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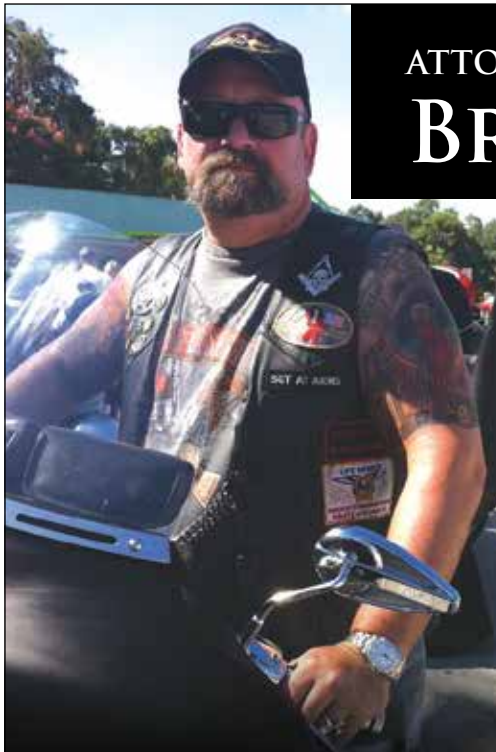
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ABATE is American Bikers Aimed Towards Education.
ABATE was originally founded by Lou Chimney of California.
The Concept has since spread across the nation.

GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

- To provide a newsletter to keep all bikers informed regarding legislative actions and events around our state and through out our country.
- To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclist rights.
- To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.
- To promote safe riding habits without infringing on the individual rights. To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.
- To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of FLORIDA, Inc. on the state and national level.

HOW DOES ABATE ACCOMPLISH ITS GOALS?

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit, grassroots political corporation composed of local chapters that have been organized by motorcyclists, to promote a positive image through local, civic, and charitable and benevolent causes; pooling resources for the common benefit of the members promoting political awareness. ABATE exists to monitor legislation and testifies in your behalf during Senate and House hearings. ABATE collects, processes, and exchanges information that may concern you or substantiate our views and places it in your hands through a newsletter or by other means

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ABATE has gained a positive and respected position in Tallahassee. Because of our Lobbyist and Legislative efforts, State Representatives are aware of ABATE members and our vigilant quest. ABATE reminds travelers every day to "Look Twice Save a Life, Motorcycles are everywhere"

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PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

The Summer heat is in full effect and the fun in the sun is only just the beginning. Our SE Chapter and its collaborative efforts to bring new ideas for membership participation has increased.

August 17th, SE Chapter, will be, for the first time in many years, returning to the American Legion Post 321 in Cooper City for our monthly chapter meeting. This is an effort to reconnect with our Chapter's history at this location. Our patch is even embedded in the back bar which provides some sense of Home. SE Chapter is always looking to increase participation in our monthly meetings and we are hoping that this location change will generate renewed interest from existing members, to attracting new members from our Southernmost to Dade county to come up and get involved with our new agendas.

Post 321 will be serving breakfast during our scheduled time slot of 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The meeting will typically begin at 10 a.m. and run for 1 hour. Our Public Relations Trustee is also part of a riding group, and through that group will be post a ride that will take place after our Chapter meetings. This adds a little more excitement and bonding with each other as well as sharing the passion of what this is all about - riding our motorcycles!

Next on the list is the expansion of SE Chapter into Dade County, as our current territory is from the southernmost Keys to Dade and Broward Counties. Our core membership has always been in the strength of Broward, but as the community continues to grow strong, Dade County motorcyclists have shown inquired interest in ABATE of Florida achievements and education. Therefore, to better evolve our membership, motorcycling events, advertising, and sponsorships. Southeast Chapter is going to temporarily begin a new division that we will refer to as ABATE SE 305.

All Membership and State recognition will still remain Abate of Florida Inc. Southeast Chapter. All

the current executive board members will remain the same, but this division will allow participants from our Dade membership. a chance to interact and integrate ideas that will connect more of the Miami culture to our overall organization and by also giving Dade county a little taste of its own ABATE SE 305.

