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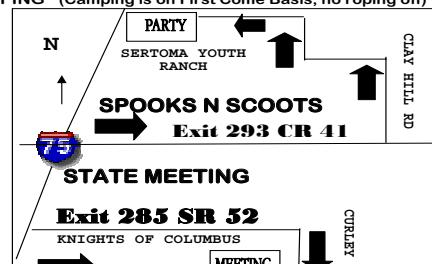
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Thanks if you have already renewed

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Chris Little
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Sue Roman
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President's Message

Jimbo Sherrow

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer riding season and staying safe while out on the roads. However, while we are all soaking up the “dog days” of August, it is easy to forget that the anti-biker crowd in Tallahassee is working hard to come up with ways to take away the rights that ABATE has fought so hard to protect. If we do not keep an eye on



what they are doing now, it is very likely that we could all end up being forced to wear a helmet come this time next summer.

At the ABATE August State Meeting in Cape Coral, our State President and Lobbyist, Doc Reichenbach, informed the membership that he is virtually 100% certain that the anti-choice forces in Tallahassee will introduce a mandatory helmet law at the next legislative session that starts in January 2010. He also told us that given the changing political climate in Tallahassee, there is a very good chance that our opponents will pass a helmet law in 2010 if the biker community does not present a strong and unified opposition. One of the key factors that is working against us right now is that Governor Charlie Crist, who has been a longtime supporter of ABATE and freedom of choice for bikers, is running for the U.S. Senate in 2010, which means that for the first time in over 16 years, we could end up with a governor that does NOT support motorcyclists' rights. So far, the leading candidates to replace him are Bill McCollum, our current Attorney General, who is a Republican, and Alex Sink, our Chief Financial officer, who is a Democrat. Mr. McCollum has already contacted our State President and Lobbyist to express his support for ABATE's issues, and he even tried to come by Doc's house one night to meet him because he happened to be in the area. As for Ms. Sink, we do not know as much about her position on our issues, but rest assured that our lobbyist will try to pin her down as the 2010 legislative session approaches in January.

Because ABATE is a non-profit corporation under state and federal laws, we cannot officially endorse candidates for office, but we can tell the biker community where the various candidates stand on our issues, so that you can make an informed choice of who to support when you cast your ballot. That is one of the main reasons that ABATE pays our lobbyist more than \$50,000.00 per year, and he is the only lobbyist in the capital who works 24/7 to protect YOUR rights as a motorcyclist. Although \$50,000.00 may seem like a lot of money, if ABATE did not raise the funds to have a lobbyist – and a very effective one at that — there is no telling how many anti-biker laws would have been passed in the last 15 years in Florida. When you look at it this way, the \$20.00 cost of an ABATE membership is a small price to pay to insure that your rights are protected and it amazes me that so people who benefit from the work of ABATE each and every time they ride have still not joined the Southeast Chapter. If only half the motorcyclists in Broward joined ABATE, our Chapter membership would probably exceed ten thousand, and there would be no politician in the State who would dare to mess with our rights!

At the State Meeting, Doc also announced that ABATE will be holding its annual Freedom Rights Rally in Tallahassee next year on April 19, 2010. If a helmet law is introduced next year, we will need as many bikers as possible to ride with us to Tallahassee so that our voices can be heard and our representative can see that we are a voting bloc to be reckoned with come election time next fall. The Southeast Chapter is presently the second largest ABATE Chapter in Florida (with just over 600 members), which means that we should have at least the second largest group of bikes at the rally, if not the largest. I will be writing

more about the Freedom Rights Rally in the coming months, so stay tuned for more details, but if you are interested in going, mark it on your calendar NOW and hold the date, since it might be the most important ride you have made since ABATE helped pass the freedom of choice amendment to the helmet law back in 2000.

Finally, although I overlooked this in my column last month, I want to thank our past Chapter President Jimmy Les for all of the hard work that he put into our Chapter for the past three years that he held the position. Being Chapter President can sometimes be like having two full time jobs, and Jimmy deserves a well-earned vacation after all of the hard work he did over the past several years to grow the Chapter and protect YOUR motorcyclists rights. If you happen to see Jimmy out and about — and you should see a more of him having a good time now that he has passed the torch to the new Board — make sure you thank him and buy him cold one or two.

