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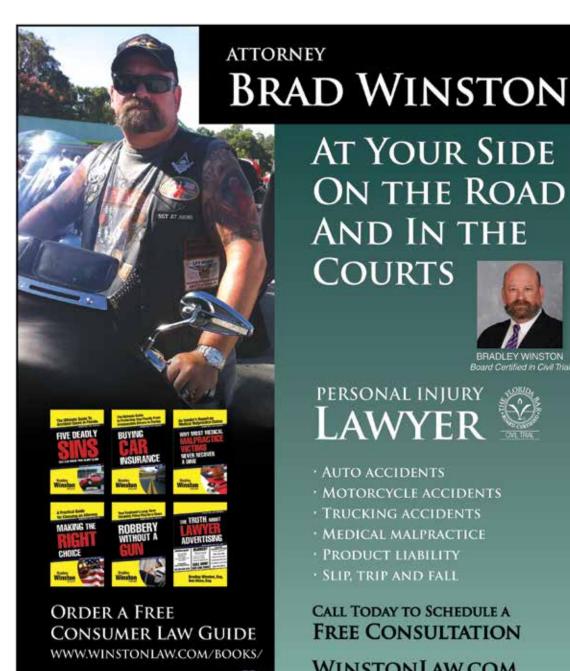
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- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation 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.

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- 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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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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"This page sponsored by Frank T. and Lisa"

From Your President

I would like to thank everyone who came out to our Annual, to help support Southeast Chapter. I would also like to thank Angel Riot for rocking the day. AND a special thanks to Alan from Mickey's for letting us have our Annual there.

Our Annual went so smooth with no incidents. And how about the Biker Church? They even stayed to support us. They have services at Mickey's every Sunday at 10am, so stop in one morning and hear their beautiful words. Thank you all!!

Man, I have to say that I have never seen a set up and tear down go so smoothly and efficiently. And that, my friends, was due to core of ABATE members who stepped up to pull off this event. YOU ALL ROCK! We would not have a Chapter if it wasn't for them.

I want to welcome all the new members to Southeast Chapter. Our Chapter has a strong brotherhood and sisterhood. And it's so cool to see everyone hanging out even when it's not an ABATE event.

Ok, now I'm going to preach to everyone about the February 14th ABATE of Florida Ride to the Capitol. We need as many bikers (and biker's right supporters) as we can get, to show up for this ride, so we can keep our rights and make it safer for all vulnerable road users. Please, the more riders the louder our voices are in Tallahassee, and the more influence our lobbyist will have.

So, check this out, it's almost a no brainer. For every member we get, the politicians think you have 3 or 4 friends that think like you, and that's where the clout comes in. And with your membership, you also get \$4,000.00 accidental death and \$2,000.00 dismemberment. We DON'T want you to use this, that's why we are in ABATE to make a difference, to help the general public SEE US!! After all, what we love to do, is risky. Please remember to support all the advertisers in this newsletter, because they help us to educate that general public, and bring the latest community and rights news to you.

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



ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC - SOUTHEAST CHAPTER



25th ANNUAL FREEDOM GATHERING

State Meeting Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 2:00pm
State Board Meeting Sunday, February 13 at Noon
American Legion Hall - 1065 S. Water St., Monticello, FL 32344
Directions to Hall: Go 2 blocks west of the Opera House on US 90, then turn west on Water
Street. Go 1/2 mile to the Legion Hall

"We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate." ~ Thomas Jefferson

Ride to the Capitol Monday, February 14,2022 Kickstands up at 9:00am - Behind the Super 8 in Monticello

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Super 8 Monticello: 140 Pafford Rd., Monticello, FL 32336. Phone: 850-997-8888 Take I-10 to Exit 225 South on US 19. The hotel is located on the West side.

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There are other hotels and campgrounds in the area. The two listed above offer discounts to ABATE members. Please make reservations early.

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IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RENEWED THANK YOU



Fice- President

Month to be Thankful

Yes, it's that time of the year again, we are officially in the Holiday season. I usually think of the month of December as the Month of giving with Christmas and everything where November is the Month to be Thankful. In today's life with so many things to keep us entertained and busy it's so easy to forget to be thankful for the very basics. For many of us, if we don't have a smart phone or cable TV, we feel like the world is coming to an end. Goodness knows if we would not be able to watch our favorite episode of whatever. The reality is we all have something to be thankful for. Even if it's for the very basics. Think about it, did you have a roof last night over your head? Did you go to bed hungry cause you haven't eaten for two days, or even the most basic of all, do you have clean water to drink? These may seem like of course easy answers but so many people of the world do not have these basic necessities of life.

Forget about all the material things you have to be thankful for, what about the most cherished gift of all? The love of your Spouse, children and all the family and friends you know and have.

So next time you're feeling sorry for yourself because your new motorcycle won't start, etc..... just

be thankful for everything you do have every day.

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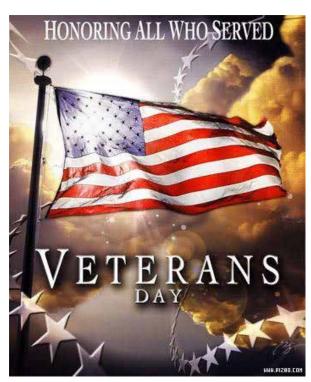
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You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership, or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any changes. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: On or by the 2nd Sunday of each month for articles, ads, flyers, etc.









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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Held at American Legion Post 142 171 SW 2nd St Pompano Beach Fl, 33060 October 17, 2021

Sargent of Arms "Bubba" called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and there were 28 members present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by "Bubba", and a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, "Bear".

