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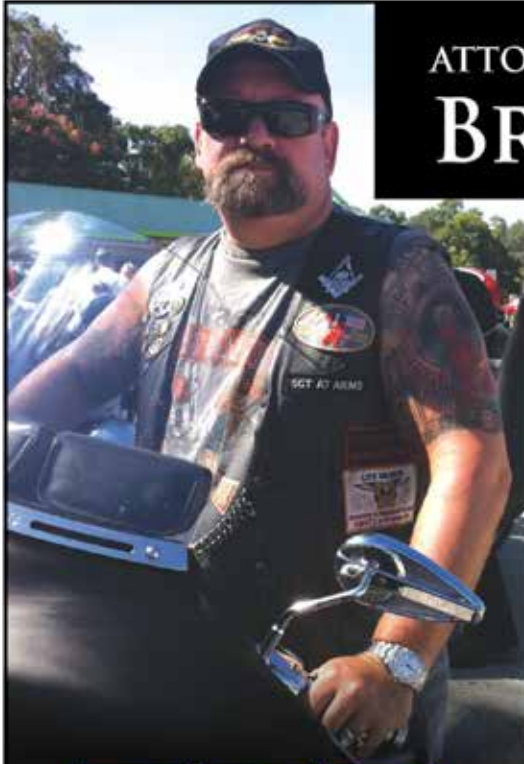
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WHO WE ARE

- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.
- We promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness.
- We fund our work by holding a series of annual events at different locations within our service area and other motorcycle activities.
- We are your neighbors and friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community.
- We serve and support our country and believe in freedom.
- We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.
- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of Florida as a motorcycle rights organization or MRO. We are currently the only political MRO in Florida representing the interest of its members and the motorcycling public at-large.
- WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.

ABATE is open to all individuals age 18 and older interested in motorcycle rights, safety or education. It doesn't matter what you ride or even if you ride. Everyone is welcome to join ABATE of Florida, Inc., which ensures YOUR opinion and views on motorcycle laws will be heard.

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Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.
- We've become the 4th largest State Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the country (IN & IL are 1&2, we regularly switch for 3rd & 4th with PA).
- We got the handlebar heights law modified.
- We successfully fought a bill that would forbid our children from riding on our bikes.
- We successfully fought the bill that would confiscate motorcycles for going 30MPH over the speed limit.
- We developed an effective MSAP program that has raised motorist's perceptions and awareness of motorcycles, and have received funding from the State of FL totaling over \$750,000 to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.
- We successfully fought the bill against vertical tags that had over \$1,100 in fines for a first offense.
- Supported and fought for a texting-while-driving ban for the last few years.
- Our 2009-2010 Stiffer Penalties Bill made it through five of the FL House & Senate's committees; this is the farthest it has gone in the number of years we have tried. On the last day of session, a committee member strenuously attempted to attach a revival of the helmet law to our Bill. To avoid a new helmet law in Florida, we had to kill the Bill.
- We publish monthly Press Releases and/or Articles of Interest in many online & print publications, including Florida Full Throttle.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. has been asked to be on and currently sits as a member of The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C. The Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation may appoint a representative from only two State MROs throughout the entire U.S.A. to be on this council.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. sits as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Collation of Motorcyclists (NCOM). NCOM has over 1000 member organizations.

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From Your President



Well, me and the little dog, Diddles, road up to Fort McCoy for the ABATE State meeting. She got another six hundred miles under her belt (or should I say harness). When we got back, we went to the Mystic Seven MC party. What an awesome way to end the weekend! Then, the following, Sunday, we had our Chapter meeting. And then we went to the States MC 55th Annual party. I would like to thank States MC for letting us set up a Safety Booth there, after all that's part of what ABATE does, setting up Safety Booths to keep everybody informed on what's going on in Tallahassee. And make sure to get those Check Twice for Motorcycle magnetic bumper stickers out there, so people in cages can be reminded about us on the road.

party there, so come check it out.

Finally, welcome to all our new members, and we have a lot. We are happy to have your help and support. Don't forget too, the "numbers' game", the more members we can get in ABATE, the louder our voices in Tallahassee. The politicians think of each of us are 5 or 6 votes, since we usually have like-minded friends. Please support all your American Legions and VFWs. God Bless America, the military, and the veterans who have helped keep this Country free.

I sure hope to see everybody at our 41st Memorial Day Event at Mickey's Tiki Bar. This is an important party for us because it helps us to pay for the newsletters we put out each month, but more important, to remember those who sacrificed all so we could be free!

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!

With things getting back to normal, please go out and support the restaurants and bars in your community, especially the ones that advertise in our newsletter, after all, it is the advertisers that also help to put out these newsletters. One place I have to brag on, is the Naked Taco. My daughter works at the one in Miami Beach and we have one up here at the Promenade in Coconut Creek. Me, my wife, and son went to the Coconut Creek location recently, to celebrate my son's birthday, and also to see my daughter, as she was helping out and tending bar there. The place is way cool with friendly people working there, and the owner, Ralph Pagano was there as well. What an awesome dude! He told me that Diddles is always welcome there. And they have awesome food and drinks, "fire" according to my son. They are biker friendly and dog friendly, great food, great drinks, great prices, and I can't think of a better place to go for a night out with my wife. Cinco de Mayo is coming up and they're going to have a cool

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

God bless America!!!!

Peace,
Johnny Rose



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ERIC "PILLSBURY" HIBBARD

KRISTIN "1 UP" HIBBARD

MALLORY "MEOWLLORY" WILSON

MARTIN "MARCUS" CAJAMARCA

RAGNAR "RAGZZY" SCHRERER

RAY "OLAB" HUBBARD

Memberships Due for May 2021

*Anna Viger
Barry Sadoff
Dawne Kirk-Waters
Gioanpolo Mosconi
John Sullivan
Lee Roy Meyers
Scott Worobley
Vincent Parlatore*

Memberships Due for April 2021

*Anthony Purpura
Francis Carpintero
Gabriel Nunez
Gus Rolfe
Jackie Stanly
Steven Cohen*

If you have already renewed
for your continued support

Thank You

For Membership Renewals contact Sheila Rose by either email:

memberships.abatese@gmail.com

or by phone: 786-487-4810 - See Page 50 for Membership Application.

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership, or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any changes.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: On or by the 2nd Sunday of each month for articles, ads, flyers, etc.



Vice- President

Good Day

First thing I would like to say is Thank You to the South Florida bike community for all of your support.

