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From Your President



I can't believe it's March already and that means that at the next Southeast Chapter meeting of ABATE (March 15th) we will begin accepting nominations for our Board of Directors and trustees from the President down to Chaplain. There are a total of 24 positions that you could run for. No matter what you might choose to run for you will have a great time and help a worthwhile organization.

On Sunday January 25th Der Krieger MC held their 20th Annual Blowout at Cagney's Saloon. Even though there was a chill in the air the sun was shining and the parking lot was full of bikes. The music was by Deception who have only been together for 2 years but sound like they have been around longer. If you like good rock music then you should try to find out where they are playing and check them out for yourself. There were plenty of vendors to look at when the band took a break. They had drink specials, door prizes to give out, and a 50/50 drawing. The winner donated his half back to the club. Even though Der Krieger only does one party a year they always get a great turnout. Way to go Der Krieger!

On January 31st they held the 9th Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show. ABATE Southeast Chapter set up our Safety & Membership Booth and signed up new members and renewals. Every year it gets bigger and bigger. I estimated the crowd at around 3,000 people. Back in the early 70's I would go to a bike show and they would have maybe 100 bikes. Now fast forward almost 40 years later and at this bike show there must have been at least 600 bikes to look at. There were European, Japanese, British and American bikes. There were Moto Guzzi's, Suzuki's, Kawasaki's, BMW's and a few classic Harley Davidson's. There was a guy there who brought a 1929 HD JDC that he would fire up. He had a crowd around him all day. They had a 1911 4 cylinder Pierce and a 1971 Suzuki 125R Stinger that looked like it had just come off the showroom floor. There was a mini bike which ran off a battery powered drill and lastly someone road in on an all wooden bike. Even the wheels and tires were made of wood. There were plenty of vendors selling all kinds of products and a bike swap meet to find that old part for your bike. If the Vintage Motorcycle show keeps growing like it has they will run out of room at Frost Park. As always, I had a great time being out there. Mark your calendars for next year On Saturday January 30th 2016.

On Sunday February 1st the Alternative MC of Fort Lauderdale held their 21st Annual at their clubhouse. As always there were vendors to look at and see what new ring or leather that you might want. The food was all homemade by one of the members. Be-



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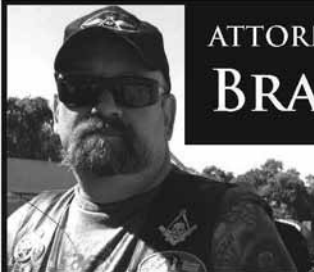


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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Feb 15, 2015

Sgt. @ Arms, Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:20 am. There were 34 members and no guests signed in. Total sign in: 34. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a Moment of Silence and a prayer by Poppie.

Presidents Report

President BARS thanked all members for coming and wished all a belated Happy Valentine's Day. He welcomed our newest members Gary, Cary and Josie. A great show of support from our members and our brother MC's and Associations with representation today from the American Legion Riders Post 321, Post 180, Post 36, VVA23, Widows and Sons, Masonic Riders and Brothers of the 3rd Wheel. A great member turnout coupled with the great turnout & support from our brother MC's, Associations & Independents helped to make our event a huge success. Many thanks to all especially Alice. She is always there supporting our chapter and supporting me.

Vice-Presidents Report

Poppie thanked our members for all their help at our event. Especially John and Postal who handled the Road Guard duties all day without much of a break and a special thanks to BARS. We always talk about the need to support those who support us. It was evident at the event. **We must reciprocate.** BARS goes to every MC and association event, stops by at the MC open houses every week. However one person

cannot do it all. It does not take much. You do not have to stay for the whole day at the events. You just have to be seen. The MC's know who are at their events. So even if you can only stop by for a short time. Donate your 3.00 to support them then leave when you have to. We would love to ride in with a major presence, but we understand there are times we can't. If you can't ride there is nothing wrong if you show up in a cage. The bottom line is, **WE MUST SHOW UP.** Reciprocity. Look it up. We need to do better than what we are doing now.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Frank presented the financial report to the membership. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report for January, all in favor motion passed. Frank also wanted to thank everyone including "Diddles" for their help and support at our event.

