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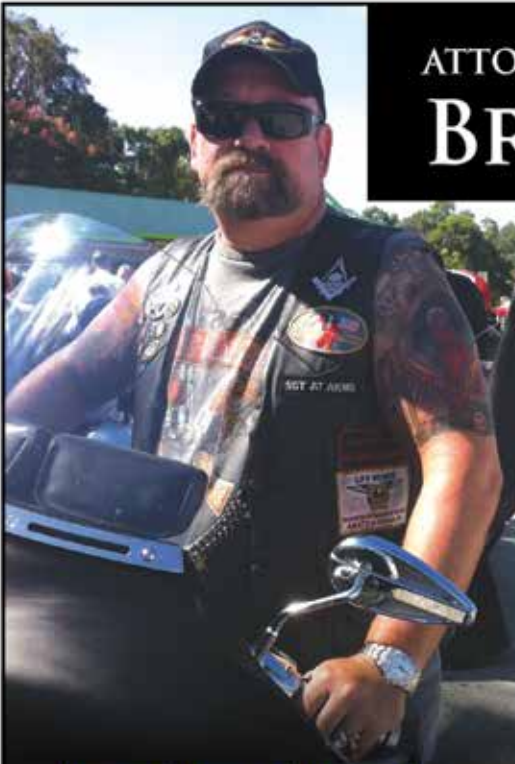
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WHO WE ARE

- 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.

There are no requirements to join us and we respect and welcome all motorcycle clubs or any other motorcycle associations or organizations. We do not have any mandatory meetings or rides.

Paid Membership Includes:

- ABATE Voting Privileges
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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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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



Hey everybody, please come out to our 42nd Memorial Day Event on May 29, 2022 at the American Legion Post 36 on State Road 84, just east of I-95. Also, for any of our members out there, we can always use your help at our events, call me if you can help (954) 868-4390. Our Semi-Annual in January was totally rained out and we didn't do so good, so let's see if we can recoup some of that money. I want to thank those of you who did come to that party, it was still a good time. Remember that we pay for this newsletter with advertisers and our one Annual, one Semi-Annual, and this upcoming Memorial Day party.

I also want to thank the South Florida President's Council and the Miami-Dade President's Council for all their support through membership and coming out strong to our events. Our members give us a louder voice in Tallahassee and help pay for our newsletter. Of the \$20 that you pay for your memberships, half goes to our Chapter and the other half goes to ABATE State.

Now back to the Memorial Day Event, we're going to have a 21-Gun Salute and tribute to the military and the fallen soldiers that we have lost ever since the Revolutionary war. Remember that they are the reason we have the freedoms in this Country that we have today. We'll also have a live band, good food and drinks, and plenty of shade for everyone to keep cool. It's always a good party.

In June, we will have our elections for the Board and Trustees of Southeast Chapter. Please, if you are a member and would like to step up and help, sometimes it's a lot of work, but it's also a lot of fun and you can make a difference in

our motorcycle community, by helping us ride free and ride safe. We do not need the government to tell us what to wear when we're riding or what we can put on our motorcycles with aftermarket parts. And in case you don't know it, ABATE is the reason you can make those decisions yourself. ABATE has been around over 40 years and we are making a difference, for everyone that rides. I know I'm always repeating myself about that but it's just a plain truth y'all.

Please support all your American Legions and VFWs. God Bless America, the military, and the veterans who have helped keep this Country 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!

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

God bless America!!!!

Peace,
Johnny Rose
President
Southeast Chapter



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ABATE STATE PRESIDENT NOMINEES

JAMES "DOC" REICHENBACH II

I have been ABATE of Florida's State President since 1993. I have been ABATE's lobbyist since 1991. In 2012, I retired as State President, however, I was asked to return in 2014. Under my leadership, ABATE has:

- 1.Developed an effective MSAP (Motorcycle and Safety Awareness Program) that has raised motorist's perceptions and awareness of motorcycles
- 2.Modified the helmet law in 2017 and to keep it going for over 20 years.
- 3.Received funding from the State of Florida totaling over \$1,000,000 to promote motorcycle safety and awareness
- 4.Got the handlebar heights law modified
- 5.Successfully fought the bill against vertical tags that had over \$1,100 in fines for a first offense
- 6.Stopped the law that would require motorcyclists to wear orange vests
- 7.Successfully fought the bill that would confiscate motorcycles for going 30mph over the speed limit
- 8.Supported and fought for a texting-while-driving ban for the last few years
- 9.Became the 4th largest State Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the country

As President of ABATE of Florida, Inc., I formerly sat as a member of The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C. and I sit as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM). NCOM has over 1000 member organizations.

We have become a respected and driving force in the motorcycle community, not only in Florida, but nationwide. We are a respected force in the Florida Legislature and our Congressional delegation.

Respectfully,

DOC

WILL DEAVER

Hey everyone, my name is Will Deaver, better known as Griz. I am running for the office of ABATE State President. I have been a member since 1994. I served four years as Sergeant at Arms for Lightning Alley Chapter. In 1997, I moved to Lake County and joined that Chapter. I became Vice President, served six months, and was elected President in 1998 I have

been President of Lake County Chapter since then, with the exception of two years. I may not have all the answers to what we need, but I will surely give it my best shot.

Ride safe, Ride free,

GRIZ

MARTHA HARRIS

My name is Martha Harris, I have been a member of ABATE for 10 years and currently serving as the Gulf Coast Chapter President. I am currently running for the position of State President. We need a leader that is open minded, willing to work with others, listen to others' ideas, and not afraid to get down in the trench and work with everyone to make it happen. I know that I am that person that is willing and can do it.

I built teams to do certain things and work together to bring the organizations/groups to a better place. Both with membership and financial stability. This is also my plans for us, if elected.

We all need to work toward building membership. We all need training in how we need to communicate with our legislators to get our point across, so that we can get more support from them. I will teach other how to be a passionate advocate for our rights. With better communication, I feel that we would be able to get the support we need to provide more protection to us all on the highway. I will work closely with our lobbyist is to make sure proper paperwork is prepared and filed to give us a better chance at getting the funding that we so deserve.

I have several fund-raising ideas to help make the state become more self-supporting.

In closing none of this is possible without teamwork, So, let us all work together to build teams to make us a fighting force within our state. I look forward to working with all of you in the future.

Thank you and as always ride safe and aware.

MARTHA HARRIS

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Vice- President

Florida Helmet Law

Awww, beautiful Florida. The state with a No Helmet Law which means I never have to wear a helmet under any conditions right? Wrong.

Even though thanks to ABATE, Florida is one of the last few states that does have what many call a No Helmet Law there are still restrictions. What? Restrictions? Yep, even Florida still has restrictions.