Remember, ABATE is for everyone, no matter what you ride. For more information, check out the Chapter newsletter and the website, or attend one of our monthly meetings. There is no better time than now to get involved. I can also be reached at 954-305-1599.

Ride safe and free, and remember that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance!



S.E. Chapter



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Abate of Florida, Inc.

ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes

Aug. 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:14am by Sgt @ Arms BARS with 70 members, No At-Large members and 2 guests in attendance. Total in attendance: 75. Followed by the Pledge of Alliance, the meeting started with a prayer given by our chaplain; Poppi.

President's Report

Jimbo thanked all our members for coming and introduced our new members Big Wheel and Squeaky have returned as new Life Members. We will need to move the meeting quickly to be finished by 12:00 as the American Legion is having their officer installation today. Whenever we are out and display anything that says ABATE on it, we must act responsibility and respectfully. We had a great time at Christmas in July. Discussion on the upcoming Flashback Party and Spooks and Scoots State Meeting. These are 2 of the best and you do not want to miss them.

Vice-President's Report

Old Hippie reported we attended the 5 Star Event on the West Coast. We had a good showing of support for our other chapters and a great time was had by all. We will be setting up committees for our event in October.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of July's meeting as printed in the newsletter. No correction. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Alice read July's report. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurers report. All in favor, motion passed. Reminder: We have drawing tickets for sale for the bike week Harley giveaway.

Sergeant at Arms Report

BARS acknowledged our old timers who were present at the meeting. It was great to see: Red Dog, S.E. Chapter

Radar, Shadow, Poppi, Chuck, Harry and Poppa Harley. We will need help for our event, we know we all like to have a good time, but we only have 3 events per year which we raise funds to support our chapter. Please volunteer your time as this event is for US.

Road Captain's Report

Chris reported right after today's meeting we will be headed to the Outlaws MC to help celebrate their 42nd Anniversary.

8/23/09 – Wings of Gold Port St. Lucie Annual.

Meeting at the Toad Bar & Grill @ 1130am leaving at 1230pm

8/30/09 – US Military Vets MC Pompano Party.

Meeting at the Legion @ 1130am, leaving at 1230pm.

9/5 & 6/09 – ABATE Flashback Party in Brooksville.

Call Jimbo or Chris for details.

9/12/09- Outcast MC Party. Check the hotline for meeting place and time.

9/13/09 – States MC 16th Annual Key West tune Up Party. Meeting at the Toad Bar & Grill @ 1130am, leaving @ 1230pm

The hotline is updated no later than 700pm every Tuesday night for the weeks announcements and updated as needed for last minute information and changes.

Chris has a new cell number: 954-512-9951 and his e-mail address is: brennanelectricsvc@bellsouth.net As always, check the hotline for updates. 943-310-4636.

Safety Director's Report

Geo reported we learned a lot at the leadership seminars. Additional videos are being put together for the program. If you have any group who will benefit from our MSAP program, please contact him. This year the driver's education schedule will be changing. Classes will be held on Saturdays. This will make it convenient for us as no more mid-week classes will be schedule. The full schedule of classes will be printed in next month's newsletter.

State Reps Report

Chris reported on the State Meeting. Full details are in the Masterlink. Highlights include: By-Law proposal was defeated. Look for a helmet bill and

motorcycle insurance to be a major fight this year. A new permanent standing By-Law committee was announced. Their purpose is to put in place the processes needed to submit a By-Law change and to update the By-Laws. The committee consists of 5 members and 2 co-chairmen. We are proud to announce that Southeast's own Chris Sharpe and Demetrious Kirkiles have been selected as co-chairmen. If you have any suggestions, please contact them.

Products Report

Susan reported we are looking into a different woman's tank top. She will keep us posted on her progress. If you ordered name patches, they are in as well as a supply of pin locks. If you need anything, don't wait until the chapter meeting, just give her a call. Her number is in the newsletter.

Membership Report

George reported we now have 601 members. Life Member Cards were received for: Sergio Pontillo, William Frazier, Brad Winston, Patti Dollard and Fern Cameron. Also Alan (Big Wheel) Loper and William (Squeaky) Ball transferred back to the chapter as Life Members. If you know of anyone on the list in the newsletter who has not renewed, please get them to renew. Remember, when filling out the application form, PLEASE WRITE OR PRINT LEGIBALLY.

