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President's Message

Jimmy Les Lesniak



It is May and we are now complaining about how much we had to pay in taxes. I understand the government needs money to provide services for the citizens of America, but I do have a problem when they collect them and then

charge people for the services they are supposed to provide. It seems some municipalities are doing this to collect extra revenue. Here is an example of this point. You can be traveling down the road, you are in a city in which you are not a resident, you are on your motorcycle or in your car and are hit by another vehicle. You are not seriously injured and do not have to go to the hospital. The city however has instructed their emergency response teams that when there is an accident a police car, an ambulance and a fire truck must go to the scene. A few weeks later you get a bill in the mail for these services, even the ones you did not need. I know several people who have been involved in accidents and then received bills of four hundred to one thousand dollars for the services. Because of the misuse of these services, ordering unnecessary vehicles to an accident scene or having to call police in order to file an accident report to your insurance company, House Bill 1043 and Senate Bill 2282 have been introduced. ABATE is supporting these bills because we feel your taxes pay for these services and you should not be double billed for them. It would be a good idea for everyone out there to call or e-mail their Senator or Representative to the House and tell them you would like them to support these bills. You can find out who to contact by going to the government web site and typing in your address. Why must we pay twice for these services?

As I write this a Federal House Bill 1253 was in committee and had a voice vote has been taken and this bill has been passed on to the Senate to be reviewed. This bill is a revision of a bill 6908. 6908 was a bill that allowed insurance companies

to deny people medical benefits just by listing the activity as a certain type of recreational activity. The old bill 6908 died in committee. It was then reintroduced as H R 1253. This is being promoted / advertised as the bill to protect health insurance for (motorcycle) riders. The bill was introduced because it stated many persons were unaware that their health insurance may not cover injuries from certain recreational activities. The bill requires that coverage exclusions must be explicit and clear in advance of the point of sale. At this time if your major medical company denies you your benefits, you can sue and win because the State of Florida tells them they cannot deny benefits if you are involved in a recreational activity (riding a motorcycle etc). If H R 1253 is enacted into law, it will allow insurance companies to state they do not cover injuries from motorcycle riding. If one company is allowed to not pay medical bills then others will soon follow. Why should they pay a medical bill if all they have to do is list motorcycle riding as a recreational activity that is not covered? If bill is enacted into law everyone who is now covered has a very good chance they will lose their coverage in the next year or two. After the insurance companies deny you your existing coverage and you realize you now need additional coverage, guess who will sell you a new / additional policy for the coverage you now receive. I do not know the final results if this bill becomes law, but...your child plays high school football and is injured; this being a recreational activity their knee surgery may not be covered because it was placed on the list with motorcycle riding (football is a recreational activity).

I belong to ABATE of Florida because I feel the need to help fight and to protect myself and others from injustices such as these. It is easy to let others fight for you, but it is also very easy to help them and yourself by joining ABATE. We will fight for your rights and keep you informed of what is happening on the political forefront. Until next month ride safe and free.

Jimmy Les

The Party Bands for our Memorial Day Celebration May 24th 12-5 at Cafe 27

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**ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter
Meeting Minutes
Mar. 15, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 10:08am by Sgt. @ Arms Leo "Lion" Breault with 46 chapter members and 1 At-Large member in attendance. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence we started the meeting with a prayer from our chaplain, Tumbleweed.

President's Report

Jimmy thanked all our members for coming and welcomed our newest members: Pat, Scott, Lazaro, Elaine, Chris & John. We had a great time in Tallahassee, beautiful weather and an overall success. Since we are under attack all the time, please plan to attend next years ride to the capitol. This gives you an opportunity to speak your mind to your elected officials. On a sad note USMV MC member Hi-Tech passed away. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Also, Rambo is in hospice at University Hospital. He is in room 6A. Give him a call or stop by. The hospital is located at University and McNab. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Now the good news: we are in contract with Café 27 for our Memorial Day Event. The date is May 24, 2009. We will need your help to make this event a huge success. Highlights are: Not 1 band but 2. Our very own Johnny Rose and his band "Brokedown" and the band "Ringerz" will be providing the music. There will be a committee meeting following our meeting today.

Vice-President's Report

Jimbo thanked all for coming out today. Our nominations continue today, for our new members, feel free to nominate yourself for any position. We will need help with our upcoming event. We only have 3 events per year to sustain the chapter. Please come out and donate any time you can spare. Even if only 1/2 an hour. The more members we have come out to help, the easier it will be for all.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of March's meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion

seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Alice read March's report. A motion to accept, seconded. All in favor. Motion passed

Sergeant at Arms' Report

Leo the Lion thanked all of our members for coming. Nice to see so many new faces and thanked the old faces for being here especially Past Presidents Chuck Widle, Chris Sharp and 26 year member "Cigar Charlie". Their hard work over the years laid the foundation that has made our chapter reign supreme. Lion reported on common courtesy. When you are out and about and wearing an ABATE shirt or patch, please act accordingly and with responsibility. A lot of our SE Chapter members are also MC members. We are fortunate and privileged to be invited to their club houses. Whenever we are in any clubhouse we are representing ABATE SE Chapter and you must act responsible and with respect. If not there are a couple of things which will happen. I will ask you to take off your vest and stay, if not I will advise our hosts to handle the situation as they deem fit. Let's not put ourselves in any situation which will embarrass our chapter or yourselves.

