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From Your President

Well here we go again!! Only four months in, and Southeast Chapter has cracked the throttle and shifted gears on this year's ride. We are getting a lot of new members and advertisers. You must remember that we are the only mag in town and a lot of people depend on our newsletter getting out to keep them informed on what's going on in the community and in the legislative arena in Tallahassee.

I would like to thank Alan of Mickey's Tiki Bar for helping us pull off another great Annual Party. And a big thanks to the members who stepped up and helped, there are just too many of them to name here. Everything went smooth and efficient. Everyone worked together as a team, it was great! And also, a BIG THANK YOU to all in the community who came out to help celebrate with us, and to ABATE Palm Beach Chapter for coming down to support us.

So let's shift another gear and push the membership ride. For every member that we get, the politicians look at it that we have three or four friends who think alike. So the more members we get, the more clout our lobbyist has up in Tallahassee and the louder our voices will be heard. This is what I call the numbers game.

We are getting the word out to the community and people are learning about ABATE and who we are and what we are about, bikers rights, safety, and awareness. We are getting back together with some old friends to help with this endeavor. Freddy, with A1 Promotions, has invited us to set up a safety and membership booth on the first Friday of every month for the Bike, Cruise, and Concert Night Under the Stars at VFW 1966, so come on out and join us for a good time. Also, Gabe Carrera, our Events Coordinator, has secured us a booth at the Rockfest 80's at the Miramar Amphitheater. This is a good venue to introduce ABATE to another part of our community who may not know of us.



With the holiday season and cooler temperatures coming up, it will be more comfortable riding in South Florida. A lot of our friends from up North will be coming down to weather the winter and the holiday season. Please be extra careful because they are not all familiar with our roads and are in a party mood.

On behalf of myself and all the members of ABATE of Florida, Inc. Southeast Chapter, I would like to wish everyone a Safe and appy Thanksgiving holiday with their family and friends. And please take a moment to say a prayer for the families and friends who have lost loved ones this year, they are gone but not forgotten.

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!

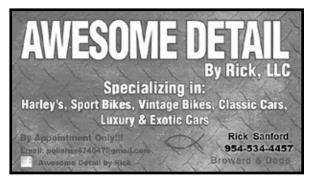
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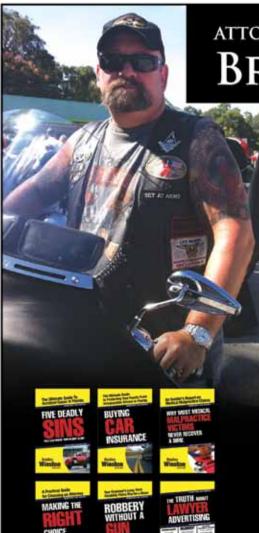
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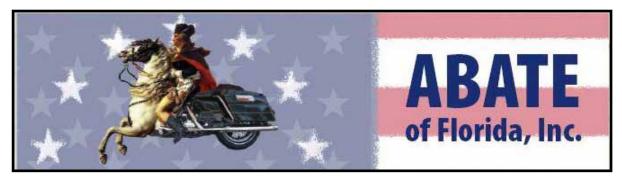
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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Held at the American Legion Post 222 Oakland Park, FL October 21, 2018

Nighthawk called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. There were24 members. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

<u>President's Report:</u> Johnny again thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked everyone for all their help at our Event at Mickeys. Johnny called for a vote of confidence to have Ada as assistant photographer. That was a no brainer. Yeah, Ada! She took some killer pictures at the event. Johnny reported we had close to 300 people attend our event. He gave a special thank you to Gabe, who did a wonderful job on the mike and stage. Way to go, Gabe!

<u>Vice-President's Report:</u> Old Hippy also thanked everyone for coming and also thanked everyone for showing up at our event, especially all the clubs that attended. Shades of the Old ABATE are coming back!

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed Seconded, no discussion, all in favor; Motion was passed.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Sheila read the financial report. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor; Motion was passed.

<u>Sergeant at Arms' Report:</u> Steve thanked everyone for their help at the event. The next biggie is the Toy Run, then soon

after that is our January event. For the Toy Run we all will need to pay the entrance fee and bring a toy. Remember this is for the kids, and it's always a good time for all, especially since Diddles will be all pimped out in her finest.