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JOHNNY ROSE:

Johnny thanked everyone for coming. He gave us the Sean "Bugsy" update. "Bugsy" is doing much better, getting around slowly. He thanked BACA for showing up. He welcomed three new members, Mariann, Kevin, Tony. He thanked everyone who volunteered at our Annual last weekend, special thanks to newer members who helped, Betty, Isabel, Ross, and Tony, and to Bull, Bubba, and Tony, who did the parking, hardest job that day. He said he never saw an event go that smooth, so good, so sweet. He thanked the American Legion Post 142 "girls" who wait on us and make a great breakfast. He also thanked Gideons, who won the 50/50 at our event and donated it back to us.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – TROY WAUGH:

Excused, in Daytona

SECRETARY'S REPORT -**HOLLIE "DREAMER" SADOFF:**

A motion was heard to approve the September Minutes. Seconded, Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read the Treasurer's report for September, a motion was made to accept Treasurer's report. Seconded, all in favor, approved. She gave us a recap of the event profits, over 150 people signed in, and we made enough to pay for two months of newsletters. We did not have to pay for the band or the food, thank you Alan and Steve.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT -MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS:

"Bubba" spoke about the Annual, no incidents. He spoke about school zones and school busses. If the lights are flashing on a bus, stop! Reminder when wearing the ABATE patch on your vest and / or an ABATE shirt you are representing ABATE and to act accordingly.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT - TROY WAUGH:

Excused, in Daytona

Wavy gave the report of upcoming events:

- -Save The Tatas at Mickey's after the meeting today.
- -10.22.21 Safety Booth at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson
- -10.23.21 Wheels of Man Halloween Party
- -10.30.21 Fearless Annual and Halloween Party
- -11.05.21 Safety Booth at monthly sponsored by Viking Customs at LauderAle Brewery
- -11.06.21 Heathens Pirate Ball
- -11.14.21 Veteran's Day Bash at Mickey's Tiki
- -12.05.21 SFPC Toys in the Sun Run
- -01.29.22 Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show
- -02.14.22 ABATE of Florida Ride to the Capitol If you want to know what is happening, call our Hotline (954) 480-3100.

Wavy thanked all that helped at the event and thanked all for coming to the meeting. Safety booth on Friday October 22 at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson from 6-9pm. Check your bike over before riding. Look it over good, before all rides.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT-MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS AND HOPE TRAVIS:

"Bubba" and Hope were excused from the October State meeting, as it was in Pensacola, and the day before our Annual. December meeting is in Port Charlotte.

<u>PRODUCTS REPORT –</u> <u>LAUREL "LITTLE BIT" CONNER:</u>

"Little Bit" has some small patches for sale after the meeting, and we have large ones on order. We sold quite a bit at the Annual.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read in the Membership report. We have over 700 members now and got over a dozen new ones at our Annual.

EVENTS COORDINATOR - GABE CARRERA:

Gabe was excused. Johnny spoke, that we did amazing at our Annual, Gabe was awesome Master of Ceremonies. We will make sure that parking has their own big cooler of ice and water for future events. We had over 40 door prizes and our Flea Market did great, thanks Kim and Boatman!

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - ADA "ABBY NORMAL" HIBBS:

"Abby Normal" excused, but texted, articles are due today. Please send photos to the Newsletter Editor email and to the Webmaster email. If you want to write an article for the newsletter, please submit it to the Newsletter Editor email. Please share our Facebook page and blast events to all your friends.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – JON "WAVY" VIGER:

"Wavy" said thank you to all that did deliveries while he was gone. Putting out 800 newsletters and you can find the list in newsletter where they can be picked up.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad did a search for bills filed. Only one with the word "abate", but nothing to do with ABATE. Florida HB103 Carrying of Firearms Without Licenses has been referred to four committees. "Removes requirement that license to carry concealed firearm is required in order to carry such firearm; limits areas in which concealed carrying of firearm is prohibited; revises criminal penalties; revises provisions relating to carrying of concealed weapons or firearms by nonresidents; provides for issuance of concealed carry licenses for reciprocity purposes; specifies person not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing firearm or other weapon may own. possess, & lawfully use firearms & other weapons, ammunition, & supplies for lawful purposes." This could affect 10 different other laws. You can check out myfloridahouse.gov and myfloridasenate.gov

LEGAL COUNSEL - BRAD WINSTON:

Brad has nothing.

<u>PUBLIC RELATIONS –</u> <u>DAWNE "THUNDER" KIRK-WATERS:</u>

Thunder was excused

BILLING AND INVOICING - HOPE TRAVIS:

Hope reported that everyone was up-to-date, and we got a new advertiser. Some advertisers have pulled out because they aren't getting feedback. Please support our advertisers and let them know that you saw their ad in our newsletter.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT -

BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:

"Bear" brought his famous brownies and cheesecake cupcakes.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT - MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS:

"Bubba" said that, as soon as he can find a free weekend, he will have his traditional "after-event" BBQ at his house for all event volunteers.

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<u>PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT –</u> BARRY "BOATMAN" BLUNDELL:

"Boatman" has been taking lots of pictures, giving them to "Abby Normal" for the newsletter and "Rogue" for the website

WEBMASTER'S REPORT - MIKE "ROGUE" HAGER:

"Rogue" was excused, all is going well.

CHAPLAIN – CHRISSY LEONHARDT:

Chrissy was excused. Bear said for everyone to stay safe and that all in Daytona return home safely.

OLD BUSINESS:

State Gun Drawing tickets have sold out.

NEW BUSINESS:

BACA Chapter meeting is the first Sunday 11:30 AM @ Alligator Alley Harley, open to the public.

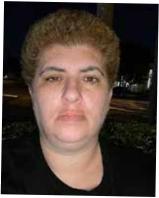
GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Flyers on the table for upcoming events.

Motion to adjourn at 11.07am, Seconded. All in favor. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on November 21, 2021.

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff Secretary Southeast Chapter















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Good Day.

To all the people who helped at our 41st Annual. Thank You!

To all the people who showed up to support ABATE. Thank You!

Would like to thank Mickey's Tiki Bar for allowing us to have the Annual and for all the support given to ABATE.

Well it's that time of year again. The Snowbirds are back, so we need to take extra precautions when riding. This means many more vehicles on the road, and many more people that do not know where they are going.

As far as safety on your bike, you should already know what to do, so please do it and ride safe.