Have you ever looked up and read the actual State Statute 316.211 - Equipment for Motorcycle and Moped Riders? I didn't think so, so I encourage everyone right now to Google and read it. Takes less than five minutes and now you're going by Florida law not just hearsay. But for the old timers that still don't know what Google is or how to use it here is the cliff notes.

1. The motorcycle helmet law in the State of Florida is Florida Statutes § 316.211.

2 Florida law stipulates that all riders under the age of 21 must wear a helmet while operating or riding a motorcycle securely fastened upon his or her head which complies with Federal Motorcycle Vehicle Safety Standard 218

3. The law also states that all riders of any age must be equipped with proper eye protection when traveling on public roads.

4. This law states that helmets are required unless the operator is over the age of 21 and they have insurance that provides at least \$10,000 in medical benefits.

1, 2, and 3, are pretty straight forward, anyone under the age of 21 must wear a helmet period and all persons, regardless of age, must wear approved eye protection by the Department of High-

way Safety and Motor Vehicles. Number 4, not so much.

Point number 4 states no helmet is required if your over 21 and have insurance that provides at least \$10,000 in medical benefits. A typical minimum motorcycle 10/20/10 policy may not even cover this requirement unless there is a "MedPay" (medical payment) clause written into the policy. But did you know motorcycle insurance, unlike an automobile, is not required in Florida. What? Yep, that's right, you can go get your motorcycle registered and legally ride with no motorcycle insurance in Florida. Any attorney will highly advise you different because here is where it gets a little trickier. The State of Florida only requires proof of financial responsibility after an accident. While motorcycle insurance isn't required, be aware that you will need to have proof of financial responsibility if you get into an accident. Basically, what this does mean though if you don't have insurance or proof of financial responsibility, now if you're in an accident you're personally and fully financially responsible and the State could even revoke your registration and license. Also, if you ever go out of state on a road trip and cross the state line, you're riding illegally for all other states require motorcycles to have a minimum insurance policy.

So, if you want to ride a motorcycle in Florida without a helmet legally, you must first be over 21, wear approved eye protection and have insurance that provides at least \$10,000 in medical benefits. Otherwise prepare to pay the price.

Oh, by the way, any passenger must follow the same laws, restrictions and requirements.

Your VP

Troy

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC - SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

Florida State Statute 316.211
Equipment for motorcycle and moped riders.

(1) A person may not operate or ride upon a motorcycle unless the person is properly wearing protective headgear securely fastened upon his or her head which complies with Federal Motorcycle Vehicle Safety Standard 218 promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall adopt this standard by agency rule.

(2) A person may not operate a motorcycle unless the person is wearing an eye-protective device over his or her eyes of a type approved by the department.

(3)(a) This section does not apply to persons riding within an enclosed cab or to any person 16 years of age or older who is operating or riding upon a motorcycle powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less or is rated not in excess of 2 brake horsepower and which is not capable of propelling such motorcycle at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour on level ground.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a person over 21 years of age may operate or ride upon a motorcycle without wearing protective headgear securely fastened upon his or her head if such person is covered by an insurance policy providing for at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for injuries incurred as a result of a crash while operating or riding on a motorcycle.

(4) A person under 16 years of age may not operate or ride upon a moped unless the person is properly wearing protective headgear securely fastened upon his or her head which complies with Federal Motorcycle Vehicle Safety Standard 218 promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation.

(5) The department shall make available a list of protective headgear approved in this section, and the list shall be provided on request.

(6) Each motorcycle registered to a person under 21 years of age must display a license plate that is unique in design and color.

(7) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

History.—s. 1, ch. 71-135; s. 1, ch. 76-31; s. 1, ch. 85-329; s. 23, ch. 87-161; s. 2, ch. 88-405; s. 321, ch. 95-148; ss. 4, 167, ch. 99-248; s. 6, ch. 2000-313; s. 13, ch. 2006-290.

Note.—Former s. 316.287.



SOUTHEAST CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 142
171 SW 2ND ST
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APRIL 24, 2022

Mike “Bubba” Travis called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and there were 41 members present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Bubba, and a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, Barry “Bear” Crown.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – JOHNNY ROSE:

Johnny thanked everyone for coming. He said that it is the people in this room that keep our Chapter going strong. He spoke about our upcoming Memorial Day Event in May, asked members to get us door prizes when they were out and about at different stores and restaurants. Let those who donate know, that they will be recognized in our newsletter. Chris Sharp, a former President of our Chapter, has a band that will play for free, thank you, and they are good!

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT – TROY WAUGH:

Troy welcomed all, said we have a full house today. He reminded all that #1, ABATE is not a club, but is an MRO, a Motorcycle Rights Organization; #2, we are a safety organization, and #3, like a family, as many have been members for a long time, know each other for years, and we are a family. He spoke a little about the helmet law, that ABATE helped get passed over 22 years ago, Florida Statute 316.211. This does not mean no helmets, but if you choose to ride without a helmet, you must be 21 years of age or older, and you must have at least \$10,000 in medical insurance. There are some gray areas about this medical insurance, what is covered depends on the insurance, “med pay”, if part of your motorcycle policy, or group health insurance, or other health insurance.

SECRETARY’S REPORT –

HOLLIE “DREAMER” SADOFF:

Motion to approve minutes in newsletter, motioned, seconded, approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read an email from Amazon Smile, and in the last quarter, they have made \$64.57 in donations to ABATE of Florida. Use smile.amazon.com when you log into Amazon and choose ABATE of Florida Safety and Education Inc. as your charity and ABATE will receive .5% of your purchase price in donations. She then read the Treasurer’s Report for March, motioned, seconded, approved.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT –

MIKE “BUBBA” TRAVIS:

Bubba spoke about slowing down in school zones, even on the weekends as kids have sports and other activities at school, and they are kids, don’t always pay attention, so we have to. Reminded all again, when wearing anything with ABATE on it, you are representing ABATE, please keep that in mind and act respectfully.

ROAD CAPTAIN’S REPORT – TROY WAUGH:

April 22nd-24th, Leesburg Bike Fest, ABATE Lake County Chapter will not have their campground set up this year, but will return in 2023

Saturday, April 30, Southeast Police Rodeo, and WOG MC is looking for volunteers to help

Sunday, May 8 – Mother’s Day

Saturday, May 14 - ABATE of Florida 5-Star Event in Ft. Myers

Sunday, May 15 – Leathernecks MC Party at their clubhouse

Saturday, May 21 – BACA 100 Mile Ride

Sunday, May 22 – New Attitudes MC Annual – more info at May meeting

Sunday, May 22 - ABATE Palm Beach Event in Palm Beach FL

Sunday, May 29th - S.E. Chapter ABATE of FL Annual Memorial Day Event Post 36, with Post 142 doing the Honor Guard

Saturday, June 12 - Southern MC Annual – at Glades Club

June 17th-June 19th - NCOM Convention in Nashville, TN

August 12-14, 2022 - Tattoo Expo at Coral Springs Marriott

Troy also spoke about the HOV lane, which technically, is only for vehicles with 2 or more people in and only restricted to posted times. Motorcycles, no matter if single or with a passenger, can ride in HOV lanes 24/7.