Road Captain's Report

Jimbo reported right after today's meeting we will a short committee meeting for our Memorial Day Event. Afterwards we will be taking a ride to Café 27 then up to the Tiki Hut in Clewiston.
4/24 to 4/26/09. Leesburg Bike Fest. 2 groups are planning to ride. Jimbo will be leaving from Johnny Fucifino's Friday morning by 830am taking the turnpike. Cutter will be leaving from 84 diner at 830am taking the scenic route up Rt. 27. So take your pick and have a great time.
5/3/09 – Southern MC Annual. Meet at the American Legion at 1000am, leaving at 1130am.
5/9/09 – Past ABATE SE Vice-President Glenn Katz's birthday party at Wetz Pub. Meeting at Johnny Fucifino's at 400pm. Leaving at 500pm.
5/16/09- Wings of Gold, Pt. St. Lucie. Check the hotline for information.

5/24/09 – ABATE SE Memorial Day Event at Café 27.
Always check the hotline for updates. 954-310-4636.

Safety Directors' Report

Bob reported on his safety tip of the month. The importance of entering an intersection with another vehicle. Your chances of survival are better if someone runs a light or stop sign using the cage as a block. So stay safe out there. Suzanne reported we received a proclamation from the City of Wilton Manors proclaiming May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. We gave our safety class to the Miami Lakes Vocational Center. We have been in contract with Broward County on the schedule for the summer classes we give to high school students. Anyone interested in becoming a MSAP Instructor, please see her or Bob.

State Reps' Report

This month's State Meeting was the Freedom Rights Ride in Tallahassee. Full details will be printed in the Masterlink. Statewide we have 7689 members of which 5868 are registered voters. Suzanne reported we have a new State Legislative Trustee, Darrin Brooks, also a new PR-Communications trustee BG. NCOM convention in Orlando in 2010. The state will be looking to the local chapters for help with this important event. Flashback party is set for Labor Day weekend at the Setnoma Youth Ranch. This event is put on by the State Board. So come on out and enjoy.

Products' Report

Brett reported Ed Morse Auto mall has donated a heavy duty hand truck for the use of the Products Trustee. Thank you. If you need anything please call him. His number is listed in the newsletter.

Membership Report

George reported 633 members. Not included are the 13 new members and 1 new life member which we received today. New life member cards were received for: Joyce Jans, Lionel Arista and Mark Leon. If you know of anyone on the list in the newsletter who has not renewed, please get them to renew. Reminder, when filling out the application form, PLEASE WRITE OR PRINT LEGIBLY.

Newsletter Editor

Suzanne thanked our member Brian from Thalers Printing for their great job on last month's newsletter. Moving forward they will be handling the printing of the newsletter. They had last month's newsletter ready for distribution in just 2 days. Thank you Brian. If you have any articles of interest, please have it to her by Wednesday at the latest. Thanks to Wildcat for her help with the newsletter. Since we have 1 of the best advertising rates around and you know of anyone who needs some great exposure, have them call us. We do have a few outstanding invoices, please see her if you can stop at any of them to pick up payment. A personal touch works the best. To help save the chapter on the cost of mailing, if you want to receive your newsletter electronically, please e-mail her. With today's costs, every little bit will help.

Legislative Report

Tony Denito reported and gave a recap of the following: Myrtle Beach local ordinance requiring helmets and eyewear. Lawsuits have been filed by local business. HB 6908 is now HB 1253. This Federal law gives the insurance companies the right to deny coverage for certain activities, motorcycling, ATV's, horse riding and whatever they want as long as they advise you which activities they will not cover in advance. But they will sell you a rider to your current health benefit to cover such activities. The committee is meeting this Tuesday. Since time is short call your elected officials to voice your opinion. Motion to oppose HB1253 in its entirety. Seconded. Vote: All in favor, opposed –None, Motion passed. We will advise our lobbyist we do not support HB 1253. Jimmy Les reported on HB 1043, SB 1043, and HB 1161. We support these bills. HB 1043-SB 1043 reference fees charged by cities for emergency response and support. We should not have to pay for a fire truck or ambulance to respond to an accident. Many cities already charge non-residents such fees due to budget shortfalls. What are we paying taxes for? Cutter reported the Legion of Cities have enlisted attorneys to write specific legislation and hold seminars for other cities on this issue. HB 1161 was the stiffer penalties bill. This passed in the House but has a possibility to die in the Senate. Make your

voice heard. Contact your elected officials and ask their support for these bills.

