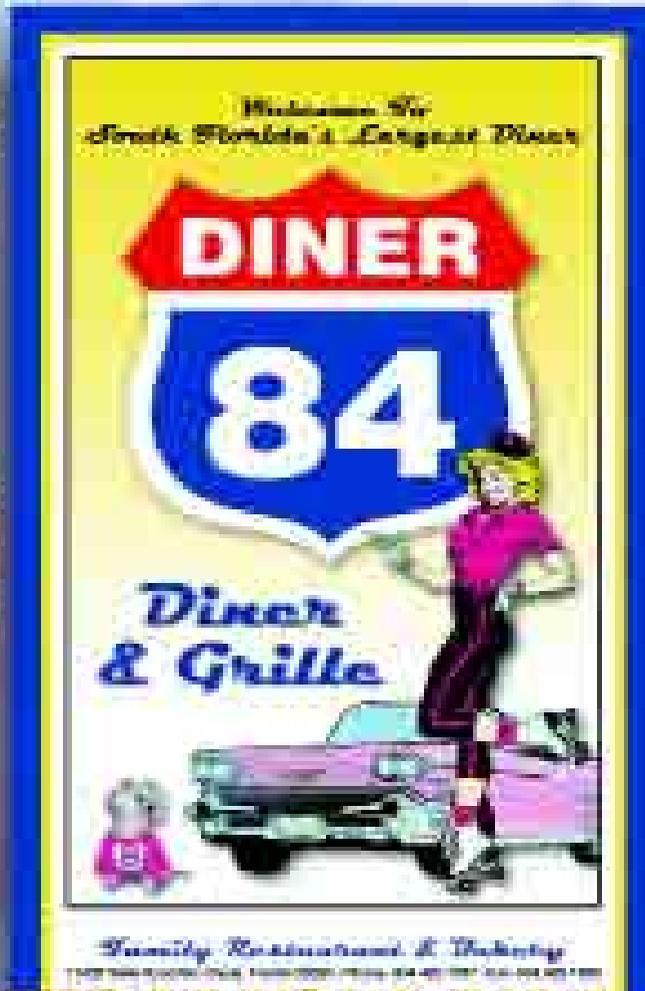
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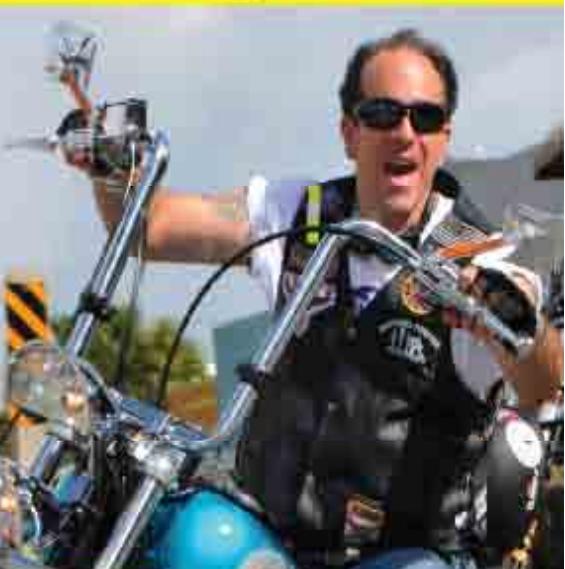
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Now this interesting....  
Pa. Senate votes to abolish Phila.'s Traffic Court  
As reported on February 15, 2013| By Angela Cou-lumbis, Inquirer Harrisburg Bureau of PHILLY. com

The state Senate unanimously voted to abolish Philadelphia's embattled Traffic Court, just weeks after nine of the court's former and current judges were charged in a sweeping federal probe into ticket-fixing.

Without debate, the chamber on Wednesday passed two bills. The first would eliminate the seven-member court from the state constitution, which would require several years to accomplish. The second would hobble the court in the interim by transferring its responsibilities to Philadelphia Municipal Court.