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JON “WAVY” VIGER:

Wavy spoke about a safety & skills refresher checkup he will be doing after the meeting, for some friends, but all at the meeting are also welcome to come. There will be some U-turns, friction zone, reminder to always look ahead. He also said that studies show it is easier for a right-handed person to make a left-hand turn, and a left handed person to make a right hand turn. He spoke about lane splitting, which is illegal in Florida, whether the traffic is moving or stopped. There was some conversation about whether to lock your phone or not, so police can reach out to your emergency contacts in case of an accident. Good idea to keep those contacts also in your wallet. You can screen shot the numbers and put it as your home screen. Brad told us that some phones, I-phones, can be set up to call 911 and up to 5 emergency contacts by pressing the side button 5 times. Ada said that you can also put “ICE” in front of your “In Case of Emergency” contacts in your phone. Isabel told us that you can go on the Florida DMV site and also add emergency contacts there. Wavy also said not always a good idea to keep your registration in your car, as it also has your driver license on it and people can steal your identity that way. Better to keep it in your wallet or take a picture on your phone.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT-

MIKE “BUBBA” TRAVIS & HOPE TRAVIS:

Hope spoke and let us know that Bill Sauers, our American Income Life representative, was at the State meeting. He

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said that members do not need to send new beneficiary cards each year, only if changing any information. There was some talk about, in the future, AIL adding more benefits. For the State elections, only two positions were contested, State President and State Public Relations Trustee. State President nominees were James “Doc” Reichenbach II (our current President), Will “Griz” Deaver from Lake County Chapter, and Martha Harris from Gulf Coast Chapter. Public Relations Trustee nominees were Bill Bird from Peace River Chapter and Bridgette “Bridge” Pace from Forest Chapter. Hope let us know that the next year’s ride to Tallahassee is in the works. David Allen Coe will be at NCOM Convention in June.

Reminder, next State Meeting in Ft. McCoy on June 11th.

PRODUCTS REPORT –

LAUREL “LITTLE BIT” CONNER:

Little Bit let us know that many t-shirts have been marked down to \$10.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read in the Membership report.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – GABE CARRERA:

Excused.

Our Memorial Day Event in May will be at American Legion Post 36, with American Legion Post 142 doing the Color Guard. Gabe has an MC Tour going on right now, check out his Attorney That Rides website or Facebook for more information, and flyers are on the table for all these events.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – ADA “ABBY NORMAL” HIBBS:

Articles due today. We have a Classified section in our newsletter, which runs 6 months, free for members, and \$5 for non-members, for individuals, not businesses, to sell items. Please take pictures when you are out an about, as she always likes more pictures, and send to Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – JON “WAVY” VIGER:

Going well, going back up to 750 newsletters due to demand.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad said this session was a dud, for what ABATE was hoping for, and some others. The 3 Bills that ABATE was supporting, HB 743 Vulnerable Road Users, HB 2573 to get

ABATE money back, and SB 1252 Traffic Offenses all died in committee. A Senate bill to increase the sovereign immunity threshold from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000 per victim died in committee. Sovereign immunity is the threshold for victims of government negligence. As an example, if a public school bus goes into a canal, the injured victims could only get \$200,000 maximum per accident (that is the total all would have to share), where the new bill would have raised that threshold to \$1,000,000 per each victim. Another bill that passed, but was not signed by Governor DeSantis, so not a law, was allowing Google Earth Maps to be used in court, to show a historical photo of something. For example, you trip over a sidewalk that is in disrepair, in Florida in 2019, at your 2021 trial, you can't use a Google Maps photo to show the sidewalk was in disrepair back in 2019. It seemed like the legislature was more concerned with high-profile stuff, like Disney, than the "nuts and bolts" that we needed passed and signed.

LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON:

See Legislative Liaison.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

DAWNE "THUNDER" KIRK-WATERS:

Excused. She is working at Alligator Harley Davidson and always promoting ABATE.

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SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:

"Bear" brought his now famous delicious chocolate brownies and mini cheesecakes for the April birthdays.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT – MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS:

Nothing to report.

ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT – ADA "ABBY NORMAL":

Send pictures to her, if you have them, for newsletter and Facebook. Tag us and follow us on Facebook. Also send pictures to the Webmaster.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT – MIKE "ROGUE" HAGER:

"Rogue" was excused, all is going well. He would really like someone to step up and take over the Website.

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN – BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:

Be safe when you are riding, summer is coming, and lots of grass clippings on the road.

OLD BUSINESS:

State Gun Raffle - received books from State, please sign out and sell them. They are due in December. Please note you are responsible for all books you sign out.

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

Vice-President:

Troy Waugh

Secretary:

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff

Treasurer:

Sheila Rose

Sergeant at Arms:

Mike "Bubba" Travis

Road Captain:

Troy Waugh,
Ross Haertter

Safety Director:

Jon "Wavy" Viger

State Representative

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

Mike "Bubba" Travis,
Hope Travis,
Troy Waugh, I
Isabel Gallardo,
Johnny Rose

Products:

Laurel "Little Bit" Conner

Membership:

Sheila Rose

Events Coordinator:
Gabe Carrera

Newsletter:
Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs

Distribution:
Jon "Wavy" Viger

Legal Liaison:
Brad Winston
(gave permission to Johnny Rose as his proxy to accept the nomination if he is not able to attend May meeting, may be traveling)

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Public Relations:
Dawne "Thunder" Kirk Waters

Billing & Invoicing:
Hope Travis

Social Director:
Barry "Bear" Crown

Quartermaster:
Mike "Bubba" Travis

Photographer:
Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs

Webmaster:
Mike "Rogue" Hager,
Rick Szambelan

Chaplain:
Chrissy Leonhardt

Assistant Chaplain:
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:

Wings of Gold MC is looking for volunteers for the Police Rodeo next weekend. Anyone interested to see Johnny after the meeting

BACA is having a 100-mile ride on Saturday, May 21st, flyers on the table. BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) have 300 chapter worldwide, and all have one fundraiser per year, on the third Saturday in May. It is \$20 per rider and \$20 per passenger. Last year, there were 60-70 bikes. This year, all will meet at Alligator Harley Davidson and ride 107 miles down to Everglades City.