Advertising

Suzanne reported we need more advertisers. No matter where you go to shop ask them for an ad. We have the best advertising rates out there. Also very important is to support our advertisers. Make sure you tell them, you say their ad in our newsletter.

Events Coordinator

Rick reported our next event will be our Memorial Day rally will be held on 5/24/09 at Café 27. Needless to say we will need your help to make this event a huge success. Cafe 27 is letting us put up a billboard and signs in advance to advertise our event. The more members we have show for support, the easier this event will be to manage. As mentioned we will have 2 bands and will also be handling the food, security etc. This is our 4th year as Café 27. Every year gets bigger and better. We will be having a short committee meeting right after our meeting.

Social Director's Report

Karin was home sick. Jimmy reported we had a great time at last night's birthday party bash. About 35 to 40 members showed up. If you want to have your birthday in the newsletter, you must contact her. We do not have a list of everyone's birthdays. Next month's birthdays will be celebrated right here at the American Legion with music being provided by Ringerz on 5/9/09. Come on out and enjoy.

Quartermaster's Report

Shaky Bob reported the grill is finished. It looks great, so let's have a party.

Photographer's Report

Axman reported he has a ton of pictures which need to be uploaded to our web-site. If you wish to purchase any of the pictures he has taken check out his web-site at axmanpictures.com. For pictures from his web-site prices for members and patch holders the price is \$10.00 for framed and only \$3.00 for a high

resolution download which can be made into a 16x24 poster if you wish. Such a deal.

Web-Master's Report

Jimmy Les reported we have had issues with our web-site. This is currently being worked on with Ricky Mouse and Mike Hagar. Both are diligently working on getting the web-site back up. It will be up shortly and will be bigger and better than before. Thank you for your patience.

Trash master's Report

Aaron was not present. No report.

Old Business

Sgt @ Arms Leo the Lion opened nominations for the 2009-2010 of Board of Directors and Trustees. Nominated are listed on next page. Nominations closed for this month. At next month meeting will be final nominations for all board and trustee positions before voting at our June monthly meeting.

New Business

Our Memorial Day Event at Café 27. Event planning meeting following our monthly meeting.

Good of the Order

Next weekend is the Viet Nam Vets Memorial get together in Melbourne. Whether you have served or not this is one you cannot miss. Several of our members will be heading up. Suzanne reported her daughter will be participating in a 75 mile bicycle ride to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. Specifically our very own "Lyn Hara" who has suffered with this crippling disease for over 20 years. Donation forms are in the back; you can pledge any amount per mile or just make a contribution to this very worthy cause. George Torrence was recognized with an ABATE pin for all his hard work in taking over as Membership Trustee and doing a fantastic job at it. Randy spoke on our freedoms which seem to be slipping away and on politics. Now is the time to get involved with other organizations that value freedom and fight for our constitutional rights. Specifically:

The NRA and Libertarian Party. Literature is located in the back. It is time to say "Enough is enough". If you do not want to stand up for your constitutional rights, nobody else will. Then you can only blame yourself for not getting involved. Rainman will donate the paint, Princess Sharon and Ricky Mouse will get together in making the billboards which will advertise our Memorial Day Event at Café 27 on May 24, 2009. Thank you to Cafe27 for all their support and having the ability to put up billboards on their property to help make our event a huge success.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

These minutes summarized and Respectfully submitted

Paul A. Melcer

Secretary

Nominations for the 2009-2010 Board of Trustees



- President:** James Lesniak- Accepted, Leo "The Lion" Breault - Undecided, Chuck Widle - Undecided
Vice President: Jimbo Sherrow-Accepted
Secretary: Paul A. Melcer -Accepted
Treasurer: Alice Calabrese-Accepted
Sgt @ Arms: BARS-Accepted, Old Hippy Leavitt-Accepted
Rd. Captain: Jmbo Sherrow-Accepted, Cutter- Undecided
Safety Director: Suzanne Keen- Undecided, Bob Anz- Declined, Geo Bograkos-Accepted
State Delegates: Jimmy Lesniak-Accepted, Suzanne Keen-Undecided,, Old Hippy Leavitt-Undecided, Chris Sharp-Accepted, Demetrious Kirkiles-Accepted, Chuck Widle-Undecided, Tony Denito-Accepted
Products: Brett Garber-Declined, Majorie Rheume-Undecided, BARS Declined, Linda Michnowicz-, Declined, Hope Lanius-Declined, Susan Jordan-Accepted
Membership: George Torrance-Accepted
Newsletter: Suzanne Keen-Undecided, LeAnn "Wildcat" Lewis-Undecided
Legislative: Chuck Widle-Declined, Old Hippy Leavitt-Accepted, Tony Denito-Declined, Demetrious Kirkiles-Declined, Chris Sharp-Undecided
Legal Council: Demetrious Kirkiles-Accepted, Chris Sharpe-Declined
Public Relation: Rick Hernandez-Declined, Cutter-Declined, Majorie Rheume-Undecided, Axman-Undecided, Al Newcomer-Declined
Advertising: Rick Hernandez,-Declined, Susanne Keen-Undecided, Maureen Rheume-Undecided, Hope Lanius-Declined, Linda Michnowicz-Undecided.
Events: Rick Hernandez-Declined, Shaky Bob-Undecided
Social Director: Karin Rylands-Undecided, Bill Farley-Declined, LeAnn "Wildcat" Lewis-Declined, Princess Sharon-Undecided
Quartermaster: Bob Anz-Accepted
Photographer: Axman-Accepted, LeAnn "Wildcat" Lewis-Declined, Hope Lanius-Declined, Mike Hager-Declined
Web Master: Ricky Mouse Jans- Accepted, Mike Hager-Accepted
Trashmaster: Aaron Sutton-Declined, Hank Ski-Undecided, Doctor Bob-Declined
Chaplain: Tumbleweed-Undecided

