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May Motorcycle **Awareness Month** Look Twice Save a Life

President's Thoughts

am happy to announce that MAY is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month! As far as I'm concerned, EVERY MONTH should be for Motorcycle Safety Awareness. With all the new riders we have on the roads today, I'm hoping ABATE can get out there and gather some support from anybody who does not know about the Motorcycle Community. With gas prices so high, more and more people are turning to Motorcycles for transportation, as far as their GREEN Vehicle goes, and also for their ability to ride year round here in Florida!

Come on out to our Memorial Day Event on May 27th, we hope you can attend this special time with our Vets from the VA Home. On another note, please don't forget that our Elections are coming up next month on June 10th at the American Legion Post 321 in Cooper City. We will also be having our Birthday Party there on Friday - May 11th. There will be live music by the "HooDoo Blue Blues Band". Hope to see you there!! Be Strong, Ride Safe....

Peace, Johnny Rose



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May 2012

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Edward Petress

Cindy Roach

Rodney Rock

Barry "Teddybear" Sadoff

Lvnda "Boots" Sadoff

Maryanne "Blondie" Sarner

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Membership Due

Thanks if you have already renewed

June 2012

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Robert "Gunner" Barriento

Vicky Beaton Gail "Storm" Bleier

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ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes April 15, 2012

Sgt @ Arms "GEO" called the meeting to order at 10:15am. There were 36 members, no member's at large and 1 guest. Total in attendance: 37. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by our Chaplain "Poppi."

President's Report

Johnny thanked all members for coming out. We have a lot to cover during this meeting including our Memorial Day Event and the continuation of nominations for next years Board of Directors.

Vice-President's Report

Old Hippy thanked all for coming out today. The monuments at Holiday Park have been moved. They are being stored at this time in order to find a suitable area to relocate them to. Please check the hotline for information regarding a planning meeting for our Memorial Day Event. Right after today's meeting we will be heading to the El Couqui's event being held up at Mickey's. We need a great showing for their event, in order to be a member of their association they must be a member of ABATE. Need I say anymore!

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of March's meeting with the following corrections:

Under the Treasurers report, the report was for the month of March not February. Under new business nominations, Frank T. Hammons name was misspelled as Frank T. Hammonds. My apologizes to Frank. With the corrections the motion was seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

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

Sergeant at Arm's Report

Geo reported we had a great time at last night's birthday party hosted by Luke's Place. We all know "It's on the way home". Our Memorial Day Event will need a ton of help. On the tables there are sign up sheets. YOUR CHAPTER NEEDS YOUR HELP. We only have 3 events each year to raise the necessary funds to operate. If we do not raise enough money to operate, well you know what can happen. The saying goes "Many Hands Make For Little Work". How true this is. Any time you give will be greatly appreciated.

Road Captain's Report

Frank reported we attended the Keltics and States MC events and had a great time. He will be headed for Leesburg. Contact him if you want to go.

Please check the hotline for run updates and important

information.

Safety Directors Report

Dave was excused. Johnny Rose reported we did receive this year's money for our safety program.

Products Report

Johnny Rose reported we have products. **We need a Products Trustee**. If any member is interested in becoming our Products Trustee until our elections in June, please contact any board member. In the interim, if you need any products, please contact Wildcat. Her number is in the newsletter.

Events Coordinator

Steve was excused, Old Hippy reported with the exception of a few minor details we are all set for our Memorial Day Event. Steve has more than 30 vendors coming. Café 27 here we come. Flyers are available in the back of the room, please take some and distribute them. Door prizes are needed. Wherever you go, just ask. All they can say is no, but you do not know if you do not ask. We will need everyone's help in order to make this event a success.

State Reps Report

Demetrious reported on the State Meeting. Full details are available in the Masterlink. Highlights include:

Michigan repealed their helmet law.

The \$250,000.00 for motorcycle safety is in the budget, it is on the Governor's desk, and however the Governor has line item veto power. We will keep you posted.

The EPA has approved 15% ethanol additive for gasoline. There has been an extension of the comment period as this additional percentage will destroy motorcycles and a lot of other engines. Sad part is our taxes subsidize the company's who produce ethanol; it is not good for certain engines and our gas prices have not been reduced.

Lawsuit filed against Hillsborough County. The by-law change requiring the Executive Board be US citizens and residents of Florida did not pass. It failed by 1 vote with 4 abstains.

With the exception of the President and Vice-President positions on the state board, all board members are running un-opposed.