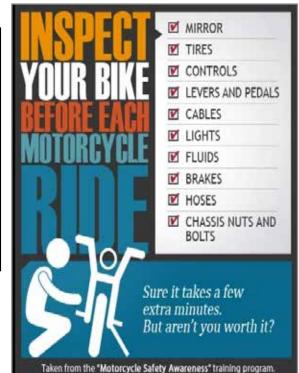
You should do a seasonal inspection of your bike. If you don't know how or what to check, go to our local repair shop. There are many in our newsletter that are willing to help. And by you visiting them not only will you be helping them, You are helping us by keeping them advertising with us.

For more safety info, you can go to nhtse.gov/safety/motorcycles.
I encourage you to visit this site.

Thank you

Jon "Wavy" Viger





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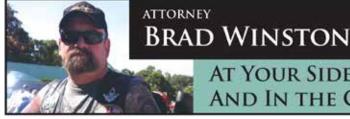
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FROM OUR ROAD CAPTAIN

MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS

This information was taken from molenda.com/ accident.html

As motorcycle riders we are all aware of the inherent dangers and risks that we take when we mount our bikes and head out to enjoy a good ride. These dangers and risks become all too apparent when we are faced with situations when a fellow rider is involved in an accident.

The first hour of trauma is termed the "Golden Hour" by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Trauma victims have the best survival chance if they are in surgery within one hour after the accident. Qualified medical personnel are really the people who should be handling everything, but until they arrive there are things that we, untrained motorcyclists, can do to help the medical professionals before they arrive.

At an accident site, peoples' adrenaline will be going full-blast and the most important thing is for at least one person to keep calm and to think. The first thing you need to do when arriving on an accident scene is to stop and take two deep breaths to help you remain calm. This is especially important if you fit the 'bad biker' image; the sight of you being overly excited would not be terribly reassuring to anyone. All the other people who are pumped and want to help will do whatever they are told to do by a calm person who seems to be in control and knows what he or she is doing. If you're excited and out of control, everyone will run around wasting precious time in an unorganized fashion.

1. GET TO VICTIM, ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION, REASSURE

After a person has gone down, they will be in a confused and scared state. They probably don't know what happened when they went down.

They may be confused, frantic, etc., and often the only thing on their mind will be their bike. It is important to reassure them and to make sure they will not try to move or get to their bike

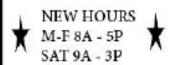
Be careful what you say around the victim, even if they are unconscious. Hearing works in the unconscious state and if you say something like, "Boy, is this dude messed up bad! Maybe we shouldn't call an ambulance after all!", it's going to register at some level with the person and can do nothing but harm. How you say things will be important as what you say; keep (or at least sound) calm and it will reduce the panic of everyone else present.

2. SAFETY FACTORS

An accident scene can be a hectic place with a lot of things going on at once. It is important to keep safety in mind; if you are helping someone lying in the middle of the road and a semi comes barreling down on both of you, you aren't going to do that person much good.

- **A TRAFFIC.** If people are available, get someone up road and down road to wave down traffic.
- **B** HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILLS (GAS, OIL, BRAKE FLUID). Either clean it off the road or indicate to everyone where it is.
- C. Power lines. If power lines are down around or near the victim, It is important to call the local utility company to get these live wires turned off at the same time an ambulance is called. If the ambulance arrives and they are still live, it wastes a lot of precious time in the Golden Hour.
- **D** FIRE. People who smoke tend to light up under stress. Ask these people to either extinguish their smokes or move away from the flammable materials and/or bikes. It is easy to forget something obvious like this in a stressful situation like an accident scene.
- **E SAFETY CIRCLE**. Establish a few people around the immediate accident scene to help direct traffic, to point out fluid spills, and to warn people who may want to light up cigarettes.

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- **F. BIKÉ**. If the bike is not severely damaged, and looks like it will roll, get a couple people to pick the bike up and roll it to the side of the road. Leave a rock or other marker if necessary to document where the bike was. Take pictures.
- **G. BEST**-trained individual or medically-wise should attend to the victim using the **(U-ABCC)** acronym. The person with the most training (first aid, CPR, etc.) attends directly to the victim. Assume the person has a back/neck injury and any unnecessary movement could risk paralysis. Hold the head still.
 - **U-URGENCY**. Try to determine if the person's injuries are (a) minor or (b) major, i.e. urgent. If unsure, it is urgent.
 - **A AIRWAY.** Is there something to impede their airway? This needs to be cleared immediately, without helmet removal if at all possible.
 - **B BREATHING**. Is the person breathing? Determined by listening, watching their chest, feeling for breath, etc.
 - **C CIRCULATION**. Check the pulse on the throat initially and subsequently on their wrist. This is the carotid artery, right next to the wind pipe on either side. If pulse is not present, remove helmet if necessary and begin CPR immediately. When checking pulse on their wrist, do not check with thumb; use the two fingers next to the thumb.
 - **C CERVICAL SPINE IMMOBILIZATION.** Support the victim's head and make sure they don't move it. Consider every motorcycle accident a head injury, consider every motorcycle accident a cervical/back injury! This is important even if they feel they can move their head normally!

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Paul did. In 2 Corinthians 1:8 Paul said, "We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself..." Why would God allow him to experience hurt more than he could handle? Read on. "...so that we might not rely on ourselves but on God." Il Corinthians 1:9

Truth? Cancer is more than you can handle.

So is infidelity.

So is caregiving.

So is rejection.

So is death

and loss

and grief

and prodigal children

and 101 other life struggles.

God doesn't expect YOU to handle it. He expects you to hand it over to HIM.

He doesn't want you relying on your strength, but on His!

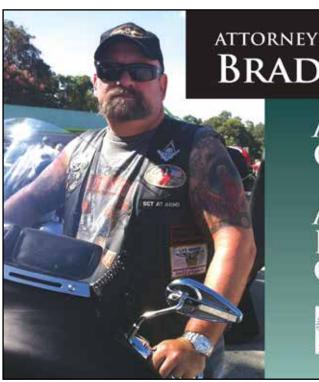
If we keep walking around thinking "God won't give me more than I can handle," we're setting ourselves up for disappointment.

I recently read this online and just had to share. Sure, we somehow come out on the other side, but God wants us to rely on Him and His strength, especially during hard times. The truth is, times don't seem to be getting any easier.