It was also noted that some businesses are not what we consider "biker friendly", for example, not letting us wear our vests or "colors" in their establishments. Some businesses do it to keep rivals from possible fights, but we are talking about discriminating against bikers, not even letting ABATE members in if they are wearing their vest with the ABATE logo on them. We will let you know which businesses are not biker friendly, in our opinion. If they don't want to support us, we will get the word out, so we don't support them. Flyers on the table for upcoming events.

Motion to adjourn at 11:15am. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on April 24, 2022.

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff
Secretary Southeast Chapter



SAFETY DIRECTOR

Good Day

Well, the hot weather is back so please be prepared. Always, if possible, have water on your bike and stay hydrated. You will want to make sure you read April's newsletter, page 22 which explains the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

This is just a reminder, mostly for sport bike riders. It is unlawful to lane split. It can be up to a \$100 fine. If you get injured while lane splitting, your insurance company can deny the claim.

And don't forget about Abate of Florida Inc Safety and Awareness Program. If you are interested, you can contact me by e-mail safetydir.abatese@gmail.com or call me at 954-261-9242. No calls after 7:30pm please.

As usual, I encourage you to checkout the following website for more safety information.
nhtse.gov/safety/motorcycles.

Thank you,

Enjoy the Ride!

Jon "Wavy" Viger
Safety Director, Abate SE Chapter



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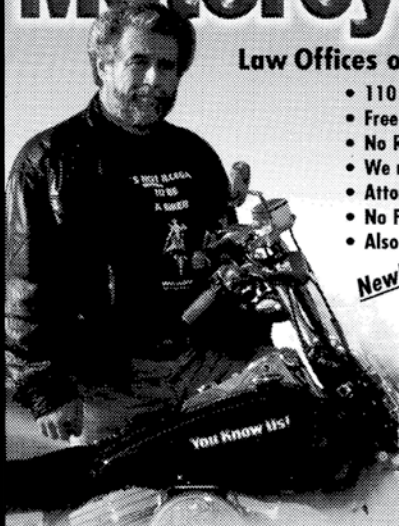
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FROM YOU ROAD CAPTAIN

HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) Lane

All of us at some time or another have been cruising down I-95 with traffic congestion everywhere and look over and see that the HOV lane is empty. Hmmm, why is that???? I wonder if most people don't utilize the lane because they think there is a cost associated with it or maybe because they heard a special permit is required? I don't know the reason why, but I wanted to clear up some confusion so I decide to do some research to find out what are the Florida HOV Lane requirements and restrictions.

Have you ever looked up and read the actual State Statute 316.0741 for High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes? I didn't think so, so I encourage everyone right now to Google and read it. Takes less than five minutes and now you're going by Florida law not just hearsay. But for the old timers that still don't know what Google is or how to use it here is the cliff notes.

The car pool lanes in Florida are marked by freeway signs that are either to the left of the lane, or above the lane. These signs will mark the lane as either car pool or HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle). Some signs may simply have a diamond symbol, which is also painted on the car pool lane itself.

You will find Florida law on HOV lanes doesn't specifically mention motorcycles, but it does define HOV lanes as a "lane of a public roadway designated for use by vehicles in which there is more than one occupant unless otherwise authorized by federal law." Federal law does allow motorcycles to use the HOV lanes at any time unless the state decides otherwise, and Florida has not.

a. "High-occupancy-vehicle lane" or "HOV

lane" means a lane of a public roadway designated for use by vehicles in which there is more than one occupant unless otherwise authorized by federal law.

b. Many times, you will see that the high occupancy vehicle rules limit the left lane to carpools of two or more people, motorcycles and registered hybrids from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. on weekdays. The fine for violating the rules is \$165 in Broward County. Reading in reverse, what this means is that at times other than the times designated on the sign, anyone, including cars even with only one person, can legally use the HOV Lane.

So, what if I'm on my motorcycle with no passenger? Good news, federal law states that motorcycles are permitted to use HOV lanes, even with only one person on the bike, no passenger required. The rationale behind allowing motorcycles to use HOV lanes is that it is safer to keep two-wheeled vehicles moving than to have them travel in start-and-stop traffic conditions.

c. Bottom line, In Florida, Motorcycles even if not carrying a passenger can legally use the HOV Lane anytime of the day 24/7! Score one for Motorcycles!

Finally, a HOV lane isn't typically on a toll road. However, be aware if the HOV lane would ever be on a toll road, the tolls would still apply if you're in the HOV lane or not. Same holds true for Express Lanes which is a different animal and you always pay.

Your Road Captain,
Troy





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**" IN RECOGNITION OF THE MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION
"Throwback"**

How many times have you heard freedom is not free? And we all know how true that is, especially the freedom we enjoy in this country. We all have to be very grateful to the men and women in our armed forces who gave their lives, and for those who fought, and for those who are fighting right now in various parts of the world right now, once again I say thank you !!!!!

I have many friends who fought and some that gave their lives so that we can enjoy the freedoms we enjoy in this great country of ours. As it says in John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. As you know this is an on going fight, and men and women will be dying for this freedom we enjoy over and over again, unfortunately this is the way it is

. Now think about this, GOD so loved us that he gave his only son Jesus Christ to suffer and die for you and me!!! Now if your a parent like I am, could you do that for anyone? I know I couldn't. So knowing that, it should give you food for thought. Our Lord Jesus Christ willingly gave his life once, and for all, and He doesn't have to do it over and over again. He died, He conquered death, and rose again to sit at the right hand of God the Father, so we can have the greatest freedom of all, that is the freedom to choose life or death for eternity through his sacrifice.

Please take the time to stop and think which you will choose, it is the most important choice you will ever make.

So as we celebrate this Memorial Day, we must remember that this holiday was initiated to memorialize all our fallen men and women that made the ultimate sacrifice for the United States of America and our freedom. Be proud to be an American and that our country was founded on Godly principals so we must pray to keep it that way, and beware of those trying to change that.

In closing I must once again say THANK YOU, to our GOD, and our brave military, without whom we would have nothing.

