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*a Newsletter for Motorcycle Safety & Awareness*

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# WHO WE ARE

- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non–profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
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# FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Greetings brothers and sisters, once again, thank you for picking up and reading our 418th issue of our chapter's monthly newsletter, and for you mothers out there, Happy Mothers Day!!!

Critter and I attended the state meeting in April and for the state, it was the final round for nominations for positions on the state board and trustees. I am honored to be moving up to the state board as I have been nominated and accepted a position. Critter has also been nominated and has accepted a position as well. I will leave the details of that and other issues that were discussed at that meeting for Critter's report recorded in the minutes a few pages ahead in this publication.

April began nominations for our chapter, and a good percentage of the membership decided to step up to take over positions, or fill vacancies. I would like to remind the membership, as Suzanne Keene did during the meeting, as she is the Officer of Elections for this years voting cycle (and did an outstanding job of it I will add) not to take nominating, or being nominated lightly. Have a handle on what the position entails to ensure your level of commitment. Best of luck to everyone running!

I would also like to remind the membership that this month is our Annual Memorial Day event on May 26th at Mickey's Tiki Bar. A volunteer roster will be passed around during the May chapter meeting. We hope to get a good number of members to help us setup and run this event, and come out to support ABATE of Florida, Inc.!

The last thing I would like to convey, but most assuredly not least, goes to whom so ever may pick up this newsletter to read it that is not a member. If you are a motorcycle rider, no matter what make or model, or just a motorcycle enthusiast, or someone who is a family member of a rider or enthusiast, I would strongly urge you to consider becoming a member. I cordially invite you to attend our next chapter meeting in order to get a better idea of how we operate and what we stand for.



So with that, I'd like to thank everyone for his or her continued support of our chapter and state organization and as always...

May Saint Christopher, Holy Patron of Travelers, guide and protect you and your loved ones so that you may RIDE FREE AND RIDE SAFE my brothers and sisters!!!



With Honor and Respect,  
William G. "MAGNETO" Prewitt, President  
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## Reminder - Memberships Due For April

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## **Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Held at American Legion Post 222 Oakland Park, FL April 15, 2018**

Nighthawk, called the meeting to order at 10:01 am by asking everyone to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for all our brothers and sisters who have gone down this year and also a moment of silence for Paul Melcer. There were 25 members present.

**President's Report:** Magneto mentioned that since today is the first round of nominations he didn't want to take up a lot of time and then thanked everyone for coming out.

**Vice President's Report:** Johnny Rose thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He said our chapter has been around for over 39 years, so let's keep this good thing going. Our organization is important to the biker community and we have to look out for each other and support the community.

**Secretary's Report:** Sheila Rose called for a motion to accept the minutes as printed. A motion was made, seconded, and all were in favor. Motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Critter read the treasurer's report for March. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded, and all were in favor. Motion was passed. She also spoke about the State Rifle Drawing in December. If you would like to

purchase tickets for the drawing, or sign some out to help sell them, please contact Critter.

**Sergeant at Arm's Report:** Nighthawk spoke about our Memorial Day party which will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2018. Please mark your calendars and be sure to come out and give us a hand. This is a very important day to remember and our way of honoring all veterans.

**Road Captain's Report:** This position is open.

**Safety Director's Report:** This position is open.

**State Representative's Report:** Critter mentioned that the Duval chapter has closed. The August State meeting has been moved to Ocala. Leadership training will be held in Vero Beach in July. The State has requested that the chapters come up with ideas for a fundraiser. Perhaps some type of product that sells easily and will not require keeping a large inventory on hand. Please give your suggestions to any one of your chapter Board members. Patty, our State Treasurer, mentioned that ABATE of Florida participates in the Amazon Smile program. When shopping on Amazon, go to Smile.Amazon.com and choose ABATE of Florida Safety and Education from the list of charities. A small portion of every purchase will be donated to our safety program. Laurie, our State Membership Trustee, reminded us to please make sure that any applications given out have the correct prices listed for membership. Darrin, our State Vice President/Legislative Rep, will put out an ABATE voters' guide before the primary elections

and will let us know which candidates are pro or anti-motorcycle. He also reminded us that this is the time to talk to your legislators since they are home for the off-season. Do not wait until the Tallahassee run because by then most legislators have already decided how they are going to vote on the issues. Visit your legislatures at their local offices, introduce yourself as an ABATE member, and remember that their aides are your best chance at getting the legislator(s) to support us. Try to establish a relationship with them before session starts. Doc mentioned that Adam Putnam, who is running for Governor and is a friend of ABATE, is traveling around the state speaking at local barbeques. Darrin will send out email updates letting us know where Putnam will be speaking. The Motorcycle Safety and Education bill had passed committee with a unanimous vote. Therefore, the bill was not put up for a hearing. Doc was told that it was a sure thing and that the money would be put in the budget for ABATE. However, the Speaker of the House, Richard Corcoran, declined to put it in the budget. Recall that the last two times we lost the money it was line item vetoed by Governor Rick Scott. Scott is running for Senate and Corcoran is running for Governor. Jose Oliva, out of Miami Lakes, is slated to be the next Speaker of the House and he is an ABATE supporter. The next Ride to the Capitol is scheduled for April 15, 2019. There is plenty of time to plan for your accommodations so PLEASE try to attend. State elections are ongoing. The April meeting was the second and final round of nominations. Critter read the list of State Board nominees, among them, from our chapter are Critter for Masterlink Editor and Magneto for Public Relations, each running uncontested. We will receive a complete ballot from the State which will be discussed at our next chapter meeting.