Now would like to remind everyone that this month starts the second round for the board and trustee positions. So if you are interested, please attend our May meeting and nominate yourself or somebody that's interested in a position. But just remember, that all positions are for one year and you will need to commit yourself for that time. I want to thank all the other board members and trustees for their time and dedication. They are doing a great job.

This last year has been a challenge for almost everyone. I hope everyone is doing ok and life is improving for ya'll. It is great getting back out to see everyone and talk with them. I know I missed a lot of annuals due to my health but I get there if I'm ok that day.

So if you get a chance stop by our meetings on the 3rd Sunday of every month at the American Legion Post 141 in Pompano. The meeting starts at 10:00 am, breakfast serving starts at 9:00 am.

Thank you again for your support

Jon "Wavy" Viger

V.P. SE Chapter



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We Are Not ANTI-HELMET, We are ANTI-HELMET Law!

One of the most popular misconceptions about ABATE is that we are anti-helmet. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are “anti-helmet law” if you choose to ride with or without a helmet it's your choice, it is your right to decide whether wearing a helmet is right for you. ABATE is an organization fighting to protect your rights.



Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at American Legion Post 142
171 SW 2nd St
Pompano Beach Fl, 33060
April 18, 2021

Sargent of Arms Mike “Bubba” Travis called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and there were 27 members present. This was followed the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, Bear.

Special Guest Laura:

Laura, from Operation Underground Railroad, O.U.R., rescues and rehabilitates children from sex trafficking and sexual exploitation all over the world. Nearly 10 million children are kidnapped for human / sex trafficking. The organization is made up of retired various special ops members, started by former Homeland Security.

Explained the Freedom Ride that will be taking place Saturday July 24, 2021. The ride will be starting at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson, will go across to Rockstar Harley Davidson in Ft. Myers. All are welcome to come and support.

Also, she wanted all to know, the International sign for help, so we know if we see it, the signal is performed by holding your hand up with your thumb tucked into your palm, then folding your fingers down, symbolically trapping your thumb in your fingers. It was intentionally designed as a single continuous hand movement, rather than a sign held in one position, that could be made easily visible.

President’s Report: Johnny Rose:

Memorial Day party will be on 05.30.2021 at Mickey’s.

Volunteer sign-up sheets were sent around. Everyone got a chance to choose where they preferred to help out at, not a guarantee to get that spot. Requesting to get donations for door prizes. Ask local restaurants and bars, various stores and repair shops etc., to see if they can donate a door prize. Company names will be posted as a donor at the party and listed in the newsletter. Please support not just the biker community, but the local community too. Local restaurants, bars, and stores have been extensively affected by the pandemic, let’s do what we can to support them. We always talk about supporting the community, and this usually means the biker community, but we also need to support our local restaurants and bars, some who have barely survived through this pandemic shut-down, and this tragic time, instead of devastating us, brought everyone together. For example, Naked Taco in the Promenade, dog-friendly and biker friendly. Elections begin this month. Barry “Teddy Bear” Sadoff is presiding as the officer of elections. (See New Business)

Vice President’s Report: Jon “Wavy” Viger:

States MC 55th Annual after the meeting, have a Safety booth there. We will also have a Safety Booth on May 7th, for Bike Night at LauderAle Brewery. Reiterated the importance of supporting local small businesses.

Secretary’s Report: Hollie “Dreamer” Sadoff:

Pete is out of town and Hollie is filling in for him. Minutes were in the newsletter. Motion made to accept the minutes, seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Sheila Rose:

Gave report of funds in checking and savings. Motion

to accept the report, seconded, motion passed.

Sgt At Arms Report: Mike “Bubba” Travis:

Reminder schools are back in session. Slowdown for the safety of the kids, plus cops are there. Respect the patch and those that wear it.

Road Captain’s Report: Troy Waugh:

Spoke about safety when riding together. Staggered formation, do not pass, do not back seat Road Captain. April 25th, Patriots Day Bash - Mickey’s Tiki Bar, May 2nd Southern MC Annual - Glades Club, ABATE Palm Beach Chapter event on May 2nd. Lot of bike nights coming up, speak to Troy about getting on friends’ ride list to receive texts. Memorial friends ride for Boots, Trash, Chazman, & Wisconsin Les on May 29th.

Safety Director’s Report: Jon “Wavy” Viger:

Safety booth is heavily requested. Vikings, one of our advertisers, sponsors a Bike Night, first Friday of the month, at LauderAle Brewery, approximately 300-400 in attendance. Alligator Alley Harley Davidson - third Friday of the month, come stop by, help, wear patches, they love to see the patches.

Let’s make sure we are using turn signals, in cars, on bikes. Use them when changing lanes as well as turning. Let others know your intentions.

State Rep’s Report: Mike “Bubba” Travis:

All chapters required to pay \$15.00 for website and YouTube channel upkeep. Please check out both and support both. Sergeant at Arms position needs to be filled (state level). Southeast Chapter number one for new members for the month of January. The Tallahassee ride cancelled due to Tallahassee still closed down. Need to support this ride when it starts again. This is a chance to go down and meet with the legislators who vote on the bills. NCOM is in Iowa this year. Some chapters have not been sending in reports, they need to be sent in every month. (We were not one of the chapters.) Gun raffle tickets now available. Tickets are \$5.00 each, drawing is on December 11, 2021. Book can be signed out to sell. June State Meeting is on June 12th in St. Augustine and all are welcome to attend

Products Report: Laurel “Little Bit” Conner :

Have products, more on order. Patches were not ready on time. See or reach out to Little Bit if you want a patch and she will gather information to contact those who wanted them once they are picked up. The patches (and products) will be at the May meeting. Magnetic bumper stickers are available for a \$1.00 donation.

Membership Report: Sheila Rose:

Again, top Chapter for new members for January 2021. Since Johnny became President, have over 500 new members, but not all renew. We currently have around 650 members.

Events Coordinator Report: Gabe Carrera:

Gabe was excused.

Newsletter Editor’s Report: Ada “Abby Normal” Hibbs:

Ada was excused. Please get articles in. Please take pictures at States. Sponsor a page, applications on flyer table.

Distribution Report: Jon “Wavy” Viger:

Agreed to go back to 850 newsletters.

Legislative Liaison Report: Brad Winston:

Discussed bills currently going through legislation. HB 2489 passed first committee. Vulnerable Road Users 278 still waiting.

Legal Counsel Report: Brad Winston:

No report

Public Relations Report: Dawne “Thunder” Kirk

Waters:

No report - Excused

Billing and Invoicing Report: Hope Travis:

A couple of advertisers are behind. Support our advertisers, let them know you saw their ad in the newsletter.

Social Director’s Report: Barry “Bear” Crown:

HOMEMADE BROWNIES!