Good news? He longs for you to give Him your burdens, "Cast your cares upon Me..." I Peter 5:7
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Chrissy Leonhardt – Chaplain ABATE SE



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ABATE SE Chapter EBoard Meeting 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

<u>MONDAY</u>

>Ladies Nite at Sharkey's 9PM-2AM 2-for-1 drinks >Mickey's Karoeke 8PM-12AM

WEDNESDAY

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

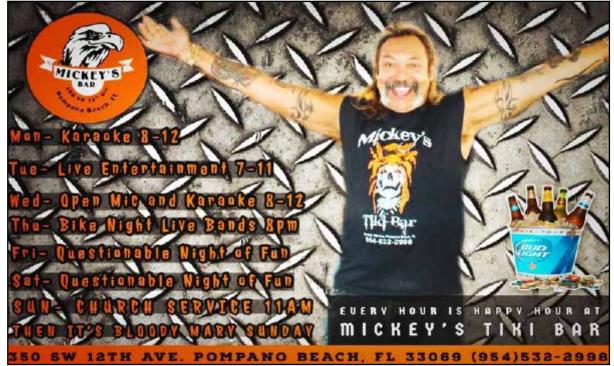
THURSDAY

>Mickey's Bike Night Live Bands 8PM





ABATE SE Chapter Safety Booth at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson Saturday November 13th, 12-6PM Friday November 19, 6-9PM



2021

NOVEMBER

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	1	2	3	4	5	6 HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL
7	8	9	10	11 Weterans Day	12	13 USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL ABATE Safety Booth At Alligator Alley Harley Davidson 16-6PM
14	15	16	17	18 E-Board Meeting	ABATE Safety Booth At Alligator Alley Harley Davidson 6-9PM	20 LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL
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Every other Friday

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NOVEMBER

6th-Sat HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL

11th-Wed Veterans Day

13th-Sat USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL 14th-Sun Fly-In Wheels Annual

20th-Sat LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL

26th-Thurs Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

5th-Sun SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
11th-Sat ALIGATOR ALLEY TOY RUN BIKE

DRAWING

11th-Sat HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEMORIAL

AND TOY RUN

11th-Sat USMVMC - WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

19th-Sat 20th-Sun

25th-Sat Christmas Day

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JANUARY 2nd-Sun

STATES MC - BLESSING OF THE BIKES

9th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL

16th-Sun S.E. ABATE - SEMI ANNUAL

24th-Sun

30th-Sun DER KRIEGER MC - ANNUAL

<u>FEBRUARY</u>

5th-Sat US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD -

ANNUAL

13th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL

14th-Sun Valentines Day

19th-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC - 49th ANNUAL

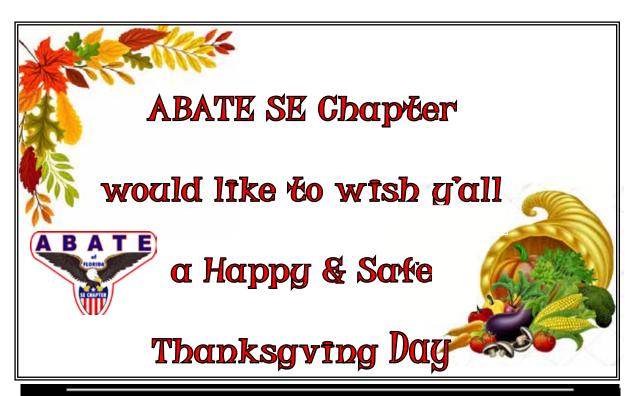
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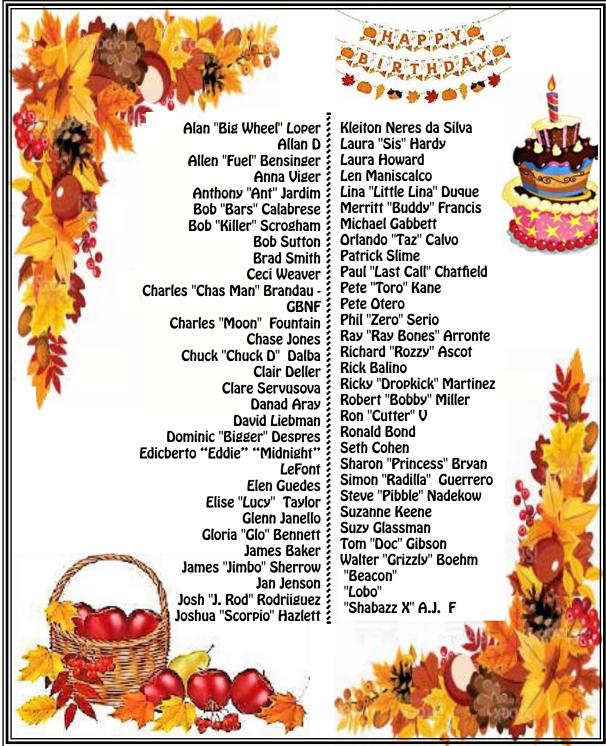


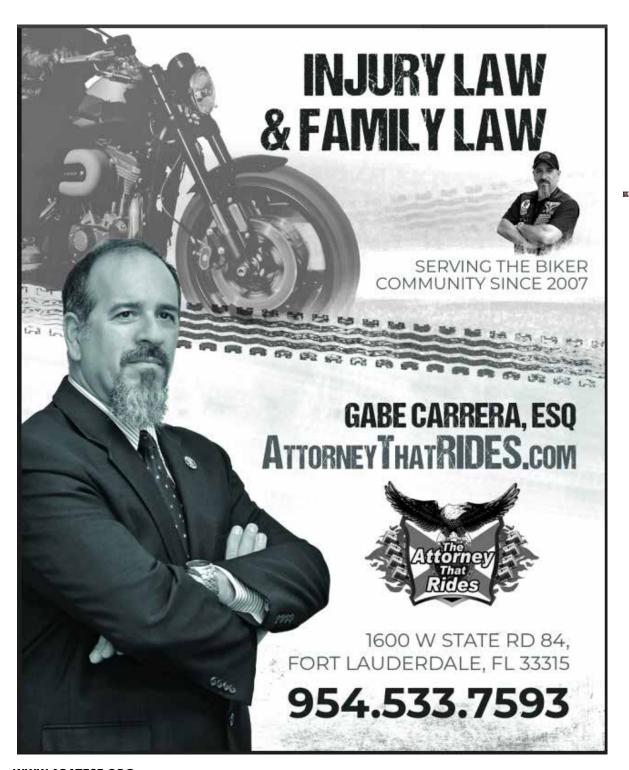
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Approximately 40% of our members are Life Members, which means they do not pay annual dues, so they do not financially support the Chapter through dues. They do buy products, pay to attend events, post ads in our Newsletter, and make monetary donations, but they have no obligation to do so. This is another opportunity for them to contribute, if they wish, but anyone can do this.