Membership Report

George reported we have 642 members. We are still number 1 in the state. Congratulations' to Jester, he finally got his Life Member patch.

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month you joined and before the 30 day grace period ends.

Newsletter Editor

Wildcat reminded all members that all articles; contributions, pictures etc are due by the 20th of each month.

Legislative Report

Old Hippy reported Michigan is now a Freedom of Choice State.

Public Relations

Fern was excused. No report

Advertising

Hope was excused. Johnny Rose reported we are doing pretty good and are almost caught up with those behind in their advertising payments. But we need more advertising to offset the cost our Newsletter. We need to do whatever we can to make our newsletter self-sufficient. Old Hippy reminded all members, no matter where you go try to get a business card ad. This is the best bang for the buck. Remember: **We MUST SUPPORT our advertisers, they**

Social Directors Report

SUPPORT us.

Steve was excused. Check the hotline for next month's birthday party.

Newsletter Distribution

Charlie advised last months delivery went really well. We are having a few issues with the distribution to Miami-Dade County. Anyone who works down in Miami and can help us out, please contact him. Thank you, His number is in the newsletter.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob Anz reported there was no report

Photographer's Report

Axman was excused. No report.

Web-Master's Report

Mike reported web up and running. Old Hippy reported when you add your email address to the list; please make sure you put in your correct email address.

We have received a number of non-deliverable email returns.

Legal Council

Demetrious reported there was nothing to report.

Old Business

Nominations for Board of Directors and Trustees 2012-2013 As of the Chapter Meeting held on April 15, 2012

President

Bob "Bars" Calabrese Jr. - Accepted John F. Rose-Declined Bob "Old Hippy' Leavitt-Undecided

Vice-President

Chris Sharp-Undecided
Jimmy "Les" Lesniak- Undecided
Steve Thomas-Undecided

Secretary

Paul A. Melcer- Accepted

Treasurer

Frank T. Hammons- Accepted Joe Baker-Declined Alice Calabrese-Undecided

Sgt. @ Arms

George "GEO" Bograkos-Undecided Steve Thomas-Undecided Al "Newcomer" Acevedo--Declined Dan Barrett-Undecided Al "ACE' Ryant-Accepted Al 'Big Wheel" Loper – Undecided Paul "Video Vulture" Undecided

Road Captain

Frank "Big Dog" Tomasek – Declined Al "Newcomer" Acevedo - Declined Jimmy "Les" Lesniak-Undecided Al 'Big Wheel" Loper – Undecided Paul "Video Vulture" Undecided

Safety Director

Dave "Gimpy" Gregory- Undecided Patty Dollard - Declined

State Representatives

Demetrious Kirkiles-Accepted Chris Sharpe-Undecided Jimmy "Les"Lesniak-Undecided Bob "Old Hippy" Leavitt-Undecided Bob "Bars' Calabrese -Undecided

Legal Council

Demetrious Kirkiles-Accepted Chris Sharpe-Undecided Brad Winston-Undecided

Products

Dave "Gimpy' Gregory-Undecided Alice Calabrese-Undecided Al "Ace" Ryant-Declined Bruce Sonnenfeld-Undecided Al "Newcomer" Acevedo-Declined Patty Dollard – Decllined

Membership

George "Blue Trike" Torrence- Accepter Jimmy "Les" Lesniak -Undecided

Newsletter Editor

Suzanne Keene-Undecided LeAnn "Wildcat" Lewis-Declined Richard "Huck' Hennerbery-Declined Bob "Old Hippy" Leavitt - Undecided

Legislative Laison

Bob "Old Hippy" Leavitt- Undecided Jimmy "Les" Lesniak-Undecided Demetrious Kirkiles-Declined Chris Sharp-Undecided

Public Relations

Steve Thomas- Undecided Jimmy "Les" Lesniak-Undecided Bob "Old Hippy" Leavitt-Undecided John F. Rose-Declined

Events Coordinator

Steve Thomas-Undecided
Jimmy "Les" Lesniak-Undecided
Bob "Old Hippy" Leavitt-Declined
Mike Hager-Declined
Bob Anz-Declined

Joe Baker- Declined

AL "Big Wheel" Loper – Undecided

Social Director

Steve Thomas-Undecided Patty Dollard-Accepted Sharon "Princess" Bryan-Undecided Frank T. Hammons – Declined

Quartermaster

Bob Anz - Accepted

Photographer

Axel "Axman" Wojnar - Undecided LeAnn "Wildcat" Lewis – Undecided

Chaplain

Jim "Tumbleweed" McLemore - Undecided Frank "Poppi" Cocchi- Accepted Nominations closed.