Sergeant at Arms Report

Steve reported there have been 9 children injured by drivers not paying attention to the flashing lights and slowing down in a school zone. When lights are on the speed limit is 15 MPH. Slow down to 10 MPH. Let's keep our children safe. BSO will be out in force starting Tuesday. If you are going 1 MPH over the limit, you will be ticketed.

Road Captain's Report

Postal thanked all our members who came out to work at the event. We had motorcycles parked all over the place due to the tremendous turnout. Even BSO stopped by wanting to know why there were so many bikes and what was going on. After today's meeting, we will be supporting the South Florida AOA Valentine's Day Event at their clubhouse.

Safety Directors Report

Gambler reported the Snow Birds and tourists are here in full force. Please be careful, be aware of your surroundings and keep your eyes open. Ride defensively and ride safe..

Products Report

Joel reported we have had a great month in the selling of our products. If you need anything please contact them. Their contact information is printed in the newsletter.

Events Coordinator

Shaky was excused. BARS reported we are working on finalizing the details for our Memorial Day Event. The event will be on May 24, 2015 so save the date and mark your calendars.

State Reps Report

Bev reported on the state meeting. Full details can be found on line in the Masterlink. Web-site address: www.abateflorida.com. Click on the newsletter link and your all set to go. Highlights include: October ABATE event to be held in Avon Park Florida. Set up on Oct. 1st, the event to be held on Oct. 2nd, 3rd and 4th, teardown will be on Oct. 5th. If we have any intention to survive as a corporation whose sole purpose is motorcycle safety and education we need help. Most of the time we ask for monetary donations, this time we need **manpower**. If we do not get the manpower to handle the event, this will probably be the last event ABATE of Florida will ever have. We are close to becoming a 501 (C) 3 Non Profit designation. All donations will then be tax deductible for IRS purposes. Checks

need to be payable to: ABATE of Florida, Safety and Education. We will forward the check to the state office who in turn will return the check and necessary paperwork back to the chapter. Membership dues: raising dues for yearly memberships from 20.00 to 30.00 per year with the chapter keeping 50% and raising life memberships from 150.00 to 300.00 per year with the chapters keeping 50%. After discussion the motion will be made and voted on next month to give our members who were not available to make the meeting time to decide. A notation will be made under New Business for follow up at next month's meeting. April 20th will be the ride to the capitol. If you are going please contact any board member. Clarification on group rides. We are allowed to meet at the legion for a friendly get together ride anytime except the day of our monthly meeting. If we want to have a friendly ride the day of our monthly meeting we must have a flyer, pay for insurance and sign in waivers need to be sent in to the state. So we will continue to support the MC's and Associations who have events on the day of our meeting, but we will not be leaving from the legion and it will not be an ABATE sanctioned ride. Meeting place will be announced for all who want to get together and have a ride to enjoy the fellowship, and the beautiful South Florida sunshine.

Membership Trustee

George reported we have 576 members on the rolls and we had 21 new and renewals for the month of January. Again for years we have been asking for membership renewals to be completely filled out. And again I will not embarrass the member who recently sent in their renewal, however they kept the bottom portion of the renewal paperwork which has all the information on it and sent in the top portion which doesn't. The only way we credited the member for his renewal was the information on his check. If you receive a notice that a signature is required, take a look who it's from. Even if it is from a bill collector, you can refuse to sign for it.

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Currently we are looking member Matt Popelik. We have his Life member card and patch but his address is no good and it has been returned. If you have moved, please notify our membership trustee so we can make the necessary changes. Recently we had a member who complained they did not receive their new membership card and wanted to know WHY. Well he moved, if you move and do not say a word what do you expect. We are not mind readers. Let us know.

Attention Matt Popelik, please contact George for your Life member card and patch. It was returned by the post office. It had to be signed for.

Newsletter Editor

Cesar reported he wanted to thank everyone for having their articles in on time. He wanted to thank all who have sent him pictures. Cesar was thanked for the job he is doing with the newsletter. There is no doubt his efforts show we have the **best newsletter** out there.

His Email address is: news@abatase.us

Legislative Report

Brad was excused, no report. BARS reported not much going on at this time.

Public Relations

Fern was excused. She has done a great job with the hotline and is always out and about supporting ABATE.

Billing and Invoicing

Pixie was excused. BARS reported all billing is up to date..