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

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



One of our members was telling us a little about the Honor Flight, at one of our Chapter meetings, how he had just gone, how thrilling it was. and so, next time we got together, us girls were talking about it. We remembered, a few years back, that Teddy Bear, another one of our members had done it. All we remembered was, at our October Annual that year, we were handing out paper and pencil, asking people to write letters to our veterans, something they could read on the Honor Flight, at "mail call", but honestly, that was back then, and it wasn't a thought since, you know, life moves on. But now, we were sitting around, talking about it again, and we thought we'd find out more. It is IMPOR-TANT!! It is honoring our vets, and Veteran's Day is coming up this month, on Thursday, November 11th.

We went straight to the source, https://www.honorflight.org/, to get most of our information, and invite you all, to also go there, and find out more about this great mission. What is that mission? It is "to transport America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honoring those who have served and sacrificed for our country." Between the 4 of us, although personally not military, we have many relatives that have served, not just in the military, but in the wars. Shoot, Sheila has ancestors going back to the Revolutionary War, and her dad fought in World War II and Korea. It means a lot to us, and to all of you reading this, we are so grateful, for all those who served and

sacrificed for US!!

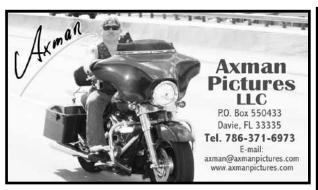


The Honor Flight Network is nationwide and there are independent "Hubs" all working together toward the same mission. They work to be able to show our veterans how much they are appreciated and to honor them. The Honor Flight is an actual flight, on an airplane, and the Flight gives these veterans an opportunity to share this occasion with their comrades, to remember those lost, and to share experiences with other veterans. There is no cost to the veterans, not travel. not meals, not hotels, all free. They even get a police escort when in Washington, D.C. How awesome a thing is this? These veterans, we're sure. many don't have the opportunity to share memories with others, who have common background. They don't have the same lives that they once had, where they were young, and all their military friends were around, swapping stories, sharing the good and the bad, together, brothers in arms.

The Honor Flight began in 2005, formed by Jeff Miller and Earl Morse. They wanted to honor our Nation's veterans by bringing them to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials and monuments, dedicated to the service and sacrifice. The Flight started out, just for the veterans of World War II, but expanded to the Korean War, Vietnam War, and the intermediary operations, and in special cases, veterans with terminal illness or injury. There are over 128 Hubs throughout the United States of America, they have taken over 245,000 veterans to Washington, D.C., so far, and as a whole, serves over 22,000 veterans a year.

Just this past month, 93 female veterans were part of a historic Honor Flight, from Chicago to Washington, D.C. The flight is part of "Operation HerStory", which is an initiative to highlight the vital contributions of women veterans. Many of us have women family or friends who have, or are serving in the military, but we don't often think of them, or even see them, as soldiers/veterans in the wars, especially not going back to World

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War II, Korea, and Vietnam, times before equal rights, etc. Girl power!!! One of the oldest to take this flight, was World War II veteran, Bette Horstman. She said she did not think enough people know about women veterans. She said, "It is popularized, that women really didn't contribute and serve in all of the conflicts." When they got to Washington, D.C.'s Dulles Airport, they received a hero's welcome.

Just a little bit more about Bette, a hero, she is a 2nd Lieutenant with the U.S. Army Medical Corps and served as a physical therapist in the Pacific during World War II. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1943 and was accepted to the Mayo Clinic's emergency physical therapy program. While there, the school was visited by a U.S. Army recruiter, who told them how their country really needed their skills and service. to care for men who were ill, injured, and ailing. and in need of physical rehabilitation. Her and many of her classmates signed up, and they went through regular army training, handling of weapons, ground maneuvers, even issued gasmasks and heavy boots. Her first mission was treating prisoner of war in Oahu. Hawaii. She was then sent overseas, to Saipan, shortly after the Battle of Saipan, and there was still heavy fighting. She witnessed all kinds of injuries, treating simple fractures, sprains, burns from bombs, even selfinflicted wounds. At 99 years of age, she is still giving back, volunteering at the North Chicago **UA.** Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legions.

Bette is just one of so, so many, 245,000+ so far, veterans that the Honor Flight was created to honor, and show appreciation.

Here are just a few more stories, we want to share.

Ben Gaines, III (Flight 26):

I have been fortunate in my life to me to do a lot of things; including serving on active duty in

the Army. Air Force, and retired from the Navy. I have been active in many organizations and enjoyed all of them. However, none of those things are in no way compared to what happened to me this past week. The "Honor Flight DFW" exceeded all expectations. I could in no way have imagined the feeling that I experienced in walking to the gate in Dallas, nor those in Washington Reagan Airport in D.C.: and certainly, the feeling returning home in Dallas and seeing all those folks. including the bagpipers, who made the journey on a Saturday evening to greet our return. Once again, thanks for a great experience. Everyone from the top to bottom went over the top to make everyone feel welcome and did all they could do to make sure that we were safe and not hurt in any way. My wish would be that all veterans could have experienced the thrill that we had

Norman N. Lancaster (Flight 22):

I wanted to share this on behalf of my father who passed away on July 25, 2015. He was on Flight 22 in September 2014, and it was a once in a lifetime experience for him. He was so thrilled to have been chosen to pursue this endeavor and I like to think it was his "last hurrah". My son accompanied him on his flight, and he feels so blessed to have spent the time with him and to have met so many proud World War II veterans. Honor Flight is exactly what its name says, an honor, These trips renew that sense of brotherhood they felt during their days in the war, most of them under the age of twenty during their service. I encourage any of you who have a relative who is a veteran to apply for this trip. The only expense we had was for the airfare for the guardian (my son). Everything else is included. The special men and women who escort these wonderful veterans on their trip are amazing, skilled and generous with their love and affection for these veterans. They take such good care of them. I just wanted to tell my dad's story and say thank you for giving him this memory. He talked about it to everyone he spent time with and relived his experience many. many times. God Bless you all and keep you safe.