Due to an omission of an office, nominations were reopened

Web-Master

Mike "Rogue" Hager - Accepted

Nominations closed until next month, at that time all members nominated for office must be present to accept their nomination. For those members who are unable to be present may accept their nominations by notifying the chapter secretary in writing of their intentions. You may e-mail him your intentions at: secretary@abatese.org or melcerp@aol.com either one will be ok.

Very Important Reminder to All Members

Any member interested in any Board or Trustee Position can nominate himself or herself. Do not be bashful.

New Business

Since our June meeting falls on Fathers Day, a motion was made, seconded to move our June meeting to June 10th. Discussion followed, all in favor motion passed.

Good of the Order

Vietnam Veterans 25th reunion in Melbourne Apr. 23 to 28. All veterans are welcome.

American Legion Post 36, Cinco di Myao on May 5th. Discussion on escorting our veterans to our Memorial Day Event.

Right after today's meeting, El Couqui Event at Mickey's. A motion was made, seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:43am.

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

Paul A. Melcer

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Secretary









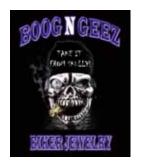




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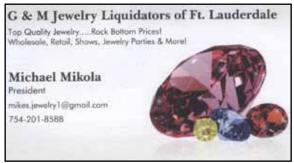












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OldHippy's Corner



decided in this column to revisit again, a subject that I wrote about awhile back that still holds true today.

In most groups of people in organizations, their main objective is to promote a CAUSE. Whether it is for a charity or a political action, they are made up of people who care, unless of course they happen to be some of the high executives that are using it as a career and are also being well compensated for it.

Motorcycle Rights Organizations like ABATE and MRF, plain and simple fight for the rights of motorcycle riders. You as a member may have different reasons for fighting, whether it is the Freedom to Choose, or gain your Freedom of Choice. Maybe it keeps them from taking your ride because your pipes are not EPA approved. In fact you might be fighting in some cases just to have the privilege to ride at all. We all know there is countless reasons and causes for which, unfortunately we have to fight for.

There is us who **care**, and then there are all the others who don't **care**.

We know that the general public could care less, they don't ride. They see us as a nuisance and thugs, and they don't **care**, or would rather ignore us. These people are too busy racing here, racing there and talking on their cell phones! It is obvious they don't **care**. Our lawmakers claim they **care** but they are too busy justifying their own existence and so called "doing their job"! Do they really give a crap? I must be fair; there are a few that do. I also understand these are hard times, with people out of work, everything costing more with people having to do more with less free time. And resources are at a premium that we all must only give away to the most deserving causes. This is the life we live in now and reality as it stands.

You might say; OldHippy that should cover it all, but all the other ones out there, are the other ones that I have concerns with. I am not saying these are bad people; they are just caught up in their own objectives and needs.

Corporations and companies are caught up in making their bottom line larger are also the ones that don't **care**. Face it; they are just out there to make money! Why else would they make and sell a bike that does 225 mph out of the box to some 18 year old (first time rider) on a promise he would get his endorsement sometime in the future?

Then there is the largest group that I call "Free Riders". Just look on a Sunday at Café 27. You'll see a vast majority of riders there that are oblivious to the fact that they are in danger of losing their ability to travel the road on their mode of transportation and without MRO's like ABATE, things would be a whole lot different. You might ask why I call them "Free Riders". Well, they are the ones that ride on the freedom that so many over the years have fought to protect the rights we have or have made changes, and many of these individuals have no clue of the where's, when or how's. Unfortunately many of them just don't **care.**

Now the one that seems to be the norm in most volunteer organizations; they are the people inside the motorcycle rights movement that went ahead and signed and joined a SMRO like ABATE. They all had good intentions when they joined, to protect their rights, to work for motorcycle safety, to help in the fund raising efforts for the organization, or community charities. Or there are some who just join to get some kind of benefits out of it. Some even rise to leadership, but get caught up in all the day to day activities and politics of the job, they've somehow got side-tracked on the reason for joining. We have others that just join for the rides, the parties, and all the events, but do they really **care?** Hum, they somehow have tons of reasons why they "can't"......like right a letter, make phone calls to their rep, help out in a task, they somehow are too busy, or it is not there area of expertise, or even that their Dog is expecting and they don't want to miss it! Then, there are the ones...and we all have witnessed in some form, they are out for person gain. They are out for some kind of self promotion and want to feel like the big fish in a small pond, even though in real life they were just a small fish in a big pond. Then we have the ones that just figured "I paid my dues, I did my part, and I don't have to do it anymore, there are plenty of people that can do it". Do they really **care?** And how many of the same "plenty" of people are going to keep on doing it?