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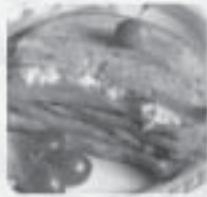
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Old Hippy's Corner



May is Motorcycle Awareness month and this is the time to help educate the general public on the need to be more aware that there are a lot of us out there sharing the road with them. Governor Christie has already endorsed it and there is a referendum in the US House to declare it also. The town of Myrtle Beach has stated flat out that they do not want the bikers there by passing all the ordinances aimed at the events. The Mayor has stated in written statements to the press that they do

not need us or what we do there. He has armed his men with decibel meters and countless books of tickets to send a message that we are not welcomed there. Currently there are at least five actions being taken by the local business leaders and to try to prevent this event from going away.

It's not going away; it is just going away from them. The event for the most part was outside their jurisdiction anyway. It is just going to be renamed and bikers will stay at a friendlier place.

I know we all have been watching and waiting to see if the license plate issue gets resolved that happened when HB 137 was passed. Well, a change to 316.2058 that reflects the license plate was introduced in HB 1479. It proposes it to read:

"Prohibiting devices and methods that conceal or obscure the license tag".

Well... whoop-de doo! This leaves a lot for interpretation doesn't it? And we know how some authorities take advantage of interpretations don't we?

Webster definition of "obscure" is "*1 a b: shrouded in or hidden by darkness c: not clearly seen or easily distinguished. 2: not readily understood or clearly expressed* ;

Looks like a tag light out can still get you the big "winning ticket". My opinion this is crap, we already have a law against vertical tags, just scrap the whole thing or amend it for flip tags.

HB 1161 "Traffic Offense" Bill is moving along very well and has passed all the committees going for the Main Floor vote soon. This bill is like a lot of bills that ABATE in other states have lobbied for. Dealing with accidents that involve injury or death where the accident was caused by a Right of Way infringement.

On a sad note, we lost one of the great members of the Motorcycle movement. Here is the Press release from MRF dated April 21:

Apr 21

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Vice President Michael "Boz" Kerr Passes Away

By [Press Release](#)

Early this morning we received the most sad and unfortunate news that Michael "Boz" Kerr passed away peacefully in his sleep overnight. He had just returned from a very successful Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Beast of the East Motorcycle Rights Conference.

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Boz Kerr in 2007. Kerr was often found lobbying for motorcyclists' rights in Washington DC.

At the time of his passing "Boz" was the current Vice President of the MRF and Chairman of the Legislative Committee. Prior to his being elected Vice President he served as an MRF Board Member in the capacity of MRF PAC Chairman. "Boz"

was instrumental in setting up the stand alone MRF Awareness and [Education](#) Organization (MRFA&E) and was the driving force behind the upcoming National Motorcycle Awareness day in Washington D.C., known as "Bikers Inside the Beltway". "Boz" was also a past President of the Chicago Chapter of ABATE of Illinois and recently retired as Chairman of ABATE of Illinois FEDPAC. In the past year he was awarded the MRF Presidents Cup of Distinction and ABATE of Illinois' highest honor, the Rich Neb Award. "Boz" was the finest political operative I have ever had the privilege to work with

S.E. Chapter

and his concern and passion for motorcycle rights and his genuineness will be greatly missed by the MRF and the entire motorcycling rights community. We have certainly lost one of the great ones in our movement. Words cannot express the amount of sadness and the profound impact that losing another one of our own will have. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife and family, his ABATE family, and his MRF family”, said MRF President Kirk “Hardtail” Willard.

“Boz” was well known for his speeches, such as the “Greatest Generation”, “Mr. Jones”, and most recently “Making Thunderbirds; long, low, lean, and fast”. Godspeed brother, you will be missed.