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Quartermaster's Report: Bob Anz:

No report - Excused

Photographer / Asst Photographer Report: Barry "Boatman" Blundell / Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs :

Get pictures at States MC!

Webmaster's Report: Mike "Rogue" Hager:

Changed over to GoDaddy.

Chaplain / Asst Chaplain Report: Chrissy Leonhardt / Barry "Bear" Crown:

Chrissy back in hospital, should be home within a couple of days. Keep Chrissy, Sean, and Nighthawk in prayers.

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff was appointed by Johnny Rose as the Officer of Elections. The first round of nominations was opened. Nominations for the different offices were as follows:

President:

Johnny Rose,
Troy Waugh

Vice-President:

Troy Waugh,
Jon "Wavy" Viger

Secretary:

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff

Treasurer:

Sheila Rose

Sergeant at Arms

: Mike "Bubba" Travis

Road Captain:

Troy Waugh,
Michael "Bull" Blackford

Safety:

Jon "Wavy" Viger,
Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff

State Representative

(we need 4, 2 main, and 2 alt):

Mike "Bubba" Travis,
Hope Travis,
Michael "Bull" Blackford,
Troy Waugh,
Johnny Rose

Products:

Laurel "Little Bit" Conner

Membership:

Sheila Rose,
Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff,
Dawne "Thunder" Kirk Waters,

Events Coordinator:

Gabe Carrera

Newsletter:

Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs

Distribution:

Jon "Wavy" Viger

Legal Liaison:

Brad Winston (accepts the nomination,
traveling in May)

Legal Counsel:

Brad Winston (accepts the nomination,
traveling in May)

Public Relations:

Dawne "Thunder" Kirk Waters

Billing & Invoicing:

Hope Travis

Social Director:

Barry "Bear" Crown

Quartermaster:

Bob Anz,
Mike "Bubba" Travis

Photographer:

Barry "Boatman" Blundell

Webmaster:

Mike "Rogue" Hager,
Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs

Chaplain:

Chrissy Leonhardt, Barry "Bear" Crown,

Nominations for this first round were closed. At the meeting in May, nominees will be able to accept or decline and we will open the floor to further nominations. Final vote will be at June Chapter meeting

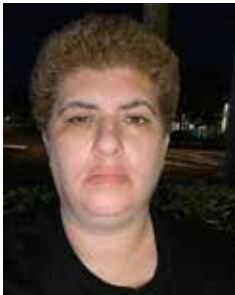
Good of the Order:

Upcoming events: May 30, 2021 - ABATE Southeast Chapter Memorial Party at Mickey's, May 2, 2021, ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Motorcycle Awareness Event at Lakeside Anchor Inn, April 18, 2021, States MC 55th Annual at their clubhouse, April 25, 2021, Patriot's Day Bash at Mickey's, ABATE will have a Safety Booth there, and this is sponsored by our Events Coordinator, Gabe, May 2, 2021, Southern MC Annual at Glades Club, May 5, 2021, Cinco de Mayo celebration at Naked Taco in the Promenade in Coconut Creek and also in Miami Beach, May 29, 2021, Save the date for a Friends' Memorial Ride for Boots, Trash, Chazman, and Wisconsin Les, more info at the May meeting

Motion to adjourn at 11:36am, seconded, all in favor. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on May 16, 2021.

50/50 - Won by Johnny Rose, donated back to chapter

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff, sitting in for "Pete" Purcell Secretary, Southeast Chapter



Sunday May 2nd 2021
12pm - Whenever

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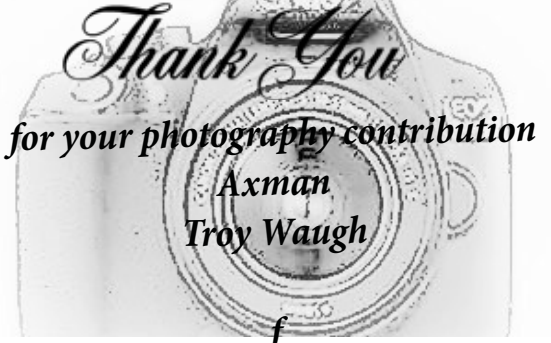
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TALK TO US

Never Road Captain from Behind

There's nothing better than meeting up with some of your closest friends and riding in the wind. Few things can bring about that experience of freedom while traveling down that stretch of open road just cruising, all the while sharing that same experience with someone else. But invariably, the question always comes up before the group hits the open road, "Who is going to lead?" That's when everyone looks at each other with that blank stare, then eventually someone is chosen to be Road Captain for that ride. From that point on, for the rest of the ride, everyone else just needs to live by that decision and deal with it. That's right, pick a Road Captain for that ride and live with it. It doesn't always have to be the same person but whoever you choose that's the leader of the pack from beginning to end. Here's what seems to be so easy but very rarely ever happens, everyone from that point on needs to stay in their place and their position till the end of the ride. We have all seen it, we get to the hook up point, we choose who is going to lead, we hit the open road and someone else in the pack thinks they know a better way or thinks it's time to change lanes and switches lanes on their own expecting everyone else to follow. You also have that person who thinks the person in front of them is going to slow so they decide to change positions in the middle of the ride. Don't be that person! Riding in a group just by itself has enough of its own dangers and at the beginning of the ride a person was chosen to lead so deal with it.

Yes, there may be a little shorter route or the Road Captain, God forbid, may miss a turn, just deal with it. Just stay in your position and continue to follow for it may be a situation where your Road Captain knows something you don't! Or another example, you're in your correct position of the lane riding staggered, cruising, enjoying the ride and the person behind you zips by you! WTF. Stay in your lane and stay in your position. Park your ego, let the Road Captain of the ride lead it. If you feel you can do a better job, guess what, you lead next time or ride with a different group of friends or better yet, just meet them at the destination. Trust me, the other riders will applaud you for not only are you distracting to the rest of the group you're making it an extremely dangerous ride for everyone else.

Bottom line, choose who is going to lead the ride and deal with it and above all else stay in your place and position throughout the whole ride and Never Road Captain from Behind!