Road Captain's Report: Russ was not present to report, he was running late.

<u>Safety Director's Report</u>: Teddy Bear spoke on how all went well at the Event. He also asked if everyone could write a thank-you letter to a Vet and he will collect them to take to The Honor Flight. The paper will be passed around to write the letters.

State Representative Report: There was no state meeting this month due to Hurricane Michael hitting the Panhandle of Florida. The next meeting is December 8th in Naples, FL. Marie and Wavy will be attending. Marie spoke about the flyer explaining all the amendments on the ballot for elections. Wavy also spoke about the amendments, please look it over carefully, then make your informed decision when you vote.

<u>Products Report:</u> Laurel reported we killed it at the Event. There will be new orders placed so we can stock up since we sold a lot of products. The hats sold like wild fire. Good going, Laurel. They just wanted to come and see you, cutie.

Membership Report: Sheila read the membership report. For October, we have 34 new members and 6 renewals, and since July, we have 79 new members and 38 renewals. We are still the largest chapter.

Events Coordinator: Gabe was not present/ He is in Day-

tona for Biketoberfest, so Johnny spoke about the November 9, 10 & 11 Rockfest Event in Miramar at the Miramar Amphitheater. We will have a safety and membership booth there.

<u>Newsletter Editor:</u> Everyone commented on how well the Newsletter looks. Great job, Wildcat!. Wildcat reported she needs the articles for the November newsletter no later than end of week, please.

Newsletter Distribution: Johnny reported all is going good, and thanked everyone who is helping with the deliveries. Please keep Poppie in your thoughts and prayers. He is having a few health issues right now but is always thinking of us and we miss him.

Legislative Report: Brad was not present to report, but Johnny read a brief statement from Brad saying nothing is happening until December when the new sessions will start. Brad mentioned to watch and read what is being thrown into the amendments. Ada mentioned that the League of Women Voters web page is a good one to read for more information on the pros and cons of the amendments. Old Hippy also spoke on the importance of reading over the amendments and getting the facts right. Just Vote people, just vote!

<u>Legal Council</u>: Brad was not present and excused.

<u>Public Relations</u>: Fern was present. She is doing a good job on the hotline. If anyone wants something put out on the hotline, please call her by Sunday night, and she will add it.

<u>Billing and Invoicing:</u> Sheila reported everything is up to date. We had one of our new advertisers with us and he explained how the medical marijuana offering works. ABATE members get a discount and so do vets. Remember to bring your diagnosis from your doctor or there is a physiatrist there on staff.

Social Director's Report: Sandy brought the monthly goodies, a beautiful Halloween Cake and it howled too!

<u>Quartermaster Report:</u> Bob was not present and excused. Bob was a big help at the event riding all around on his scooter delivering much needed water and supplies.

<u>Photographer's Report</u>: Barry was present and mentioned he's taking lots of pictures. He gave Wildcat a lot of pictures from our Event.

<u>Webmaster's Report</u>: Rogue was not present, but he was at our event. Good to see him there.

<u>Chaplain's Report</u>: Paul was not present, but he is our new Assistant and went and visited one of our members in the hospital.

Old Business: Johnny spoke about Freddy and A1 Promotion Bike and Car Cruise Nights Under the Stars at VFW 1966 behind the Amory. This is on the first Friday of each month and we will have a safety and membership booth there. The November Rockfest is coming up and there are 4 shifts for the two days. Please sign up if you want to help. Lefty asked about the road paint lines in the road, if there was any news on this. Wavy said he's called and gotten nowhere, just transferred from person to person with no one giving an answer. We will bring it up at the next state meeting.

New Business: We can put up our Southeast ABATE banner at Mickey's Tiki Bar. Bars mentioned there were some banners in the trailer that he knew of. Speaking of the trailer, it needs some TLC, a paint job, skylights were fixed by Wavy, but it still needs a refresher.