Don't forget to mark you calendars for the SE ABATE's Memorial event at Café 27. This year promises to be bigger and better. We have big plans and will need all the help we can get to make it a fun time for all. So help us out a volunteer, even if you can only put in a little time, a lot of little times adds up.

Don't forget SE Chapter elections are going on and we need your input on what leaders you would like to see on the board.

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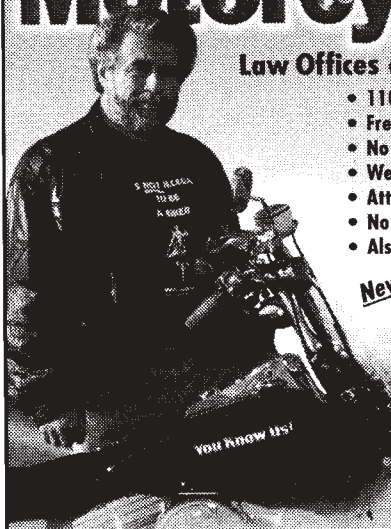
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No April rain for our Birthday Party at the Texas Rose Saloon and 35 of you celebrated. Some of you members having a Birthday who attended got to blow out the candles on that wonderful cake provided by Rob. Thank you all for being there and making this Birthday Party a successful one again!



We had great music, great food, cake and service thanks to Rob and all of his staff. I can't remember a time we've had a party and didn't have blast!

The Birthday Party for May 2009 will be at the American Legion #321 (where we have our monthly meetings) on May 9th with music by the "Ringerz".

We'll meet at the same time as always between 7-8pm and for directions listen to the hotline please.

I hope to see everybody there and have a wonderful Birthday to everybody below!

- Terry "Blindman" Lanius**
- Luis "Daddy" Rayon**
- Peggy Quinlan**
- Mike "Toaster" Speed**
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- Evelyn Otero**
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- *5 - **AOA MC West Palm Annual**
- 4 & 5 - Peterson's South Anniversary Weekend
- 11 - Hermandad MC Party
- *12 - **CMA Annual**
- 18 - Mystic Seven MC & Mojo's Birthday Party
- 18 - SE Police Rodeo
- *26 - **Wings of Gold MC Ft. Laud Stars & Stripes Annual**
- 24, 25, 26 - Leesberg Bikefest

DATE CHANGE

MAY

- *3 - **Southern MC Annual**
- 16 - Wings of Gold MC Ft. St. Lucie Party
- 17 - USMVMC West Palm Party
- 24 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Party
- *31 - **Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach Annual**

JUNE

- *7 - **AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual**
- *13 - **New Attitudes MC Annual**
- *14 - **Wings of Gold MC West Palm Annual**
- 21 - Peterson's North Store Fathers Day Event
- 21 - Alternative Epilipsy Run & Party
- 27 - Palm Beach ABATE Annual Event
- *28 - **Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual**

JULY

- 5 - USMVMC South Broward Party
- 12 - States MC Lake Worth Party
- 18 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off & Party
- 19 - AOA MC West Palm Party
- *26 - **Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud. Annual**

AUGUST

- 3-9 69th Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 14, 15, 16, - 14th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 16 - AOA MC 42nd Anniversary Party
- *23 - **Wings of Gold MC Port Saint Lucie Annual**
- 30 - US Military Vets MC Pompano Party

SEPTEMBER

- 12 - Outcast MC Party
- 13 - States Pompano MC 16th Key West Tuneup Party
- 18-20 - Phil Peterson's 37th Annual Key West Poker Run
- 27 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & Party

OCTOBER

- *4 - **Mystic Seven MC Annual**
- 11 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
- 15-18 - Daytona Biketoberfest
- 25 - SE ABATE 29th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally
- 31 - Wheels of Man MC 36th Annual Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

- *1 - **Alternative Ft. Laud. MC Annual**
- *8 - **USMVMC National 22nd Annual**
- 14 - Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach Party
- 15 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach Party
- 22 - CMA Memorial Event
- 29 - Keltics MC Minni Party
- 29 - Heaven Cycles 32nd Anniversary Party

DECEMBER

- *6 - **22nd Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run**
- 12 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami
- 13 - ABATE West Palm Beach Party
- 19 - SFLCOC Christmas Dinner Party
- 20 - Calvary Chapel 10th Annual Christmas Service

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Hundreds of motorcyclists arrive at the Florida Capitol early Monday for their annual lobbying day./ Photo by Bill Cotterell

Members of ABATE, a motorcycle-lobbying organization, commemorate the lives of bikers with the ringing of a brass bell during a ceremony at the Capitol Monday at the start of their annual lobbying day./Photo by Bill Cotterell

The courtyard of Florida's Capitol echoed with the revving of motorcycle engines this morning as hundreds of bikers converged for their annual legislative lobbying and safety education day. ABATE of Florida, a statewide organization of motorcycle riders, also held a brief ceremony marking the deaths of fellow riders. James "Doc" Reichenbach, president of the group, read a long list of names as a brass bell chimed.