Social Directors Report

Jimmy Les was excused. This month's birthday party will be held on Sat. 2/21/15 at the Davie Moose Lodge starting at 800pm. Next month's birthday party will be announced when details are finalized.

Newsletter Distribution

Debbie wanted to thank all the members who

deliver our newsletter. As previously reported, Shaky and Princess Sharon will be moving and she needs help in delivering their stops. Gambler, Postal and Paul have volunteered to help out. Many thanks to all.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob was excused, no report.

Photographer's Report

Ada reported all the pictures are being sent in and posted.

Web-Master's Report

Rogue was excused. BARS reported the web-site is up and running.

Legal Council

Brad was excused, no report

Old Business

None

New Business

For next month's monthly meeting, motion and vote required for membership monthly and yearly dues increase brought back from the state meeting.

Ace asked if our products will be available for sale on the web-site. Answer NO

Good of the Order

New member Retired Colonel Gary Schmitt, member of the American legion Riders Post 36 gave a presentation to our members asking for support to the Wounded Warriors of South Florida. Their foundation is different from the National Wounded Warriors Foundation. Last year Wounded Warriors of South Florida 87% of donations were given to the wounded veterans with only 13% going to administrative costs. This year so far it is at 91% of all donation going to our veterans. They will be holding a drawing on July 4th for a 2015 Royal Enfield Motorcycle and

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are looking for sponsors. Drawing tickets are 10.00 per ticket and sponsorship costs \$250.00. After discussion a motion was made, seconded for our chapter to become a sponsor for \$250.00. Vote called for, all in favor motion passed.

Upcoming Events

Right after today's meeting, we will be supporting the South Florida AOA Valentine's Day Event.

2/21/15 - Wheels of Man Event at their clubhouse in Deerfield Beach starting at 400pm

2/21/15- Legion Riders Event to support Post 333. Leaving from Post 180 in Plantation at 1030am

2/28/2015 - Orange Blossom Parade. For further information please contact

Suzanne Keene @ 954-816-8536

3/1/15 - Hermadad MC event held at the Booby Trap. Getting together to have a friendly ride , meeting at the American Legion Post 321 between 1100 and 1200, KSU at 1230. Note: No

ABATE function is being held on this day. This is a group of friends getting together to have a ride to support one of our local MC's

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

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned 11:50 am

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

***Paul A.
Melcer
Secretary***



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lieve me the food looked great, smelled great and tasted great. The music was provided by Brian Music. He is a one man band. He plays the guitar and for one guy he sounded really great. If you are looking for someone like him call 786-587-7700.

On Sunday February 15th the South Florida Outlaws held their annual Valentines Day Party at the Tiki Hut. Whenever we go to one of their parties there are always vendors to look at and some of the best food around. The music was by DJ Todd who had the music going all day long. When I was leaving there were still plenty of people coming in so I guess that they had a great party as always.

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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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We appreciate all the many members of ABATE. I would also like to thank all our SE Chapter members for all their help with set up and all other tasks that have to be done to have a successful event.