When building Great success, sometimes you must take a chance, and in business great success is built upon taking a chance. My thoughts being that one day this division could possibly sustain itself and become its own chapter. Many moons ago ABATE of Florida was strong throughout the state of Fl. Having 39 active chapters but as the years have been long, we continue to advocate our success thru 15 chapters that represent motorcycle rights and safety awareness through the state of Florida.

Lastly, Southeast Chapter has an opportunity to start being more involved with sponsoring its own "Bike Nights". The Chapter has proven relationships with a few motorcycle friendly local bars and restaurants that would allow us to showcase our Chapter's wide variety of relationships of local motorcyclists that would be willing to come out and participate with a sponsored event presented by Southeast Chapter. Thus, giving the community another great monthly event to look forward to and most importantly, another venue for Southeast Chapter to get out there and do what we do best. Advocating on behalf of all motorcyclists in the State of Florida that together we can be heard and safely make a difference in our motorcycling community.



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changes.



Vice **PRESIDENT**



Last month we went to the ABATE Leadership seminars. This was for all the Board members and the Trustees for all the chapters in the state, especially the new ones. This is important to make sure that everyone knows what is required for

them to do, for the jobs they have volunteered for. That way, we can all be in compliance with the rules and regulations that we need for our not-for-profit organization. It was pretty cool when we weren't in the meetings, as we were able to hang out with our ABATE brothers and sisters from all around the state.

With that being said, the pool at the seminars was used a lot. This has been one of the hottest summers I've experienced in a while. I just want to remind everybody to stay hydrated, keep yourself cool, we want everyone healthy and well. And don't forget to give some love to your bike, which can also keep you healthy. Don't forget to check your tire pressure because it changes with the seasons from hot to cold.

Don't forget to check your rear-view mirror when you are riding. That way, you have an out, in case somebody decides to come into your lane because they didn't see you, because they were on their phone or just being a general knucklehead. Always keep an eye out for debris in your lane or anywhere on the road. Just be safe out there. I like you all and even love some of you. It just sucks sometimes because what we love to do is so freaking dangerous, and it shouldn't be that way. Something minor that happens in a car, like running over a road gator (tire shred) can be major if a motorcycle runs over it. That's all I got for now.

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!

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JULY 20, 2025

Ace called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., and there were 36 members, and 2 guests present. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a prayer, by Bear.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – LOUIS "OB":

OB welcomed everyone and some of the groups, BACA, Legion Riders, and a group of ABATE brothers and sisters from Lagoon Chapter. Our 45th Annual will be October 12th at Big Dawgs in Pembroke Pines.

Our August meeting will be at American Legion Post 321, from 9:30am-noon, meeting starting at 10am, and breakfast will be served. We used to meet there years ago, and we think it will be good as a more central location and hope more of our Miami members will come and join us. Our territory is from Key West to Hillsboro Boulevard, then Palm Beach Chapter takes it from there. We have some of our SE 305 members here, JP, Ace, Benji, and Rachel, who are helping spread the message in the south. SE 305 is the name we give to them, but all are still Southeast Chapter.

We have a new advertiser, Law Tigers, which only does motorcycle injury cases, and will not be competition with our other great lawyer advertisers and members, Brad Winston and Gabe Carrera.

OB spoke of the Phoenix Teddy Bear Ride that he went on yesterday, where many riders took teddy bears down to the Sunrise Police Department to give to children who have faced trauma. Phoenix Riders is a riding group that

rides for a cause, charity rides for children's hospitals and cancer patients.

Finally, it is one year in August that our beloved Troy passed. He was the Vice President and Road Captain when Johnny Rose was President. We have a card going around for all to sign, that we will send to his mother, along with some flowers.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JOHNNY:

Johnny spoke about the ABATE of Florida Leadership Seminars that many of us attended last weekend. He said he has been going for many years now, but it is always a good thing to learn what's going on, but also to hang out and exchange ideas with the other chapters around the State.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – ROSS "ROSCOE":

Roscoe was excused; Dreamer filled in. Requested Motion to approve minutes from last meeting, motioned, second, approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – SHEILA:

Gave report of Checking and Savings.

Motion requested for approval of the Treasurer's report, second, approved.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT – ERIC "ACE":

Ace spoke about the Phoenix Riders Teddy Bear Ride, that he also participated in, along with Benji. It was a great time for a great cause. He is also looking forward to doing great things with SE 305.