The bills now go to the state House, where their chances also appear strong.  
Though the Senate measures were sponsored by a suburban Republican, the city's top Democrat promptly called them "the right thing to do." Mayor Nutter, in Harrisburg on other business, told The Inquirer that the court was "an abominable mess."

The bills' chief sponsor agreed. "After the most recent round of indictments, the situation in Philadelphia Traffic Court is so bad that only one judge out of seven is still serving on the court," Majority

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First I would like to thank everyone that showed support to the MC clubs last month. We would still like to see more of the membership turn out for scheduled rides from the post. Check the Abate Hotline for rides. From now on we will try to discuss after mtg rides and any details during the mtg to avoid blocking the parking lot. Rides leaving the mtg will be KSU 15 min. after mtg.

LET'S GET OUT THERE AND SHOW SUPPORT!!!!  
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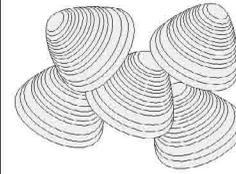
from bills pg 11

**HB 123 - Use of Deadly Force;** Requires overt act to support belief that use of deadly force for specified purposes is necessary; defines "unlawful activity" for specified purposes; provides that immunity from civil & criminal liability for certain uses of deadly force does not apply to injuries to children & bystanders not affiliated with overt act. **Filed on Wednesday, January 09**

**HB 331 - Self-Defense ;** Authorizes person to use force, except deadly force, in defense of property; provides that person does not have duty to retreat if person is in certain place; requires, rather than authorizes, law enforcement agency to investigate use of force; deletes provision that prohibits law enforcement agency from arresting person for using force; authorizes, rather than requires, court to award attorney fees & other expenses to defendant who used force; deletes provisions that make justifiable use of force available to aggressor who initially provokes use of force; provides additional circumstances in which justifiable use of force is not available; directs FDLE to collect data on incidents concerning alleged justifiable use of force; requires law enforcement agencies to report incidents & cases in which justifiable use of force claimed. **Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee**

**HM 545 - Right to Keep and Bear Arms;** Urges Congress and the President to protect the constitutional right of the people to keep and bear arms. **Now in Local & Federal Affairs Committee**

**HB 4009 - Use of Deadly Force in Defense of a Person;** Repeals provisions relating to home protection & use of deadly force, which created presumption of fear of death or great bodily harm in certain circumstances & provided that there is no duty to retreat & has the right to stand one's ground & meet force with force in certain circumstances; conforms provisions. **Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee**



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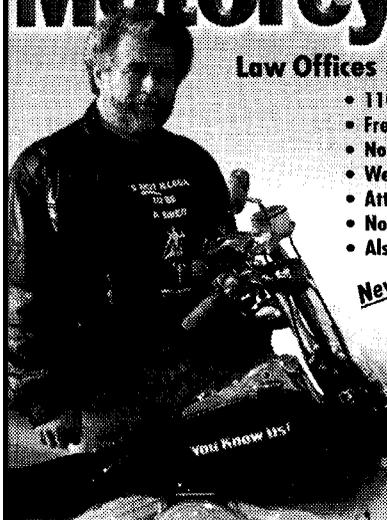
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Leader Dominic Pileggi (R., Delaware) said after the bills were approved. "There is no good reason for taxpayers to continue footing the bill for a court that is unnecessary and has become an embarrassment to the state's judicial system."

Pileggi noted that no other county in Pennsylvania has a separate traffic court, and that his chamber estimates that eliminating Philadelphia's could save the taxpayers up to \$650,000 a year.

