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## From Your President



On Saturday January 15<sup>th</sup> they held the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Dania Beach Antique Motorcycle Show at Frost Park. Once again the Southeast Chapter of ABATE was asked to set up our Safety & Membership booth where we signed up 12 new and 2 life members. We also brought out our t-shirts and other products to sell. If you have never been to a vintage bike show then you missed a lot of cool bikes that you would only see in books or magazines. They had bikes from the teens, 20's and 30's. There were old Harleys and Indians and they even had a 4 cylinder Henderson. There were all kinds of European, Japanese and British bikes to look at. There must have been about 3,000 people who showed up to look at them. If Dania Beach lets them put on this show year after year you know they a motorcycle friendly town. Hope to see you there next year on Saturday, January 31, 2015.

That same Saturday night the Southeast Chapter of ABATE held its monthly birthday party at Chit-Chats Bar in Pompano Beach. They are a new advertiser in our newsletter. Sherry and her husband Pat bent over backwards to make our party there one to remember. It started at 8PM with music by "Assassin" and all the members who showed up had a good time listening to them play and all the young ladies who showed up had a good time too. Thank you Sherry for putting on our party and the food was just as good as it is on your Wednesday night Bike Night. Please go out and support them.

On Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> the Alternatives MC of Fort Lauderdale held their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Party at their clubhouse. Poppie and I took a ride there. The little rain we had stopped in time for the party to start. Tophat and all his guys put on a great party and the food was fabulous as always. All the clubs showed up and everybody had a good time. At 10AM they held a memorial service for one of their brothers George "Whorehey" Kornick. Thanks to the Alternatives MC for all they do for the bikers.

On February 7<sup>th</sup> I picked up Bev, one of our members and went to Leesburg for the State Meeting of ABATE. When we left it was a warm 72 degrees. As we drove up the turnpike the weather turned to a chilly 42 degrees, cold and rainy. It is time to elect the state board to run ABATE for another 2 years. This was a sad meeting as the person who does our Masterlink, Bob Von Bulow passed away in his sleep on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. He was only 55 years old. On February 8<sup>th</sup> after the State Meeting we went over to Steve's Package and Lounge on Highway 27 in Leesburg to have a toast for Bob. There must have been about 100 people there. Then on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> Griz, the President of Lake County Chapter and Frenchi with Orange County Chapter riding Bob's bike led a ride to Sugarloaf Mountain to spread his ashes. It was a nice turnout even though it was raining. There were 30 bikes and 10 cars that showed up. Rest in peace and ride forever Bob.

On Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> the Southeast Chapter of ABATE held our monthly meeting at the American Legion Post 321 in Cooper City. We had Vicki Blood as a guest speaker. Vicki is a Public Relations and Marketing Specialist for American Income Life Insurance. They are the company that provides the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance that we get as members of ABATE. We had a good turnout and she was asked and answered a lot of questions. I hope you got the answer to your question. After the meeting we road over to the Outlaws MC for their annual Valentine's Day Party at the Tiki Hut. When we got there the party was in full swing and the place was packed. The music was provided by Shovelhead and when they did the drawing for the door prizes they did it while playing a great riff as they sang out the numbers. Good job guys.

I can't believe it's that time of year again to have our nominations for the board and trustees of the Southeast Chapter of ABATE. If you want to step up and help the Chapter keep going come out to our meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>. You can even nominate yourself if you want.

Remember,

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*Bars*



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For Membership Renewals contact, George Torrence by either email:  
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**\* 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.***



### **Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes - Feb. 16, 2014**

Sgt @ Arms Jimmy Les called the meeting to order at 10:16 am. There were 40 members & 1 guest. Total in attendance: 41. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Suzanne.

#### **Presidents Report**

BARS thanked all members for coming. Another show of support from our brother MC's and Associations with representation today from the Brothers of the Third Wheel, American Legion Riders Post 321, American Freedom Riders Post 36, VVA23, Masonic Riders Association and Der Krieger MC. On a sad note, member Big Jim Gorsky passed away this past Friday. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers. At last month's check presentation from the proceeds of the Toy Run at Peterson's Harley, we received the trophy for the largest organization for the second year in a row. What a great event we had at Chester's Harley Davidson. Thanks to all our members who came out and a Big Thank You to Chester's Harley Davidson. Not only for their hospitality and support, but for their generosity. BARS introduced Vicki Blood who represents American Income Life Insurance Company who came here today to discuss and explain our free \$4000.00 per member ADD policy. Discussion followed, highlights are:

- All members are covered even if you do not return the beneficiary card, but at least keep a copy of the letter which was sent to you and let your family members know.
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- They have other programs which you might

be interested in to help protect you and your family.