This year, ABATE is focusing on two issues — trying to toughen penalties for drivers who cause accidents that kill or injure motorcyclists and a bill forbidding cities and counties to charge service fees for fire trucks or emergency medical technicians who are sent to accident scenes. In addition to spreading through the House and Senate office buildings to meet with lawmakers, ABATE also set up educational displays in the Capitol rotunda on motorcycle safety.

Reichenbach said that car and truck drivers who cause accidents often get off with an \$82 fine for a civil offense, like failure to yield the right of way, rather than being charged with vehicular homicide or manslaughter. He also said it isn't fair for citizens, who pay taxes to support local emergency services, to be hit with an additional service fee for first responders being called to accident scenes.

—Bill Cotterell

Vice President

May is a special month because it is time for our Memorial Day Celebration on Sunday May 24th. Every biker in South Florida should take this opportunity to share some time with our military veterans and have a great ride out to Café 27. We will be meeting before the event at Sandy Ninninger VA Nursing Home for breakfast with the residents. A quick ride will take us to the Pyramid in Davie for a brief service to remember those gone before us. Then you can get some wind in your hair on the ride to Café 27. That is where the real party begins. We have activities all day long. No matter what you ride – cruiser, sport bike, custom chopper or cage - this is an event not to be missed. Once again we will be asking members to help out with various jobs. Please check the hotline (954-310-4636) for information regarding time and place for planning meetings.

As I have been saying for the last two months elections are coming in June. It is not too late to step up and throw your hat in the ring. I'm sure that out of 600 members we have more than just a handful of people capable of sitting on the board. I have noticed that attendance at our monthly meetings has grown significantly. So I assume that means we have more people who want to get involved. Remember you don't have to be nominated by another member. You can self nominate. So if you see a job you think you would like, at the next meeting when nominations for that position are called raise your hand. If you are uncomfortable doing that you can contact me by phone before the May meeting and I will be happy to nominate anyone. These positions do take dedication but knowing that the time and energy that you put into the job helps ABATE to keep fighting for all bikers' rights makes it all worthwhile

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What is ABATE of Florida, INC.? American Bikers Aiming Toward Education a non profit organization.. ABATE of Florida, Inc., with it's MSAP program, aggress with the United States Department of Transportation that motorcycle safety courses have been the single most important factor in significantly reducing motorcycle injuries and fatalities.

THE ISSUE

Most of your elected officials do not ride a motorcycle, have never ridden a motorcycle, and probably don't intend to ride. Yet, they are asked to vote on the bills that affect your riding experiences. We are the only Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in Florida that has a lobbyist for our states motorcycle rights.

THE PROBLEM

Elected officials count on you to educate and inform them of your riding needs. They don't know — and won't ever know the issues — unless you contact them and communicate your views and reasons. We must tell them why motorcyclists are concerned about an issue and ask for their support on these issues.

THE PROCESS

We help to educate the motorcyclist on how to contact their elected officials and ask them where they stand on the important issues like SB 968 and HB 1161 – these are the two most significant bills we are working on at this time. We originally called them “Stiffer Penalties for motorcyclists”, to bring to light the inconsistencies of the court system. Both of these bills are attempting to correct and hold persons responsible for causing severe injury and death. People are often charged for their actions such as Right of Way violations, but too often they are not held responsible for the results of those actions, like the death of a motorcyclist. We hope these two bills correct these problems.

This event is one that will not be forgotten by all the attendees.

BG Lyman
PR-Communications Trustee
ABATE of Florida, Inc.

May-09

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Southern MC annual	4	5	6	7	8	9 ABATE Birthday Party
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 WOG Port St. Lucie
17 ABATE Chapter Meeting USMVMC WPB	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 ABATE Memorial Day Celebration	25	26	27	28	29	30
						31 Sunday Soldiers for Jesus WPB

June-09

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 AOA Treasure Cost	8	9	10	11	13	13 ABATE State Meeting Lake County
14 WOG WPB	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 ABATE Chapter Meeting Fathers Day Petersons Alternatives Epilepsy Run	22	23	24	25	26	27 ABATE Palm Beach Event
28 WOG Miami	29	30				

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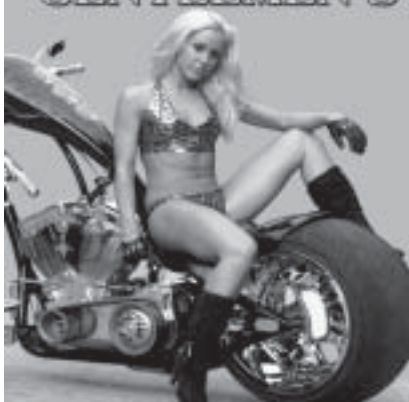


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NEW MOTORCYCLE AND SCOOTER SALES SET RECORDS
Despite the economy, U.S. sales of new motorcycles in 2008 still topped the one-million mark, and did so for the sixth straight year. That beats the longest run of million-plus sales ever recorded by the Motorcycle Industry Council, during the five years from 1970 to 1974. Also, scooter sales last year reached their highest annual level ever.