Newsletter Editor

Suzanne thanked all the members who gave contributions to this month's newsletter. If you have any articles of interest please get them to her no later than Wednesday 8/19/09. Please patronize our advertisers and let them know you saw their ad in our newsletter. The classified section of the newsletter is free to our members. If you have anything you want to sell, please give her the information.

Legislative Report

Old Hippy reported to watch out for the helmet law which will most likely be on the agenda this year. The mandatory seat belt law went in because the state did not want to lose over 35 million dollars in Federal Highway Funding. So watch this issue closely as they

can do this again with a helmet law. Do you think the State of Florida will give up Federal revenue so we can have our freedom of choice? Good news is deaths on motorcycles while not wearing a helmet have decreased year over year in relationship to the number of registered motorcycles and miles ridden.

Public Relations

Marjorie reported she is still working on a relationship with the sport bike riders. We are 1 motorcycle community and ABATE fights for all motorcyclists. It does not matter what you ride. When ever we are at a clubhouse or event, please act responsibility and with respect for our hosts.

Advertising

Hope reported she got the bills out but we need more advertisers. No matter where you go ask them to take out an ad. If they need they ad designed, Wildcat will be more than happy to accommodate them. Business card ads are very reasonable and are the best bang for the buck. We have a distribution over 1600 copies per month. A great job has been done by all in the distribution of our newsletter.

Events Coordinator

Shaky Bob reported we have a tentative contract for our event. A few minor details are being worked out with our Legal council Demetrious. Princess Sharon donated the ¼ cups and lids to the event. Once the contract is finalized we will announce where it will be held.

Social Directors Report

Karin reported this month's party will be next Saturday 8/22/09 at Lukes "It's on the way home" starting around 7:00pm. Please come out and celebrate with those whose birthday's fall in August. September's birthday part will be at Texas Rose on 9/26/09. This is tentative. Check the hotline for updated information. As always, if you want your birthday recognized, please contact her.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob Anz reported there was no report.

Photographer's Report

Axman was not present. Reminder: Check out his web-site www.axmanpictures.com where you can purchase high quality framed prints for only \$10.00 or for a measly \$3.00 you can get a high quality download.

Web-Master's Report

Ricky Mouse reported we now have a link on our web-site to our advertisers. You can click on the link and you will get the ad which is in the newsletter. We are still working on the issues with our e-mail. This should be fixed shortly. Please provide him feedback and suggestions. Please send him any legal updates so he can post them. Web address is: www.abatese.org

Trash master's Report

Trash pick up is scheduled for 9/26/09. We will meet at the VFW on Griffin Rd at 800am. Come on out as many hands make for little work. A vote of confidence was called for Commander Louis in becoming Assistant Trashmaster. All in favor. Thank you Louis for stepping up to assist.

Old Business

Discussion on having 50/50 drawings at our monthly birthday parties tabled until legal information is received by our legal council.

New Business

A motion was made, seconded to move next month's chapter meeting. All in favor. However, the legion is not available for the date we need. Motion rescinded and our next chapter meeting will be on the original scheduled date of 9/20/09.

Rick asked if the board can look into prices for advertising on bus benches or on busses with the possibility of getting sponsorship to help defray the cost. The board will look into and advise.

Good of the order

Please respect the Legions rules. The meeting room is Non-Smoking. If you wish to smoke, please step outside. Terri printed new membership applications for us. Thank you Terri. Shadow advised there are Memorial Plaques for our fallen brothers at Holiday

Park. If you are out there stop and pay your respects and if the area is in disarray (cans, weeds etc.), please take a moment to clean it up.

Chris reported a really good band is back and will be playing at Mickey's next Saturday 8/22/09. So come out and see the "Fill-Ins". Marti reported the Legion will be having a Dolphins Season Party on 9/13/09. If you wish to become a member of the Legion, Auxiliary or SAL (Sons of the Legion), please see any Legion member. If you pay your dues by 10/2/09 there will be a free spaghetti dinner cooked by her on 10/20/09. They are also wanting to get the Legion Rider's program back up and running. So become a member and support the Legion as they have been a huge supporter of our chapter.

Commander Louis reported on the Moto Madness event to be held at Land Shark Stadium. This should be a great event and we will be allowed to have our membership and safety booth at the park. Also there is a chance depending on how many members show up to actually ride their bikes around the inside of the stadium. This event will be on Saturday August 29, 2009 at 610PM. Please check the hotline for meeting place and time.