- If you have any issues, questions or concerns feel free to contact her at 1-321-305--8883

#### **Vice-Presidents Report**

Poppi was excused. BARS reported there were 3 articles in this month's Wheels on The Road which highlighted our chapter. And yes, every member should be proud of what was written about us. Pick up a copy, read the articles and pat yourselves on the back. You deserve it.

#### **Secretary's Report**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of January's meeting as printed in the newsletter, motion was seconded all in favor motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Frank wanted to Thank all the members who came out to support our event at Chester's Harley Davidson. Everyone worked together as a team to make this event successful. To name a few; Chester's Harley Davidson, Cathy and Joel, Wildcat, Jimmy Les and all the members attending. Due to a change of State Membership Trustee's a full audit was required of our membership records. Since we are the largest chapter in the state we came under a lot of scrutiny. Our sincere thanks go to our Membership Trustee George Torrence. With his attention to detail and meticulous records, our audit resulted with no issues, problems or concerns and we even received a 40.00 credit to the chapter.

Again, THANK YOU George.

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



### **Sergeant at Arms Report**

Jimmy Les thanked all the members who came out to work at our event. Next Sat. 2/22/14, the Town of Davie has asked for our help. They are having their Orange Blossom Festival and Parade and have asked for us to participate. In addition we will be setting up THE FLAG. For those who are not aware, Jimmy's flag is huge and the chapter does receive donations from those who want their picture taken with it. And if Teddy Bear is there, you cannot have your picture taken without him in the picture with a donation bucket. We will be meeting at the Moose Lodge on Davie Road at 0800 for set up, then we will ride in the parade. A signup sheet is going around, if you can help please sign your name and phone contact and he will contact you during the week to finalize meeting place and time.

### **Road Captain's Report**

Postal reported right after today's meeting we are headed to the AOA Valentines Party. Upcoming group rides and events will be listed under good of the order.

### **Safety Directors Report**

Gambler was excused. BARS reported we were able to get some more safety products. However the states supply is getting very low. Out of the 14 different safety items we requested we only received 7.

### **Products Report**

Joel reported we have products and a few new state hats. If you need anything, fell free to give them a call at 954-818-4481.

### **Events Coordinator**

Shakie Thanked all our members who came out to help at our event. Next event- Memorial Day. Tentatively will be at Cafe 27. We will keep you posted.

### **State Reps Report**

The state meeting was held in Leesburg. A full report of the meeting will be printed in the Masterlink. High-lights are: Bike week will be 3/7 to 3/16/14. Clean up is scheduled for Mon 3/17/14. If you help on clean up day, you will be paid (Fla. Minimum Wage) for your time. **The State Newsletter - Masterlink** - will no longer be printed and mailed to the members. It will be available online only. This is due to the cost to produce it. Aprils State Meeting will be in Tallahassee. If you only make 1 State Meeting, this is the one.

You will have an opportunity to meet with our elected officials. This will be the last year of free camping, fee's will be charged starting next year. Due to health reasons, State President Danny Fish will not seek re-election. The following were nominated for the 2014-2016 State Board;

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### **Membership Report**

George reported we have **616** members on the books. Life Members Cards were received for: Colonel David Lee, Robert Thompson and Leo Hinkley. 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**

Wildcat reported she will not be able to continue as our newsletter editor after June. Anyone interested in taking over the position please contact any board member. We must have a member step up by March unless you are computer literate as it will take 3 months to learn the software used. **This is no joke or a threat, if we do not have any member step up to be our Newsletter Editor, Southeast Chapter will have no choice but to shut down.**

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### **Legislative Report**

Brad reported there a number of bills in different stages of committees on the agenda, they include Traffic Highway Safety, Concealed Weapons, Red light cameras and Insurance

### **Public Relations**

Fern is set up at most events promoting and does a great job on the hotline.

### **Billing and Invoicing**

Pixie was excused. BARS reported all billing is up to date. Bills are now being emailed and faxed. We will

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no longer hand deliver invoices.