The last group is the one that is the most disheartening; they are the ones who **cared** the most, but for some reason or another, like internal politics or other reasons, they seem to not **care** anymore. These individuals, who put aside all the BS parts that goes on and they gave and gave to a point they got burned out; in their hearts. I'm sure they still **care**. The lead, they followed, they worked until there wasn't anything left to give and now they have faded to something of a distant past. Some of them are remembered and some of them are just ignored once they are no longer useful. And some of them we didn't even know. They were there till they were gone and sometimes were only noticed when something didn't get done. But most of them just slip into obscurity.

With that said, you need to ask yourself this...What group do you fall into?? And do you really care?

That's it for me this month.....

Keep the shiny side up and the Greasy side down

Oh by the way, how's the Puppies doing?

Old Hippy



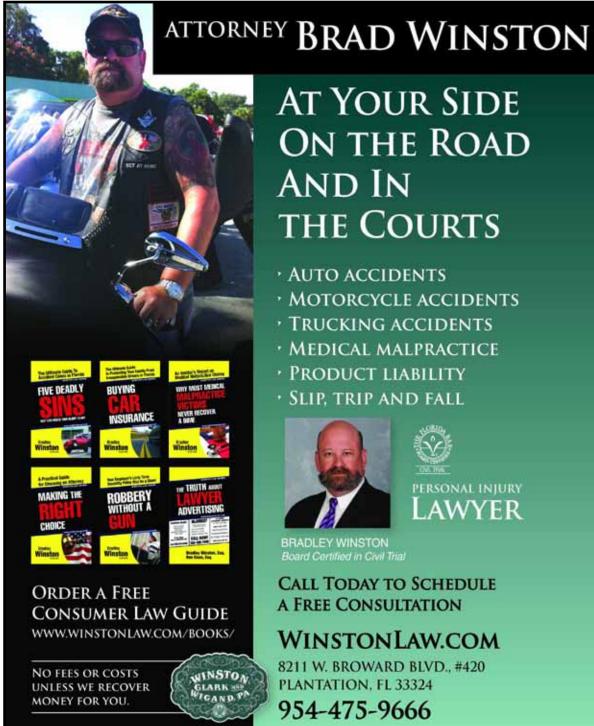












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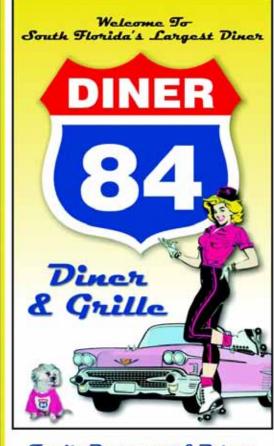
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his month is a very busy month and an important time for this Chapter. First off, we are in the middle of our Election process and at this month's meeting; it will be the close of the nominations. This is also Motorcycle Awareness month and we have been asked to set up our Safety Booths at several events; some of which are on the same day. Now that brings us the Main Event for the month, in fact, one of the most important happening for the year for us; it is our Memorial Day Event being held on the 27th, at Café 27. We are hoping for a large turnout of both attendees and volunteers to make this the ONE to remember.

One of the main objectives of Abate is promote motorcycle safety, which seems to be more important than ever. It seems, lately that you are hearing about another rider going down and unfortunately some of them has been caused by rider error. We have lost a few like Navaho recently and have had one's that got seriously injured, like Dave from Mickey's, we all need to be pay attention when riding.

I'm going to keep this short this month, (OldHippy went on a rant) and close by saying I hope to see everybody at our event.