A motion was called for and seconded to adjourn, all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38am

These minutes are summarized and respectfully submitted

Paul A. Melcer

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VICE Prez's Page

We have had a rather hot summer and we are moving in to the height of the Hurricane season, which we hope they continue to keep their distance from us.

Now is vacation time for many of us and we need to be more careful if we are planning to drive or ride to where we plan on taking that much needed rest.

This is also would be a good time to get ourselves reacquainted with our elected officials. Remember they do work for us, even though sometimes that is debatable. Here is the site that will tell you who they are if you don't already know:

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Or follow the link at <http://www.abateflorida.com/>.

Here is also the 2010 schedule and you can see that Committee meetings are starting coming up real soon.

August 1, 2009	Deadline for filing claim bills
October 5-9	Committee Meetings
November 2-6	Committee Meetings
December 7-11	Committee Meetings
March 2, 2010	Regular Session convenes, deadline for filing bills for introduction
April 20	Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings
April 30	last day of Regular Session

We the helmet law changes no doubt being look at in those committees we need to start to reach out to our officials to start and keep a good line of communications with them.

Enough for now... I need to hop on the "other woman" and go for a ride

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OldHippy





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Old Hippy's Corner

Let's see... where to begin??

There are a lot of talk about with the changes coming up and some of them that will have effect on the all of us as far as our freedom are concerned and we all need to keep up on them.

You can bet your ass that after the primary seat belt law was passed they are taking aim at the helmet law in the up coming session.

There were some local people that help seat belt law along like State Sen. Nancy Rich, D-Sunrise Sen. Nan Rich, D-Weston. This bill dubbed the Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt Law, for two teens who **were not** wearing seat belts when they died in traffic crashes. Marchetti, of Brandon, died in March 2006, in a crash along Interstate 75. She was 16.

Interesting that after former Rep. Irv Slosberg of Boca Raton (father of Dori) has tried in the past years to have it passed, it really gained momentum this past session because this is the last year Florida is eligible to draw **\$35.5 million in federal highway safety funds** by passing a stricter seat belt law.

See where I'm going with this??

All it would take is for the fed's to dangle a carrot in front of them to get this going. We need to keep our lines open with all our elected official to let them know that money is not a good reason to take away our freedom of choice especially after the percentage of fatalities per riders / miles driven has gone down according to Florida Transportation study dated March 2009 since the helmet laws was changed in 2000.

A lot of my philosophy is logic based and I try to use this on why things are the way they are. When things are said or are proposed to me, one of things that has bugged the crap out of me for some time is the logic behind tolls that has basically been unfair to motorcycle riders. Tolls are supposed to supplement the gas tax for maintenance and road projects, right?

We pay the same amount for tolls as a 6,000lb pick up that has more weight and that has more surface area with one tire on the asphalt than both mine put together. This also applies if you also haul a trailers with you bike. This just doesn't make any sense to me at all! I rode out to the 5 star event in

North Ft. Myers a while back across the alley, my bike was in a groove that was dug into the pavement, definitely not put there by a motorcycle, and I swear it was over 20 miles long! The way I see it, we, as riders are cutting down on the wear and tear of the surface and paying more than our share of the maintenance cost for the roads. IT'S JUST NOT FAIR!!

Next thing that is coming up is the gas tax. The lawmakers have already has figured out that with the move for better fuel economy for vehicles, like we have enjoyed on our rides, that they will be getting less money from the gas tax. They will make less money per mile than before and because in these times the public outcry over additional tax to make up the difference would not go very well when election time comes around. They are testing a system where you would be charged by how many miles you drive and this will be done by way of a contraption hooked up in your vehicle that will record mileage driven; paying tax on that instead of being taxed by the gallon of fuel you burn. Sounds logical right? I have a couple of problems with this concept: a) It is suppose to remove the gas per gallon tax, but do we all trust the Government to eliminate the tax and not bring it back in some form later, right? (**Not me**) .b) with this so called device installed in the vehicle: they stated that it is NOT a tracking device. Again I somehow have reservations on that statement.

Speaking of tracking.....The technology is already there and I heard it has been demonstrated to a point at a bike rally where each ticket had a strip embedded in it where anywhere you walked in the event you can have you picture taken (if you like) without you knowing it ..They had the ability to track anybody by something a small as an onion peel embedded in the ticket and towers where set up around the property with guys with cameras that can track you and take your picture anywhere you went at the event. Now who is to say that is not already being done, like in your current or next license plate sticker, plus with all the anti-terrorist and anti-organized crime acts that are out there who's to say if it is not in place and in use right now. Makes you think!