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**Social Directors Report**

Wildcat reported there will be a combination February and March birthday, tentatively set up at the Moose Lodge. Check the hotline for further details

**Newsletter Distribution**

Debbie had to leave and has left extra newsletters on the tables but wanted to thank all the members who deliver the newsletter. A member requested that his newsletter be delivered to his house. His request was denied. Newsletters are no longer mailed out. Even the State will no longer mail out their newsletter. Discussion followed. However for 3 months, October, November and December it was brought to the attention of our members in order to survive we would stop the mailing effective on January 1, 2014. During the 3 months, only 1 member out of 616 came forward to offer suggestions. The newsletter is available online at www.abatese.org or you can visit any of the establishments we deliver to, or better yet attend the monthly meeting and pick one up.

**Quartermaster's Report**

Bob was excused. No report.

**Photographer's Report**

Wildcat reported feel free to take pictures send them to her.

**Web-Master's Report**

Rogue was excused. BARS reported web up and running, no issues reported.

**Legal Council**

Brad reported there was nothing to report. Demetrious reported there have not been too many red light camera tickets issued to motorcyclist. If you get one, please give him a call.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Good of the Order**

After today's meeting - AOA Valentines Party at the Tiki Hut.

Nominations for the Southeast Chapter Board of Directors and Trustees will start at next month's meeting. Member Paul Bigera is currently hospitalized in Daytona, call him at 954-931-2636. He needs our support.

**Upcoming Events**

- 2/22/14 - Wheels of Man MC 41st Annual Poker Run
- 2/22/14 - Town of Davie Parade
- 3/1/14 - American Legion Riders Event
- 3/1/14 - American Freedom Riders Event
- 3/2/14 - Ride for Kids Event
- 3/2/14 - Hermandad MC Event. Group ride meeting at the Legion between 1100 and 1200.
- Kick stands up at 1230pm
- 3/7 to 3/16/14 - Bike Week, Daytona Beach

**Please check the hotline for updates and any changes. 954-310-4626**

**All Southeast Chapter Group Rides start at our American Legion Post 321 unless otherwise advised.**


A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned 11:40am

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

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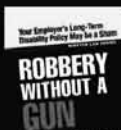
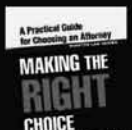
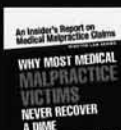
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The Chapter's Executive Board have asked many times for suggestions from our members on how to raise money to support our Chapter and also to recognize those Brothers and Sisters, who provide extra monetary resources to support and promote the S.E. Chapter's mission, and this is a suggestion worth implementing. Therefore the ABATE S.E. Chapter will establish ABATE SE Chapter Sponsorship Program. This will provide those that are able to provide a donation to the Chapter and to have name recognition in our Monthly Newsletter and on the ABATE Website for one year. The categories for Sponsorship are: Platinum Donor \$125+; Diamond Donor \$100+; Gold Donor \$75+; Silver Donor \$50+; and, Bronze Donor \$25+.

As of April 2013's Official State Membership Report, the S.E. Chapter is comprised of 632 members of which, 42% are Lifetime Members and 58% Annual Members. I am a Lifetime Member and when I joined I thought that a bulk of the \$150.00 fee would go to support the Chapter. In reality, only \$50 of that fee goes to the Chapter and the remaining \$100 goes to Florida State Abate, and our Annual Members pay a \$20 fee, the Chapter only receives \$10 with the State collecting the remainder. Therefore after five years, the Chapter's Lifetime Members no longer financially support the Chapter with any sort of annual dues payment. If you have been a Lifetime Member for over five years, you do not provide any financial support to the Chapter unless you: buy ABATE Chapter products; pay to attend Chapter events; post an ad in our Newsletter; or make a monetary donation. It is very financially difficult to support 632 members when 42% of the memberships, after five years, have no obligation to do so. Some state ABATE's, California for example, charge a onetime lifetime membership fee (\$450) and then each year afterwards "in order to maintain your lifetime status and benefits", must pay \$50 per year sustaining fee. Florida ABATE does not do that, yet.

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**Thank you in advance for your support!**

Thanks goes out to those who donated to ABATE SE Chapter's Sponsorship Program. Suzanne Keen was our first Platinum Sponsor. To date, these are the names of those who have donated over \$525.00 to ABATE SE Chapter.

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## Vice-President



Once again I'm going to thank you all for helping us have a good event. All our chapter members, always step up when needed. Some more than others, but we need everybody's help to pull it off.

Thanks to all our brother and sister bikers who came out to support us, hope you all had a good time!

Thanks to Chester's H.D. Sunrise for all their help, with personnel, set up, music, and everything else you helped us with.