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South Florida has a Hub, and their website is https://www.honorflightsouthflorida.org. Their motto, that we just LOVE is:

"We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by." – Will Rogers

Veteran's Day is one of the most important holidays of the year, not for the banks closing days, or however else you "celebrate", but more importantly, a special day to honor our veterans, to say an extra prayer for our veterans, or if you can do more, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities, just check your local American Legion or VFW. We are all so grateful, can never begin to say thank you enough, to all of the veterans who served in the wars, or even in peacetime. Thank you for putting your lives up to protect ours. And thank you, Honor Flight, for honoring these brave men and women!!!

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"Lobbying" is the process of petitioning government to influence public policy; Lobbyist: A person who conducts activities aimed at influencing public officials and especially members of a legislative body on legislation.

The term "lobbyist" owes its origin to President Ulysses S. Grant. During Grant's first term as President, his wife disapproved of his drinking, so Grant would regularly slip out of the White House and visit the lounge at the nearby Willard Hotel in downtown Washington, D.C. Grant's visits to the Willard Hotel soon became common knowledge. Those wishing to catch a minute or two with the President to petition their causes would collect in the hotel lobby to corner Grant as he went to and from the lounge. Frustrated by the ever-growing crowd of petitioners, Grant frequently complained of the "lobbyists" who would get in his way.

The concept goes back as far as 1215 when King John gave English barons the right to protest any violation of their new rights under Magna Carta. This right to "petition the government for a redress of grievances" is still one of the most treasured rights in a democracy. Although lobbying began violently, with armed soldiers confronting the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia in 1783 to demand extra compensation, it quickly turned into a practice centered on bribery. The right to petition our government was repeatedly affirmed in colonial American treatises, the Declaration of Independence, and post-revolutionary federal and state constitutions, including the Bill of Rights. In colonial times, written petitions to local governments were usually simple and brief and almost always answered.

The days of citizens' effectively petitioning gov-

ernment for redress of grievances have long come to a close. Federal and state governments deal with vast numbers of complex economic and political issues, affording limited time for direct constituency contact, and spawning a legion of professional lobbying firms and associations. These groups leverage the right of petition with the power of economic resources or political networks to catch the attention of officeholders. For generations now, the traditional right of petition at the Federal and state levels has become largely the domain of professional lobbyists.

It is now required for all lobbyist to register and to also list, and make public, records of how much compensation they are receiving for their efforts.

I decided to look up these records for Florida and, after a ream of paper, I was not surprised to see what we have. and it is a long one.

The list in Florida is broken up into two parts. Legislature and Executive.

On the legislature side we have 142 Senators and 119 Representatives (Florida always has a weird way of doing things), which gives us a total of 261 members that are being courted by special interest to help them make a decision; (want to take a guess?) over 3,600 principals who some, like ABATE have just 1, and some like AT&T (who beats the sugar guys) have as many as 70 people listed with 40 firms! Remember they are being paid and that goes into their operating expense which ends up coming out our pockets. Even the NEW YORK Yankees have 6 and you have to ask yourself, why the Yankees need lobbyist in

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Florida Government, oh right, they train down here.

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Cities, hospitals, insurance companies, charities, and the list goes on of people and monies being spent to "influencing public officials" for their cause.

How I see it, we have almost 14 lobbyists for every Senator and Representative, whom a lot make over 6 figures, persuading them, in their job, that can affect all of us.

The Executive Branch is even better. There is, no lie, over 2,800 registered lobbyists just to follow the Governor and his cabinet around.

I bet there have been some good parties with all those people and money that is available for influencing public officials

The existence of lobbying is a Catch 22. Politicians are bound to lobbyists because they depend on them financially and lobbyists are bound to politicians because they want favorable legislation.

Recognizing the affects that lobbying has on our laws is important. For instance, that the richest of the rich receive the greatest tax breaks. Who is paying for all of those commercials that ask us to "Vote No on Prop. 87"? And where did that politician come up with all of that campaign money?

I have had an unfavorable opinion of all lobbyists and lobbying groups. I presumed that most lobbyists represented rich oil, insurance companies or tobacco companies, and that their sole purpose was to get politicians to take money from the poor and give to the rich. But after doing a little research I have come to conclusion that it is an embedded part of our democratic system, and it is a shame that charity organization have to spend donated money for lobbyists to just help their cause.

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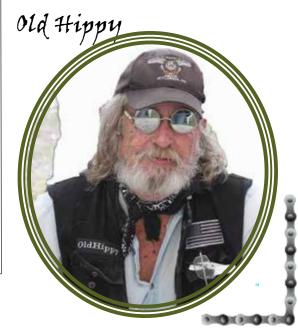
You might be wondering how we have any chance to persuade our leaders with all the monies and the influence the lobby has on them. The only option we have is, for one, letting them know our interest, and also reminding them we elected them, plus if they don't perform to our satisfaction, there are others out there that are interested in that position, at the next election.

The main power we have over the Government is: we can, by our numbers, put a person in office and by our numbers, we can make it a short stay.

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Johnny's Rant

I'm going to keep this short and sweet.

So, check this out I'm coming off an incredible high, from our Annual. The bottom line is, I can't think of anything to rant about right now.

Anyway, I had to go down to Davie to pick up some members that were going to work at the Annual party. On the way back, we stopped and picked up coffee, donuts, and some ice. I'm telling them that we were gonna be 10 minutes early, and we can take 5 before everyone gets there. Yea right, we pull into the parking lot at Mickeys, and I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT!! All of the tents were up already up, before we were even supposed to be there. And the best thing was that I didn't have to say anything to anyone. It was like the Chapter was on autopilot.