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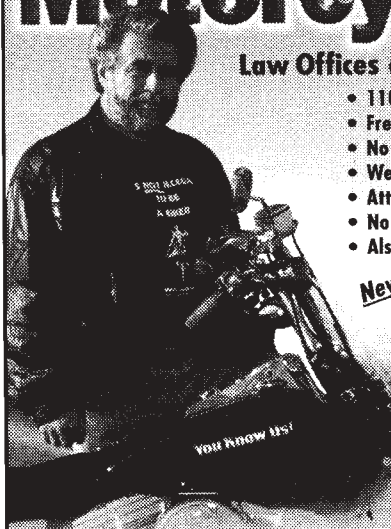
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The Birthday Party for Sept. 2009 will be at The Texas Rose Saloon on Sept. 26th, the band TBA. We'll meet at the same time as always between 7-8pm and for directions listen to the hotline please. I hope to see everybody there and have a wonderful Birthday to everyone below!



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SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

“Geo” Bograkos

First of all, the new email address for Safety Director is safetyabatase@gmail.com
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Last month, on behalf of our Chapter, I had the opportunity to travel to Deland to attend the Abate of Florida Leadership Seminars with several other Abate Officers & Directors.

It was a very informative weekend and we all were able to pick up some new ideas to motivate us and help us be better at what we do on behalf of our Chapter.

During the Safety Seminar, Tom Nugent, Abate's new State Safety Director provided us with new material for us to incorporate into our current MSAP program.

There are new statistics, new videos and newer, more “graphic” visual materials. I was able to download these videos and material into my laptop before I left the seminars. We are now in the process of creating a single DVD containing this material for all of us to use when we present our programs here.
Hopefully, we will have this ready soon.

Kyle Dailey, Curriculum Specialist, Educational Programs, who heads up the Broward County School District Drivers Education Program, provided me with a link to their website where you can see a list of the upcoming class schedules. The new schedule has classes being offered on Saturdays starting on September 12th. All of our MSAP Instructors and those who have indicated they wish to become instructors can see the schedule now on the BCSD website. <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/k12programs/driverseducation>

All classes are now held every Saturday starting Sept. 12th, so that many of you who could not teach weekday daytime classes, but who still wish to teach MSAP classes, can now do so. Take a look at the schedule and let me know when you might be available.

High School Drivers Education classes are not the only venue for presenting the MSAP program. We want to be available to present the MSAP to other organizations who might be interested: Homeowners Associations,

membership groups, etc. Any audience who drives can benefit from seeing this presentation and seeing it just might save a life. If you are a member of any such organization, please see if this presentation would be welcomed by and appropriate for your group and let us know.

Motorcycle events are always a great way to get out our Safety message as well as recruit new members. On Saturday, August 29th, we have been invited to set up a table at the Marlins game as part of their Moto-Madness event. “Trike” George, our Membership Director, will be coming down along with several Safety Team members to man the table during this event. We will be passing out literature; ABATE membership applications, key chains, signs and bumper stickers, etc.

This is a huge opportunity for us to reach out to the biker community.

If you are interested in becoming a certified MSAP Instructor, please call, email or see me at a meeting or event.

As I mentioned before, my goal is to get anyone who is interested on a fast track to becoming certified and quickly earn their instructors patch.

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Please contact me if you are interested.

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- 18-20 - Phil Peterson's 37th Annual Key West Poker Run
- 27 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & Party

OCTOBER

- *4 - *Mystic Seven MC Annual*
- 11 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
- 15-18 - Daytona Biketoberfest
- 18 - Keltics MC Miami Party ← DATE CHANGE
- 24 - WOTR 10th Anniversary Party at Mickeys
- 25 - SE ABATE 29th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally
- 31 - Wheels of Man MC 36th Annual Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

- *1 - *Alternative Ft. Laud. MC Annual*
- *8 - *USM/ MC National 22nd Annual*
- 14 - Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach Party
- 15 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach Party
- 22 - CMA Memorial Event
- 22 - Heaven Cycles 32nd Anniversary Party ← DATE CHANGE

DECEMBER

- *6 - *22nd Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run*
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Liberty Motorcycle Association

7230 NW 70th Street, Miami, FL 33126

August 17, 2009

Five years ago (2005) a formal chapter of Latin American Motorcycle Association (LAMA) was established in the Miami, Florida area where it expanded and established many charitable works, supported others and although sometimes with some trepidations along the way, it became a staple within the motorcycling community. It is therefore with much sorrow that after so much work has been put forth to establish this organization within our community by its members, that we found ourselves within a conflictive situation that forced our succession from it.