As always
Your Chaplain SE Chapter

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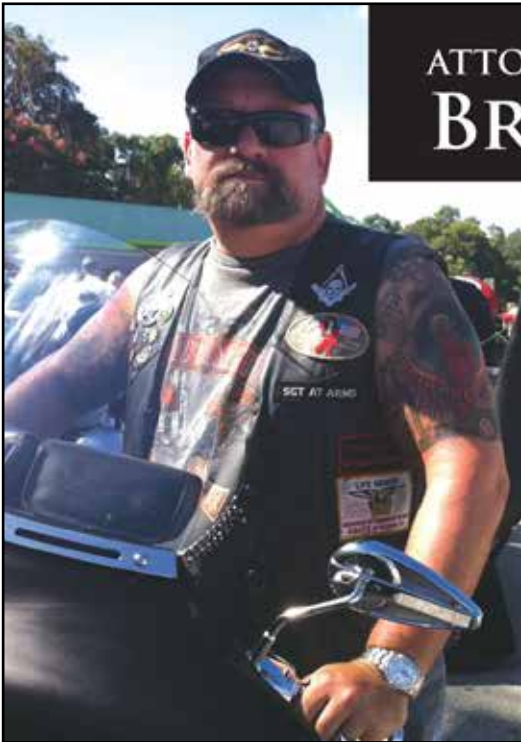
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WEEKLY EVENTS

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ABATE SE Safety Booth Hosted by Viking Customs 6-9



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
- > Mickey's Karaoke 8PM-12AM

WEDNESDAY

- > Blues Nite at Mickey's
- > Mickey's Open Mic and Karaoke 8PM-12AM

THURSDAY

- > Mickey's Bike Night Live Bands 8PM

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8  | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 E-Board Meeting | 13 | 14 OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL |
| 15 LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY ABATE SE Chapter Meeting | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT | 30  | 31 | | | | |

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States MC Taco Tuesday 6:30-9PM

WEDNESDAY

2nd and 4th Wed

Hernandad MC Open House 8PM- 2AM

THURSDAY

1st & 3rd Thurs -

Leathernecks MC Open House 8PM - Midnite
Hernandad MC Open House, 8PM-2AM
Scurvy Few MC Texas Holdem/Karaoke -7:30PM

FRIDAY

Mystic Seven MC- Open House - 8PM
Scurvy Few MC Open House at 7:30PM
States MC - Fri Night Pizza 6-8PM
Gideons Motorcycle Club 8PM

1st & 3rd Friday

Kingdom of Brothers MC Open House

Every other Friday

Fearless MC Open House 8PM-1AM

3rd Friday

Heathens MC, Open House , 8PM

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SATURDAY

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Last Saturday-



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| 5 WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - PARTY | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 MIDNIGHT CLUB REAPERS MC - ANNUAL |
| 12 SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL | 13 | 14  | 15 | 16 E-Board Meeting | 17 | 18 |
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MAY

~~7th-Sat~~ — ~~SOUTHERN MC — ANNUAL~~
8th-Sun
8th-Sun Mothers Day
14th-Sat **OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL**
15th-Sat LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY
21st-Sat
22nd-Sun **NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL**
28th-Sat
29th-Sun S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
30tht-Mon Memorial Day

JUNE

4th-Sat AOA SOUTH FLORIDA
MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers
5th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - PARTY
11th-Sat **MIDNIGHT CLUB REAPERS MC - ANNUAL**
12th-Sun **SOUTHERN MC – ANNUAL**
18th-Sat
19th-Sun Fathers Day
25th-Sat **US MILITARY VETS MC**
S. BROWARD - ANNUAL
26th-Sun

JULY

2nd-Sat
3rd-Sun
4th-Mon Independence Day
9th-Sat
10th-Sun **ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL**
16th-Sat
17th-Sun
23rd-Sat **SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC**
BROWARD - ANNUAL
WHEELS OF MAN MC -
CHILI COOK-OFF
24th -Sun

AUGUST

5th-14th 82nd STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
12th-14th 25th Annual South Florida Tattoo Convention
14th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. - 56th ANNIVERSARY PARTY
27th-Sat
28th-Sun **SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL**

SEPTEMBER

3rd-Sat SOUTHERN MC
TEDDY BEAR RUN
4th-Sun
5th-Mon Labor Day
10th-Sat
11th-Sun STATES MC -
KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
17th-Sat
18th-Sun
24th-Sat **KINGDOM OF BROTHERS MC - ANNUAL**
25th-Sun

OCTOBER

1st-Sat
2nd-Sun MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL
8th-Sat OUTCAST - PARTY
9th-Sun S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL
13th-16th DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
22nd-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC -
HALLOWEEN PARTY
23rd-Sun CMA - MEMORIAL
29th-Sat FEARLESS MC - ANNUAL
31st-Mon HALLOWEEN

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BILL BIRD

My name is Bill Bird, and I am running for the State PR position. I have been a member of the Peace River Chapter for 26 years. I first joined ABATE of Florida in 1985 as a member of the Panhandle Chapter. During my years with Peace River Chapter, I have held President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Newsletter, State Delegate, and Road Captain.

I have also been a member of the State Board for 3 years. The State President asked me to fill a vacant position as PR. I did so and was nominated and retained the position after the 2020 election.

During my time as PR, I have insured that the Tally Run flyers were in all major publications and websites. I also sent them to the Tally area motorcycle shops. I arranged for an interview for our State President for a Florida magazine. I sent out flyers for the upcoming 5-Star Event in May to all major publications. I have also filed for several grants to get funding for our organizations. I have helped assist several chapters with their PR needs.

I would like to continue to help ABATE over the foreseeable future. I would greatly appreciate your vote at the June meeting.

Thank you,

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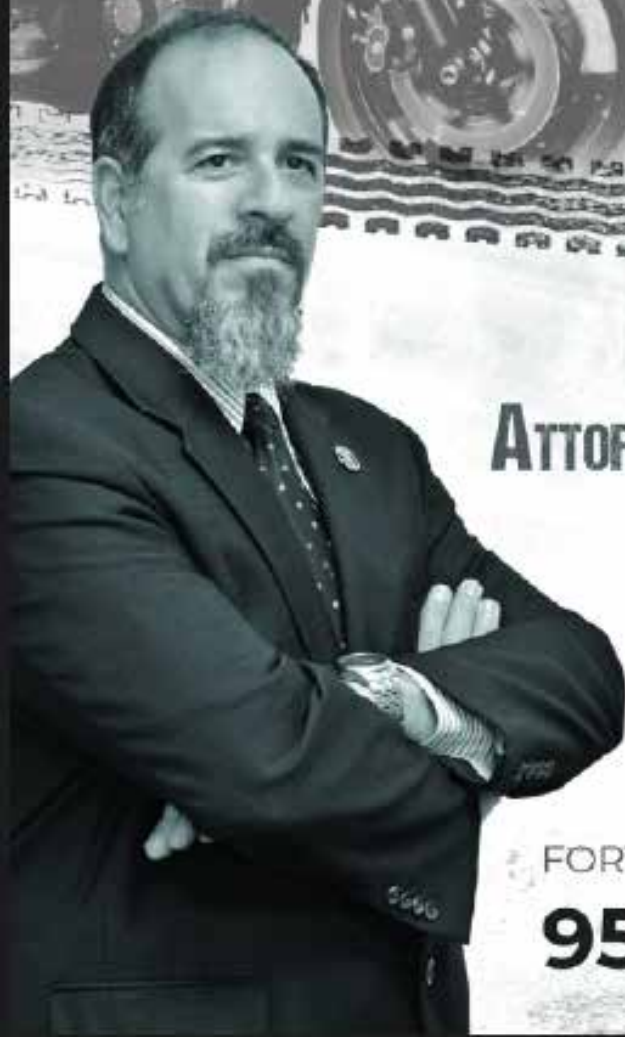
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We were sitting around, talking about our past couple articles, about motorcycle companies in America, but what about the general history of motorcycles in America, in general. Motorcycles are just as American as baseball and apple pie, but how did they become such a part of all of us?