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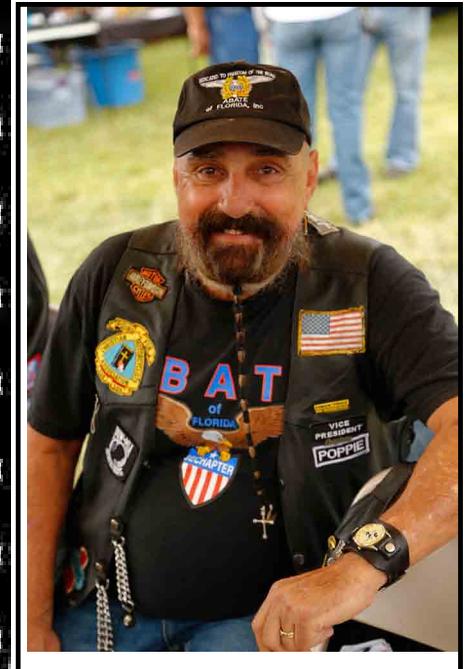
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|  |        |                    |   |   | 1                               | 2   |
|  |        |                    |   |   |                                 | Luke's Place<br>Bike Night                |
| 3  | 4      | 5                  | 6   | Cafe' 27<br>Bike Nite<br>States MC<br>Pompano<br>Dinner | 7<br>→                          | 8<br>Birthday party<br><b>BOD Meeting</b> |
| <b>Hernandad Annual</b>                  |        |                    |   |   | <b>Daytona Bike Week Starts</b> |   |
| 10                                       | 11     | 12                 | 13  | Cafe' 27<br>Bike Nite<br>States MC<br>Pompano<br>Dinner | 14                              | 15  |
| Daylight Saving<br>Time Begins           |        |                    |   |   |                                 | Luke's Place<br>Bike Night                |
| 17                                       | 18     | 19                 | 20  | Cafe' 27<br>Bike Nite<br>States MC<br>Pompano<br>Dinner | 21                              | 22  |
| <b>CHAPTER MEETING</b><br>Bike Week Ends |        |                    | First Day of<br>Spring                                  |   |                                 | Luke's Place<br>Bike Night                |
| 24                                       | 25     | 26                 | 27  | Cafe' 27<br>Bike Nite<br>States MC<br>Pompano<br>Dinner | 28                              | 29  |
| <b>Fiasco Btothers Annual</b>            |        | Passover<br>Begins |   |   | Good Friday                     | 30  |
| Palm Sunday                              |        |                    |   |   |                                 | <b>Black Pistons Annual</b>               |
| 31                                       |        |                    | <b>HOTLINE<br/>GET THE LATEST INFO<br/>954-310-4636</b> |   |                                 |   |
| Easter Sunday                            |        |                    |   |   |                                 |   |

**Additional Info:**

March 9,---Abate monthly Birthday party at Mickey's

 March 17-St. Patrick's Day

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| 2013 APRIL 2013         |                         |         |           |   |        |   |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------|-----------|---|--------|---|
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|                         | 1                       | 2       | 3         | 4   | 5      | 6   |
|                         | <b>APRIL FOOL'S DAY</b> |         |           | Cafe' 27<br>Bike Nite<br>States MC<br>Pompano<br>Dinner |        | Luke's Place<br>Bike Night                          |
| 7                       | 8                       | 9       | 10        | Cafe' 27<br>Bike Nite<br>States MC<br>Pompano<br>Dinner | 11     | 12  |
| <b>States MC Annual</b> |                         |         |           |   |        | <b>Mystic 7 Party</b><br>Luke's Place<br>Bike Night |
| 14                      | 15                      | 16      | 17        | Cafe' 27<br>Bike Nite<br>States MC<br>Pompano<br>Dinner | 18     | 19  |
|                         | Tax Day                 |         |           |   |        | BOD Meeting<br><b>OUTCAST ANNUAL</b>                |
| 21                      | 22                      | 23      | 24        | Cafe' 27<br>Bike Nite<br>States MC<br>Pompano<br>Dinner | 25     | 26  |
| <b>Chapter Meeting</b>  | Earth Day               |         |           |   |        | <b>Leesburg</b><br>Luke's Place<br>see pg.37        |
| 28                      | 29                      | 30      |           |   |        |   |
| <b>Leesburg</b>         |                         |         |           |   |        |   |

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# 2013 CALENDAR

MANDATORY ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD



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## MARCH

- 3 - HERMANDAD MC Annual**  
8th-17 - Daytona Bike Week
- 30 - BLACK PISTONS MC Annual**
- 31 - CMA Easter Service