Your Road Captain,
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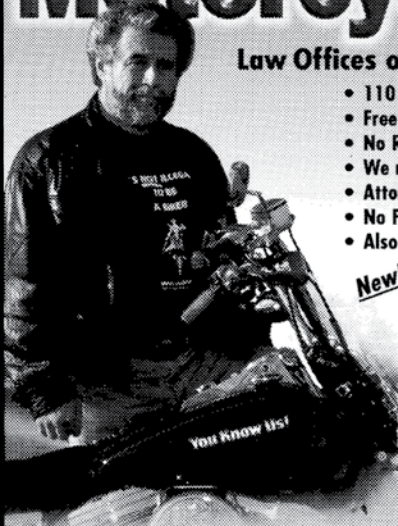
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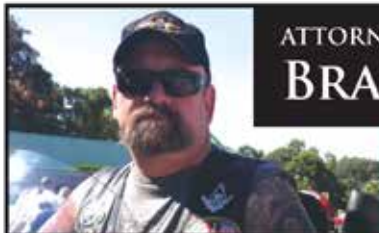
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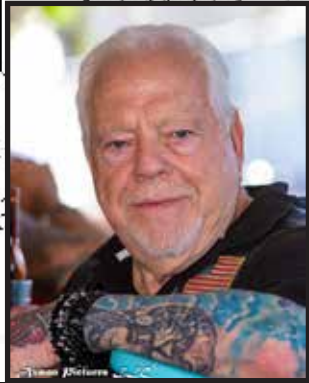
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AN ALTERNATE ROUTE



I was blessed with a stable and rich childhood. But the one thing I can say I lacked was enough camping. Those of you who camp know what I'm talking about. You can never get enough of the great outdoors. It's the only time when one day feels like two and all of me can finally be still. Determined to change the frequency of my outdoor escapades, I made sure that for the years I had kids at home, I not only homeschooled but also volunteered myself as a camp counselor, scout leader, and Youth Group leader. This definitely raised the adventure bar.

My husband Gary didn't care for camping until I introduced him to Moto-camping, which meant when on a ride, not having to go back to point 'A' every time we ventured out on our bikes. It's that leg of the journey you wish you didn't have to face at the end of the day.

I eventually bought a pop-up camper so we could take the kids camping. I was also determined to pop and camp by myself for those times when you just need to get away by yourself. Gary taught me how to pop up and down on one weekend and I booked a campsite for the following weekend. Between a countywide power outage and a leak in my little kitchen sink, I did pretty well! The following night, curiosity got the best of Gary and he had to come out to see how I did. Being only an hour from town, he rode his motorcycle. When he arrived, he was proud of me. We ate dinner, enjoyed the campfire. While I begged him to stay, he insisted on riding back that night, only to return the following night for a weekend of celebrating Mother's Day as well as my birthday.

He only made it five minutes down the road when a 73-year-old man who wasn't paying proper attention, pulled out in front of him. That was the last time I saw him.

He was killed instantly.

According to the police report, the man was making a left turn in his F-150 onto the county road where Gary was traveling. Gary's bike was well lit, even in the dark of the night. The part of the report that will explain my passion for ABATE is what was quoted on the report by the driver. He said, "I looked left, then right, and proceeded to make my left turn." I know you recognize the mistake: had he looked TWICE as we preach here, he might still be alive! The driver got a small fine and his license was revoked for a year. Are you kidding me? In the meantime, I lost a husband, my kids are fatherless, and our lives were turned completely upside down. That will be five years ago this month.

The story doesn't end there. God is faithful and one of His specialties is restoration.

Psalms 30:11-12 says, "You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy that I might sing praises to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever!"

Staying in touch with each other as friends, a year later, I invited a dear friend of mine to join my family and me on my birthday campout. I've known Larry for over 43 years, as he was one of Gary's best buddies. Gary and Larry met in Kindergarten over 65 years ago. Through Gary, I was introduced to Larry. In fact, when I decided to relocate to Florida, Larry was responsible for moving me across the United States. Since then, we all kept in close touch; rode motorcycles together, traveled, and camped together. Sadly, Larry lost his wife to cancer 12 years ago. And when Gary passed, Larry was one of the first to be called. He was with our family for the entire memorial weekend.

Larry and I planned a second camping trip the next

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month and neither of us knew what God had in store for us. There's nothing like a campfire to bring out the laughter, tears, and lots of reminiscing. We looked into the flickering flames each night and talked about our hopes, dreams, and goals, learning they were exactly the same. And then it hit us both like a cord of wood... we were meant to finish out this season of our lives together, turning an old friendship into a golden relationship. We were married on November 5th, 2017.

God has a way of turning bad things into blessings. He truly turned our mourning into dancing, our sorrow into joy and we are eternally grateful. The takeaway? Trust God with everything! Even Jesus said this life would be "full of tribulation but don't lose heart, I have overcome the world." So we aren't exempt from trouble. For some of us, it follows too closely! But for Larry and I, there's been no One more worthy to turn to, no One who cares the way He does. We aren't special; you can turn to Him too. He loves you with unconditional love!

Had that driver looked twice, I might not be writing this. But God restored and redeemed the entire situation by switching gears. He had an alternate route for Larry and Chrissy Leonhardt and we only have Him to thank.

Chrissy Leonhardt
Chaplain

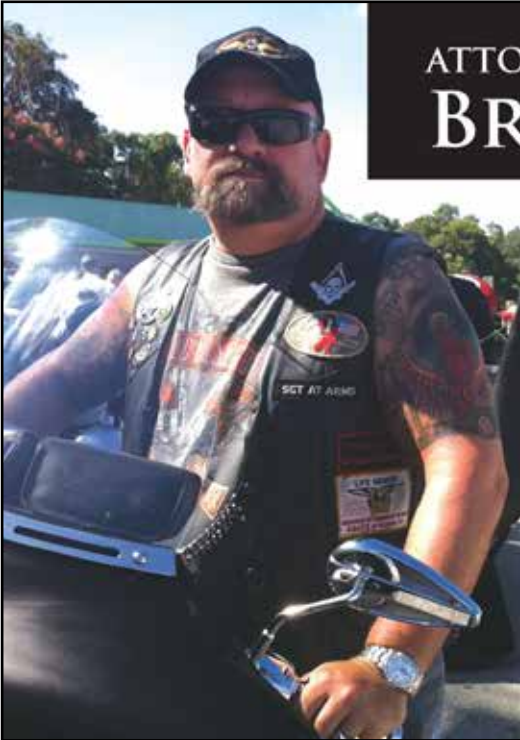


STAY IN YOUR PLACE AND POSITION!

Every riding organization has a specific way they ride as a group. For example, riding side by side may look the "coolest", but it is definitely not the safest. ABATE advocates that the staggered formation can be the safest way to ride as a pack of motorcycles under most circumstances. A couple of obvious benefits is that it allows for a longer stopping distance between you and the motorcycle directly ahead and also provides additional side to side clearance for such things as dodging road hazards or sudden highway crosswinds. Yet for all the advantages and increased safety, all it takes is one rider to go AWOL to create mass confusion or cause a potential major accident. We have all seen it, one rider continually sways across the lane back and forth, then decides to switch lanes early ahead of the group because they know the turn is coming up. Then for some reason slows down, realizes the error of falling behind and twists the throttle to catch back up causing a rubber band effect for the whole formation, let alone allowing a few cagers to fill the open spot! Yes, we all know this person, and most can usually name several.