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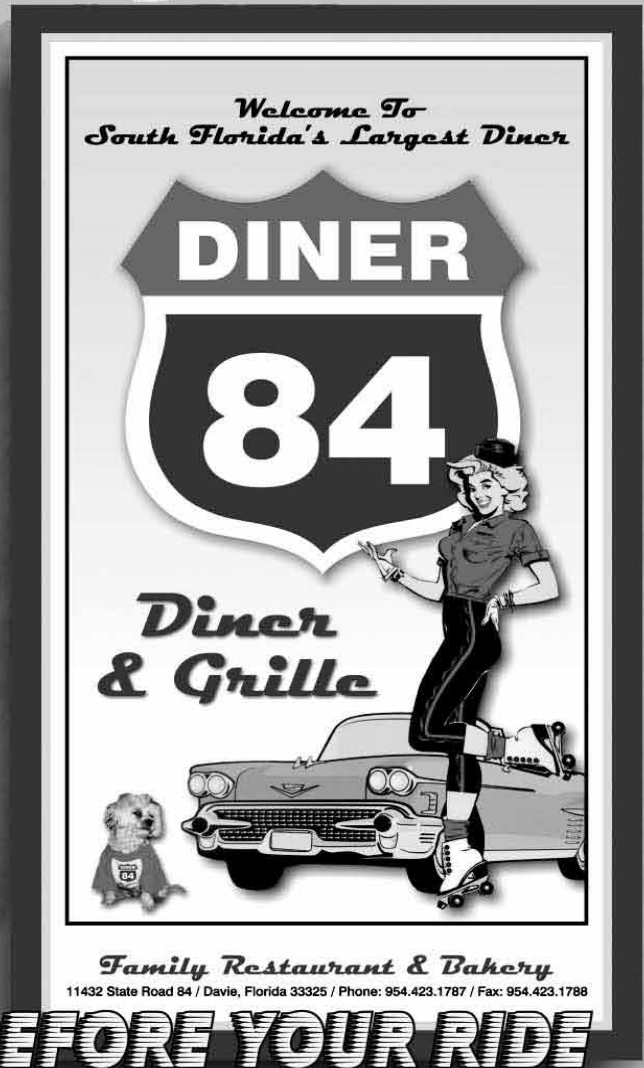
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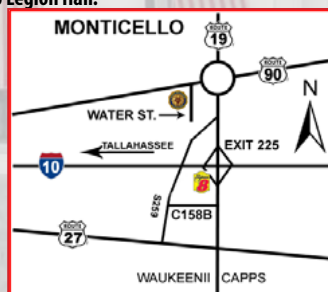
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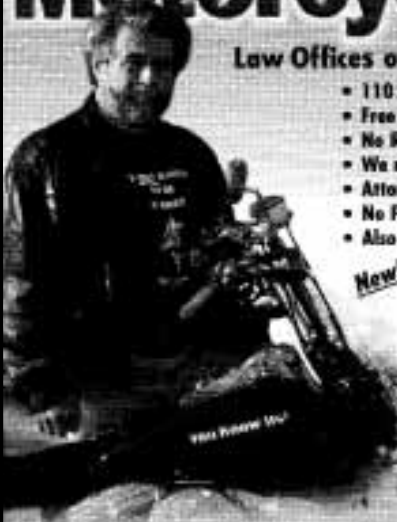
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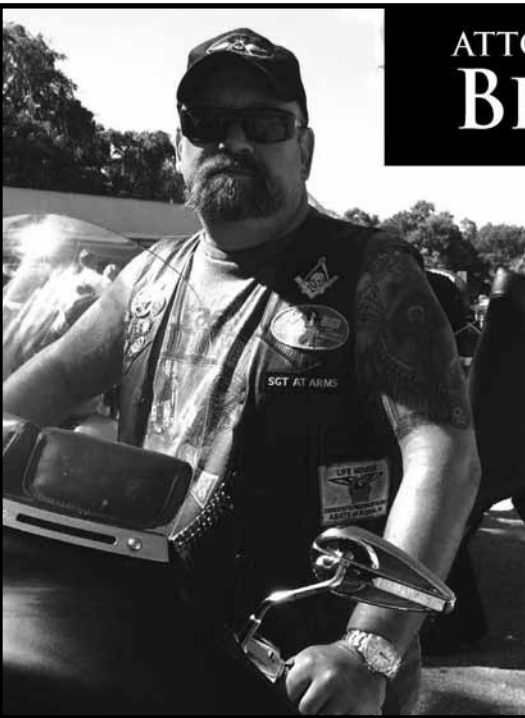
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March

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Chit Chat's Bike Night	5 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite ----- States MC Pompano Dinner	6	7
8	9	10	11 Chit Chat's Bike Night	12 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite ----- States MC Pompano Dinner	13	14
15 <u>Chapter Meeting</u>	16	17	18 Chit Chat's Bike Night	19 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite ----- States MC Pompano Dinner	20 ABATE Birthday Party	21
22	23	24	25 Chit Chat's Bike Night	26 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite ----- States MC Pompano Dinner	27	28
29	30	31				

Additional Info:

3/1/15 - Hermadad MC event held at the Booby Trap. Getting together to have a friendly ride , meeting at the American Legion Post 321 between 1100 and 1200, KSU at 1230.
Note: No ABATE function is being held on this day. This is a group of friends getting together to have a ride to support one of our local MC's

3/20/15 - ABATE Birthday party at American Legion Post # 321 at 8:00 PM.