THANK YOU!!! YOU ALL ROCK!!! AND that's the name of that game!!

And thank you to all of you who came out to support us. We love our community!!

And that's my rant, just sayin' you know.

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And God bless all of you!

Peace Johnny Rose





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SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES COMING YOUR WAY

Circling back to the NCOM Legislative Task Force Meeting during the recent NCOM Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, examining existential threats to motorcycling, NCOM-LTF Member Ed Schetter notified the NCOM Board of Directors that "Mercedes Benz is claiming the first Level 3 autonomous technology will be in production for their 2022 EQS equipped with Drive Pilot."

Level 3 is known as conditional driving automation, and it uses various driver assistance systems and artificial intelligence to make decisions based on changing driving situations around the vehicle. People inside the vehicle do not need to supervise the technology, meaning they can engage in other activities.

During the NCOM-LTF's presentation on "The Demise of Gas-Powered Vehicles," Schetter reported that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is investigating 11 crashes since 2018 in which a Tesla vehicle with "Autopilot" has struck one or more vehicles involved in an emergency response situation.

Tesla currently operates at Level 2, partial driving automation, which falls short of self-driving because it comes with the expectation that a human will always be alert and ready to take over.

"We will keep you updated on the quickly changing technology on the road today," notes Schetter, who in addition to serving on the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Board of Directors and Legislative Task Force, is Executive

Director of ABATE of Ohio.

INFRASTRUCTURE BILL ON HOLD, FOLLOWING EXTENSION

If you don't know what's happening with the infrastructure bill, you're not alone, as even political insiders who should be in the know seem not to be. The vote on this 'highway reauthorization bill' is complicated by action to be taken on another measure, a sweeping social spending and climate package, that has been politically tied to the infrastructure proposal by congressional Democrats and President Joe Biden.

Despite both chambers of Congress agreeing to extend the FAST Act deadline, H.R. 5434; the "Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2021," Biden put the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill on hold, telling Democrats that a vote on the highway measure must wait until the party agrees on spending trillions more for his far more ambitious social policy and climate change package.

In addition to providing billions in new funding to rebuild America's deteriorating roads and bridges, improve airports and rail services, and expand high-speed internet access, the infrastructure bill still offers several pro-motorcycle provisions such as expanding prohibitions on motorcycle-only checkpoints, prohibiting law enforcement activities that profile motorcycle operators, evaluating biker profiling by law enforcement, specifies that motorcycles must be considered in autonomous vehicle operation, allocates increased motorcyclist safety funding, and reauthorizes the Motorcyclists Advisory Council at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

PHILADELPHIA TO HALT STOPS FOR MINOR INFRACTIONS

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will become the first major city to ban stops for minor traffic infractions, with a historic piece of legislation that puts the brakes on police pulling over drivers for so-called "secondary violations."

The City Council approved a bill 14-2 that bans police officers from stopping motorists for minor violations, such as having a broken taillight or not having certain stickers displayed. Drivers who are guilty of those minor violations will instead receive a warning or a citation in the mail. "So that an expired license plate or fuzzy dice in the mirror isn't a death sentence that it can be in some cases," said Councilmember Curtis Jones Jr., who is a co-sponsor of the "Driving Equality Bill."

Jones said the city reviewed 2.8 million stops and found that Philadelphia police pull over a disproportionate number of black drivers for minor violations. Supporters contend the new law would "end traffic stops that promote discrimination while keeping the traffic stops that promote public safety."

The bill now goes to Mayor Jim Kenney, who is expected to sign it into law, after which the police department will have 120 days for training and education before the changes begin.

CALIFORNIA TO BAN GAS-POWERED 'SMALL OFF-ROAD ENGINES' (SORE)

As of 2024, California will ban "small off-road engines" (SORE) primarily used in gas-powered lawn equipment, such as lawnmowers, leaf blowers and chainsaws, in a new law signed by Governor Gavin Newsom.

The legislation, Assembly Bill 1346, will apply not only to fuel-fed lawn equipment, but also to generators and emergency response equipment operated by internal combustion engines (ICE), and "other assorted categories" including golf carts.

AB 1346, authored by Assembly member Marc Berman (D-Menlo Park), directs the California Air Resources Board to adopt regulations by July 2022 that would prohibit the sale of new "small off-road engines" -- a category that includes all gas-powered engines under 25 horsepower -- but does not regulate the use of existing equipment, and includes exceptions for farmers and emergency responders.

According to CARB, there are more small engines in California than cars, 16.5 million vs. 13.7 million, but have not been the subject of regulation and lack adequate pollution control devices.

Soon, all such equipment sold new in California will be required to be zero-emissions; either battery-powered or electric plug-in.

KAWASAKI MOTORCYCLES TO GO FULLY ELECTRIC BY 2035

It seems that all vehicles, including motorcycles, are destined to become battery-powered in the near future. Honda, BMW, as well as Yamaha, have all announced their plans to go full electric by 2050. But for Kawasaki, their self-imposed deadline is coming much sooner, being in 14 years' time, and by 2035 all of their motorcycles sold will be electric-powered.

To help maximize resources and increase management flexibility, Kawasaki Heavy Industries (KHI) has spun off its motorcycle division into the aptly named Kawasaki Motors, which will focus solely on the motorcycle business. KHI, meanwhile, will continue to oversee the company's interests in producing aircraft, ships, industrial equipment, and trains.

"Outdoor leisure activity has been popular during the COVID pandemic," said Yasuhiko Hashimoto, KHI President, adding that "We will strengthen our environmental efforts with our sights set on post-pandemic lifestyles."

These electric motorcycles in the pipeline for 2035 are so far intended for markets in developed nations, like Japan, the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Australia.

HONDA, KTM, PIAGGIO & YAMAHA FORM SWAPPABLE BATTERY CONSORTIUM

Honda, KTM, Piaggio and Yamaha all got together to sign a letter of intent about their EV battery swapping plans, with the project's stated goal being to agree upon a set of shared standards to which all four companies plan to adhere, thus creating the Swappable Batteries Motorcycle Consortium.