Whatever formation your group chooses, remember to decide BEFORE you ride. Make sure you understand that each formation has a specific place you should be located depending on your position in the line. Understanding the different riding formations and individual locations prior to going on a group ride is not only essential for a safe journey, it will mean the difference if the group looks like

Flying Aces or the old Barnstormers of yesteryear. Besides, no one wants to become roadkill because someone never took the time to learn, lost focus, or decided not to follow along. One of the safest things one can do, and best ways to earn trust and respect from your fellow bikers, is to stay in your place and position. Be that "Top Gun" wingman whenever your Brother looks over their shoulder, your right there, right where you belong, every time.



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ABATE SE Chapter EBoard Meeting
ABATE SE Safety Booth at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson 6-9(M

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

- > Ladies Nite at Sharkey's 9pm-2am 2-for-1 drinks

WEDNESDAY

- > Blues Nite at Mickey's

THURSDAY

- > Mickey's Bike & Cruise Night 7:30PM

FRIDAY

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2 SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL	3	4	5 	6	7	8 OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL
9 	10	11	12	13 E-Board Meeting	14	15 LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY 
16 ABATE SE Chapter Meeting	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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States MC Taco Tuesday 6:30-9PM

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Scurvy Few MC Open House at 7:30PM

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2nd Fri- US Military Vets Dirty Dozen MC Open
Every other Friday
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SATURDAY

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2021

JUNE

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Wings of Gold MC Ft Laud - Party	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 	15	16	17 E-Board Meeting	18	19 AOA South Florida Memorial GBNF 1%
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CALENDAR EVENT

MAY

1st-Sat
2nd-Sun
 8th-Sat
 9th-Sun
 15th-Sat
 16th-Sun
 22nd-Sat ————— **NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL**
 23th-Sun
 30th-Sun
 31st-Mon

SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL
OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL
 Mothers Day
 LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY

S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
 Memorial Day

JUNE

5th-Sat
 6th-Sun
 12th-Sat
 13th-Sun
 19th-Sat

 20th-Sun
 26th-Sat

WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - PARTY
MIDNIGHT CLUB REAPERS MC - ANNUAL

 AOA SOUTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL GBNF
 1%ers
 Fathers Day
US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL

JULY

3rd-Sat
4th-Sun
 10th-Sat
 11th-Sun
 17th-Sat
 18th-Sun

 24th-Sat

Independence Day

ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL

SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD - ANNUAL
 WHEELS OF MAN MC -
 CHILI COOK-OFF



AUGUST

1st-Sun
 6th-15th
 13th-15th

 15th-Sun

 21st-Sat
 22nd-Sun
 28th-Sat
 29th- Sun

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SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL
Fly-In Wheels Annual

SEPTEMBER

4th-Sat
 5th-Sun
 6th-Mon
 11th-Sat
 12th-Sun
 17th-19th

 25th-Sat
 26th-Sun

SOUTHERN MC TEDDY BEAR RUN

 Labor Day

 STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
 PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
 ???????
KINGDOM OF BROTHERS MC - ANNUAL

OCTOBER

2nd-Sat
 3rd-Sun
 9th-Sat
 10th-Sun
 14th-17th
 23rd-Sat

 24th-Sun
 30th-Sat
 31st-Sun

MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL
 OUTCAST - PARTY
S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL
 DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
 WHEELS OF MAN MC -
 HALLOWEEN PARTY
 CMA - MEMORIAL
FEARLESS MC - ANNUAL
 HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER

6th-Sat
 11th-Wed
 13th-Sat
 14th-Sun
 20th-Sat
 26th-Thurs

HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL
 Veterans Day
USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL

LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL
 Thanksgiving Day

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DECEMBER

- 5th-Sun SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
- 11th-Sat ALIGATOR ALLEY TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING???
- 11th-Sat HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEMORIAL AND TOY RUN
- 11th-Sat USMVMC - WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
- 19th-Sat
- 20th-Sun
- 25th-Sat Christmas Day

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Barry O'Neil
Chrissy Leonhardt

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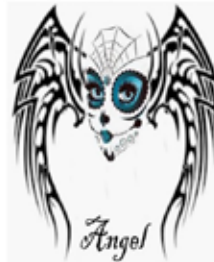
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**Educate, don't legislate – stuff we thought you might like to know*

-by: Sheila, Sandy, Little Bit, & Thunder



We were sitting around, talking about our upcoming Memorial Day Event. As you all know, Memorial Day is a Federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The holiday is observed on the last Monday of May. We checked into the history and this holiday originally started in the years following the Civil War and was first known as Declaration Day. The Civil War ended in 1865 and claimed more American lives than any war in U.S. history, to this day. The Country's first National cemeteries were established due to the great loss of lives. Americans in various cities and towns across the Country, started having tributes to these fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers. The holiday became an official Federal holiday, on the last Monday of May, in 1971. The tradition continues with people visiting cemeteries, soldiers putting American flags on the graves at Arlington, holding memorial prayer services, and parties, and many also wear a red poppy in remembrance. That tradition began with a World War I poem:



“In Flanders Fields” by John McCrae

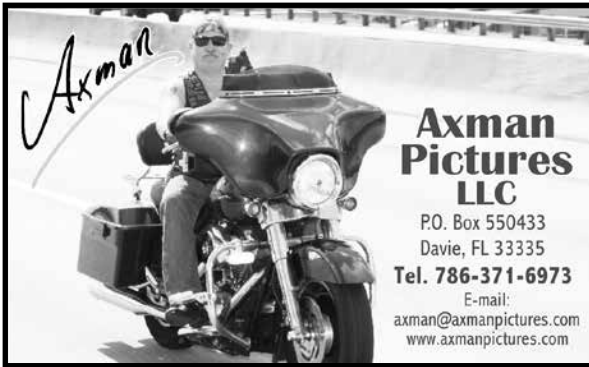
*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

The long weekend is the unofficial start to the summer and many people also take advantage of that, by having parties and barbecues. We sure hope they all remember, when they are raising that glass of lemonade, and eating those hot dogs, that they only reason they can, is because others sacrificed it all, for our freedom.