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April

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	17	18
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2015 CALENDAR

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MARCH

1-HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL
7th-15th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
15-KELTICS MC - ANNUAL
22-US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY

APRIL

5-CMA EASTER SERVICE
11-MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
18-OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL
19-STATES MC - ANNUAL
24-26th LEESBURG BIKEFEST

MAY

3-SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL
17-WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL
24-S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
31-LOS COQUIS MC - ANNUAL

JUNE

7-NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY
13-AOA PAULY, JERRY, ROGER, AND KENNY
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14-WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL

JULY

5-US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROW - ANNUAL
12-ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY
18-WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

AUGUST

2-WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
4-74th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
8th-10th SO FLORIDA TATTOO EXPO
9-AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNIVERSARY PARTY
22-LOS COQUIS MC - SMOKEY/DIESEL B-DAY

SEPTEMBER

6-SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
12-OUTCAST MC - PARTY
13-STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
18th-20thPETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
27-KELTICS MC - PARTY

OCTOBER

4-MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL
10-NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL

11-S.E. ABATE RIGHTS RALLY
16th-19thDAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
25-WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY

NOVEMBER

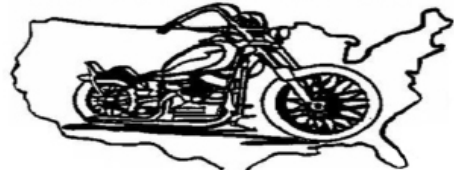
7-US MILITARY VETS MC CH 1 - ANNUAL
8-CMA - MEMORIAL EVENT
14-HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL

DECEMBER

6 SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
12-PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
12-HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEM/TOY RUN
13-WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN
19-SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY
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The South Florida biking community is a close knit family supporting each other's efforts. I want to thank everyone for coming out to the following events: The Bike Blessing at the States MC had a great turnout as usual and Jr's famous clams were delicious, good music and good friends, a great combination. Also DER Kruger's MC had their Annual at Cagney's, good music, good food, lots of door prizes, everyone had a good time. The Alternative's had their party at their Club House, the baked ziti was delicious. The Leathernecks MC threw A Memorial party at the Sports Barn, the barbecued ribs finger licking good.

I appreciate everyone for coming to support a fallen brother. Also the Keltic's MC had a birthday party for Kick-start, all the food was delicious. Barbecued bratwurst fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and cake. The band called "360" played for the first time anywhere, they were awesome. Their renditions of the Doors, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers and the Beatles brought back lots of memories. If you have a chance to hear them play I would highly recommend it.

Also the Saint Valentine's Day party the Outlaws MC house is always an awesome time they know how to party. Friday night is Club Night, support your local MC's as they support us. Also don't forget Thursday night dinners at States Mc. JR's bitchin kitchen, its finger licking good, on Friday night JR's pizzas, homemade just like the old country.

So come on out and meet the real biking community. Call the hotline (954-310-4636) for details. As always brothers and sisters keep the SHINY side up, ride safe.

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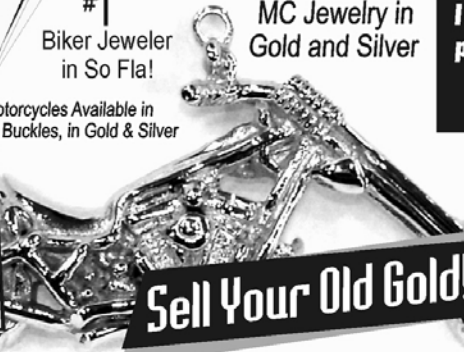
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How many times have you seen cages crossing the lines, leaving their lanes just to whip that cage back between the lines once again? Did they almost hit another vehicle driving alongside them, or maybe almost hit you on your bike? I bet you see that almost every day, don't you? Of course you do. What are some of the things that distract drivers? Well off the top of my head I would say their CELL PHONE. Texting while driving is probably the worst because they have to take their eyes off the road in order to read and text back. Even talking on the cell phone has been proven to ruin someone's concentration. How about changing the radio station or trying to find the right CD to match their mood, and heaven forbid the driver should happen to drop something on the floor. Can't let that happen because they are going to want to pick it up right away, again taking their eyes off the road. Everyone's in a hurry now-a-days and no one has time to sit down and eat, so what do they do, they eat and drink while driving and only using one hand or trying to read a map while driving because they are unfamiliar with the area. PULL OVER FOR GOD SAKES! Even talking or arguing with their passenger can be hazardous to their health and yours. Trust me when you are in your cages these things effect you're driving too. One more thing, that young girl jogging along the road looking really hot, I just have to look. I mean they just have to look, and you know you do too.