**Products Report:** This position is open. Sheila currently has the products at her home. If anyone wants products, please call Sheila and she will make arrangements to meet you.

**Membership Report:** Sheila Rose reported that membership is going well. We had 10 new and

renewing members since our last meeting in March. Our chapter does have the largest number of members; 500 members, 482 of which are registered voters.

**Events Coordinator:** This position is open.

**Newsletter Editor:** Critter reminded everyone that articles are due today.

**Newsletter Distribution:** Poppie was excused.

**Legislative Report:** Brad updated us on the post-session status of the bills we have been following. Bills we support: Texting while driving-died in committee; Operation of vehicles (vulnerable road users)-died in committee; Greg Evers Memorial Highway Bill-combined with a Transportation Facility Designations bill and approved by the Governor; Motorcycle Safety and Education (our money)-died in 1st reading. Bills we oppose: Auto cycles-approved by the Governor; Motor Vehicle Insurance (to require insurance on motorcycles)-died in committee. The good news is that we kept helmets out of the session despite the push from the University of Florida to change the age requirement on helmets for moped riders.

**Legal Counsel:** Brad had nothing to report.

**Public Relations:** Fern is excused as she was working her booth at States MC Annual Party.

**Billing and Invoicing:** Sheila reported that all current advertisers are up to date.

**Social Director:** Sandy brought cupcakes for April birthdays.

**Quartermaster's Report:** Bob Anz was excused.

**Photographer's Report:** Barry has been ill, however, he is recovery and therefore will be returning to his duties as photographer.

**Webmaster's Report:** Rogue was excused.

**Old Business:** Johnny and Sheila Rose have memorial patches for Paul Melcer. They are being given away for free because the year of Paul's passing is incorrect. If anyone wants correct patches made, let Sheila know and she will order them.

**New Business:** Mark your calendars for our May event and sign up to help at the next meeting. We would appreciate any donations to put towards door prizes for the event.

Suzanne Keene volunteered to be this year's Officer of Elections. She opened the floor for nominations for the 2018-2019 Southeast Chapter Board. She mentioned to the membership that nominations should not be taken lightly and that they should be made with serious thought in regard to selecting the leaders of this chapter.

The nominations for round one were as follows:

- President: *Johnny Rose - Accepted*
- Vice President: *Bob "Old Hippy" Leavitt - Accepted*
- Secretary: *Sheila Rose - Accepted*
- Treasurer: *Marie Baxter - Accepted*
- Sargent at Arms: *Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak - Accepted*
- Road Captain: *Russell Edgell - Undecided, Randy Gettinger - Declined, Alan "Big Wheel" Loper - Undecided*
- Safety Director: *Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff - Accepted*
- State Reps: *Marie Baxter - Accepted, Jon "Wavy" Viger - Accepted, Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak - Accepted, Alan "Big Wheel" Loper - Undecided*
- Products: *Laurel Conner - Accepted, Hope Travis - Undecided*
- Membership: *Sheila Rose - Accepted*
- Events Coordinator: *Fern Cameron - Undecided, Gabriel Carrera - Undecided*
- Newsletter Editor: *Lee Ann Lefkowitz - Accepted*
- Newsletter Distribution: *Frank "Poppie" Cocchi - Accepted*

- Legislative Liaison: *Brad Winston - Accepted, Chris Sharp - Undecided*
- Legal Counsel: *Brad Winston - Accepted*
- Public Relations: *Fern Cameron - Accepted*
- Billing and Invoicing: *Sheila Rose - Accepted*
- Social Director: *Sandy Strickland - Undecided, Patti Dollard - Undecided*
- Quartermaster: *Bob Anz - Undecided*
- Photographer: *Barry Blundell - Accepted*
- Webmaster: *Mike "Rogue" Hager - Accepted*
- Chaplain: *Frank "Poppie" Cocchi - Accepted, Duroy Burnett - Declined*

Nominations are closed until our meeting in May. Those who declared that they are undecided will have to either accept or decline the position at that meeting. Congratulations to all who were nominated and a special thank you to Suzanne Keene.

Good of the Order: Sheila mentioned that there are flyers for upcoming events on the tables. Patti informed us of a speaker who will be at Post 321 on April 29th to talk about VA benefits.