## APRIL

- 7 - STATES MC Pompano Annual**  
13 - Mystic 7 MC party
- 20 - OUTCAST MC Annual**  
27 & 28 - Leesburg

## MAY

- 5 - SOUTHERN MC Annual**
- 19 - WINGS OF GOLD MC Miami Annual**
- 26 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

## JUNE

- 8 - NEW ATTITUDES MC Annual**  
15 - AOA Jerry & Roger 1%er's Memorial
- 23 - WINGS OF GOLD MC Ft. Laud Annual**
- 30 - USMV MC Broward party

## JULY

- 20 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook off
- 28 - SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC Annual**

## AUGUST

- 3 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Party
- 8-18 73rd Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 9-11, The 17th South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 11 - AOA MC 45th Anniversary Party

## SEPTEMBER

- 7 - Outcast MC Party
- 8 - States Pompano MC 20th Key West Party
- 15 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party
- 19-22 Peterson's 40th Key West Poker Run
- 29 - Keltics MC Party

## OCTOBER

- 5 - MYSTIC SEVEN MC Annual**  
12 - New Attitudes MC Party
- 13 - SE ABATE Annual Party
- 18-20 Biketoberfest
- 26 - Wheels of Man Deerfield Halloween Party

## NOVEMBER

- 9 - USMVMC CH 1 Annual**
- 9 - CMA Memorial Event
- 16 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Party

## DECEMBER

- 8 - SFPC Toys in the Sun Run**  
14 - Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley
- 14 - Hermandad MC Alfredo Pena Memorial Run
- 15 - Wings of Gold MC Mia Wild Santa Toy Run
- 21 - SFLCOC Christmas Party
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Romans 12:2 tells us, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is---His good, pleasing and perfect will". The only decision God does not want us to make is the decision to sin or resist His will.

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### Riding on Wet roads

Most riders get used to riding in the rain by accident. They takeoff on an all-day ride when the sun is shining and by afternoon they realize they're going to get their first taste of wet asphalt, like it or not.

Here's a list of critical rain hazards we all need to watch for and look.

Painted Lines (some of them are melted plastic) - Crosswalks can be unsafe for motorcyclists, particularly if you're turning right or left and crossing the lines at an angle. Slow down more than usual and make the turn straight up, rather than in a lean. Until the DOT addresses the issue and comes up with a tackier texture you're the one in control of your destiny.

Surface Textures - Many commercial and residential parking areas are paved with very slick concrete surfaces. Your wet entry into the local mall or condo complex can put you on the ground in a second. Again, ride slow and straight up and don't let the concrete bite you.

Rubber - If you thought you might save some money by buying long lasting tires, think again. Such tires are typically not as tacky and have less traction when the rain comes out.

Steel - Manhole covers are enemy number one and railroad tracks rank a close second. Making a turn over the surface of them sets you up for trouble. Avoid such, or keep the bike straight up and cross over it slowly

Water - Puddles/Pot Holes - It only takes once to know how this one feels. You cruise through a puddle and after it's too late you realize you just went into a pot hole that wants to suck you into the underworld more painfully than Satan himself beating you down with a stick. Avoid puddles if you can. Use caution and predict the possibility ahead of time. Recovery from this rude awakening is not always easy.

Grated bridge crossings and metal plates are a nasty encounter in the rain. Look at where you want to ride, take it slow and don't try any fancy dancing, particularly a lane change.

Oil - It's everywhere and very illusive. Those little red and blue rainbows on the ground mean danger. Ride slow and straight up. As per the DOL's motorcycle safety manual, if you're caught in the first rain following a few dry days remember the roads are covered with lots of oil and dirt that will be lifted from the surface in the first 30-60 minutes of a new rain

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### MIC OPPOSES MINIMUM NOISE LEVELS FOR ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES

The Motorcycle Industry Council announced its opposition to a proposed rule by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that would require electric motorcycles to emit a minimum sound to protect pedestrians.