The MIC's preliminary estimate for all motorcycles and scooters sold nationwide in 2008 is 1,087,000, down just 3.3 percent compared to 2007. The MIC is currently estimating 2008 scooter sales at 222,000, a new record. Back in 1992, total motorcycle and scooter sales combined were just 278,000.

"All in all, our industry has not declined as precipitously as many others," said MIC President Tim Buche. "Many Americans certainly want motorcycles, both for recreation and transportation. When they aren't buying now, it's down to personal economics, not desire."

While total sales have declined slightly during the past two years, they are following in the tracks of some very big years. There were 1,124,000 new bikes sold in 2007. In 2006, that number was 1,190,000, the biggest year for motorcycle sales in more than three decades. The record for most new bikes sold in a year is 1.5 million, back in 1973.

CONGRESS CONSIDERS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY MONTH
A Congressional committee has passed a bill encouraging all road users to be more aware of motorcyclists and their safety, and encourages motorcyclists to take rider training and practice safe riding skills. House Resolution 269, a bill entitled "Supporting the goals of a motorcycle safety month", received unanimous approval from members of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The resolution is co-sponsored by Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ), an avid rider who is co-chair of the Congressional

Motorcycle Safety Caucus, and caucus co-chair Rep. Michael Burgess M.D. (R-TX).

The measure now goes to the House floor for a full vote.

INTERNATIONAL FEMALE RIDE DAY — MAY 1st
Women riders are hitting the road in record numbers, with the latest statistics showing that 12.6% of motorcyclists and scooterists are now women, a 29% increase from 2003. Now, the ladies even have their own day to kickstart the riding season!

Flagged for the first Friday of May each year, International Female Ride Day has become the globally synchronized day for women to — just ride!

Supported by the motorcycle industry around the world, it now encompasses a range of international cultures and locations including Canada, United States, South Africa, Australia, Greece and the UK to name but a few, with Poland joining in this year.

In conjunction with International Female Ride Day, Harley-Davidson Motor Co. has declared May as the first-ever Women Riders Month and has planned a series of events around the world to celebrate the ever-growing numbers of female riders hitting the highway and to encourage more ladies to take life by the handlebars.

Harley-Davidson is also encouraging women to learn to ride via either the Harley-Davidson Rider's Edge New Rider Course or the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic RiderCourse training program, and is backing a Guinness World Record attempt for the number of women motorcycle riders trained in one weekend during the first weekend of May.

CALIFORNIA SMOG CHECK BILL PASSES COMMITTEE
Most motorcycles would have to pass the same smog inspections as cars and trucks under legislation approved by a California legislative committee. SB 435, introduced by Senator Fran Pavley, passed the Senate Transportation Committee on April 14 and has been referred next to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The measure seeks to include motorcycles in the state's Smog Check Program beginning in 2012 and would cover

about 72% of all motorcycles in the state — year 2000 and newer models with large, class-three engines.

No state currently requires motorcycles to undergo regular emissions testing, since motorcyclists in Arizona and Kentucky successfully lobbied to end such test procedures.

MILITARY REQUESTS MANDATORY TRAINING FOR CIVILIANS

Combat injury or death are always possibilities in a war, but last year more U.S. Marines were killed here at home while off-duty riding motorcycles than from enemy fire in Iraq, prompting all military branches to require completion of rider training courses and mandatory personal safety equipment on and off base.

Now, in a move encouraged by military leaders at different Armed Forces bases, a bill is making its way through the North Carolina legislature that would extend the mandatory training requirement to civilians, making it tougher and more expensive to get a motorcycle license.

The legislation, Senate Bill 64, passed the State Senate on March 11. It would take effect July 1, 2010 and require would-be motorcyclists to pass a safety class before they can get a motorcycle endorsement on their licenses. The bill, which is currently pending in the state House, would also prevent riders from taking advantage of the “perpetual” learners permit by making it valid for just 6 months with a rider having one year to get a full motorcycle endorsement or quit riding.

It’s estimated there are 48,000 motorcycle riders in the Department of the Navy, many of them choosing sport bikes which are designed for speed. Nationwide, the military lost 41 people to motorcycle crashes in fiscal 2001. That tripled to 124 in 2008.

WASHINGTON STATE BIKERS PROTEST WSP SURVEILLANCE

A motorcycle rights group is demanding answers from the Washington State Patrol. During an annual rally at the Capitol this year in Olympia, a state trooper was seen on video as he recorded the license plates of those visiting their elected officials. The sergeant was seen wandering through the parking lot and using a voice recorder to take down the license plate numbers from motorcycles as their owners were inside the statehouse advocating for issues important to them.

Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Martin D. Fox, a Seattle lawyer representing several local motorcycle groups, is spearheading an inquiry into the incident and wrote an angry letter to Governor Chris Gregoire protesting the WSP’s January 22nd surveillance activity, noting; “I may be old school, but I always thought that the Capitol was supposed to be a sanctuary for free speech and assembly, and not an opportunity for clandestine intelligence gathering on citizens trying to be involved in the political process.”

Fox, an attorney for ABATE of Washington and legal counsel for the Washington Confederation of Clubs, distributed his letter to numerous Washington media outlets, along with a DVD with images of a trooper “crawling around the bushes of the Capitol to record license plate numbers of motorcycles into his tape machine,” the letter reads.

“My concern is anyone going to the Legislature to have their views heard are being put on a list and it’s not what we do in America,” said Fox.

ABATE and the COC are awaiting a written reply. “They want to know why it was being done and where this information was going,” said Fox.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS BAN BIKIE “GANGS”

Two of Australia’s biggest motorcycle “gangs” could soon be banned and their members arrested for associating with one another under new anti-bikie laws passed in response to escalating violence between rival clubs.

The New South Wales government has drawn up emergency legislation that it claims will dismantle the biker gangs and bring the violence to an end. Under the proposals, the police would be able to apply to the courts to have a motorcycle group declared a “criminal organization” and outlawed on the basis of intelligence about its alleged activities.

“The new legislation was about declaring a particular organization a criminal group, and I would say that this is a path that we will now be able to go down,” NSW Assistant Police Commissioner Catherine Burn told reporters.

The Rebels and the Comanchero, clubs that were involved in a widely reported fatal brawl at Sydney airport, are likely to be the first gangs so proscribed. Police could then arrest any

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In the meantime, gang legislation enacted in South Australia last June to dismantle the clubs has had the reverse effect - serving to unite rival clubs. Gypsy Jokers, Hells Angels, Rebels, Finks and Descendents bike club members have, for the first time, joined together in protest against the Serious and Organised Crime Control Act, described by the government as being the toughest anti-gang law of its kind in the world.

The alliance, known as the FREE Australia Party, is only a few application process steps away from forming a legitimate

political party. The party's leader, Paul Kuhn - a committee member of the Motorcycle Riders Association of SA and a Justice of the Peace - said the group was formed because of deep concern anyone associated with a member of a club would be found guilty under the law. "The Government is now controlling and dictating relationships," he said.

WEIRD NEWS: MUSICAL HELMETS

A European recycle program could turn music and movie disks into motorcycle helmets. A recycling plan proposed by the Swiss supermarket chain Migros aims to reduce the number of old CDs and DVDs landing in the regular trash by collecting and using them for an unrelated end product. The recycling program aims to reduce the number of old CDs and DVDs destined for the dumpster. Collection points will be available across Switzerland, and they plan to shred the disks, using the resulting granular remains to make new products such as motorcycle helmets.

According to a store spokesperson, the discs contain the valuable petroleum product polycarbonate, and far too many of them end up in the normal trash. If the program is successful, an old Madonna CD or Brad Pitt movie could be made into head gear.

MILLION MILE MAN

Congratulations to Dave Zien, former Wisconsin State Senator and longtime champion of bikers' rights, for his unprecedented ride into history on April 4 as the odometer on his 1991 FXRT Harley-Davidson turned 00000 for the tenth time! Zien became the first person to ride the same Harley-Davidson motorcycle 1 million miles, which may be the most mileage on any motorcycle ever!

The feat earned him a world record from the Iron Butt Association, the international organization that oversees and governs safe, long-distance motorcycle riding challenges, which was present at Hal's Harley-Davidson in New Berlin, WI to witness the achievement.

During his time in the saddle, Zien has collected numerous riding records, including logging 1,616 miles in 24 hours and riding 3,032 miles in 48 hours, and through 48 states in eight days. He also has gone through three engines, a couple of transmissions and too many tires to count.

The Harley-Davidson Motor Co. recognized Dave's accomplishment by presenting him with a 2009 FLHX in exchange for his Million Mile Bike, which is reportedly headed to the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame. The long-serving legislator is already inducted into the Motorcycle Hall of Fame for not only his riding achievements but for his motorcycle rights advocacy during his 18-year tenure in the state legislature.

During his years as a lawmaker, Zien was known for becoming the state's first motorcycle-riding legislator. Bikers' rights got Zien involved in politics, as he founded the Wisconsin Better Bikers Association after returning from Vietnam and helped repeal the state's mandatory helmet law. He has also served for many years on the Legislative Task Force for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM-LTF), and has lobbied against adult helmet laws in numerous states and on the federal level.

In addition to his staunch support of bikers' rights issues, as a Marine combat veteran he dedicated much of his public service to advocating for veteran's affairs.

At last report, Dave was reluctant to leave his trusty stead behind, but as the first digits roll across his new odometer, a journey of a million miles begins anew.

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