Special Thanks to the band "SOULICIDE" .....they were great!

I hope I didn't forget to thank everybody who should be thanked, please forgive me if I didn't. So I'll close in saying Thank You all who helped, attended, and supported ABATE Southeast Chapter's "Semi-Annual" event, and throughout the year.

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## *A Message From Your Newsletter Editor*

### - I Have to Say Goodbye -

I will NOT be able to do the Newsletter any longer, nor anything else for this Chapter come the June issue. Yes, the June issue will be my last one. Our Boss has recently given us so much work now, we can't even see straight! Which is a good thing, to help us get back on our feet, even though it's hard on me working in the Construction field, but we need to pay our bills. Some of you might not know it, but Johnny and I work together. So I'm stuck with him on the jobs to get them done, even if it's til midnight. And especially if they are a good distance away from home! Even our food schedule is sometimes off.

Being that February was a short month, and my time is short from working long hours, and yes on the weekends too a lot of times, this Newsletter will be late. This is why I put out the warning, to make you aware that there might be times that it will be late due to my full-time + job. This is a flexible type of job, we never know where we are going to be; out-of-town, or out-of-the-state, or how long we will be, the Newsletter just isn't working out with my schedule anymore. Not only that, but I need my life back. I need some free time to myself every once in awhile.

So, come the June issue, I cannot do the Newsletter or anything else past that. I can barely hang on doing it anymore now, but I'm gonna do my best to hang in there til then, and then no more after that. I hope you understand my situation, I haven't any choice of the matter. My job and family come first. This Newsletter is more for someone who is home all the time so they can dedicate their time into it, and so it will also get out on time as well.

So, if anyone is interested, please step up and contact me, or any one of the Board members. This month is the last month to step up to learn the software. The June issue will be too late, unless someone already knows how to use the software to do the Newsletter, and can dedicate their time, then they can take over right after me. It's up to you now...

Thank you and be Safe...

*Lee Ann "Wildcat" Lewis*

Newsletter Editor



**Deadline: BEFORE Meeting of each Month for Articles, Ads, Flyers, etc.**

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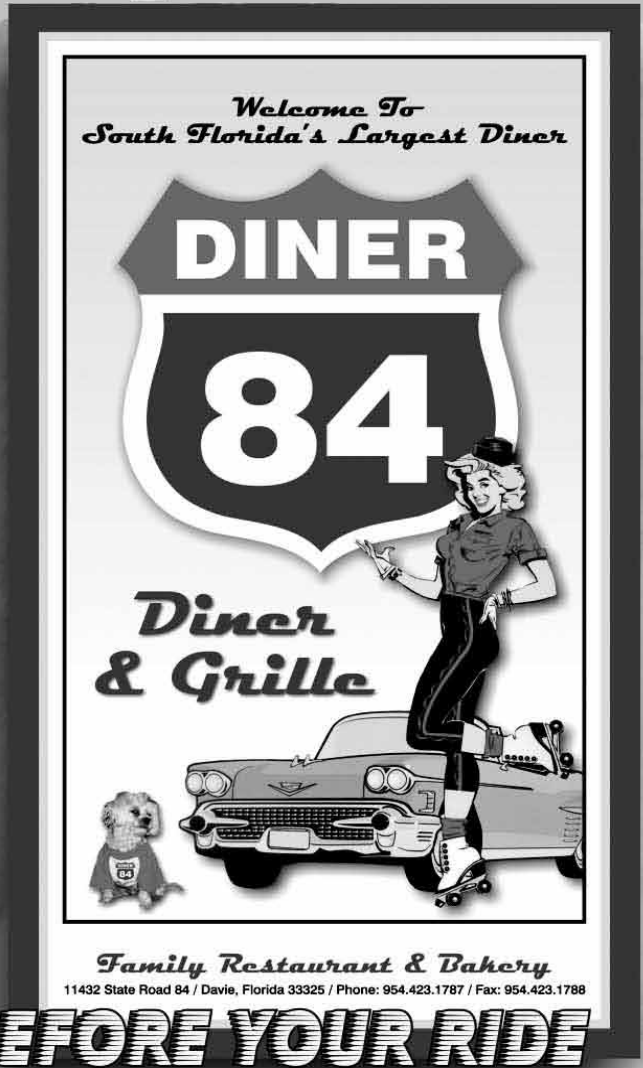
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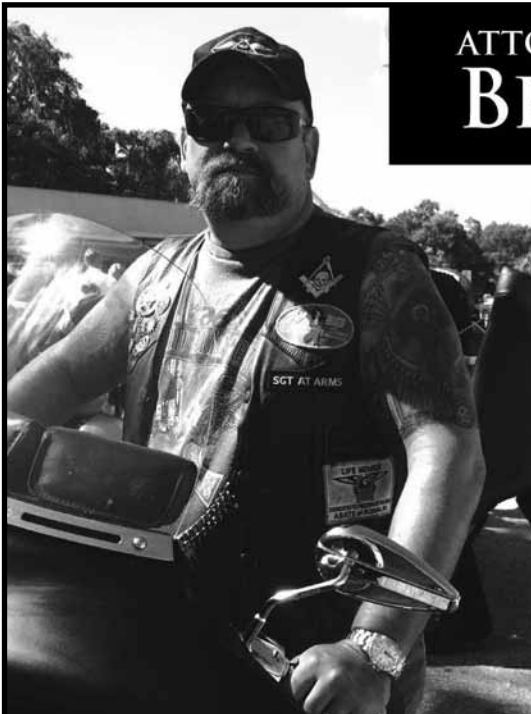
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2014