Good of the Order: Sheila mentioned that after next month's Chapter meeting, we will be having a Thanksgiving celebration. The Chapter will buy the main dish. Sign up sheets were passed around for people to bring other stuff. She also mentioned we need the Gun tickets by that meeting, because everything has to be turned in to the State at the December meeting. Sheila showed a Christmas card we are considering making up, to sell and send out. Fern spoke about her Christmas Party on December 2nd, she even got a new pool. Wavy spoke about State's MC Pizza night on Friday nights and the 2nd & 4th Wednesday nights gathering at their clubhouse. States MC supports us we

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need to support them. JR spoke about the Blessing of the Bikes in January. That's been a tradition here in Broward for many years. Save the Tata's Breast Fest at Mickey's Tiki is next weekend. Remember Fall Back is November 4th, when Daylight Savings Time ends. Nighthawk mentioned Veteran's Day and thanked all the Vets for their service. Remember to support American Legion Post 222. All the flyers are on the tables for all upcoming events. Wavy again mentioned VOTE! VOTE!

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is November 18, 2018, at the American Legion Post 222, In Oakland Park, FL and don't forget to bring a covered dish.

Hope to see everyone there. Gobble till ya wobble!

See you on the Road...

Marie Baxter Secretary Southeast Chapter











From Your Safety Director

Where has time gone? With October coming to an end our Chapter did a lot. First it was the Bike, Cruise, & Concert Night Under the Stars at VFW Post 1966. We set up a Safety booth. It was a great night and we met a lot of new people. The next one will be on November 2nd.

Next, on a sad note, Karen, a 33 year member of American Legion Post 180 passed away. There was a Memorial Service held for her that we attended. She was also an 18 year member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aries 3140. Family, friends, Riders from Post 180, Post 92, Post 36, Post 321 and ABATE Southeast Chapter all came to show their last respects. Rest in Peace, Karen!

Next came the BIG ONE! ABATE Southeast Chapter's 38th Annual Party at Mickey's Tiki. It was hot as heck, but NO RAIN. We had so many members helping, it was incredible! We had vendors. Mickey's provided great food. We had hundreds of people attending and a great band, Hired Gunz. These Chapter events are really great because many people don't know about ABATE and we get to talk to them about what we do. Gabe was our Master of Ceremonies and helped give out all the prizes. I won an oil change (yay).

Safety Tip of the Month: Get the Right Gear

We've all seen people on motorcycles in shorts and flip flops. They may not realize how bad of a wardrobe decision that is, until it is too late. Since a motorcycle offers little protection in a crash, what riders wear is part of the crash protection system. Even if you aren't in a crash with another vehicle on your bike, you could simply lose control and lay the bike down. In that situation, you'll be sliding along on asphalt. That's not something you want to do in shorts and flip flops.

There's a reason a lot of bikers wear leather: jackets and boots. It's strong enough to protect their skin if they slide along the road surface. Dress for the crash, not for the ride. Plus, motorcycle riders are exposed to other road hazards, like small rocks, bugs and cigarette butts, that people in cars are protected from. At 60 miles per hour, even a small rock can sting. Leather gear can help protect you. And please wear long pants, jeans are best.

Of course, you don't have to look like one of the dudes from "Easy Rider" to ride a motorcycle. A lot of companies specialize in armored motorcycle gear, and it's not all leather. You can get vented motorcycle jackets that keep you cool while keeping you safe. These jackets are made of lightweight, breathable material, but have heavy-duty amour panels in key places (along the spine, torso, shoulders and elbows) to protect the wearer.

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Your Safety Director, Teddy Bear







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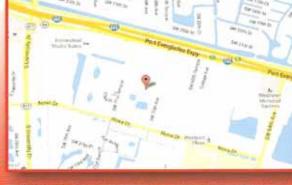
























































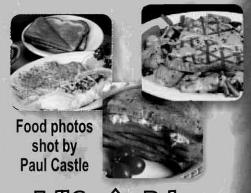


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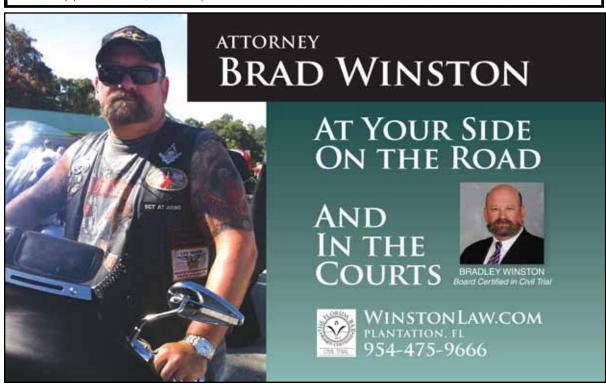
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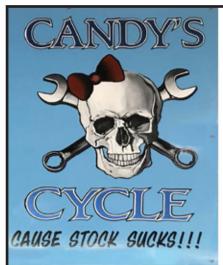