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ANTI-PROFILING BILL INTRODUCED IN CALIFORNIA

Legislation aimed to curb anti-biker profiling has been introduced in California. Citing anecdotal evidence that Golden State motorcyclists tend to get pulled over unjustly, Assemblyman Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova) authored a bi-partisan bill that would have police officers undergo training emphasizing that profiling of motorcycle riders is prohibited.

The measure seeks “to ensure that anyone entering law enforcement in California knows the ground rules to apply the law fairly without regard for irrelevant factors of, ‘I’m on a bike’ or they’re dressed a certain way,” Cooley said, adding that “it is an important issue of people being secure in their persons and the administration of traffic laws.”

Assembly Bill 334 would add Section 13519.17 to the Penal Code, relating to the profiling of motorcycle riders: “This bill would require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards And Training to ensure that the profiling of motorcycle riders is addressed in the course of basic law enforcement training and offered to law enforcement officers in conjunction with existing training regarding profiling,” according to the Legislative Counsel’s Digest.

Assembly Bill 334 would also require law enforcement agencies to create policies barring discrimination against riders.

NEW MEXICO HELMET LAW OPPOSED

Despite the fact that helmet legislation has only recently been introduced in New Mexico, and not passed as yet by the state legislature nor signed into law, “I have received two complaints that in

the last few days riders have been pulled over for no helmet use by city police in Albuquerque and have been given a verbal warning,” reports Annette Torrez, chairperson for the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (NMMRO) and member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) board of directors.

“There is NO Mandatory helmet law in NM for any one over age 18, you can not be pulled over for the sole reason you are not wearing a helmet. This is profiling of motorcyclists,” added Torrez, who further suggests that; “The only way to address this is, if you get pulled over please get the officer name, badge number and car number and notify NMMRO (www.thenmmro.org).”

In the meantime, the national office of the U.S. Defenders (www.usdefender.net) has issued a nationwide CALL TO ACTION to oppose the two current helmet bills which were introduced into the 2015 legislature; Senate Bill 327 Requiring the use of helmets for all motorcycle operator and passengers, and Senate Bill 308 creating a distinctive motorcycle validation sticker (\$692) allowing qualified operators and passengers to refrain from wearing a safety helmet.

“We must unite and fight this or by this summer it could be mandatory for every biker to wear a helmet in New Mexico,” according to the US Defenders’ CTA, which goes on to state; “We were told that the Centers for Disease Control are following this bill in New Mexico as a pilot program if it passes for other states in the future.”

TEXAS LEGISLATION WOULD ALLOW RIDERS TO LANE SPLIT IF HELMETED

One of the latest proposals by some Texas lawmakers to help alleviate traffic congestion is to legalize lane splitting. Lane splitting (or lane sharing, or “filtering”) allows motorcyclists to pass vehicles by riding in-between lanes of traffic.

State Senator Kirk Watson and State Representative Sergio Muñoz Jr. have both filed bills to legalize the practice.

According to House Bill 813, introduced by Rep. Muñoz (D-Palmview), motorcycle riders would be allowed to ride between lanes of traffic moving in the same direction, if traffic is traveling 20 mph or slower, and if the motorcyclist is not traveling more than 5 mph faster than other traffic. Lane splitting would be prohibited in school zones and in areas where the posted speed limit is 20 mph or less. However, HB 813 would also require that riders and passengers must wear helmets.

Senate Bill 442, introduced by Sen. Watson (D-Austin), does not include the helmet provision, but lane splitting would be restricted to controlled-access highways.

“Filtering” is common in Europe and Asia to alleviate congestion in urban areas, but in the U.S., only California allows the maneuver.