The MIC recently submitted comments opposing NHTSA's published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for FMVSS No. 141, Minimum Sound Requirements for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles, which would set minimum sound requirements for hybrid and electric vehicles, including but not limited to, motorcycles. Pursuant to the Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Act in 2010, FMVSS No. 141 is designed to ensure that blind, visually impaired and other pedestrians are able to detect nearby hybrid and electric vehicles in a range of ambient environments.

In the MIC's comments, the motorcycle industry group argued that because of the unique attributes of motorcycles, NHTSA should not need to require a minimum sound for them. The MIC says that motorcycle riders are better able to see and avoid pedestrians because their sight is unobstructed, and motorcyclists are more alert because of their vulnerability. The MIC also stated that electric motorcycles are not quiet, so they shouldn't need to

be subject to minimum sound requirements.

The MIC stated further that adding a speaker system to electric motorcycles to emit sounds would be an issue because motorcycles have less space to add such a system, the weight of the system would have a large effect on the motorcycle's low-speed stability, energy consumption of the speaker system would have a greater impact on a motorcycle's range and the price of installing the system would be higher than with automobiles.

NHTSA is seeking comments on minimum sound requirements through March 15, and details can be found at [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov).

### BIKERS PUSH FOR ANTI-PROFILING BILL IN ARIZONA

A hearing room filled with patch-wearing motorcycle club members broke out in cheers on February 6 as an Arizona Senate public safety committee voted to approve a bill requiring police to take training highlighting a ban on profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement officers.

Senator Judy Burges (R-Sun City) sponsored the anti-profiling bill to address complaints from motorcycle club members who say they're frequently stopped by police for no legitimate reason.

The bill would require the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (known as AzPOST) to include courses emphasizing the prohibition against stopping a biker for riding or wearing club colors, or questioning or searching them based only on those factors.

Rick Rodriguez of Glendale, a member of the ALMA Motorcycle Club, said that harassment of patch-wearing bikers by police is rampant. "It's not illegal to be an Elk, it's not illegal to be an Eagle, it's not illegal to be a Shriner, a Knight of Columbus," he told the Associated Press. "We wear collective marks, we ride motorcycles, that's what we like to do. I understand the average Joe citizen doesn't feel our plight. But when they get done with

bikers, who are they going to pick on next?"

Although the measure passed 4-0, with three Democratic members absent, committee chairman Sen. Chester Crandell cautioned the jubilant crowd that the bill still has a long way to go before it becomes law and needs major changes.

### TEXAS BIKERS LOBBY FOR CRASH PREVENTION ACT

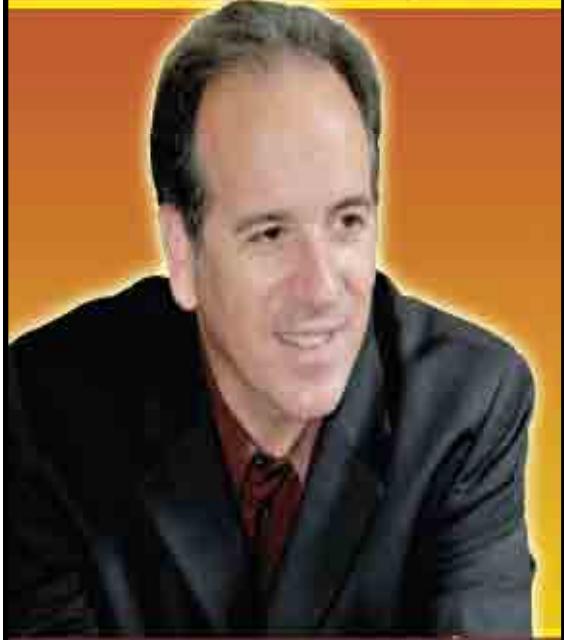
Suits and leather jackets rubbed shoulders in the Capitol's corridors in Austin, Texas on Monday, January 28, as the two disparate groups share a concern over education funding; while the state's universities lobbied lawmakers over the General Appropriations bill's impact on higher education, motorcycle associations are concerned that funds allocated last session to the Texas Department of Public Safety are not being used effectively to support road safety and thereby costing taxpayers.