March

2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Hernandad MC Annual	3	4	5	6 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	7 Daytona Bike Week Begins	8 →
9 →	10	11 →	12	13 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	14	15 →
16 <b>Chapter Meeting</b> Daytona Bike Week Ends	17  St Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	21	22 <b>ABATE Birthday Party</b>
23 Keltics MC Annual	24	25	26	27 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	28	29
30	31					



See Page 13 for  
more Details

**Additional Info:**

**March 7th-16th - Daytona Bike Week**

**March 16 - US Military Vets MC - Chapter 1 - Party**

**March - Keltics MC Annual**

Always **Check the Hotline** for more additional information: **954-310-4636...**  
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2014

April

2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	4	5
6 States MC Annual	7	8	9	10 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	11	12 Mystic Seven MC Party
13 AOA Pauly 1 <sup>st</sup> Memorial	14	15	16	17 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	18	19 Outcast MC Annual
20 <b>Chapter Meeting</b>  Easter Sunday	21	22	23	24 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	25 Leesburg Bikefest Begins	26 Leesburg Bikefest
27 Leesburg Bikefest Ends	28	29	30	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner		



### Additional Info:

**April 20 - CMA Easter Service**

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# 2014 CALENDAR

MANDATORY ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD

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## MARCH 2014

2nd - **HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL**  
7th-16th - DAYTONA BIKE WEEK  
16th - US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY  
23rd - **KELTICS MC - ANNUAL**

## APRIL 2014

6th - **STATES MC - ANNUAL**  
12th - MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY  
13th - AOA PAULY 1<sup>er</sup> MEMORIAL  
19th - **OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL**  
20th - CMA EASTER SERVICE  
25th-27th - LEESBURG BIKEFEST

## MAY 2014

4th - **SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL**  
18th - WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL  
25th - S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

## JUNE 2014

1st - **DER KRIEGER MC - ANNUAL**  
8th - NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY  
14th - AOA JERRY, ROGER, AND KENNY 1<sup>er</sup> MEMORIAL  
22nd - **WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**  
29th - **US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL**

## JULY 2014

12th - ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY  
19th - WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

## AUGUST 2014

2nd - WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY  
4th-10th - 74th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY  
8th-10th - SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION  
10th - AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNIVERSARY PARTY

## SEPTEMBER 2014

7th - SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN  
13th - OUTCAST MC - PARTY

14th - STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY  
19th-21st - PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN  
28th - KELTICS MC - PARTY

## OCTOBER 2014

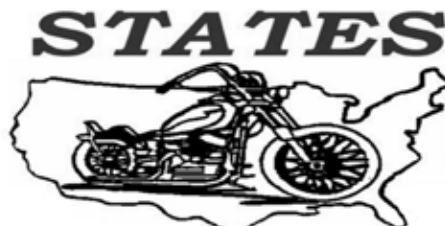
4th - MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL  
11th - NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL  
12th - SE ABATE - ANNUAL  
16th-19th - DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST  
25th - WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY

## NOVEMBER 2014

8th - **US MILITARY VETS MC CH 1 - ANNUAL**  
9th - CMA - MEMORIAL EVENT  
15th - **HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL**