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Walk down the street in any major city, sit in a restaurant, walk thru the airport ..you can't help but notice how many people are glued to their cell phones. People are constantly texting through iMessage, WhatsApp or chatting on Facebook and Instagram. It's only natural that people want to communicate in the quickest and easiest way possible. People stop using long beautiful transitional words because it just takes too long to type them out. Simply put humans are just plain lazy.

That's where texting and abbreviations come to the rescue. It started out with catchy shortcuts like LOL, JK and TTYL. Generation Z has given the millennials a run for their money. SMH (shaking my head) Creating abbreviations is fun but leaves a lot to the feeling of the message. Kids are even inventing abbreviations for their secret love life away from parents prying eyes. PAW (parents are watching)and KPC (keep parents clueless)

Bikers have had their own abbreviations for years... IDGAF and WTF are the most widely used!

Internet users coin Internet slang to save time on keystrokes. It saves the writers time but most writers don't realize that their readers spend more than twice the amount of time trying to understand what the writer is trying to say !

For most of us the Internet and texting has been integrated into our daily lives. YNK (you never know) what this generation will come up with next !

Of course you can join a chat and write everything out

and don't use abbreviations...but eventually you'll start using the abbreviations just to keep up with everyone else ...

WDYT ?

Jody

Top 10 abbreviations...according to the internet!

LOL.	YOLO
ROFL.	LMAO
STFU.	NVM
LMK.	SMH
ILY.	DIY

A few you might not be familiar with...

AAK...alive and kicking
IDC...I don't care
ABN...asshole by nature
AYSOS. ..Are you stupid or something
SOML...story of my life
BD...big deal
BFF...best friends forever
FOAD...f#*k off and die
WD...well done
GAL...get a life
IDGL...I don't get it
STFW...search the frisking web
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OLDHIPPY'S CORNER

(Throwback May 2009)

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 Christ has already endorsed it and there is referendum in the US house to declare it also. The town of Myrtle Beach has stated flat-out that they do not want to have 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 us there. He has armed his men with decimal meters and countless books of ticket to send a message that we are not welcomed there. Currently there a 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 of room 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: covered over, shaded, 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.

HB1161 "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 on 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

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. 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 FED-PAC. 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 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 sad-

ness 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 your 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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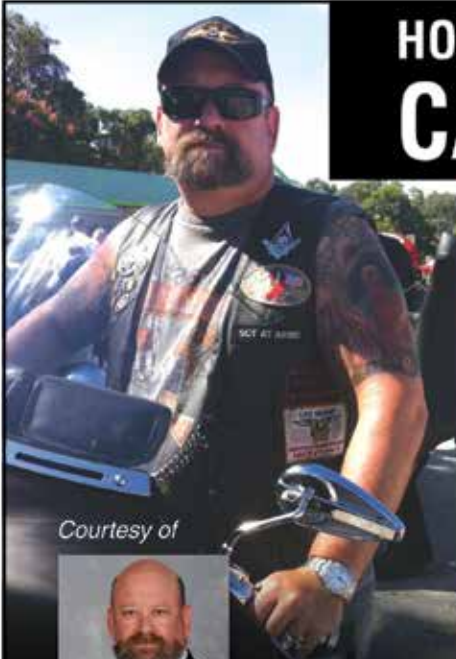
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Johnny's Rant

Well, I really don't have too much to rant about. After all, we live in one of the few places in America where you can ride year-round, a Bikers' Paradise for sure. And that's where ABATE comes in, we fight for motorcycle rights and safety, plain and simple. We want everyone to be able to ride free and ride safe. We don't want all kinds of regulations and restrictions put on us by the government. Oh crap, here comes the rant part....

There are some states that load you down with regulations. Can you believe this crap in NY? A DOT approved helmet is not good enough, you have to have a state approved helmet and state-approved eye protection and a state approved windshield and state approved this and state approved that, anything else they can get you for. WTF?

So that's where the Ride Free comes in, the Department of Transportation is good enough for Florida. We have Less regulations to weigh us down. That means less headaches for us and more freedom to ride without being told how we have to ride and what we have to wear. And that's why, if you ride a motorcycle, you need to join ABATE and protect that freedom, your rights.

So now I'm going to start on the safety part of it. With rainy season bearing down on us, keep an eye out for puddles and wet grass and leaves, and don't forget the thermoplastic road marking paint which is slippery when wet. Hey that would make a good album.... sorry.....so don't stop on that paint. I made that mistake before, and my bike slid right out from underneath me and there was nothing I could do to stop it.

Alright so now I'm getting warmed up. There are some laws that need to be enforced to make it safer for us. When are they going to start enforcing no texting and driving or hands-free? This doesn't only affect motorcyclists, it affects everyone, even those in a cage. But worse for joggers, skateboarders, scooters, bicyclists,

wheelchairs, and even people sitting on a bus bench, since their only "cage" is flesh and bones. ABATE is trying to get a law passed called the Vulnerable Road Users Act. This will give stiffer penalties to anyone who hits us or kills us, even if they are not on drugs or alcohol. Right now, they only get a \$65 dollar fine and your loved ones gets to bury you or visit you in the hospital, not cool. Don't get me wrong, I don't want to see Grandma go to jail because she pulled out in front of a motorcyclist and didn't look twice, but I do think they should get some repercussions like house arrest, loss of their driver's license, and take a course on safety and awareness to get their license back. Just saying.....

Peace,
Johnny Rose



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NCOM CONVENTION IN DES MOINES WELCOMES RIDERS NATIONWIDE

The 36th annual NCOM Convention is right around the corner, so plan now to be a part of one of the largest gatherings of motorcycle rights activists in the world. This year's NCOM Convention, to be held JULY 23-25, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Des Moines - Airport, located at 6111 Fleur Drive in Des Moines, Iowa (515-287-2400), will draw hundreds of concerned motorcyclists to America's Heartland to address topics of concern to all riders.

All motorcyclists are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights and preserve Freedom of the Road.

Agenda items will cover legal and legislative issues, with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.

For more information, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY BILL PRIORITIES

In recent years, our nationwide biker community has worked diligently with Congress to include several key motorcycle-friendly provisions in the federal highway bill that died last session; H.R.2 "Moving Forward Act," including further prohibitions against motorcycle-only checkpoints, expanding

anti-biker profiling restrictions based on mode of transportation or style of dress, and furthering riders' future advisory role with Congress to ensure our voices are heard when determining traffic and transportation laws, as well as advancing safety funding and autonomous vehicles protections.

Because H.R. 2 failed to pass, our lobbying efforts will need to be redoubled in the U.S. House and Senate once a new transportation measure is introduced in the 117th United States Congress, which now has an extended deadline of September 2021.