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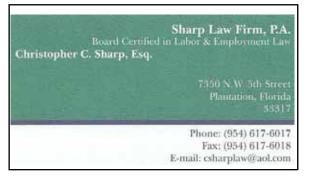
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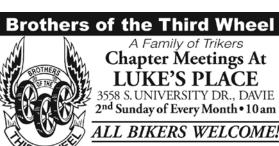
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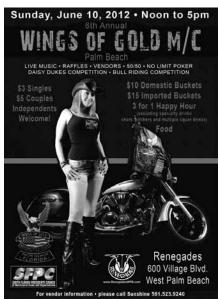
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Look at all	3	1	2 Mickey's	3 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite	4	5 595 Truck Stop
the Stuff to do this	month!		Bike Night	States MC Pompano Dinner		Event See pg-17
Southern MC Annual	7	8	9 Mickey's Bike Night	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	ABATE B'Day Party See Info Below	WOG MC Pt St Lucie Chili Cook Off See Pg 11
Mother's	14	15	16 Mickey's Bike Night	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	18	USMVMC West Palm Beach Annual See Pg 27
ABATE Chapter Meeting	21	22	23 Mickey's Bike Night	24 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	25	26 Fly-In Wheels MC Annual Broward at 7:30 pm See Pg 26
27 ABATE SE Memorial Day Event	28	29	Mickey's Bike Night	31 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner		This way



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Additional Info:

May 05 - American Legion Post 36, 1600 West State Rd 84, Ft Lauderdale, FL - "Cinco de Mayo" Pig Roast - See Pg 37

May 13 - States MC's 2nd Annual Motorcycle Swap Meet - See Page 11 for more info

May 19 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual - See Page 26

May 19 - 6th Annual 2012 - Treasure Coast Bike Fest - See Page 46

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Sometimes "Events" get missed or don't get listed in time for the Calendar.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Cafe' 27 Bike Nite	1	2 Luke's Place
				States MC Pompano Dinner		Bike Night
AOA MC Treasure Coast Party	4	5	Mickey's Bike Night	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	8	New Attitudes MC Annual Luke's Place Bike Night
10 Chapter Meeting and Elections	11	12	Mickey's Bike Night	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	15	AOA MC Jerry & Roger 1%er's Memorial
17 Fathers Day	18	19	Mickey's Bike Night	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	22	Palm Beach ABATE Party
WOG MC Ft Lauderdale Annual	25	26	Mickey's Bike Night	28 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	29	Luke's Place Bike Night

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Additional Info:

June 10 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Beach Annual at Renegades - See Page 23

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2012 CALENDAR

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APRIL

- 1 States MC Pompano Annual
- 7 Mystic 7 MC Party
- 8 CMA Easter Party
- 14 Outcast MC Annual
- 21 USMVMC Martin Ctny Party
- 22 AOA WPB Party
- 28 & 29 Leesburg

MAY

- 6 Southern MC Annual
 - 12 Wings of Gold MC P.S.L. Chili Cook Off
- 19 USMVMC WPB Annual
- 20 Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual
- 27 SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE

- 3 AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
- 9 New Attitudes MC Annual
- 10 Wings of Gold WPB Annual
 - 16 AOA Jerry & Roger 1%er's Memorial
- 23 ABATE Palm Beach Party
- 24 Wings of Gold MC Ft. Laud Annual

JULY

- 1 USMVMC South Broward Party
- 7 Wheels of Man MC IRC Annual
- 8 AOA MC WPB Annual
- 14 Wheels of Man MC Deerfield Chili Cook-Off
- 15 States MC Lake Worth Party
- 22 Black Pistons Ft. Laud. Annual
- 29 Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual

AUGUST

- 4 Wings of Gold Miami Party
- **5-12** 72nd Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 10-12, 17th South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 12 AOA MC 44th Anniversary Party
- 19 Wings of Gold MC PSL Annual

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Outcast MC Party
- 9 States Pompano MC 19th Key West Party
- 14-16 Peterson's 39th Key West Poker Run
- 23 Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party
- 30 Keltics MC Party

OCTOBER

- 6 Mystic Seven MC Annual
- 7 Rough Riders MC Annual
- 13 New Attitudes MC Party
- 14 SE ABATE Annual Party
- 19-21 Biketoberfest
- 27 Wheels of Man Deerfield Halloween Party
- 28 Alternative Ft. Laud. Annual

NOVEMBER

- 4 AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual
- 10 USMVMC National Annual
- 11 CMA Memorial Event
- 17 Soldiers for Jesus WPB Party
- 18 Wings of Gold WPB Party
- 25 USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

DECEMBER

- 2 ABATE Palm Beach Annual
- 9 SFPC Tov Run
- 15 Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley
- 16 Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
- 22 SFLCOC Christmas Party
- 23 Calvery Chapel Christmas Service
- 23 Hermandad MC Alfred Pena Memorial Run



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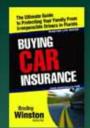
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Mathew 6:34 says "so do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will care for itself, each day has enough trouble of its own".