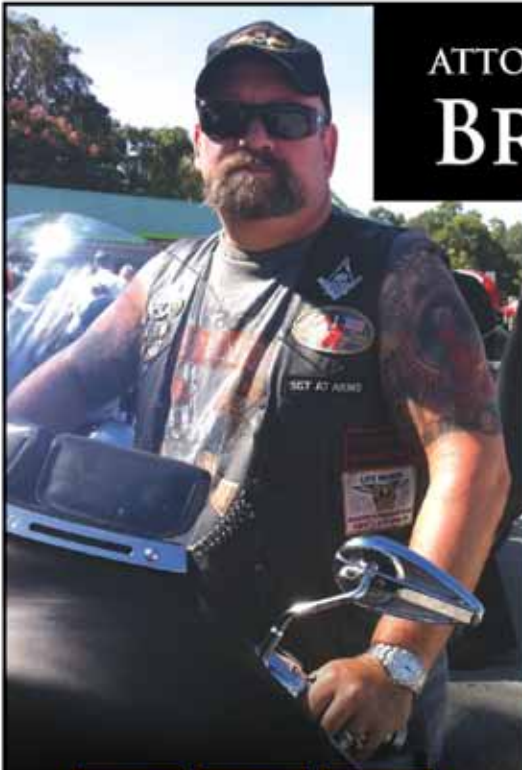
A motion to adjourn the meeting was called for at 11:27am. Motion was seconded, and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Our next Chapter meeting is May 20, 2018 at the American Legion Post 222, in Oakland Park, FL. See you all at our next meeting!

Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul. ~  
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*Sheila Rose*  
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1. When was Memorial Day first celebrated?
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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

On March 31st, we had Paul Melcer's Memorial Plaque placed in the South Florida Motorcyclist Memorial Garden at Café 27. Paul was the longest standing Board member, over 20 years, for our Chapter. He passed away last year and will be greatly missed. It was good to see a lot of members, new and old, come out for the Memorial. We had 8 past Presidents at one time, together, to come pay their respects to Paul. We also had the privilege of meeting Paul's son, although we wish it had been under better circumstances. If you are at Café 27, you should go out and visit the Garden by the west side parking lot.

I am honored to be nominated for President and have Old Hippy nominated as my Vice President. In past years, when Old Hippy was President, I was his Vice President, and vice versa. We work very well together and are dedicated to our Organization and our Chapter.

Our 38th Annual Memorial Day Party is coming up in May. Memorial Day is for remembering those who died serving in our Armed Forces, but we should also remember our veterans, who have served, and those serving now.

And to the younger people out there, you have the chance to inherit an organization that stands up and fights for biker rights and safety. Help us make a difference, now, and for the future!

**ANYONE WHO RIDES SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF ABATE!!!!**

God bless America!!!!

Peace,  
Johnny Rose  
Vice President  
Southeast Chapter



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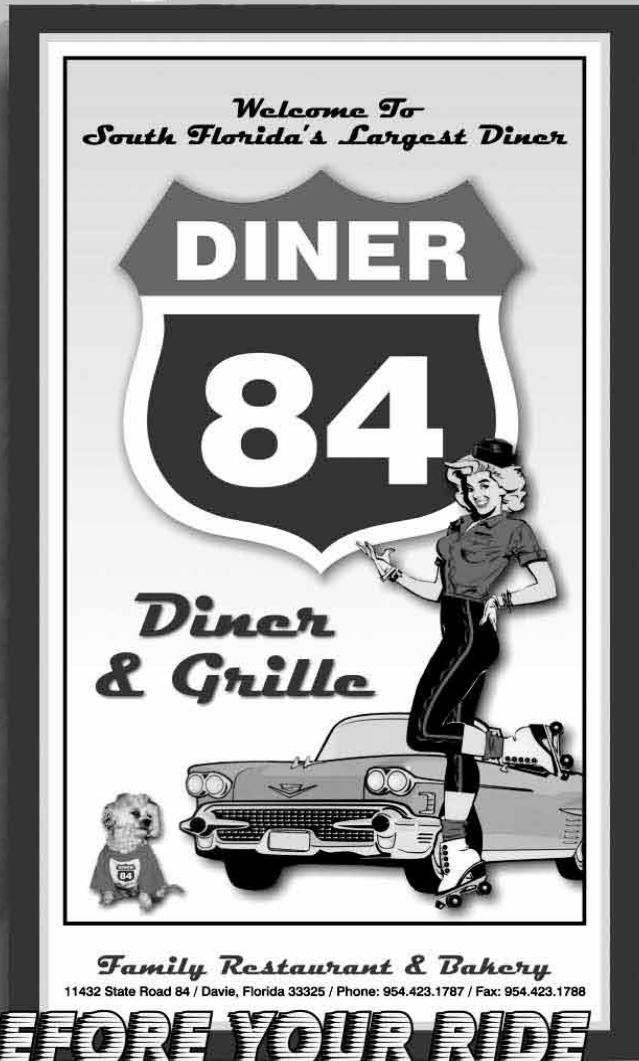
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# VOTERS TO WEIGH 13 BALLOT PROPOSALS IN NOVEMBER

BY LLOYD DUNKELBERGER - APRIL 17, 2018 - TALLAHASSEE

Florida voters will get a chance to decide in November whether 13 is a lucky or unlucky number.

The state Constitution Revision Commission, which meets every 20 years, finished its work Monday night after approving eight proposed constitutional amendments for the Nov. 6 general-election ballot.

Those eight proposals will join five other measures already on the ballot, including three approved by the Legislature and two approved in petition drives, to bring the total to 13.

The constitutional revisions proposed by the Legislature include an expansion of the homestead property-tax exemption and a requirement for two-thirds votes by future legislatures when raising taxes or fees. The petition-drive measures would allow voters to decide on future expansions of casino gambling and would restore voting rights to felons who have served their sentences.