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ell, all I can say it felt great to be back participating in one of our events again. And from the feedback we have been receiving from everybody, they had a good time.

This event, along with the others go a long way to help sustain the only Biker's Rights and Safety organization we have in the state of Florida.

It was also good to see some of the now "ole" timers that made it out. Some of these participated in the many "Anti Helmet Law" rides we had, some from Golden Glades interchange prior to the repel and the right to choose law was adopted.

OK Abate Members.....

What Year???

Does anybody also remember doing the Midnight rides on its Anniversary for years, till we stopped doing it because we can't stay up that late anymore?!?!

Just remember we have been here and will continue as long we are needed, which we all know is not anytime soon.

Ride Safe and Ride Free









WEEKLY EVENTS



SUNDAY

Free pool at Sharkey's Lounge Margate Wind Rider Church Services at Mickey's MONDAY Mon - Ladies nite at Sharkey's 9-2, 241 drinks

TUESDAY

Wings of Gold MC Open House Ft Lauderdale **WEDNESDAY**

Blues Nite at Mickey's

2nd & 4th Weds - States MC Open House 7pm-?

THURSDAY

1st & 3rd Thurs - Leathernecks MC Open House 8-mid Hermandad MC Open House, 8-2am

Mickey's Bike & Cruise Night, 7:30pm Scurvy Few MC Texas Holdem/Karaoke - 7:30 pm

FRIDAY

USMV MC Ch 2 Open house at 8pm (Dania Bch) Scurvy Few MC Open House at 7:30pm States MC - Fri Night Pizza 6-8pm 1st & 3rd Fri - Kingdom of Brothers Open House 2nd - US Military Vets Dirty Dozen Open House 4th Fri - American Legion Post 36 Bike Night Mystic Seven - Open House - 8pm

SATURDAY

1st & 3rd Sat - AOA MC Dania Open House 8pm 2nd Sat - USMV MC Ft. Laud. Open House 2nd & 4th Sat - Kingdom of Brothers Open House 2nd Sat - Scurvy Monthly Birthday Party Last Sat - Leathernecks MC Charity Poker









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9: SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN

15: ALIGATOR ALLEY TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING

15: HERMANDAD MC-ALFREDO MEMORIAL & TOY RUN

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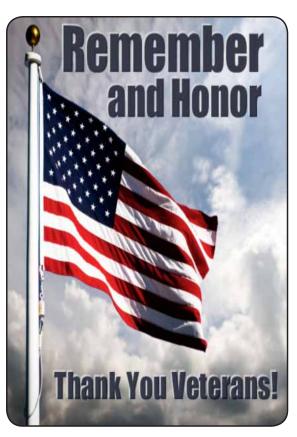
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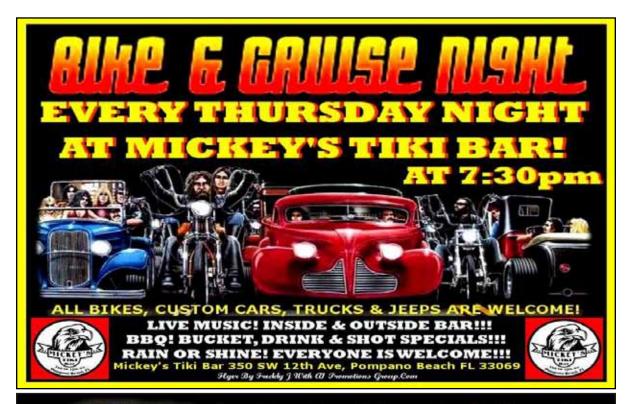
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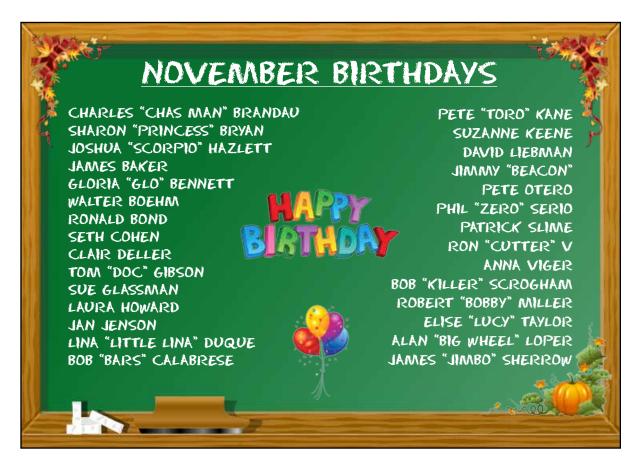