This press release is being issued in the hopes of explaining the choice (a vote by members after a lengthy discussion) of the former members of the LAMA Miami Chapter, approximately eighty (80) members in total, to leave the organization of LAMA. From that group a new motorcycle association, Liberty Motorcycle Association, has been organized, which has kept and will keep all the former organization's charitable work, commitments and general operations intact.

Approximately one month ago, a then member of LAMA, was surfing the internet and came upon photographs displayed on the Habana Cuba LAMA website <http://lamahabana.synthasite.com> or click <http://albums.phanfare.com/4872354/3730340#imageID=66122606> which showed a ride to Santa Clara, a city in Cuba, which included the Founder and International President of LAMA, Mario Nieves depicted in what we considered disturbing, politically motivated poses.

The ride pictures depicted several scenes (please note attached photographs and comments) which we considered political in nature. This was against the by-laws of the organization, very offensive to the Cuban community of South Florida in general, disturbingly offensive to many of the members of our chapter and incredibly offensive to a few of the members who have actually served time as political

prisoners, or have had their families directly affected by the Castro regime in particular.

From the pictures depicted, in particular the one that showed Mario Nieves at the Che Guevarra memorial statue in Santa Clara, effectively considered "Red Square" for the area, posing with a left fist in the air and other materials in kind, we each made a personal determination that the organization's political actions, although (Mario Nieves has stated, to us that he is not a communist sympathizer), did not coincide in any manner with our personal moralities and views on the matter and we made the decision to leave LAMA.

We would also further clarify that our group was and is not composed exclusively of anti-communist regime exiled Cubans, but of many nationalities which have one thing in common; we feel that it is a privilege to live in this country and we feel it is the duty of everyone living here to defend against ideologies that would do it harm or wish its demise in any manner.

We have since made it known throughout the motorcycling community the decision we have taken and received overwhelming approval and support for our actions. We have also taken all the steps necessary for the establishment of our new organization and along with the support of the rest of the motorcycling community, we expect to remain within it, serving and supporting the entire South Florida community, and beyond, for years to come. Our goal of making a positive impact for all involved will remain the same.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please feel encouraged to contact us, or me, Rene John Sardina, President of the Liberty Motorcycle Association, at the above noted address (our clubhouse) and/or my personal telephone number (786-486-6066) if you have any questions or wish further clarification on our views.

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**MULTI-FACETED MOTORCYCLE BILL ENACTED
IN TEXAS**

Senate Bill 1967, authored by Texas State Senator John Carona (R-Dallas) and sponsored by Representative Norma “Da’ Lady” Chavez (D-El Paso), introduces many motorcycle-related changes in the Lone Star State.

Included in the bill are 1) funding by Texas Department of Transportation for a public awareness campaign to promote motorcyclist safety and the concept of sharing the road with motorcyclists; 2) changes to the definition of a motorcycle to include certain enclosed three-wheeled passenger vehicles; 3) changes to the licensing requirements for enclosed three-wheeled passenger vehicles; 4) a requirement for all applicants for a motorcycle license or endorsement on a regular or commercial driver’s license to provide proof of successful completion of a basic motorcycle operator training course; 5) penalties for failure to yield the right-of-way violations resulting in bodily injury range from \$500 to \$2,000 while those resulting in serious bodily injury range from \$1,000 to \$4,000; 6) a prohibition against stopping or detaining a motorcycle operator or passenger solely to determine whether the person has successfully completed a motorcycle operator training and safety course or is covered by a health insurance plan; 7) a requirement for the Department of Transportation to develop a standard of proof of health insurance coverage for adult motorcycle operators and passengers; and 8) a requirement that all driver education courses or driving safety courses include information on motorcycle awareness, dangers of failure to yield the right-of-way to motorcyclists, and the need to share the road with motorcyclists.