## DECEMBER 2014

7th - **SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN**  
13th - PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING  
13th - HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEMORIAL/TOY RUN  
14th - WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN  
20th - **SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
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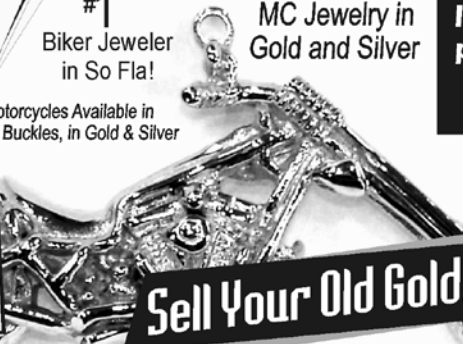
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The motorcycle race resumed, in February 1947, promoted by Bill Franks. The race drew a crowd, of 176 riders. It changed again in 1948, with a new road course that measured 4.1 miles. The last Daytona 200 racing on the beach road course, ran in 1960. In 1961, it found a new home, known as the Daytona National Speedway. Over the years, it has developed into a 10 day celebration of freedom known throughout the world, as Daytona Bike Week, drawing crowds of 100s of 1000s from around the world every year.

The Hernandad MC annual will be held on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be an organized ride leaving from Cooper City American Legion, Post 321. We'll be meeting between 11 and noon, kickstands up at 1230 PM. Our chapter meeting will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup>, same location, at 10 AM. And, St. Patty's Day is here for all you greeb blooded patrons, and the Keltics MC annual will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Check the hotline for details.

Friday Night is Club night, so come out and support the local clubs who support us. As always, remember to check the hotline for details, at 954-310-4636. Until next time, ride safe, and keep the shiny side up.

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I have been the Safety Director for this Chapter for eight months now and finally people are talking to me and giving me some of their concerns about how we can be safe, courteous and show some common sense while out on the road. I encourage every one of you to let me know your concerns and even give me ideas for articles you would like for me to write about.

Also, if you work for a company, or know of a company that has monthly mandatory safety meetings and invite outside speakers, either talk to them about having me speak, or give me a name and phone number and I will call them. Both my phone number and email address are in the Newsletter on page 3. This article is going to be short because I want to stimulate your thinking and get you more involved with ABATE's Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program. Help me write articles that support our organization's programs.

SAFETY is everyone's responsibility. Dress accordingly. Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings, anticipate others' moves, know your escape routes (changing lanes, etc.) and react with extreme caution. Do not start screaming and cursing out the drivers when they cut you off. Instead use your horn to warn them of your presence. We don't need any more bad raps because of over-zealous bikers.



Remember, they may not see you because of their blind spots, and there are several. They're not trying to run you over.

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The dual-purpose and off-road segments enjoyed the greatest percentage annual growth, with scooter sales declining in 2013.

#### FARM BILL DETERS E15

Opponents of E15, such as motorcyclists whose vehicles are not approved to use fuel containing higher levels of ethanol, won a major victory on February 7, 2014 when President Barack Obama signed the Agricultural Act of 2014, with a provision removing subsidies for biofuel blending pumps.

The provision, tucked into page 735 of the 949-page farm bill, could make it more difficult for gasoline blended with higher concentrations of ethanol to find its way to rural areas, where demand for the fuel is greatest.

Blender pumps mix gasoline and ethanol for sale at gas stations, so restricting the grant money to purchase the pumps necessary to dispense E15 would greatly deter its distribution. That, in turn, could make it more difficult for the United States to implement a program known as the Renewable Fuel Standard, or RFS, which mandates increasing amounts of biofuels like corn-based ethanol be blended into the nation's fuel supply.

The Obama administration previously set a goal of installing 10,000 blender pumps to promote consumption of higher-ethanol gasoline, but currently only 59 stations across 12 states sell E15, compared with 125,000 U.S. gasoline stations.

The win for motorcycle and ATV owners, who risk damaging their machines and invalidating warranties by even inadvertently putting E15 in their tanks, follows a November move by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to reduce for the first time the amount of ethanol required to be blended into U.S. gasoline supplies. Ironically, the EPA proposed the cuts in part due to concerns over the lack of infrastructure, such as blender pumps needed to sell gasoline with greater concentrations of ethanol.

#### MOTORCYCLE SALES INCREASE

The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has reported that annual motorcycle sales grew 1.4% in 2013. The 465,783 unit total represents a 6,485 increase from 2012.