The 13 measures on the November ballot will be the most voters have faced since 1998, the last time the Constitution Revision Commission met and put nine amendments on the ballot. Voters approved eight of the nine amendments as well as four constitutional changes sought by the Legislature.

In 1978, the commission advanced eight ballot proposals, which all were rejected by voters, along with a citizens' initiative on casino gambling.

This year will be the first time that ballot measures from the commission will have to be approved by at least 60 percent of voters. Florida increased the margin for approval of constitutional amendments from a majority vote to 60 percent in 2006.

In the past two decades, over the course of 11 general elections, the average number of constitutional amendments on the ballot has been more than seven, ranging from a low of three measures in 2014 to the high of 13 proposals in 1998 and this year.

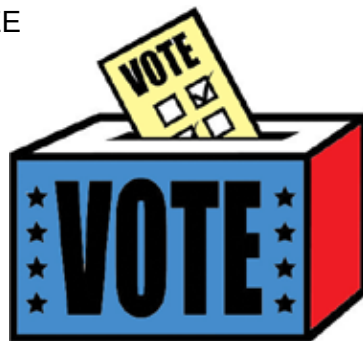
It is typical for some measures to fail, although in 2004 and 2006 voters approved all 14 amendments on the ballot in those two years. But in 2012, when voters faced 11 amendments, all passed by the Legislature, they rejected eight of the measures.

One of the more-controversial aspects of this year's commission proposals is that six of the eight measures bundle together multiple subjects. As an example, what will appear on the ballot as Amendment 9 combines a proposed ban on offshore oil drilling with a proposed ban on vaping in the workplace.

Two of the proposed constitutional amendments are limited to single subjects, including one measure that would ban greyhound racing in the state. In total, the eight ballot measures group 20 proposals that were debated and advanced by the commission.

Brecht Heuchan, chairman of the panel's Style and Drafting Committee, which put together the final proposals considered by the commission Monday, defended the use of grouping, noting it was done by the two prior commissions in 1998 and 1978.

Commission Chairman Carlos Beruff said he was pleased with the outcome of the work.



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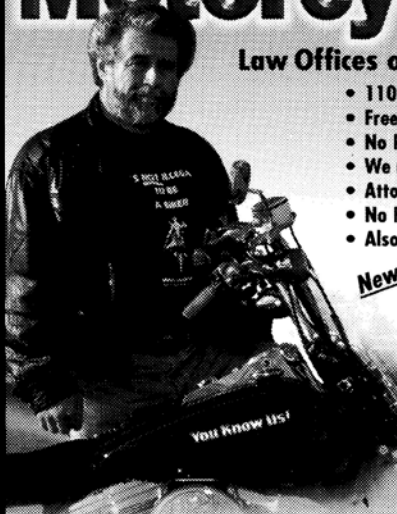
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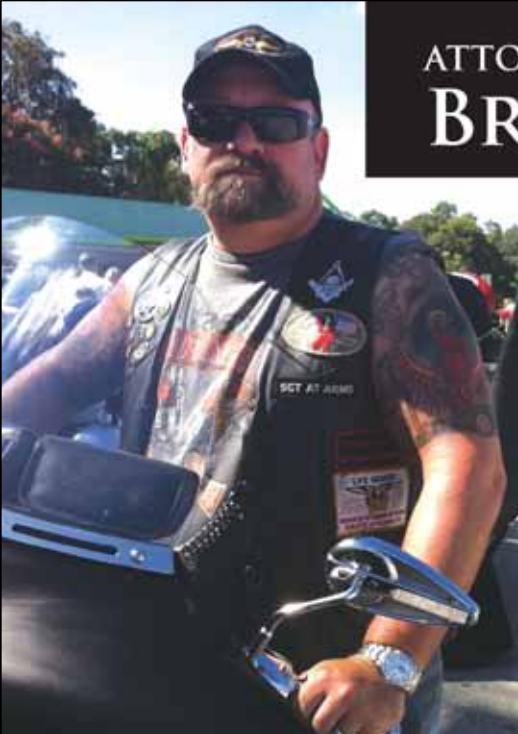
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“From protecting our state and territorial waters from oil drilling to strengthening our ethics laws, I commend my fellow commissioners for their hard work and leadership representing the people of Florida,” Beruff said in a statement. “We are grateful to the thousands of Floridians who participated in this historic process and look forward to letting voters have the final say in November.”

Here are the commission measures headed to the November ballot, with the ballot numbers:

**VICTIMS’ RIGHTS AND JUDGES (Amendment 6):** It would establish a series of rights for crime victims, including the right to be notified of major developments in criminal cases and the right to be heard in legal proceedings. It would increase the mandatory retirement age for judges from 70 to 75. It would provide that judges or hearing officers should not necessarily defer to the interpretation of laws and rules by governmental agencies in legal proceedings.

**FIRST RESPONDERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION: (Amendment 7):** It would require the payment of death benefits when law enforcement officers, paramedics, correctional officers and other first responders are killed while performing official duties. It also would apply to Florida National Guard and active-duty military members stationed in Florida. It would establish a governance system for the 28 state and community colleges. It would require a supermajority vote by university boards of trustees and the Board of Governors when raising student fees.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Amendment 8):** It would impose an eight-year term limit on school board members. It would allow an alternative process for approving public schools, including charter schools, rather than by local school boards. It would establish a requirement for the teaching of civic literacy in public schools.