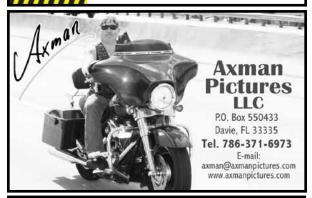


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Jesus Christ did die for all our sins (imperfections), to give us everlasting life in Heaven.

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IT inally, the mid-term election is over!!! No more of all the misinformation, character assassination and plain general bull crap that some of the races has produced. This one did this; this one did that, what a waste of money! With all the dollars spent on just the Governor and the Senate race, we probably could have bailed out the state and the school system combined!!

One good thing about it is, that anybody in the media business had to do ok with all the air time and posters that were out there. Now we have to figure out what we've got. With both parties refusing to support one another on crucial legislations, or add their own twist on it, we need to be on our toes especially for the ones that feel obligated to payback favors for their campaign contributions.

We will also have to keep an eye on any appointed positions that will arise with the new Governor. Just because you might have felt he was the best choice for what we had to choose from, doesn't necessarily mean that he will make the best choice for some of his appointed positions and the different programs that they might introduce.

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President Donald Trump has given the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority to lift current restrictions on E-15 gas (containing 15% ethanol) to allow year-round sales of the higher ethanol blend. Following the federal rulemaking process and public comment period, the expanded sales are expected to begin during the summer of 2019.

In 1978, a Clean Air Act waiver allowed the use of 10 volume percent ethanol in gasoline (E-10), and today almost all fuels are E-10 blends. In June 2011, EPA approved a partial waiver for blends of 15 vol% ethanol in gasoline for use in model year 2001 and newer passenger cars, light-trucks and medium-duty vehicles. However, the EPA does not approve the use of E-15 in small engines such as motorcycles or ATVs, and its use can damage vehicles and void manufacturer warranties.

Currently, gasoline retailers throughout most of the country are prohibited from offering E-15 during the summer months. The President's directive to the EPA is to change that.

CHP TO ADDRESS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY WITH FEDERAL FUNDS

The California Highway Patrol is using a federal grant to promote motorcycle safety throughout the state, with the goal of reducing the most dangerous traffic violations which they say are speeding, improper turning, and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

There are more than 1.4 million people with a motorcycle license in the state. The education campaign is called GEARS, or Get Educated And Ride Safe.

The year-long campaign will include the CHP deploying officers on enhanced motorcycle safety enforcement operations in regions with a high number of motorcycle incidents. There will be a series of motorcycle traffic safety education campaigns, including the May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Officers plan to stress the use of properly approved helmets for all riders and raise motorists awareness of sharing the road with motorcyclists.

According to provisional data from 2017, the number of motorcycle accident victims shows a 6% decrease compared to the previous year.

ABS IS NOW MANDATORY FOR NEW BIKES IN JAPAN In an effort to reduce the number of traffic-related motorcycle accidents and fatalities, Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism (MLIT) made amendments to the country's safety standards for road transport back in January, 2015, including the requirement for all new motorcycles, 125cc or larger, to be equipped with standard Anti-lock Braking Systems (ABS) effective on October 1, 2018.

Additionally, newly launched two-wheelers from 125cc and below must come with either ABS or CBS (Combined Braking System, which allows simultaneous front and rear brake application with a single input). Continuous production motorcycles have until October 1, 2021 to comply.