On-Highway motorcycles sales tallied 324,691 for the year, a 2% increase from 2012. The On-Highway segment is by far the largest tracked by the MIC, and it includes all street-legal bikes excepting dual-sports and scooters. It recorded a 6,485 unit year-over-year (YOY) increase.

The smallest volume segment, Dual, reported the largest YOY percentage increase at 7.8%. The Dual category includes small street-legal dual-sports as well as popular Adventure bikes. The yearly total for this market was 32,979 for a 2,387 unit increase in 2013.

Off-Highway motorcycle sales grew 5.7% for the year. The annual total of 73,371 represents a 3,976 unit boost from last year. The near 4000-unit gain comes despite a slow finish in 2013, recording a YOY decrease of 1,025 units in December.

Scooter sales, which are traditionally more volatile than bike sales, struggled to match 2012 totals. The annual tally of 34,742 was 6,363 units short of the 2012 total – a 15.5% decline.

ATV sales for 2013 posted a nearly identical tally of 228,305 – a mere 0.5% increase over 2012. The quad market benefited from a strong December to push the annual tally into the black, with a 1,799 unit increase YOY for the month. Notably, the MIC does not track sales for UTV and side-by-side units, which have reportedly eclipsed ATV sales in recent years.

**STATES RANKED BY MOTORCYCLE OWNERSHIP**  
With 8,410,255 motorcycles registered to 311,800,000 U.S. citizens, according to the most recent DOT and Census data that means that out of every 37 Americans you meet, one of them probably owns a motorcycle. But in some states your odds are better than others, and when you compare statewide motorcycle registrations with population figures, you might be surprised where some states stand in the rankings.

For example, Iowa comes in third with 18 people for every motorcycle, more than double the national average. In 2011 the state had 173,929 motorcycles registered, and a population of just over three million..



The second highest ratio of bike ownership is in New Hampshire, whose 1.3 million population shares 79,266 motorcycles, equaling 17 people per motorcycle.

First on the list is South Dakota with 12 people for each motorcycle, over three times the national average. In 2011 the state had 69,284 motorcycles registered, representing just 0.82% of all motorcycles in America, but its sparse population of 816,598 gives it the highest concentration of motorcycling in the country.

Rounding out the Top Ten are; Wisconsin (4th with 18 people per bike); Wyoming (5th/19); North Dakota (6th/21); Vermont (7th/21); Montana (8th/21); Minnesota (9th/22) and Alaska (10th/23).

The Ten Lowest ranked states are; South Carolina (40th/43 people per bike); Kentucky (41st/44); Hawaii (42nd/45); California (43rd/47); Utah (44th/47); Maryland (45th/48); Georgia (46th/49); New York (47th/56); Texas (48th/58); Louisiana (49th/67, almost half the U.S. average); and lastly Mississippi (50th/106, nearly a third the norm).

It's interesting to note that due to large populations, some of the states with the largest numbers of motorcycles finished low on the rider density list; California is number one in motorcycles owned with 801,803, representing 9.5% of all motorcycles in the U.S., but with a population of over 37 million it comes in a lackluster 43rd place! Likewise, New York with 345,816 motorcycles, and Texas with 438,551, came in near the bottom of the rankings.

It is also worth noting that only one of the Top Ten motorcycling states has a helmet law, while 6 of the 10 least bike-friendly states requires riders to wear them.

#### MISSOURI PUSHES TO CHANGE BAN ON SUNDAY MOTORCYCLE SALES

Like many states, it is against the law in Missouri for dealers to sell cars, trucks or motorcycles on Sunday. Due to archaic "Blue Laws" influenced by religion during the Colonial Period, sales are prohibited on the Sabbath, but there is a trend brewing and some states are removing this outdated ban.

The latest state to allow Sunday motorcycle sales was Indiana last July, when Hoosiers joined Pennsylvania,

New Jersey, New York and Maryland in removing their Sunday sales ban.

Now Missouri's Blue Law is being challenged, and lawmakers are proposing three bills that would allow for motorcycles to be sold in Platte and Jackson Counties on Sundays. The reason is because some Kansas City metro dealers feel it is not fair that they can't sell on Sundays when just across the border in the neighboring state of Kansas, dealers can..

Other states that currently prohibit the Sunday sales of motorcycles and automobiles are Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Oklahoma, North Dakota and Wisconsin. In Missouri, dealers are not even allowed to discuss a sale on Sunday, or face a \$300 fine and possible jail time.