The Biden Administration may utilize a new highway reauthorization bill to pass a massive infrastructure spending plan, hoping to authorize some \$2.25 trillion on such items as road construction, mass transit, passenger and freight rail, airports and electric vehicles, with more than a trillion-and-a-half going toward expanding broadband, improving the electric grid, and a growing wish list of additional items.

As Congress begins deliberations on the package of transportation and infrastructure spending, it will once again fall on motorcyclists to ensure that riders' priorities are included in the "Wish List" as this 2021 version of the highway bill develops.

You can contact your federal legislators by calling the Congressional Switchboard at (202) 224-3121, or contact their local office and set up a meeting to discuss these issues of importance to all motorcyclists!

MOTORCYCLIST ADVISORY COUNCIL BILL IN CONGRESS

A bipartisan group of U.S. Representatives has introduced a bill to reauthorize the Motorcyclist Advisory Council, a committee comprised largely of motorcycle riders established to advise Congress and the Department of Transportation on matters involving motorcycle safety, and make recommendations regarding infrastructure issues such as road design, traffic issues, and intelligent transportation systems.

H.R. 2141, introduced March 23, 2021 by Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI), would reauthorize the MAC for six years; require biennial reports; clarify that specific seats on the 12-member board would be occupied by motorcycle riders and advocates.

If Congress doesn't take action prior to the September 30, 2021 deadline, the MAC is set to expire and will be disbanded, so contact your Congressional representatives today and ask them to cosponsor and support H.R. 2141.

RPM ACT NEEDED TO SAVE MOTORSPORTS

If you have made modifications to your car or motorcycle, or have an interest in motorsports and racing, you could be impacted by the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports (RPM) Act, which was first drafted up after the EPA's Clean Air Act (CAA) in 2015 sought to make the conversion of production vehicles for "dedicated racing" illegal. Despite bipartisan support in Congress, the RPM Act has failed to pass, but because of the EPA's renewed push to restrict any vehicle modifications for motorsports purposes, the RPM Act is more important now than ever before.

Concerned about emissions, street vehicles -- cars, trucks, and motorcycles -- can no longer be converted into racecars, according to the EPA, which recently announced that enforcement against high performance parts -- including superchargers, tuners, and exhaust systems -- is a top priority.

According to the automotive trade association SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association), the sale, manufacture and installation of performance parts for racing would also be a violation of the EPA's ruling.

The RPM Act would protect the racing culture in America by reversing the EPA's interpretation that the CAA prohibits the conversion of a motor vehicle into a racecar, and also safeguards the motorsports-parts industry's ability to sell products that enable racers to compete. The measure would clarify that it is legal to make emissions-related changes to a street vehicle for the purpose of transforming it into a racecar used exclusively in competition, and confirm that it is legal to produce, market and install performance equipment.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO SCRAP EU 'VNUK' LAW

The Department for Transport (DfT) has announced plans to scrap the controversial 'Vnuk' motor insurance law, which was introduced across the European Union following a ruling by the European Court of Justice (ECJ) in 2014. The case involved a Slovenian farm worker (Mr. Vnuk) who was injured

when he fell from a ladder that was struck by a farm tractor. As the tractor was used entirely off-road, it was not required to have insurance. The case was referred to the ECJ, which extended the requirements for vehicular insurance to cover a vehicle's "normal function," and not just use on a public road.

The far-reaching implications of the legal ruling were huge, according to MotorcycleNews.com; "For a start it meant that all vehicles, even those not registered for road use such as track bikes or motocross bikes (or even forklift trucks and golf buggies), would have to be insured at all times. It also meant that any collision involving two vehicles, even if the collision didn't take place on a public road, would have to have been treated as a regular road traffic accident for insurance purposes. So a bump in BSB between two riders would have gone through insurance. Calculations by the DfT suggested the insurance industry would have been on the hook for roughly £458 million (\$641 million USD) per year, which would likely have been passed straight onto the general public with estimates of £50 (\$70) per person per year."

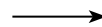
Although the ruling was already passed into law when England was a member of the EU, since Brexit, now that the U.K. has exited the EU, the government can remove the costly and cumbersome legality from British law.

UK POLICE CALL FOR MONITORING ALL MOTORCYCLES

It appears that the reckless riding problem in the U.K. has reached a fever pitch, as Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Kim McGuinness has proposed the use of mandatory trackers "fitted to all motorbikes so their whereabouts and speed can be monitored."

The commissioner has proposed this rather drastic mandate in a bid to locate and check the speed of all motorcycles at all times, as law enforcement's effort to fight the rising number of cases of speeding, and what the commissioner is calling "anti-social behavior."

As has been the case for decades now, trackers are often used as forms of punishment for convicted lawbreakers, and implementing this proposal would effectively tag all motorcyclists as criminals. Jim Freeman of the British Motorcycling Federation was quick to chime in that, "The mandatory use of a tracker is usually a sentence imposed by the courts after



due process has been followed, but this would be tantamount to a collective punishment that sweeps hundreds of thousands of innocents up along with the tiny minority of the guilty without an investigation, trial or verdict."

SPAIN MAKES MOTORCYCLE GLOVE USE MANDATORY

Spain has now made the use of motorcycle gloves while riding mandatory, in a 'safety'-trend that appears to be trending in Europe.

Some countries already have rulings around gloves, with approved motorcycle mitts being the norm in France since 2017. There, motorcyclists and their passengers must wear gloves and according to RideApart.com, now Spain's DGT (Dirección General de Tráfico) is enforcing a similar law.

A DGT working group initially met to discuss the mandatory use of airbag vests for motorcyclists, but the airbag requirement was dropped, and the group moved towards mandatory glove use. Ultimately, Working Group 52 on Motorcycles and Road Safety devised a new law requiring their use, effective early 2021, which "must have thick leather, imitation leather, Kevlar, or a similar material highly resistant to abrasion and heat to be compliant."

SURVEY SHOWS FEW DRIVERS TRUST 'SMART MOTORWAYS'

A smart motorway, also known as an Intelligent Transport System, is a section of roadway that employs active traffic management (ATM) methods to increase capacity and reduce congestion using traffic cameras and variable speed limits to control the flow of traffic, occasionally utilizing hard-shoulder running and ramp metering at busy times.

IAM RoadSmart conducted an online poll about smart motorways in England, their safety, and whether or not road users really find them any better than traditional motorway systems. Not surprisingly, out of 4,500 people who answered the web poll, 81% felt less safe travelling on a smart motorway compared to a standard motorway; 84% have little faith in the safety systems spotting them if they break down in a running lane; 40% of drivers found no noticeable improvement in their journey time while only 4% found a very noticeable improvement; and 85% want construction halted until the safety is fully proven.