Dirt bikes specifically designated for off-road use and competition are exempted from the law.

Europe has had ABS laws since 2016, and India's obligatory braking system regulations came into effect earlier this year. Taiwan and China are expected to follow in 2019 and 2020 respectively. Here in the U.S., the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has made recommendations to the federal government to enforce the same measures, while countries like Australia and Brazil are also considering similar regulations.

As more countries get on board, vendors around the world have reportedly been bracing themselves for possible slow-downs in motorcycle sales due to higher manufacturing costs.

PHILIPPINE POLICE SEIZE MODIFIED MOTORCYCLES & ACCESSORIES

The past few months have been very busy for law enforcement officers in the Philippines, where police have apprehended traffic violators, cited smoke belching vehicles, and impounded erring motorcycle riders' property.

Among those apprehended were motorcycles fitted with certain modifications, which have been serving as a bone of contention for both riders and enforcers, according to MotoPinas. com. Among those accessories confiscated were auxiliary LED lighting systems, aftermarket mufflers, aftermarket side mirrors, and upgraded brakes which aren't compliant with Motor Vehicle Inspection System (MVIS) guidelines.

The Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO-Philippines) suggests that when apprehended for fitting illegal accessories, refuse the order to remove your accessories and insist the apprehending officer remove the accessories from your motorcycle "because as far as the LTO (Land Transportation Office) is concerned, you are within set regulations," adding "Do not argue with the apprehending officers. There is always a proper/lawful venue for contesting the apprehension."

DRIVER FOUND GUILTY OF HOMICIDE IN RACER NICKY HAYDEN'S FATAL CRASH

On May 17, 2017, a speeding driver struck renowned MotoGP motorcycle racer Nicky Hayden as he was riding a bicycle in Italy, tragically passing away from his injuries five days later. Nearly a year and a half later, we have learned that the driver was charged with murder.

The unidentified 31-year-old driver at the wheel of a Peugeot 206 was reportedly driving at roughly 43 miles per hour (70 kph) in a 30 zone. Although Hayden was zipping down a crossing street and ran through the intersection, the judge in charge of the ruling considers had the driver respected the speed limit, he would have had time to react to Hayden's presence.

The driver has been found guilty of "road homicide" and sentenced to a year in prison. His license has also been revoked and he will be expected to pay all the court fees. The driver's attorney has said they will appeal the ruling. The driver is not only facing a criminal sentence but also a civil lawsuit, as Hayden's family is suing the driver for \$6 Million, the maximum covered by the Italian insurance policy.

Nicknamed "The Kentucky Kid", 35-year-old Nicky Hayden began his career in MotoGP in 2003 with Repsol Honda and went on to win the MotoGP championship in 2006. He also competed in American dirt track racing, winning a few Grand National events. Hayden continued racing in MotoGP through 2015, competing for Ducati Team (2009-2013) and Aspar Honda (2014-2015). Hayden made the jump to the World Superbike Championship for the 2016 season, becoming the sole American in the series until his untimely death last May.

MOTORCYCLE RACING INCIDENT MAY END UP IN COURT Moto2 rider Romano Fenati was disqualified after he astonishingly grabbed the brake of rival motorcycle racer Stefano Manzi at high speed during a mid-September race in Misano,

Italy, and has since been banned for two races, the FIM racing authority suspended his license, and his team contract has been cancelled.

But now the fallout from the disgraced racer's brake-grabbing incident continues, with Italian news agency ANSA reporting he could now face a charge of "private violence."

The Public Prosecutor of Rimini (in Italy) is said to have opened the investigation for the less serious charge, rather than that of "attempted murder."

"Private violence" is akin to a motorist cutting off another driver on the road. However, the use of such a charge for competitors in a motor race would set a very worrying precedent.

Fenati pulled Manzi\(\)s front brake after the pair had clashed repeatedly during their home race, and although extremely dangerous, both riders remained upright.

TRADE DEAL NETS CHEAPER MOTORCYCLES FOR EU, BUT BREXIT RULES OUT BRITS

A trade agreement between Japan and the European Union could spell disaster for British bike buyers, as the British Motorcyclists Federations (BMF) reports that the deal removes common EU external customs tariffs from Japanese manufacturers' imports.