Governor Rick Perry signed the bill into law on June 19; it becomes effective September 1, 2009.

“We made history, Warriors,” exclaimed Sputnik, State Chairman of the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association (TMRA-II) and Chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF). “We owe Da’ Lady and her entire staff a huge debt of gratitude for all the work they did for riders this session.”

MISSOURI RIDERS SEEING RED

For most drivers, red means stop. But if you’re riding a motorcycle or a bicycle in Missouri, it will soon mean stop, but only sort of. A new Missouri law that takes effect Aug. 28 allows motorcycle and bike riders to run red lights, but only if they stop first and the signal remains red for an “unreasonable time.”

Missouri will join a growing number of states that have enacted similar laws, which are intended to address occasions when motorcycles or bikes aren’t detected by traffic signal sensors in the road. Many traffic signals are triggered by a magnetic reaction coupled with wires embedded in the pavement. The wires are sized in such a way that they are more likely to be tripped by a car or truck, but some motorcycles and bikes tend not to trip the signal because they have less mass and are made with parts that aren’t attracted to a magnet.

In cities with intersections patrolled by red-light cameras, when a picture is taken of a red-light runner, police should be able to apply the law by looking at video of the possible violation, and if a rider does get a ticket the new law will provide a defense.

Missouri is the eighth state to pass this kind of law since 2002, and three other states considered similar legislation this year.

**NY STATE POLICE SUED OVER MOTORCYCLE-
ONLY ROADBLOCKS**

Upstate New York has earned a reputation as the speeding ticket capital of the country, but even with overeager state troopers patrolling the highways, motorcyclists feel singled out by law enforcement. That’s why one rider/attorney is taking the state police, along with county and state officials to court.

According to legal documents filed by Mitch Proner, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) Attorney for New York, the state’s institution of roadblocks exclusively for motorcyclists is unconstitutional: the motorcyclist and personal injury lawyer claims that without justifiable cause, the checkpoints infringe on riders’ First Amendment rights to freedom of assembly and association and their Fourth Amendment right to freedom from unreasonable search and seizure.

For nearly two years now, the New York State Police (NYSP) have been conducting highway roadblocks diverting only motorcyclists from the state's roadways to perform "safety checks". According to ABATE of New York, "Since motorcycles operated in New York are already required to pass annual safety inspections, the current NYSP initiative continues to serve only to harass, intimidate and inconvenience motorcyclists traveling upon the state's roadways. Further, motorcycle-only roadblocks of this nature are a discriminatory and unconstitutional infringement upon an individual's right to travel without interference, and an abuse of discretionary power as acknowledged by the New York State Court of Appeals."

Proner told Autoblog.com that he is filing the federal class action suit at the Federal Court for the Northern District of New York on behalf of his fellow riders. ABATE of New York has pledged support of the class-action initiative brought on behalf of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM).

CITIES MUFFLE MOTORCYCLE NOISE

Many state legislatures and city councils are making lots of noise about motorcycles, with new ordinances popping up across the country to silence loud exhausts. "Loud Pipes Save Lives" has been a biker mantra for years, but politicians spurred by citizen complaints have discovered new ways to muffle unwanted exhaust tones.

The Albuquerque City Council voted 6-3 earlier this month to approve an ordinance making revving of motorcycle engines downtown a vehicle nuisance. Amending Section 7-10-3 ROA 1994, The Vehicle Nuisance Ordinance now reads: "It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in exhibition driving in the Downtown Quiet Zone by operating a vehicle in a manner that willfully creates excessive engine noise because of revving the engine to magnify the engine noise."

Bikers blasting through East Greenwich, Rhode Island may want to steer clear of town if their exhaust systems aren't the proper match for their bikes. The Town Council unanimously passed an emergency ordinance in late July allowing the police to pull over and levy fines on bikers if the noise-rating data stamped into the chrome of their exhaust doesn't match

the label on the bike frame. Modified exhaust systems are outlawed.

The ordinance, now in effect, provides for fines \$500 for the first offense, and jumps to \$700 the second time and \$1,000 for the third and each subsequent violation. Buddy Cardoso, president of the Rhode Island Motorcycle Association, who said his group supports courteous riding, inquired that if the labels have to match, "What do you do, throw away the motorcycle if the exhaust wears out?" Owners of other vehicles are allowed to use after-market exhaust systems, and it is unfair to single out bikers, he said.