Before motorcycles, there were bicycles, and before that, the primary mode of transportation for Americans were trains and horses. Trains and horses were limiting, and people wanted more options, so in the 1800's, they turned to bicycles. A bicycle was cheaper than owning a horse or buying train tickets. There was also more freedom, as you can ride a bike whenever you want, and don't have to worry about schedules. There were even "riding clubs" where men went touring with each other. There were some limitations, as you couldn't ride wherever you wanted. There were few paved roads, so many times, you had to "off road it," and ride over rough terrain.

Riding on this rough terrain, and unpaved roads, led to quite a few head injuries, when those bicycles hit a rock or another object, and the rider flipped over the handlebars, ouch! Did you know that bicycle helmets, the safer ones that we used today, weren't even created until the 1970's? They did have helmets/protective headgear, but the materials weren't really effective and was mostly worn by racers. Bicycling really wasn't too dangerous as there were not many cars and the ones that were around back in the 1800s weren't that fast.

For most Americans, the pros of bicycle riding obviously outweighed the cons. People fell in love with bicycling, even to this day. But then, many

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people moved that love on to something even bigger, the American motorcycle.

On a side note, speaking of helmets, they have really become a part of motorcycle fashion. There are so many different styles and designs, and don't forget the variety of face shields and visors, that not only provide additional protection but also, for many, add to the cool mystique and badass image of being a biker.

The original motorcycle manufacturers set the stage for those who would follow in their footsteps. These companies delivered exceptional products time and time again. But it was their connection to their customers that put really made the difference.

According to the National Motorcycle Museum, the Orient is most widely known as America's first production motorcycle. The Orient was released in 1899 by a Massachusetts bicycle business named Waltham Manufacturing Company. Charles H. Metz was the inventor of the Orient motorcycle and founder of the company.

This is not to be confused with the first American motorcycle manufacturer, Indian Motorcycle. Indian also started off as a Massachusetts bicycle production business. It was called Hendee Manufacturing Company and was founded by George M. Hendee. Indian began producing motorcycles in 1901.

Trailing not far behind was Harley-Davidson. Harley Davidson was founded in 1903 by William Harley and Arthur Davidson. The two met at Barth Manufacturing, a metal fabricating company, where they both worked. In 1901, Harley created the blueprint for a bicycle with a built-in engine. He and his friend/colleague, Arthur, engineered the bike together. And the rest is history!

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Many of the motorcycle companies founded after Indian and Harley Davidson in the early 1900s were unsuccessful. However, by the end of the 20th century, a few strong contenders joined the industry.

Big Dog Motorcycles was founded in 1994. And it was a modest start. Big Dog only manufactured one motorcycle during its first year of business. However, by 2007, the company produced over 25 motorcycles per day. And soon they would become the largest production-custom motorcycle manufacturer in the world! Unfortunately, when the Great Recession hit in 2008, and the company was forced to slow production. The aftermath was difficult for many businesses to recover from. Sadly, Big Dog had to stop production from 2012 to 2014. In the midst of it all, though not doing any production, Big Dog began to design new models. A few years later, Big Dog was back in business. Their hard work and determination had paid off. The most notable features from their 2017 lineup were the updated and redesigned electronic systems, bulletproof transmission and largest motor thus far on the chassis of a Big Dog motorcycle.

Victory Motorcycles was founded in 1997, which was nearly 100 years after the creation of America's first production motorcycle. Victory is a brand that was created by the company Polaris. Polaris was based in Minneapolis. They originally only manufactured snowmobiles. The company saw an opportunity in the motorcycle industry and jumped on it. They sought to offer an alternative to Harley-Davidson. Indeed, the company had initial success. They garnered a loyal fan base and created an owner's group. Victory Motorcycle's first bike was the V92C. To debut the new brand and new bike, Polaris partnered with Indy Car driver Al Unser, Jr. He rode the V92C into the ever-popular Planet Hollywood restaurant at the Mall of America. Talk about iconic!

In 2011, Polaris acquired Indian Motorcycle. Along with Indian's growing success came brand confusion. Consumers had difficulty seeing the

two separate value propositions of each motorcycle brand. Polaris attempted to create division between the two companies and market two distinct brand identities but, to no avail. Unfortunately, in 2017, Victory Motorcycles closed its doors. This decision would hopefully improve Polaris' profitability and help maintain the company's competitive stance in the industry. Nevertheless, the company wasn't giving up on motorcycles. They would continue to focus on the growth and development of Indian Motorcycle.

The definition of a motorcycle has evolved over time. Some think that a vehicle is not a motorcycle unless it has an engine and is powered by fuel. Did you know, that before the creation of the fuel-powered bicycle, there was a steam-powered bicycle? This was the first self-propelled transportation device with two wheels. It was created by a man named Sylvester Roper. According to the American Motorcyclist Association, it made its debut in 1869 in Roper's hometown, Roxbury, Massachusetts. Currently, electric-powered motorcycles are the talk of the town. Despite mixed feelings from many in the riding community, there are individuals who love the concept.

Due to the new wave in technology, many electric-only motorcycle brands have emerged. Many of these have headquarters along the west coast of the U.S., but electric motorcycles aren't just being manufactured by new companies. Harley-Davidson has even created its own electric model, the 2020 Livewire.

Two of the most popular American electric motorcycle brands are Zero Motorcycles and Brutus Electric Motorcycle. Zero Motorcycles was founded in 2006 in Santa Cruz California. Zero's founder is Neil Saiki. The company describes him as a "motorcycle enthusiast, aeronautical engineer and innovator." Their goal is to create motorcycles that have aspects riders love about traditional motorcycles and combine them with new school flair and technology. The original Brutus model was developed for two years. It made its

debut in 2011. Brutus is a brand of electric motorcycles created by Bell Custom Cycles. The company was founded by Chris Bell and is headquartered in Henderson, Nevada. Their goal is to create innovative motorcycles with fresh designs that go against the grain.