"Our members include many high mileage, experienced and confident motorway users," said Neil Greig, a researcher at IAM RoadSmart, "but the results of this survey are clear to see, with the vast majority having very little, or no confidence, in the safety of smart motorways."

NEW BIOMETRIC MOTORCYCLE PARKING SYSTEM PREVENTS BIKE THEFT

A tech company has developed a motorcycle 'parking solution' that scans your face and license plate before opening the gate and letting you roll in, as biometrics company 'Unioncommunity' has decided to integrate a biometric identification process into motorcycle parking machines, for now, dubbed Ubio-X MPass.

Biometrics is the use of biological data to authenticate identity, just like using your fingerprint or face to unlock your phone. The parking management system is being developed primarily for the South Asian market (for now). It's noted as a means of preventing motorcycle theft by associating the vehicle with its driver.

SKUNKLOCK FIGHTS BACK AGAINST THIEVES

With motorcycle thefts increasing yearly along with ridership going up, motorcycle security technology is constantly developing ways to stay ahead of ever-more ardent bike thieves. From ear-splitting alarms to high-tech tracking systems, security devices have become more creative -- and now, it seems, even more devious!

Now, the SkunkLock motorcycle lock, a fairly conventional-looking D-lock device, actually fights back against crooks by releasing odious pressurized gas when cut, spraying the thief with "vomit-inducing chemicals" that hopefully stop the would-be thief in their tracks in the process.

"When a thief tries to grind or break a SkunkLock (SkunkLock.com), a very potent, though non-toxic and legally compliant formula escapes from the lock exposing itself to the thief. Once the compound is airborne, sight may be compromised, breathing becomes difficult, and a lot of time vomiting is induced." Crime Fighters = 1; Evil Doers = 0

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "He that cannot reason is a fool. He that will not is a bigot. He that dare not is a slave."

~ Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919) Scottish-American industrialist and philanthropist

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The 36th annual NCOM Convention in Des Moines, Iowa is coming up soon, so the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) requests your kind assistance in promoting this important event by helping distribute the attached flyer in your publication and/or website/Facebook or e-Blast.

THANK YOU in advance, and we hope to see you there!
Bill Bish,
NCOM Board of Directors / Public Relations Liaison

NCOM CONVENTION IN DES MOINES WELCOMES RIDERS NATIONWIDE

The 36th annual NCOM Convention is right around the corner, so plan now to be a part of one of the largest gathering of motorcycle rights activists in the world. This year's NCOM Convention, to be held JULY 23-25, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Des Moines - Airport, located at 6111 Fleur Drive in Des Moines, will draw hundreds of concerned motorcyclists to America's Heartland to address topics of concern to all riders.

Agenda items will cover legal and legislative is-

...sues, with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.

All motorcyclists are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights and preserve Freedom of the Road.

In the meantime, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have passed away over the past year, since last October's NCOM Convention in Indianapolis, so that we may honor their memories with the traditional "Ring of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications should be e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at NCOMBish@aol.com, or can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board.

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Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$85 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. For more information, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.



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a whole lot of MCs and other riding groups that are military. We have many good friends in these groups.

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There is the US Military Vets MC CH 1, US Military Vets MC S. Broward, US Military Vets MC Homestead, the Leathernecks MC, etc. And then so many American Legion Rider groups, Post 142, Post 180, Post 321, Post 222, etc. What brings so many people in the military into the motorcycle community?

When you look at the beginning of motorcycle clubs, the military, from all 4 branches, is at the very foundation, from the very beginning. It all started with military veterans returning from World War I. There was a surplus of military motorcycles and the soldiers were looking for the brotherhood that was missing in civilian life. Riding a motorcycle became a widespread hobby for those returning from the war. It gave them a rush of adrenaline, one that they had experienced in combat, but now missed back home. Some of them formed clubs, as a way to band together, since a lot of the people they came into contact with, on a daily basis, didn't understand what it meant to be in the War, didn't understand the physical, mental, and emotional ramifications of war, so they bonded with each other, helped each other.

In the last few years, researchers and psychologists

have found that motorcycle riding is good therapy, allows people to destress. This is especially important for veterans of the US military who are dealing with some of the tragic events that they witnessed overseas, suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD. Motorcycle riding is fun, but it can also increase the quality of life for riders. Some veterans even say it is the antidote to stress. For military veterans, motorcycle ride provides an antidote to stress. (Barrett) Brian Steuber, a former U.S. Army staff sergeant says "My medical prescription is 800-plus pounds of American-made metal and chrome. No drug can compare; no feeling is better. That's why I ride." This is a common theme among vets who ride, and many would like to see more vets on motorcycles. So, at the beginning, and now, being part of veteran motorcycle clubs helps the bond of brotherhood. A bond that is needed in more ways than one.

Little Bit wanted to share some thoughts about this special day to honor and respect to all our men and women who died for our country while serving. She remembered visiting her brother's grave when she was in my teens, and noticed beside his grave, was a grave for a young man who served in Viet Nam. She remembers being so upset. She said a prayer for both this young man and her brother. A salute to all our military! Thunder wanted to share that back home in Rochester, every year her and her family would

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volunteer to put flags on the military graves there and would reflect on it, looking at the dates on their grave-stones, and sometimes would see a person nearby, and knew that they were just there to look up their ancestors from days gone by. This was at Mount Hope Cemetery and they had a beautiful flag, just before where all the military were laid to rest. She did this year every year, for about 15 years, and it was a humbling experience. God bless America and she thanks God every day for those who fought and served for our freedom. Sandy wanted to share a favorite quote of hers, "Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices." Harry S. Truman. Sheila's Dad was a retired Lt. Colonel with the Army. He was born in 1913, so already retired by the time Sheila was born. He served in World War II and Korea. Her ancestors served in military going back to the Revolutionary War. Her life growing up, with 3 sisters and a brother, was founded in love of Country, God, and family. She was proud of her father, and boy, was he strict, but that upbringing stayed with her, even to this day. She wants to give a special thank you to Mike "Rogue" Hager, our web-master, who served in Viet Nam. He is a great man. Thank you for serving!

And from all of us, there really aren't any words big enough to say how very grateful and blessed we are, by everyone who served in the United States Armed Forces. You have risked, and still risk everything for us. You sacrifice for us. You are what makes America great!!! God bless and watch over you all!!!!

"Risk is good. Not managing your risk is a dangerous leap." Evel Knievel



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