Under the EU-Japan Economic Partnership signed earlier this year, the 6% tariff affecting motorcycles will be abolished over the next five years -- meaning cheaper bikes for EU buyers. European consumers will also benefit from common standards of type approval on product safety as well as emissions.

However, this free trade deal is unlikely to apply to the UK due to Brexit, with that country's exit from the EU. EU-based manufacturers will also enjoy more competitive access to the Japanese market, while those in the UK will continue to face tariff constraints.

But Japan's Prime Minister Shinzō Abe did recently state that Japan would welcome Britain with "open arms" to the 11 country Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), though the timeframe is not likely to be soon.

So while EU riders look to benefit from less expensive bikes and Japanese-standard type approval, Brits are still in the dark as to what this means...

SINGAPORE BIKER GROUPS AGGRIEVED BY BAN ON OLDER MOTORCYCLES

When the National Environment Agency (NEA) announced on April 6 that motorcycles registered before July 1, 2003 would be banned from the roads after June 30, 2028, many riders' dreams of having an older classic motorcycle or "hand down our precious bikes to our children," went "down the drain."

Calling it a "Plain injustice," bikers say the ban "will push rare, vintage bikes into oblivion."

The NEA told ChannelNewsAsia that the government is trying to reduce emissions from some 27,000 older motorcycles as part of a push to meet Singapore's air quality targets by 2020. Owners of older motorcycles have been offered up to \$\$3,500 to de-register their bikes within the next five years. Beyond that, emission standards for such motorcycles will be tightened, before the 2028 ban kicks in.

These initiatives come as NEA figures indicate that older bikes emit up to 30 times more pollutants than new bikes, and contribute 40% of the total carbon monoxide emitted by motorcycles on the road. Bikers counter that all motorcycles, regardless of age, must pass inspection and emissions testing, though older bikes are subject to less stringent standards.

Explaining its rationale for the July 1, 2003 cut-off date, NEA said Singapore adopted Euro 1 type approval standards for new motorcycles on that date. Motorcycles registered before that are more pollutive than newer models which comply with the Euro 4 standard.

Some of these bikes, however, may be able to stay on the roads even after the ban -- provided they are converted under the Classic Vehicle Scheme, which allows vehicles to be used for up to 45 days in a calendar year. But the catch is that to qualify for the scheme, the bikes must be at least 35 years old; meaning that when the ban begins in 2028, affected bikes registered after June 1993 will not qualify...so "nearly two decades of bikes will be destroyed...put into storage...or exported."

DUMB NEWS: YOUTUBE POSTING GETS MAN 1-YEAR MOTORCYCLE BAN

A motorcycle rider who ran from police at speeds up to 143 mph was caught when his own helmet cam video posting was spotted on YouTube. The rider had fled from a St. Charles, ILL officer who spotting him making an illegal turn and riding a bike

without a registration plate, according to a report in the Daily Herald.

The incident was included in a compilation video of motorcycles running from police that was posted to the FailsandFlights YouTube account, and shows the elusive motorcyclist waiting at a red light, turn his head toward the officer who is signaling for him to shut the motorcycle off, but instead pulls away through several stopped cars, runs the light and accelerates down the road.

At one point, the video displayed a link to the film star's personal YouTube page, which investigators used, along with his other social media channels, to track him down and make an arrest. He was charged with several felonies, but agreed to plead guilty to misdemeanor reckless driving and will perform 100 hours of community service and cannot own or ride a motorcycle for one year.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."

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If you'd like to purchase any ABATE products - such as shirts, pins, patches, hats or sunglasses - contact Products Trustee **Laurel Conner at:**

305-975-8497. She will be glad to help you get what you need.

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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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GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.

To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

What's Happening Locally? Call The Hotline! (954-480-3100)

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ABATE Southeast Chapter's Website http://abatese.org

UPCOMING SE CHAPTER MEETINGS

November 18, 2018 - Sunday 10AM December 16, 2018 - Sunday 10AM at:

> American Legion Post 222 4250 NE 5th Avenue Oakland Park, FL 33334 Phone:(954) 565-6501 Come & join the ranks

> of those who care to be involved!