Many companies have come and gone. There are records of at least 40 more American motorcycle companies that we didn't have time to write about. Most of these were only in business for a few years. Running a successful motorcycle manufacturing company is not easy. But all of the successful motorcycle companies and brands that have stood the test of time have at least three things in common: dedication, innovation, and heart!

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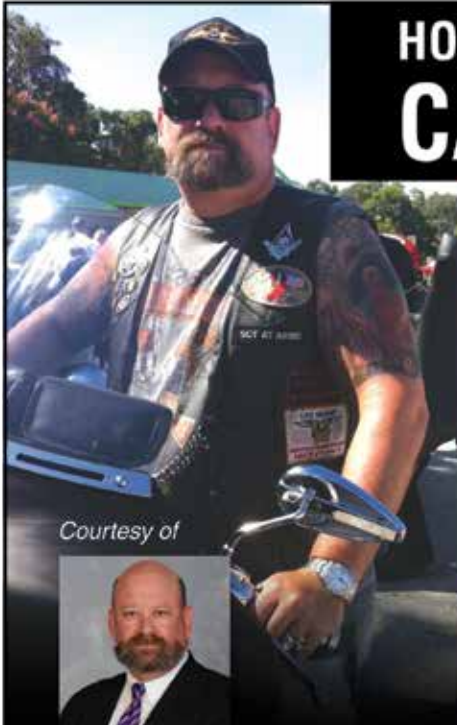
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JOHNNY'S RANT

This week, I learned this, and I can't believe that I have been riding on the roads, the wrong way all my life. I didn't know that we didn't need to follow traffic laws for driving. How silly am I?

Did you know you could put your left turn signal on to go right and your right turn signal on to go left, and if you're not sure, you just don't put any signal on and you go like hell? I mean, you don't even have to use your headlights, if you don't want to. You can just drive down the road and use the streetlights. I mean why not? Who needs to see you at night when you're going down the road?

Oh yeah, and here's the best one, when it's raining, make sure you put on your flashers, that way, you can confuse and distract everybody else on the highway.

Anyway, the reason I'm writing this, is because all of these things happened to me this week. And to top it off, some a#@hole decides that I'm going too slow on my motorcycle. I got my little dog, Diddles, in her "coach" on my gas tank and clear skies above me, just loving the ride. Then some idiot in a cage had to change that peace. There's a car in front of me and I can't pass it. So, the car behind me decides to drive up on the medium with one side of his car and pass me and the car in front of me. Obviously, this scared the crap out of me, so quick and unexpected was this cager's move. I was super pissed. At the next light, he left a car space between him and the truck in front of him. I pulled around between him and the truck. I gave him a hand gesture, but it was not the middle finger. HaHaHa. I also gave him a really dirty look and yelled a few curse words at him. I guess it shook him up a little because he immediately did a U-turn over the median and went the other way. Oh yeah, the idiot had California tags. The only reason I was able to react as I did, was because I wasn't wearing my ABATE vest. Thankfully, this meant I could really let that driver know what was on my mind, not representing anyone but myself. If I would have had to hold back, I would have just been pissed off all the way home, but instead, I laughed my ass off, you know what I mean.

So now that I told you this story, it proves that many people aren't following the traffic laws. You all need to really be

careful on your motorcycles. It seems that most of the cages just don't give a damn about traffic laws anymore, or even look out for others. WTF? Oh yeah, and bikers are supposed to be the bad ones. The California driver was just the straw that broke the camel's back or should I say mine. I had to say something. I just couldn't hold it in. You know what I mean. That's my rant for this month.

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ARIZONA LEGALIZES LANE FILTERING

Arizona Governor Doug Ducey (R) has signed
Senate Bill 1273 into law on March 24, 2022, that
legalizes lane "filtering" for two-wheeled motor-
cycles under specified conditions.

SB 1273 was sponsored by Senator Tyler Pace
(R-Dist. 25), an avid motorcyclist himself, who
clarified that lane filtering and lane splitting are
not the same thing, and this new law will only al-
low for low-speed lane filtering in certain situa-
tions, like in Utah and Montana, not "lane split-
ting" on highways as commonly practiced in
California. It was crafted to resemble a similar
lane filtering measure enacted in Utah in 2019
that was just recently extended by their state leg-
islature for another 5 years.

According to the bill as written, amended, passed
through both chambers of the State house with
bipartisan support, and signed into law effective
in 90 days after adjournment:

"The operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle
may overtake and pass another vehicle that is
stopped in the same direction of travel and in the
same lane as the operator and may operate the
motorcycle between lanes of traffic if the move-
ment may be made safely and if the operator
does both of the following:

1. Operates the motorcycle on a street that both:
 - (a) is divided into at least two adjacent traffic lanes
in the same direction of travel.
 - (b) has a speed limit that does not exceed forty-
five miles per hour.
2. Travels at a speed that does not exceed fifteen
miles per hour"

Other provisions in the bill spell out the fact that,
under Arizona state law, motorcycles are entitled
to full use of a lane on the road. They may also
ride two abreast -- but no more than two can ride
in this configuration across a single lane. Further-
more, motorcycles may not pass other vehicles
within a single lane except in the specific situa-
tions outlined by the language above. Riding in
between lanes is also not allowed by motorcycles
in most situations, except in the specific circum-
stance outlined above.

It's also important to note that this law specifically
addresses two-wheeled motorcycles, as trikes
and sidecars are prohibited from performing such
maneuvers under any circumstances.

Meanwhile, similar lane filtering legislation (House
Bill 2667) has passed the Oklahoma House of
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After both the reclassification of the three-wheeled
motorcycle as a three-wheeled motor vehicle and
providing operator licensing requirements similar
to nearly every U.S. state, residents in the state
of New York can now operate 3-wheelers such
as the Polaris Slingshot with a standard driver's
license.

Beginning April 20, 2022 drivers in the Empire
State can drive an open-air machine with "side-by-
side bucket seats, seat belts, and an automated

manual transmission or manual transmission option typically found in traditional automobiles” using their standard D-class driver’s license, instead of the previously required motorcycle endorsement. The state of New York has both reclassified the three-wheeled motorcycle as a three-wheeled motor vehicle (often referred to as “autocycle”) and conferred operator licensing requirements comparable to nearly every U.S. state.

‘EXPANSIVE REMOVAL’ OF TARIFFS BENEFITS HARLEY-DAVIDSON

A deal has been made between the United Kingdom and the United States to suspend retaliatory tariffs on imported American products such as Harley-Davidson motorcycles, leading to potentially cheaper bikes.