In West Virginia, the Charleston City Council let it be known loud and clear that nuisance noise will not be tolerated, and unanimously passed an ordinance on August 17 to crack down on loud music, barking dogs and revving of car and motorcycle engines in residential areas, with fines up to \$250.

In an attempt to silence community concerns regarding excessive motorcycle exhaust sound, the Boston City Council fast-tracked enactment of Docket 0658 on June 3, 2009. The new ordinance mandates that all on-highway motorcycles built after December 31, 1982 must have either OEM (original equipment manufacturer) or aftermarket exhaust systems that comply with the US EPA labeling provision in the Code of Federal Regulations. Violations will result in a \$300 fine.

Earlier this year in California a bill was held over that would have required periodic emissions testing for 2000-and-newer on-road motorcycles in an effort to make aftermarket exhaust systems illegal if they do not comply with EPA labeling.

Meanwhile, the Motorcycle Industry Council has teamed with the Society of Automotive Engineers International (SAE) to produce a stationary roadside sound test standard that can be used to determine whether a streetbike exhaust system emits excessive sound. "The new SAE standard provides a much-needed alternative to outright bans, restrictions and sound test standards that vary state to state and city to city, frustrating riders, exhaust system manufacturers, and municipal governments alike," said MIC President Tim Buche.

ANTI-BIKER LAWS UNITING MOTORCYCLE CLUBS

Designed to dismantle “Bikie Gangs”, South Australia’s recently adopted anti-biker legislation appears to be having the reverse effect - serving to unite rival clubs.

Gypsy Jokers, Hells Angels, Rebels, Finks and Descendents motorcycle club members are coming together in protest against the Serious and Organised Crime Control Act, which came into effect in June last year. The Act is described by the Government as being the toughest law of its kind in the world, and is intended to disrupt biker “gangs” by declaring membership or association with outlawed clubs illegal.

The Act also includes new charges, which carry up to 10 years jail, for bikie club members and their associates who engage in group violence.

Hundreds of members of rival clubs participated in a Freedom of Association Protest Poker Run, and as if that wasn’t a defiant enough show of unity, a group of motorcycling enthusiasts, including members of opposing clubs, are only a few application process steps away from forming a legitimate political party.

The unlikely alliance, known as the FREE Australia Party, hopes to hit South Australia’s premier where it hurts - in parliament.

The party’s leader, Paul Kuhn - a committee member of the Motorcycle Riders Association of SA and a Justice of the Peace - said the group was formed because of deep concern anyone associated with a member of a club would be found guilty under the law.

“The Government is now controlling and dictating relationships,” he said. Kuhn is not the only member of the public questioning the civil liberties said to be lost under the Act. The SA Law Society, the SA Council of Social Services, various Aboriginal groups, the Greens and the Australian Democrats have all voiced concern about the legislation.

A member of the Gypsy Jokers MC told the press services that the unified event proves that bikie clubs could get along,

despite what the Government was trying to show. “These laws have brought the clubs together,” he said.

WEIRD NEWS: TURKEY GOES WILD OVER BIKERS

Freddy the turkey, the famous and notorious foul who trotted around town much to the delight of Easton, Massachusetts residents, met his demise this month after becoming a menace to motorcyclists.

The wild turkey wandered out of the woods and became a common sight and mascot in the Five Corners area, where he ruled the roost and was often seen gobbling up bargains at the local stores and strutting across busy streets like he was on parade.

But the gadabout gobbler went from docile dollar-store shopper to motorcycle menace over the past few months, prompting police to put him down. “Things had really gotten nasty,” said Police Chief Allen R. Krajcik. “We were thankful there had been no accidents yet. It was only a matter of time before something happened.”

Police began receiving calls and e-mails from motorcyclists asking whether police were waiting for an accident before taking action. “One motorcyclist told police that the bird flew at his face with his feet forward to attack him,” the chief told the local newspaper. To escape, the driver drove through a red light, narrowly avoiding an accident. Similar attacks had been reported in increasing numbers, and like other repeat offenders Freddy was racking up a long record of dangerous activity, victimizing mostly motorcyclists.

Meanwhile, police stood by their actions, saying they initially intended to capture the turkey and relocate it to a less populated environment. But the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife advised against it, saying the turkey could introduce diseases to its new habitat, and advised euthanizing it, according to Chief Krajcik.

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