**OIL DRILLING AND VAPING (Amendment 9):** It would prohibit drilling for gas and oil in state coastal waters and ban vaping and the use of electronic cigarettes in workplaces.

**GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE (Amendment 10):** It would require all charter-county governments to have elected constitutional officers, including sheriffs. It would lead to the Legislature beginning its annual session in January in even-numbered years. It would create an Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism in the Department of Law Enforcement. It would revise the constitutional authority for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

**PROPERTY RIGHTS AND HIGH-SPEED RAIL (Amendment 11):** It would remove language that prohibits “aliens ineligible for citizenship” from owning property. It would remove obsolete language that authorizes a high-speed rail system. It would revise language to make clear that the repeal of a criminal statute does not affect the prosecution of any crime committed before the repeal.

**ETHICS (Amendment 12):** It would impose a six-year lobbying ban on former state elected officials, state agencies heads and local elected officials. It would also create a new ethics standard that would prohibit public officials from obtaining a “disproportionate benefit” from their actions while in office.

**GREYHOUND RACING (Amendment 13):** It would ban greyhound racing at Florida tracks after Dec. 31, 2020.

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MAY 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	4	5 12 <sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INT'L FEMALE RIDE DAY
6 SOUTHERN MC ANNUAL	7	8	9	10 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	11	12
13  Mothers Day	14	15	16	17 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	18	19
20 WINGS OF GOLD MC ANNUAL (Miami) <b>CHAPTER MEETING</b>	21	22	23	24 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	25	26 SE ABATE MEMORIAL DAY EVENT 
27	28  Memorial Day	29	30	31 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT		





# JUNE 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 NEW ATTITUDES MC ANNUAL	4	5	6	7 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	8	9 AOA S.F.L MEMORIAL GBNF 1%  ABATE State Meeting (Lighthouse Ch.)
10 WINGS OF GOLD MC ANNUAL (Ft. Lauderdale)	11	12	13	14 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	15	16
17  CHAPTER MEETING & Elections	18	19	20	21 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	22	23
24 LEATHERNECKS MC ANNUAL	25	26	27	28 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	29	30

# 2018 CALENDAR

MANDATORY CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD



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## FEBRUARY

- 3: US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD-ANNUAL**
- 11: AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
- 14: Valentines Day
- 17: SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY
- 24: WHEELS OF MAN MC - 45th ANNUAL**

## MARCH

- 4: HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL**
- 9-18: 77th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
- 17: St. Patrick's Day
- 18: KELITICS MC - ANNUAL**
- 25: US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY

## APRIL

- 1: Easter
- 1: CMA - EASTER SERVICE**
- 7: MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
- 15: STATES MC - ANNUAL**
- 22: ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL**
- 27-29: LEESBURG BIKEFEST

## MAY

- 6: SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL**
- 13: Mothers Day
- 20: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL**
- 26: S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
- 28: Memorial Day

## JUNE

- 3: NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL**
- 9: AOA SOUTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers
- 10: WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
- 17: Fathers Day
- 24: LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY

## JULY

- 4: Independence Day
- 8: US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL**
- 15: SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD - ANNUAL**
- 28: WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

## AUGUST

- 5: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
- 3-12: 78th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
- 10-12: SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION
- 12: AOA FT. LAUD.-51<sup>st</sup> ANNIV. PARTY-MOLDY'S B-DAY
- 19: SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL**
- 26: KINGDOM OF BROTHERS MC - ANNUAL**

## SEPTEMBER

- 2: SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN(??)
- 3: Labor Day
- 9: STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
- 14-16: PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN(??)
- 23: KELITICS MC - PARTY

## OCTOBER

- 7: MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL**
- 14: S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL**
- 18-21: DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
- 20: WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY
- 27: ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY
- 28: CMA - MEMORIAL

## NOVEMBER

- 3: HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL**
- 11: Veterans Day
- 11: USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL**
- 17: LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL**
- 22: Thanksgiving Day

## DECEMBER

- 9: SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN**
- 15: ALIGATOR ALLEY TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
- 15: HERMANDAD MC-ALFREDO MEMORIAL & TOY RUN
- 15: USMVMC - REATHS ACROSS AMERICA
- 16: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN
- 25: Christmas Day



# MONTHLY EVENTS



## FRIDAY

Outlaws MC WPB Open House at 7pm  
 USMV MC Ch 2 Open house at 8pm (Dania Bch)  
 Der Krieger MC Open House at 8pm  
 Mystic 7 MC Open House...Ladies drink FREE!  
 Keltics MC Open House 8pm  
 Scurvy Few MC Open House at 7:30pm  
 States MC - Fri Night Pizza 6-8pm  
 1<sup>st</sup> Fri - Soldiers for Jesus Open House 7-10pm  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri - Kingdom of Brothers Open House  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri - Wings of Gold MC Open House Davie  
 4<sup>th</sup> Fri - American Legion Post 36 Bike Night

## SATURDAY

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat - AOA MC Dania Open House 8pm  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat - USMV MC Ft. Laud. Open House  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat - Mystic 7 Open House  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat - Kingdom of Brothers Open House