When the mother stopped worrying about her trouble and gave it to Jesus, He took care of the situation and did what she couldn't. He made it right.

I know it's easy to say let go and leave it to Jesus but it's not that easy.

We tend to worry about the things in our lives, and it's our nature to think we can solve them ourselves. The problem with that is we don't always have the right answers and we make the problems worse.

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Praise Him when everything is good, and Praise Him when things don't seem so good. With Jesus all things will become good. Just be still and let Him be the loving caring God He wants to be in our lives.

Always remember John 3:16 "for God so loved the world He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life".

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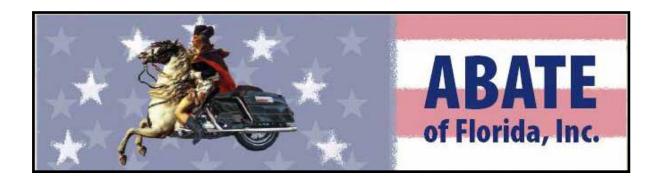
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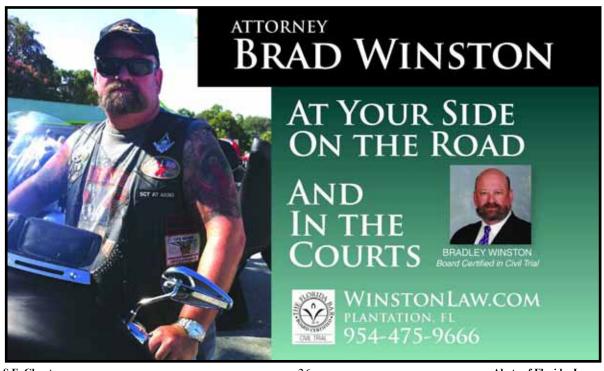


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Sun	May 6	- Southern MC Annual - Homestead/Redlands - KSU TBA
Sun	May 6	- Miccosukee Cruisin' Auto/Bike show - Krome/Tamiami Trail
Fri	May 11	- ALR SE FLA - BIKE NITE - Post 142 - 7pm
Sat	May 12	- Ft Myer's Bike Nite - stay over? TBA
Sat	May 19	- New Horizon Methodist Golf Tournament - HollyBrook Golf Course
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Below are some friends that we are thinking of, and some we have lost:

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And another loss we had within the same week was "Pauly" 1%er who had lost his battle to Cancer. You will be missed by many. R.I.P. Pauly.

"Ivy", Vice-President of the Chrome Angels, LMC had went down on her bike. She will be okay, thank goodness. Get well soon "Ivy". We'll be praying for your quick recovery.

There hasn't been any word on Laina, who was also in a motorcycle accident coming home from

Cafe' 27 one night. Don't know anything on her injuries, but still must be in a coma. We are praying for her recovery.

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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

MICHIGAN RIDERS WIN HEI MET FREEDOM

Proving that persistence pays off, motorcyclists in Michigan shook off the sting of two previous gubernatorial vetoes of their helmet law repeal bills over the past few years and bounced back to win freedom of choice with the stroke of their new governor's pen. "Michigan gained freedom today when Governor Rick Snyder signed the bill (SB 291) into law (Public Act #98) that repeals the 37-year old mandatory helmet law," announced Angel Richardson, Legislative Director for the Michigan Confederation of Clubs and a member of the National Coalition Of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Board of Directors. "The repeal is effective immediately!," she continued. "Thanks to everyone who made a phone call, sent a letter or a postcard, or sent an e-mail.....your efforts made a difference." The Michigan legislature overwhelmingly approved the measure with broad bipartisan support, and with Gov. Snyder's signature on April 12th Michigan now joins 30 other states in amending their mandatory helmet law in favor of adult choice. "The new law modernizes Michigan's outdated mandatory helmet law, which was a holdover from bygone days leaving Michigan in the minority as one of only 20 states left enforcing an empty federal mandate," said Vince Consiglio, President of ABATE of Michigan. The proposal to update Michigan's mandatory helmet law was introduced in the Senate by Senator Phil Pavlov (R) St. Clair. "Every year, millions of dollars leave our state because of Michigan's outdated mandatory helmet law," Pavlov said. "This bipartisan plan will keep our dollars here, attract even more tourists to Michigan and help our state in these tough economic times." Allowing motorcyclists to ride helmet-free could also generate more than \$1 billion in direct and indirect revenue, according to a recent Michigan Consultants study.