#### NY LAWMAKER SAYS BIKES SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED IN HIS DISTRICT

Legislator Thomas F. Barraga (R-11th District) says people should not ride bikes at all in his district because "Suffolk County is a suburban automobile community -- drivers expect to see other drivers on the road, not bicyclists and motorcyclists."

The anti-motorcycle/bicycle lawmaker from West Islip, New York made those remarks in response to a high school senior who wrote to him as a part of a government class assignment.

On January 29, the 17-year old, Matthew Cutrone, wrote to Barraga requesting "some sort of bike lane or maybe even warning signs in certain areas of the county" after his mother was hit by the driver of a van that illegally turned left in front of her.

Stating that he believes that "no one who lives in our hamlet or for that matter Suffolk County should ever ride a bicycle or motorcycle," Barraga's callous response lit up social media and prompted a ton of angry responses, though the legislator said he's standing by his remarks.

#### WASHINGTON STATE RIDERS LOBBY TO TURN LEFT ON RED

Motorcyclists in Washington could turn left at an intersection if the traffic light doesn't give them the green arrow after a complete cycle under a bill that received strong support from the Senate in Olympia.

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SB 5141 would change state traffic laws to account for a problem some motorcyclists have at intersections controlled by sensors that fail to recognize them. They don't register on the sensor, and the left-turn arrow never turns green, said Senator Jim Hargrove, a Hoquiam Democrat who rides a motorcycle and said he's experienced the problem first-hand.

Under the proposed legislation, a motorcyclist would have to wait through a complete cycle of lights changing for all directions before making a left-turn when clear. The bill passed on a 46-2 vote. The same bill passed the Senate last session but didn't receive a final vote in the House.

#### MICHIGAN MOTORCYCLE SAFETY BILL WOULD PREVENT REPEAT OFFENDERS

Michigan lawmakers are looking to close an "apparent loophole" that allows motorcycle operators to obtain a temporary permit each riding season without ever completing a safety course or skills test required for full endorsement.

Temporary Instruction Permits, intended for new or returning riders, are valid for 180 days and require operators to travel alongside an endorsed adult. But enforcement is difficult, and TIP holders are significantly over-represented in traffic accidents each year; 52% of riders who crashed were not properly endorsed.

Current law allows operators to obtain a temporary permit every season. But House Bill 4781, introduced by state Rep. Bradford Jacobsen (R-Oxford) and 15 co-sponsors, would limit motorcycle operators to two TIPs over the course of a 10 year period. "That's certainly adequate time to ride with a friend, take an instruction course and get the experience necessary to drive a motorcycle," Jacobsen said in testimony before the House Transportation Committee, which has not voted on the bill.

"It's a no brainer really," said Vince Consiglio, president of ABATE Michigan, which led efforts to repeal the mandatory helmet law but also supports stronger endorsement requirements. "These unendorsed riders are maybe 10 or 20 percent of the population, but they're over 40 percent of the fatalities since 1989. It's incredible that nothing has happened."

Officials have known about the endorsement issue for years, and the Secretary of State and Office of High-

way Safety Planning have both pushed educational programs to raise awareness. But education alone is not working, prompting motorcycle safety advocates to push for legislative action.

#### ABATE OF INDIANA SEEKS TO ALLOW OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON COUNTY ROADWAYS

Indiana state law bans driving off-road vehicles on public streets, but ABATE of Indiana, a motorcycle advocacy group, is asking Tippecanoe County commissioners to exercise a clause that allows county officials to allow all-terrain vehicles, gators and various other off-road machines, including snowmobiles, to use county roads in unincorporated areas.

"We're just requesting that they at least evaluate this, look at what other communities have done with this -- what other counties have done with this" said Jay Jackson, executive director of American Bikers Aimed Toward Education. "We're not aware of any significant ramifications as a result, so we don't see a downside to it."

Jackson told commissioners that 45 Indiana counties allow off-road vehicles on public roads. The vehicles still must comply with state laws governing off-road vehicles. State law requires the rider or driver be 16 years old and licensed, and also requires that the vehicle be registered, much like a boat.

WEIRD NEWS: APB FOR MR. HARLEY DAVIDSON Police in Guapa, Brazil, investigating a string of carjackings believed they found a key piece of evidence that could blow the case wide open: a Harley-Davidson cap belonging to a suspect: "He left a grey T-shirt which he had used to cover his face, and also a baseball cap with a skull embroidered on it, along with the name Harley, and the citizen's surname, Davidson, who is probably the miscreant we're looking for," a police officer told a local news station.

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