More money is needed for motorcycle training and to educate the public about sharing the road with riders, said Terri Williams, a spokesperson for the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association (TMRA2) and on behalf of the Texas Confederation of Clubs and Independents. Texas' "Share the Road" campaign isn't long enough, only lasting the month of May, while states with yearlong programs have fewer accidents, which saves taxpayers money.

The motorcycle groups are asking state lawmakers to pass the Motorcycle Crash Prevention Act, a new bill aimed at lowering the number of motorcycle accidents across Texas by providing additional funding to expand Texas' "Share the Road" program -- a public service campaign intended to make drivers more aware of motorcycles on the road -- and if the proposed bill becomes law, it would also fund more training for riders.

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The bill also changes the definition of a motorcycle by creating a "cab-enclosed motorcycle" classification for two- or three-wheeled vehicles having an occupant compartment top that is either permanent or removable. The bill was signed into law by Governor John Kasich on December 19, 2012 and changes take effect March 19, 2013.

#### CALIFORNIA OFFICIALS UNVEIL LANE-SHARING RULES

About 87% of California motorcycle riders reportedly slide between cars on crowded roadways – while only half of car drivers know it's legal and 7% admit they've tried to block them – which is why the California Highway Patrol is now providing guidance to safely maneuver the white lines.

California is the only state in the country where so-called "lane-splitting" or "lane-sharing" isn't illegal, but state authorities have never, until now, told motorcyclists how to weave between traffic safely.

The new rules, which the CHP posted on their website after consulting with other state agencies and motorcycle-rider groups as part of the California Motorcyclist Safety Program which trains new riders in the state, apply to city streets, highways and freeways across the Golden State. "Basically, what we're most interested in is the speeds," said Sgt. Mark Pope, statewide motorcycle safety coordinator for the CHP. "You should lane-split no faster than 10 mph over the speed of traffic around you, and we recommend riders not split at all if the traffic is faster than 30 mph." CHP officers have always had the legal authority to ticket motorcyclists who were driving dangerously fast, Pope said, but the new rules are designed to provide specifics. The new written guidelines, which carry no legal weight, can be found at <http://bit.ly/XxIRJb>

NEW MOTORCYCLE SALES REV UP; Motor-

cycle sales in the United States revved up in 2012, rising a healthy 2.6% over 2011, according to a report released by the Motorcycle Industry Council. Better yet, the trade group said, retail activity was up in all four motorcycle "segments" -- the first time that has happened since 2002 -- with increases in scooter, dual-purpose, off-road and on-highway motorcycle sales. Scooter sales raised the most, at 7.7%, with dual-purpose motorcycles following closely at 7.4%. Sales of dirt bikes rose 2.1%, while those of on-highway bikes, which make up by far the largest segment in terms of overall numbers, went up the least, at 1.8%.

The numbers were in line with expectations, as the MIC reported in December that for the first time since the market softened in 2006 and then crashed in 2008, it anticipated reporting an increase in sales figures.

Just over 1.1 million motorcycles were sold in 2006, and fewer than half that many in 2011 with 452,386 total new units sold in the U.S.

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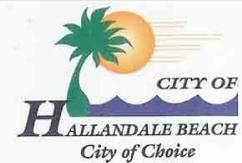
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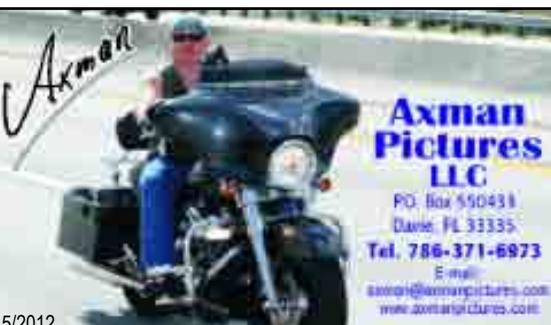
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To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

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

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

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**March 17, 2013 - Sunday 10 am**

**April 21, 2013- Sunday 10 am**

**at:**

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