Back in 2018, following a dispute with the European Union (of which the UK was then a part) the Trump administration imposed tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. In response, retaliatory tariffs were imposed on US imports such as Levi jeans, whiskey and... Harley-Davidsons.

However, following a meeting between the UK and US trade officials in Washington, DC on March 22, an agreement was reached whereby the US will partially end tariffs on British steel and aluminum.

In response, the UK will suspend retaliatory measures against US products, with the “expansive removal” of tariffs taking effect in June this year.

‘CYCLE SALES CRASH IN WORLD’S LARGEST MOTORCYCLE MARKETPLACE

Spiraling cost of fuel prices and rural distress negatively impacted the Indian two-wheeler segment, the largest motorcycle market in the world (China is 2nd) and home to the largest manufacturer of two-wheelers, with sales last fiscal year falling sharply to pre-2012 levels.

Two-wheeler sales in India crashed to a 10-year-low, falling to 14,466,000 units in FY22, as per the latest data from the Society of Indian Auto-

mobile Manufacturers (SIAM), down from a high of 21,180,000 in 2019, and it was in 2011-2012 that two-wheeler sales were close to this low at 13,409,000 (India’s Financial Year is calculated as from 01-April-2021 to 31-March-2022).

Throughout the year, demand for motorcycles and scooters was impacted by moderation in rural demand and higher ownership cost amidst soaring petrol prices, which escalated in almost all months of FY22. New motorcycle sales there are directly correlated with fuel prices, as 62% of that country’s fuel sales are consumed by the two-wheeler segment.

BRITISH BIKERS DECLARE ‘DECARBONISATION’ POLICY; OPPOSE BANNING ICE BIKES

The British Motorcyclists Federation (BMF) have detailed three key points in their recently announced decarbonization policy; “regarding the use of internal combustion engine (ICE) motorcycles, the sale of ICE bikes, and the idea of electric battery technology as the only solution going forwards for motorcycles.”

Specifically, following the BMF Council meeting on April 9th, the Federation’s position “is opposed to any proposals to ban the use of motorcycles powered by internal combustion engines (ICE) while such vehicles are still capable of being run,” meaning gas is available.

Additionally, the Federation “is opposed to a ban on the sale of new ICE-powered motorcycles while there is the possibility of providing alternatives to fossil fuel and while the electric vehicle charging infrastructure does not adequately support electric motorcycles.”

The BMF’s third and final point is that it “supports a technology-neutral approach to powering new motorcycles; we do not accept that electric battery technology is the only approach.”

BMF Director, Anna Zee, said, “The use of mo-

torcycles, however powered, rather than cars can make a valuable contribution to reducing carbon and particle emissions and congestion of course.”

ITALY INCENTIVIZES ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN NEW LAW

All over the world, governments are taking huge steps towards the incentivization and mainstream integration of sustainable, low-emission mobility. More than ever before, alternative modes of transport which were once seen as leisure activities, i.e., cycling and electric scooters are now being integrated into the mainstream transportation framework, with infrastructure being developed to accommodate these vehicles.

The latest country to roll out some form of new incentivization program is Italy, wherein a law supporting electric vehicles (EVs) will soon be implemented, and isn't just centered around automobiles, but includes lightweight electric vehicles such as motorcycles, mopeds and e-scooters, too. In fact, list prices could be slashed by up to 30% due to the incentives.

Mario Draghi, Italian prime minister, has signed a new Ministerial Decree which is set to finance incentives for the purchase of electric and low-carbon vehicles. The government seeks to allocate sizable resources towards the project, with 650 million Euros per year being set aside until 2024, which translates to a total of nearly two billion Euros until 2024, and a staggering 8.7 billion until 2030.

Not only will the incentivization program help to make low-emission and fully electric transport more accessible to the general public, they'll also provide manufacturers with a much-needed boost. Minister of Economic Development Giancarlo Giorgetti explained that the industry is going through a lot of difficulties including the pandemic, raw materials shortages occurring across the globe, as well as the raging war in Ukraine which has disrupted several economies.

STUDY IDENTIFIES EIGHT CATEGORIES OF MOTORCYCLIST

Vias, a research group from Belgium, has conducted a study into motorcyclists, from which they have determined eight categories of motorcyclist; so what type are you?

Firstly, there is the Time-Optimizer, who uses their motorcycle to minimize the time of the journey. This comprised 11.6% of the sample.

Secondly, we have what Vias called the “Time-For-Me Seeker,” who are those riders who like to use the motorcycle to relax, get away from the family or work. According to Vias, this category made up 18.8% of the sample.

Next up is “The Unconditional.” According to Vias, this group made up 9.5% of the sample, and these are those riders who go out whenever, no matter the conditions, the time of day, the amount of rain - if the bike has fuel, that fuel will be used.

Moving on now to the fourth group, which Vias called the “Good-Vibe Seeker,” who are those who use their motorcycle only when the weather allows for it. These riders ride solely for enjoyment, as well as to avoid using the car. 14.2% fit into the “Good-Vibe” category.

Now, onto group number five: the “I-Want-It-All” class. These are the people who want the best of the best, the option that suits them and their needs perfectly. 18.2% apparently fall into this category.

The sixth group is called “Multimodal,” which is the category for people who are not solely riders, and use their motorcycle in conjunction with other forms of transport, as well as instead of a car in good weather. These make up 11% of the sample.

“The Daily User,” is category number seven. The Addict. The Junkie. The Two-Wheeled Doper. Many of you reading this fall into this category, that makes up 7.5%.

Only one category to go... That final category, number eight, is "The Life-Long Experience," whose members also probably fall into the "Daily User," class. These are the Lifers who make up 9.2%, and are the cornerstone of motorcycling, because they are the ones who -- intentionally or otherwise -- pass the bug on to others, and keep our wheels turning.

The Vias study was conducted using a sample of 3,000 16-years-old-and-over Belgians.

NCOM CONVENTION TURNS 37 IN NASHVILLE

The 37th annual NCOM Convention in Nashville is pert near here, so plan now if'n yer fixin' to join in on one of the largest gatherings of bikers' rights activists on Earth! This year's NCOM Convention, to be held June 17-19, 2022 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Nashville Airport, located at 10 Century Blvd., in Nashville, Tennessee (615-871-0033 for room reservations) will draw hundreds of concerned motorcyclists from across America to "Music City, USA" to address topics of concern to all riders.

For more information, or to pre-register (by June 10), call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com. Don't delay, call today, and we'll see y'all in the Birthplace of Country Music and Land of Southern Charm!

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 June 2021, 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.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Fear is a reaction. Courage is a decision."

~ Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965), British statesman & Prime Minister

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