The new law gives Michigan the strictest requirements for riding helmet-free of any state that has modified mandatory helmet laws for adult choice. To ride helmet-free in Michigan, motorcyclists must:

- * Be at least 21 years old.
- * Have at least two years of riding experience or undergo special safety training.
- * Carry at least \$20,000 in additional medical insurance.

 "On behalf of the NCOM Board of Directors we congratulate the State of Michigan on a job well done and to all who supported them," said James D. "Doc" Reichenbach II, Chairman of the NCOM Board.

NEW VIRGINIA LAW ALLOWS MOTORCYCLISTS TO RIDE SIDE-BY-SIDE

Motorcyclists are eager to legally cruise side-by-side now that Governor Bob McDonnell has signed legislation permitting them to ride two abreast in a single driving lane in Virginia.

House Bill 97, sponsored by Delegate Tony Wilt (R-Harrisonburg), passed overwhelmingly 87-10 in the House and 38-2 in the Senate, and will now allow two-wheeled motorcycles to drive alongside each other in one lane. State law currently prohibits motorcyclists from riding next to one another, and violators can be charged with reckless driving.

"The bill allows riders to use their own judgment in determining when it is appropriate to ride beside someone, but does not require them to do so," said Del. Wilt. "One goal is to eliminate the harsh punishment placed on riders for doing something as innocent as pulling aside another rider while stopped or taking off together after being stopped."

Virginia will become the 49th state to accommodate two-abreast riding when the new law takes effect July 1. Vermont remains the only state to prohibit the practice.

KENTUCKY MOTORCYCLE LICENSING MEASURE PASSES "HB 328 was signed into law by Governor Steve Beshear on April 11th, 2012," announced Jay Huber, State President of the Kentucky Motorcycle Association in a legislative alert to KMA/KBA members. "In short this bill does two things: Stops the cycle of people riding around on a permit for years and years along with providing a way for 16 and 17 year olds to once again get a motorcycle license."

According to the bill's digest, the new law will "allow a person who has received an intermediate operator's license to apply for a motorcycle instruction permit; make a motorcycle instruction permit good for 1 year, with the ability to renew the permit 1 time, allow a person whose motorcycle instruction permit has expired apply for a motorcycle operator's license if the person can present proof of successful completion of a motorcycle safety education course." MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ACT BECOMES LAW IN WISCONSIN Governor Scott Walker signed AB55 into law, reports ABATE of Wisconsin, which not only clarifies penalties for right-of-way violations but also establishes motorcycle awareness training in Drivers-Ed courses.

AB55 provides a technical correction for 2006 Wisconsin Act 466, moving the penalty provisions from the courts to an administrative function of the DMV. All right-of-way violators that cause serious injury or death on Wisconsin's roadways will be subject to up to a one thousand dollar fine and up to a nine month license suspension and must complete a DOT approved right-of-way awareness class before being reinstated. Also, AB55 adds a mandatory minimum of thirty minutes of motorcycle awareness training in all drivers' education classrooms throughout the state.

"It is ABATE of Wisconsin's hope that the education and awareness portions of this law will help promote responsible driving on Wisconsin's roadways and make our roads safer for all roadway users," said the motorcyclists' rights organization in a prepared statement.

FLORIDA FUNDS RIDER SAFETY

"This morning the Governor of the State of Florida signed into law

the budget for the next fiscal year," reported ABATE of Florida State President James "Doc" Reichenbach, adding that "Included in the budget was \$250,000 to ABATE of Florida, Inc. for motorcycle safety."

In the past five years the Florida Legislature has put in the budget \$1,250,000 for motorcycle safety to be administered by ABATE. "Congratulations to the members of this great organization," Doc told the membership.

BIKERS ROLL WITH "COLORS" LAWSUIT

Police claim that a group of bikers was pulled over for wearing improper helmets, but an attorney for the bikers claims they were stopped by state troopers because of their colors.

In a recently issued court opinion, U.S. District Judge Jerome Simandle in Camden, N.J. said two members of the Pagans Motorcycle Club and one Tribe M.C. member can proceed with their lawsuit stemming from a July 30, 2009, traffic stop in Burlington County, including malicious prosecution. During the stop, New Jersey state troopers ordered riders of six motorcycles to remove their "colors," the members' patched jackets, but the bikers refused -- leading to a federal lawsuit alleging actions by the troopers violated their constitutional rights.