## SUNDAY

Free pool at Sharkey's Lounge Margate  
 Wind Rider Church Services at Mickey's

## WEEK DAYS

Mon - States MC Pompano Dinner Nite 6:30pm  
 Mon - Ladies nite at Sharkey's 9-2, 241 drinks  
 Tues - Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House  
 Last Tues - USMV MC Palm Bch Open House  
 Wed - Blues Nite at Mickey's  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Weds - States MC Open House 8pm-?  
 Thurs - Leathernecks MC Open House 8-mid  
 Thurs - Hermandad MC Open House, 8-2am  
 Thurs - Mickey's Bike & Cruise Night, 7:30pm  
 Thurs - Scurvy Few MC Open House/Texas Holdem  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs - Peterson's Harley South Bike nite 6-10pm




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## *Will God forgive me?*

I know that when we sin we are supposed to repent and ask God for forgiveness, but what if we really mean to stop and don't? What if we just can't stop committing that sin? Will God forgive us a second or a twentieth time?

Guess what? If people could stop sinning by just deciding to stop, we'd all know a lot of perfect people. But no one stops sinning, I sure don't know of anyone, despite my best efforts. Even Paul confesses that he did what he didn't want to do. When the Bible tells us to repent, it doesn't mean we're able to stop the sinful behavior by just deciding to.

Instead, repentance means "to turn". We turn our minds back to Christ, confessing where we are and where we long to be. We admit we've sinned and ask Jesus to cleanse us. We can't do that ourselves. It's God who changes us. This process is called sanctification, and it's a result of continued prayer, confession, admitting our dependence on God, and seeking strength.

Through sanctification, sin loses its power over us and we can become stronger. But we never stop sinning because we are human. Therefore, all of us have to keep turning back to Jesus time after time. It's only when we stop returning to God after sinning and start pretending like our sins are OK that we begin doing very serious damage to our relationship with God.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful to forgive us. Jesus taught the disciples that they needed to forgive people who sinned against them "7 times 70" (or 490 times). If He expected His impatient and flawed disciples to forgive that many times, we can be sure that God is willing to forgive us as often as we come humbly and confess our shortcomings to Him with a desire for Him to change our lives.

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## Election Dates for 2018 Primary and General Elections

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A General Election is held in November of every even-numbered year. The Primary Election is held 10 weeks before the General Election for purposes of nominating party nominees to be voted for in the General Election to fill a national, state, county, or district office. The election dates for 2018 are:

- Primary Election: August 28, 2018
- General Election: November 6, 2018

Note: Special elections may be called at any time during the year.

### Voter Registration/Bookclosing Deadline

Eligible individuals can register to vote at any time. The deadline to register in order to participate in an upcoming election is 29 days before the election. The registration deadlines for 2018 are:

- Primary Election: July 30, 2018
- General Election: October 9, 2018

### Vote-by-Mail Ballot 'Send' Deadline

For absent stateside and overseas uniformed service member and overseas civilian voters (also known as UOCAVA voters), the deadline for election officials to send ballots is 45 days before an election. The send deadlines for 2018 are:

- Primary Election: July 14, 2018
- General Election: September 22, 2018

For domestic voters, the mandatory period for election officials to send ballots is between 35 and 28 days before an election. The send periods for 2018 are:

- Primary Election: July 24 – 31, 2018
- General Election: October 2 – 9, 2018

### Early Voting Period

The early voting period consists of a minimum mandatory period of 8 days. The mandatory early voting periods for 2018 are:

- Primary Election: August 18 – August 25, 2018
- General Election: October 27 – November 3, 2018

In addition, each county Supervisor of Elections may offer optional days of early voting in addition to the mandatory early voting period. Each Supervisor of Elections may choose from one or more of the following days for 2018:

- Primary Election: August 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and/or August 26, 2018
- General Election: October 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and/or November 4, 2018

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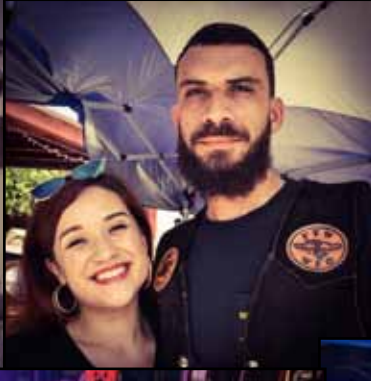
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### **CONGRESSIONAL ETHANOL BILL WOULD LIMIT**

**E-15 FUEL** A measure to limit proliferation of E-15 fuel (gasoline containing 15% ethanol) has been introduced in the U.S. Congress. The "Growing Renewable Energy through Existing and New Environmentally Responsible Fuels Act" has been introduced in the U.S. House (H.R. 5212) by U.S. Rep. Peter Welch (D-VT) and in the Senate (S. 2519) by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM).

This proposed legislation intends to cap mandated ethanol content in the nation's fuel supply at 9.7% and would stop the federal government from forcing E15 fuel into the market. Capping the ethanol mandate would ensure continued availability of fuels deemed safe for motorcycles, such as E-10, since E-15 fuel is not approved for use in motorcycles and can damage fuel systems and void manufacturers' warranties.