Battery standardization has been one of the key stumbling blocks to electrification, but the big issue with battery swapping has always been the cost of the infrastructure. If there are to be enough batteries in circulation, this would require enormous investment by a manufacturer.

If every company used a different battery type, it would be both expensive and wasteful. However, if a battery in a docking station fits multiple bikes, scooters, mopeds and other small machines, it becomes more viable.

The hope is that by working together not only can they share

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costs, thus lowering prices both for the bikes and the infrastructure, but that they can work together to improve battery technology resulting in longer ranges and shorter charging times.

"Honda believes that the widespread adoption of electric motorcycles can play an important part in realizing a more sustainable society. For that purpose, we need to solve several challenges such as extending the range, shortening the charging time and lowering the vehicle and infrastructure costs to enhance convenience for customers," according to Honda Motor Company Limited motorcycle operations chief officer Yoshishige Nomura.

"In the Consortium we have created, the founding members from the motorcycle industry and other stakeholders will work together towards standardizing swappable batteries, their charging systems and surrounding infrastructure to create the environment for their use. Our final goal is to ensure that motorcycles will continue to be chosen as a useful method of transportation in future mobility," Nomura concluded.

MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURERS PLACE ONUS ON IN-DIVIDUALS IN NOISE DEBATE

The ACEM - European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers – has spoken out on the noisy motorcycle debate, issuing its response to growing efforts across the continent to ban bikers from certain routes over complaints motorcycles exude too much noise.

The union, which represents 18 manufacturing companies and 20 national industry associations, is concerned bikers are being unfairly singled out for an issue that is endemic across all road users, saying modern motorcycles don't exceed the permitted decibel levels compared with many four-wheel alternatives.

Interestingly, the ACEM also supports the use of devices that measure noise and issue fines, since it places the onus on the individual potentially abusing the regulations, rather than the industry as a whole.

The debate over noisy motorcycles has stepped up in recent years, with the issue leading to a number of measures being implemented across popular routes throughout Europe. Germany and Austria have been particularly pro-active in introducing rules seemingly aimed specifically at the motorcycle industry, going so far as to ban motorcycles entirely from certain stretches.

However, as the ACEM points out, Euro4 and Euro5 motorcycles are already designed not to exceed the permitted 77dB of noise (on average), but, that said, these machines can be altered by various customization techniques, just as with cars.

With this in mind, the ACEM's position is that manufacturers, the industry in its entirety and every biker shouldn't be unfairly targeted with specific motorcycling bans since the issue comes down to individual practice and can just as easily be mirrored across all modes of transport, thus applicable to all road users or none.

As such, the ACEM has taken the stance of supporting the use of noise pollution devices, despite them coming in for sharp criticism from bikers, so long as the devices are placed in key locations, shifting the onus back onto the individual regardless of machinery - and without using the sweeping brush of preventing all bikers from using certain routes.

PRICES INCREASE ON BIKE PARTS DUE TO RAW MATERIALS SHORTAGES

The world may be getting back on its feet, notwithstanding the ongoing effects of the global pandemic, but the manufacturing sector in particular will surely struggle to go back to normal. With mass lay-offs following months of closure, companies around the world are finding themselves severely undermanned as business begins to open up, and demand increases.

Furthermore, the already problematic shipping container shortage further aggravated by the Suez Canal blockage in March 2021, parts shortages, supply chain breakdowns, and backlogs of cargo ships waiting to dock, continues to present challenges to global trade.

As such, multiple industries -- the motorcycle and automotive industries, particularly -- are experiencing production delays brought about by raw materials shortages, such as with the semiconductors and microchips in recent months. Now, price hikes in materials have hit the tire industry, with

DID YOU KNOW???

Did you know... Old time gray-haired bikers say that riding with your rear pegs down is like asking for another worldly type passenger to ride along with you. Exception is when riding in a funeral procession, the rear pegs should be down so your fallen brother can come along for one last ride. If you believe in ghosts it's good not to buy a bike where the owner died. Superstition says if the ghost sees you riding his bike he will knock you off.

Did you know.... Another superstition says that if your helmet hits the ground your head will soon follow. There is no actual basis for the superstition but maybe dropping your helmet on the ground could alter the integrity of the helmet.

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Did you know...that passports are not printed in any colors except dark green or dark red? Most countries prefer the dark colors because they look more official and won't show dirt and stains as much.

Did you know...the United States Department of Defense purchases the highest number of explosive devices on

earth. The second highest number purchased is for "the happiest place on earth". Disney World... Who requires huge amounts of explosives to awe the many thousands of people that enjoy the nightly fireworks display!

Did you know...For a long time most riders considered green a bad color for motorcycles. It might've started in World War II when Soldiers rode army green bikes to carry messages quickly from place to place. The bikes were often targets for the enemy and hence considered bad luck!

Did you know... as of February 2019 medical marijuana card holders forfeit their right to purchase a firearm. This ruling was in the ninth US circuit court of appeals. Firearms transaction record which every purchaser of a firearm has to fill out is quite clear about this. Section 2 asks, "are you an unlawful user of, or addicted to marijuana or any depressant stimulant, narcotic drugs or any other controlled substance?" Even though marijuana has been legalized either medicinally or recreationally, in many states it still remains illegal under federal law. A gallop poll found that 2/3 of Americans think marijuana should be legal for recreational use. President Trump has repeatedly said that States should be free to set their own marijuana policies.

Did you know...it is impossible to hum while holding your nose? Try it!

Did you know...there is a company that turns dead bodies into ocean reefs? Florida has its own Memorial Reef...cremated remains are mixed with concrete, sealed in a waterproof container, and sunk into the bottom of the ocean, helping to create an artificial reef.

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the cost of producing rubber increasing.

As expenses go up, so do prices across industries, as inflated tire pricing not only affects motorcycles, but costs for heavy industry machinery such as trailers, airplanes, and trucks.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "If you have enough breath to complain about anything, you have more than enough reason to give thanks about something."

~ Mattie J.T. Stepanek (1990-2004), Poet & Peace Advocate

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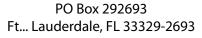






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