"The court has basically said, 'Yes you have a right to wear a patch, these logos,' "said Norristown attorney Boyd Spencer, who represents the Eastern Pa. Confederation of Clubs.

The bikers were ticketed for not having approved helmets, and were told to remove their colors if they wanted to leave. The whole traffic stop, which lasted more than an hour, was captured by mounted cameras in the police cruisers.

"Now you're all going to take your jackets off, because on this highway, these are the only colors," one of the state troopers told the group after nearly 50 minutes had passed, referring to State Police blue and gold uniforms.

None of the bikers removed his colors, and at a later municipal court hearing, the helmets were found to be legal and a prosecutor dismissed the charges.

"We're looking ... for the court to rule the obvious: These people have a right to wear their colors," said Spencer, who is the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) attorney for Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and serves as legal counsel for the local Confederations of Clubs. "This is a widespread practice of police officers harassing people with (club) patches on," asserted Spencer, who contends his clients were stopped and detained by the troopers because of their colors. "It's not an isolated incident."

The state filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit but Simandle, in his ruling, said the plaintiffs "sufficiently alleged deprivations of a clearly established constitutional right."

DATA SHOWS HIGHEST RISK FOR NEW MOTORCYCLISTS Safety studies show the most dangerous time for motorcyclists is their first year riding, peaking in the first month. For motorcycle riders, their first 30 days are about four times more risky than their entire second year. A study by the Highway Loss Data Institute

shows 22% of nearly 57,000 collision claims from 2003 to 2007 occurred within 30 days of a new policy taking effect. The claim rate then dropped by one-third in the second month and by almost two-thirds after six months.

PREDICTING FUTURE CYCLES

The Motorcycle Industry Council has reported a 7.2% gain in first quarter motorcycle sales across 18 leading brands, and a staggering 50% increase in scooter sales – suggesting that the recent spike in gas prices is inspiring more Americans to take to two wheels.

The MIC also notes that total on-highway tire sales rose 27.5% for motorcycles and 48.6% for scooters, indicating that alreadyowned bikes are seeing usage.

Market prognostication is an iffy proposition at best, but the MIC is boldly offering their first ever estimate for future motorcycle sales, though it's not an entirely rosy outlook. Regarding the remainder of 2012, MIC president Tim Buche says "Even with low interest rates making this a great time to buy for many people, overall economic uncertainty is leading us to predict we'll have fewer sales in 2012."

The MIC does offer a positive observation: "Spending on maintenance and repairs has been rising since April 2010, according to the business advisory, suggesting that the market for consumers taking care of bikes they've long owned, or improving used bikes they've recently purchased, could continue to improve." The MIC also states that tire sales confirm that riders are putting more miles on their motorcycles, suggesting that while new bike sales might be weak, interest in the sport isn't waning.

WEIRD NEWS: MOTORCYCLISTS CHARGED WITH TERROR-ISM FOR NOISY EXHAUST

Prosecutors in violence-stricken northern Mexico have brought terrorism charges against two motorcyclists because their loud exhaust pipes backfired and caused a sound like gunshots that sent a crowd into a panicked stampede.

The two motorcyclists were leaving their workplace near the main square of the northern city of San Luis Potosi, where an Easter week festival was being held. The two got on their bikes and fired them up, and that is when the confusion began. Because the backfiring of the engines sounded like the popping of gunshots, hundreds of people stampeded out of the square seeking cover. But the streets were nearly blocked by vendor stalls, causing the crowd to pile up and resulting in some people getting trampled. That, not the motorcycle engines, was the real problem, according to the state Human Rights Commission, which has launched an investigation into the arrests and noted that the two suspects had been beaten by police.

State law defines terrorism as acts that "produce alarm, terror or fear in the population ... to disturb the public peace or try to undermine government authority." Officials say state criminal codes often lack lesser but more appropriate charges to handle situations involving acts that may be irresponsible but are hardly

criminal.

It would all seem like a tempest in a teapot, if the two men weren't facing possible sentences of five to 20 years in prison if convicted. While that seems like harsh punishment for a noisy exhaust, authorities said such irresponsible behavior is a real problem for states where drug-gang gunbattles have terrorized residents in recent years.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example."

~ Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881), British statesman





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