### **HARLEY GETS REPRIEVE AS EUROPE EXEMPTED FROM TRUMP TARIFFS**

Harley-Davidson is breathing a sigh of relief at news that the European Union will be temporarily exempted from America's new tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. European ministers had specifically named the Motor Company, along with Levi's jeans and Jack Daniels whiskey, as a target for punitive European import duties in retaliation against President Trump's announced 25% tariff on imported steel and 10% tariff on foreign aluminum.

At least for now, the EU, along with Argentina, Brazil, Australia and South Korea, has been temporarily exempted from the U.S. tariffs, giving those countries time to try to negotiate permanent exemptions. For other countries including Russia and Japan, the tariffs are set to go into effect.

Despite the exemptions, prices may still be driven up by the additional costs that Harley, and other American

manufacturers, will encounter due to the new American import tariffs.

### **APPEALS COURT STRIKES DOWN GAG ORDER IN WACO CASE**

A Texas appeals court has struck down a gag order issued in a case arising from the 2015 shootout involving motorcycle clubs and police outside a Waco restaurant that left nine bikers dead and dozens more injured.

In a six-page opinion issued Wednesday, March 21, a three-judge panel of the 10th Texas Court of Appeals ruled that the McLennan County District Attorney's Office had failed to make a case for the order.

State District Judge Doug Shaver of Houston had issued the order at District Attorney Abel Reyna's request in the case of Matthew Clendennen, one of 154 motorcyclists indicted after the shootout. The order prevented prosecutors, attorneys and investigators from commenting publicly on the case.

Clendennen's attorney appealed, supported by media groups that included The Associated Press, arguing the order was overly broad and unconstitutional.

### **DEADWOOD CASINOS TO IMPLEMENT 'NO COLORS' DURING STURGIS RALLY**

Following a February 16 request from law enforcement for the South Dakota Commission on Gaming to ban colors in casinos during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, the commission put the onus on the city of Deadwood and the individual gaming properties in coming up with a solution, tasking them with "taking the lead" to implement policies to monitor potential increased bike gang presence during Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Deadwood Gaming Association (DGA) Executive Director Mike Rodman briefed the commission on the industry's response plan at the April 3 gaming commission meeting in Deadwood. "We believe that the best path forward to keep Deadwood safe is for each individual property to have their security and management teams work with the city of Deadwood and its safety officials on proper safety planning that takes their unique properties into consideration. We do not believe there is a 'one solution fits all' approach that would be effective overall," said Rodman in a letter to South Dakota Commission on Gaming Executive Director Larry Eliason.



The letter was drafted in response to correspondence from Eliason requesting proposals from the city and the industry as to how they would proceed to comply with the commission's directive.

The commission asked for a list of DGA member casinos that will and won't allow colors during the Rally.

**OREGON GOVERNOR KATE BROWN SIGNS DRIVER ACCOUNTABILITY LAW** Oregon Governor Kate Brown formally signed House Bill 2598, the Driver Accountability bill, into law on February 28, 2018, providing some relief for riders who are victims of reckless drivers.

"HB 2598 makes it a crime for a driver who recklessly injures a motorcyclist," explains the Oregon Confederation of Clubs website, [www.oregoncoc.com](http://www.oregoncoc.com). "This law also covers the passenger on a motorcycle. If convicted, the reckless driver can be charged with vehicular assault and will have a Class A Misdemeanor on their record. The punishment can be doing time up to one year in prison with a maximum fine up to \$6,250."

Great thanks to Oregon Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) attorney Christopher Slater, "who took a brilliantly simple idea and seeing that concept to its very end and conclusion."

This will be a powerful tool to punish those who violate a biker's right of way or otherwise injures a rider due to a driver's recklessness. "Too often drivers have crashed into a motorcyclist getting away without even a ticket. With this law, there will finally be some teeth in ensuring that reckless drivers who injure riders or their passengers will be convicted of a crime," wrote Mike of the Oregon COC on their website.

Much thanks to BikePac and ABATE of Oregon for their skillful efforts of organizing the hearing testimony, and great appreciation for the riders that testified.

**FEMALE RIDERS WORLDWIDE TO RIDE IN UNISON FOR "FEMALE RIDE DAY"** Lady bikers around the globe will take to their motorcycles on Saturday, May 5th for the 12th edition of International Female Ride Day (IFRD). Celebrations will be hosted in countries worldwide by women's clubs, foundations and individuals, and the organization will host an open house at SF Moto in San Francisco featuring guest speakers, test rides and some of the latest motorcycle products designed for female motorcyclists.

Created in 2007 by Vicki Gray, a Toronto-based road and race instructor, IFRD's purpose was to highlight and celebrate the tens of thousands of women who ride globally. The event takes place annually on the first Saturday of May each year.

Other countries taking part in the 2018 event include Canada, the USA, Iceland, India, Australia, South Africa, Brazil, the Caribbean, Germany, the Netherlands, Czech Republic, Hungary, Russia, Japan, China, and Israel.

**SIKHS IN ALBERTA EXEMPTED FROM HELMET LAW** Turban-wearing Sikhs in Alberta, Canada will be allowed to ride motorcycles without a helmet starting April 12, joining the Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia in granting the exemption. For decades, the Sikh community in North America has been fighting to pass a legal exemption that would allow members of the religion to legally ride a motorcycle while wearing a turban, and not a helmet.