ILLINOIS MEASURE WOULD ADD MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TO DRIVER'S ED

An Illinois lawmaker wants driver education teachers to warn beginner motorists to be on the lookout for motorcycles by incorporating motorcycle safety as a formal part of driver's education courses.

The proposal, introduced February 17, 2015 by Representative Tom Bennett (R-Gibson City), would amend the driver's education act in the Illinois School Code to require that all behind the wheel instruction include lessons on motorcycle safety and awareness “to ensure students understand their surroundings when operating a motor vehicle.”

Rep. Bennett says the concern was raised by constituents in his central Illinois district. Bennett says he purposely kept the language in the

proposal general to give schools flexibility.

INDIANA SCOOTER RIDERS FACE NEW REGULATIONS

Indiana officials are warning motor scooter drivers that starting January 1 they'll need license plates on those bikes. Legislators have approved Indiana's first license requirements for scooters, and under the new law drivers of scooters with engines of 50 cubic centimeters or less will need to buy license plates and pass a Bureau of Motor Vehicles test involving road signals and signs. Operators of scooters with larger engines will be required to follow motorcycle requirements, including holding a valid motorcycle license or learner's permit.

Evansville police officials told a legislative committee that scooters had often been involved in accidents and used in crimes such as robberies, but that the owners couldn't be found because they lacked any registration.

The new law doesn't require insurance for drivers of the smaller scooters, and the registration will cost \$26.35, plus a \$10 excise tax.

Law sponsor Representative Dave Wolkins (R-Winona Lake) said not requiring a driver's license for scooter operators was important because he felt it was necessary that those with drunken driving convictions still have a way to get to work.

ARIZONA MAY DUMP HANDLE BAR HEIGHT LAW

Arizona has a bill running to eliminate their handle bar height law completely, and motorcycle organizations are asking riders from neighboring states and those who visit the Grand Canyon State to contact Arizona legislators to support House Bill 2345, which recently breezed through the House rules committee.

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Introduced by Reps Karen Fann (R-Prescott) and Chad Campbell (D-Phoenix), HB-2345 would amend ARS 28-964 to remove the restriction which specifies that a person cannot operate a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle or motor driven cycle equipped with handlebars positioned so the operator's hands are above their shoulders when the operator is sitting and their hands are on the handlebar grips. The bi-partisan measure would also eliminate the requirement for motorcycles to be equipped with handrails for passengers.

In addition, Arizona bikers are fighting a similar "pay-to-play" bill as in New Mexico, as House Bill 2607 seeks to require use of a helmet for all motorcyclists unless the rider pays a fee for exemption (amount to be determined), or face a \$500 fine for non-compliance.

U.S. MOTORCYCLE SALES CONTINUE UPWARD TREND

The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) reports motorcycle sales increased 3.8% for 2014. A total of 483,526 motorcycles were sold during the calendar year, an increase of 17,743 units over 2013. Off-Highway motorcycles registered the highest percentage year-over-year growth at 10.9%, with the On-Highway and Dual segments tallying 3.0 and 3.6% respectively. Scooter sales were the only two-wheeled segment to decline last year, down 3.5%. Meanwhile, ATV sales showed a steady 0.5% rate of growth.

The 2014 motorcycle sales total marks the fourth consecutive year of modest growth since the market bottomed out in 2010 at 439,678 units sold. Annual motorcycles sales have since increased by 440,899 (2011), 452,386 (2012) and 465,783 (2013) to its current 483,526 total. This gradual recovery follows the dramatic decline of the motorcycle market during the recession, when annual motorcycle sales plummeted from 879,910 in 2008 to 520,502 in 2009.

LANE "FILTERING" RIDES INTO AUSTRALIA

New rules have come into effect for motorcycle riders in Queensland, Australia as of 1 February 2015, including safe lane filtering. "Lane filtering can be a complex manoeuvre requiring plenty of on-road experience to be done safely, so only fully licensed riders are allowed to lane filter," Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) says on its website, noting heavy penalties for riders who don't follow the rules.

DTMR said motorcycle riders who hold an open licence for riding a motorcycle may lane filter at speeds not greater than 30km/h between stationary or slow-moving vehicles travelling in the same direction as them, provided it is safe to do so.

New rules also allow riders to ride on road shoulders and in emergency stopping lanes.

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