The exemption to the vehicle equipment regulation in the Traffic Safety Act was amended by an order from Transportation Minister Brian Mason, the provincial government announced March 29th. Mason told CBC News that the province's Sikh community has requested the exemption for the past 30 years, which applies to drivers and passengers over the age of 18 who are practicing members of the Sikh religion.

Mason said the exemption was granted at the request of the Sikh community as recognition of their civil and religious rights.

The Sikh Motorcycle Club of Edmonton says the law change is a "milestone and memorable day" in Alberta history, adding "This change will bring some new opportunities/businesses to bike repair shops/ aftermarket accessories shops and Motorcycle Dealerships etc."

Back in 2014 this issue came up in Ontario, Canada where lawmakers, after careful and calculated consideration, denied the request to allow the exemption.

**THREE-WHEEL 'AUTOCYCLES' DON'T REQUIRE MOTORCYCLE LICENSE** More and more states are adjusting their regulations towards three-wheelers that aren't quite cars and aren't quite motorcycles; like the Polaris Slingshot. The latest state to do so is Mississippi, where all you need to drive a Slingshot is a

regular driver's license with no motorcycle endorsement necessary.

The new vehicle classification means residents of the Magnolia State can now legally drive "autocycles" sans motorcycle endorsement, thanks to three-wheelers that have traditionally been classified as motorcycles being re-designated as "autocycles." This makes Mississippi the 43rd U.S. state where driving an autocycle only necessitates a class C license, but you do need to follow the state's motorcycle helmet laws if you want to drive a Slingshot.

**FAR-EAST TO REWARD RIDERS WHO SCRAP OLDER BIKES** Riders in Far East countries such as Singapore will be offered cash incentives if they de-register bikes that are more than 15 years old in an attempt to cut emissions and traffic congestion. Motorcyclists who registered their vehicles before July 1, 2003 will receive cash incentives of up to S\$3,500 (USD\$2650) to owners who will de-register their pre-2003 registered motorcycles over the next five years, on or before April 5, 2023.

In justifying the new regulations, Singapore's National Environment Agency (NEA) said in a statement that older motorcycles are more pollutive; "Those registered before July 1, 2003 - before the introduction of Euro I emission standards for motorcycles - emit up to about 10 times more CO and 30 times more hydrocarbons compared to a Euro IV motorcycle today," it said.

After the incentive scheme ends on Apr 6, 2023, NEA will tighten the in-use emission standards of such older motorcycles. After 2028, these motorcycles will not be allowed on the roads.

**APPEALS COURT SIDES WITH COPS USING BIKER PHOTOS TO LOBBY** Fighting a bill that would have allowed Floridians to openly carry guns, two Orange County sheriff's deputies in 2011 moved forward with a plan to give lawmakers a glimpse of some people who might be able to pack heat publicly; such as outlaw bikers.

The deputies pulled together booking or driver's license photos of "one percenters" -- members of outlaw motorcycle clubs -- who might be able to openly carry guns, and provided the photos to the Senate Judiciary Committee in opposition to the measure.

In the end, lawmakers did not approve a broad open-carry proposal for people with concealed-weapons licenses, but their use of the photos led to a lawsuit that resulted in a federal appeals court rejecting arguments by three members of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club that the officers had violated a privacy law in using the photos without their knowledge or permission.

The civil case focused heavily on whether the officers violated a federal law known as the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, but the ruling by a three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sided with the officers, upholding a lower-court ruling that an exception to the federal privacy law covered lobbying, and additionally that the officers were entitled to "qualified immunity".

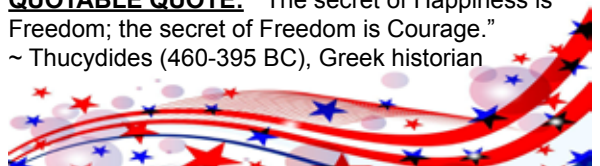
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Among this year's featured seminars, the NCOM Legislative Task Force will host a Mock Legislative Session to provide attendees with insight into the process of making laws; Jesse McDugald will present "You & Our Constitution", and Slider Gilmore will discuss "What Successful People Do."

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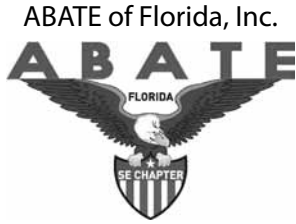
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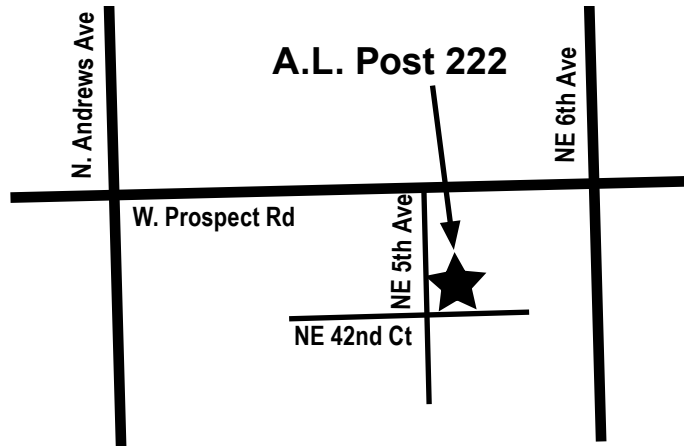
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