Road Captain's Report – Martin "Hunter":

Some upcoming events are:

Saturday, July 26th,

Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook Off

Sunday, August 3rd, Mickey's South

Grand Opening 1pm

Sunday, August 10th,

AOA MC 58th Anniversary Party

Saturday, August 30th,

Fly-In Wheels Off Annual

Sunday, August 24th,

Scurvy Few MC Annual

Saturday, September 6th,

Cacique RC Annual

Sunday, September 14th,

States MC Tune-Up Party

Saturday, September 27th,

Old Timers MC Annual

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – BRUCE "POET":

Poet said it was a pretty good month. He spoke about the Leadership Seminars, which he enjoyed. For MSAP, he is speaking to Johnny Rose so he, and some others, can do the second training on this, to get us closer to having our members MSAP* certified. He has some Safety Booths coming up, a Luau party at Peterson's Harley Davidson on July 26th, Harleys after Dark on July 31st at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson, Pancakes and Pro Tips at Alligator Alley on August 2nd, and Bike Night at Cycle Gear on August 12th. Please come out, Safety Booths are a lot of fun, and you get to meet a lot of new people.

*In case you don't know what MSAP is. ABATE of Florida, Inc. created the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program (MSAP) to educate the public on motorcycle safety to help prevent motorcycle crashes and fatalities. The program's goal is to educate participants on how to safely share the road with motorcyclists.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT -

JOHNNY AND MARTIN "HUNTER":

Hunter spoke. He said the State is looking to have a

State party, an over 21 party, and looking at 2 different venues that are promising, more on that to come later. He asked all to sign up for COIR (Council of Informed Riders) <https://nationalcoir.org/>. The membership is free and comes with free \$3,500 AD&D insurance. You should also look into MRF (Motorcycle Rights Foundation) <https://www.mrf.org/>. There is a small annual membership fee, but they you also get \$4,000 AD&D insurance. Most importantly, is that if you join either, you get emails about what is going on nationally for motorcyclists and how you can help.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad was excused. Dreamer spoke about building relationships with our elected officials from federal to state to local levels. She also stated that she has reached out to get a copy of a survey that is used in another state so we can review it. This survey is used to determine the level of support elected officials and candidates have towards the motorcycle community and our rights. In the meantime, she will begin reaching out to our elected officials and did request a member or members from Miami-Dade lead up to do the same there. She will make appointments to see them in their local offices having a conversation and making them aware of who A.B.A.T.E of Florida is and some of the work we have done. Please email Dreamer and she will help you with this, and she will be happy to visit with you.

LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad is excused.

PRODUCTS REPORT – SANDY:

Sandy spoke and said she is going to get a good inventory of all of our products, and if anyone needs anything, to please reach out.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA:

Sheila read the membership report. There was conversation about how it is sometimes more difficult to get renewals than it is to get new members.

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EVENTS COORDINATOR – HOLLIE “DREAMER”:

Dreamer let us know that our October Annual will be at Big Dawgs on October 12th, to please start getting door prize. She is open to any and all ideas, especially if you would like to suggest a place for our January Semi-Annual, maybe closer to the Broward-Miami Dade border, so we can get more people from the south.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – ADA::

Ada let us know that this will be her last year as Newsletter Editor and Photographer. If anyone is interested in these positions, you have 11 months to get with Ada to learn, especially the newsletter. She has done it for many, many, many years, but this will be her last.

Please EMAIL all articles and photos to

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NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – LOUIS “OB”:

Distribution is going well.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – MARELYS LAZO:

Marelys is excused.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR – DAWNE “THUNDER”:

Thunder is excused.

BILLING AND INVOICING – SHEILA:

Sheila said we have four new full-page advertisers, so be on the lookout for them in the September newsletter. Please support our advertisers and let them know you saw their ad in our newsletter. We haven't raised our rates in at least 10 years, and our rates are very reasonable.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – BARRY “BEAR”:

Bear let us know he brought a birthday cake for all the July birthdays for after the meeting.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT – BRUCE “POET”:

Poet met with the quarters, and they remain intact.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT – ADA:

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WEBMASTER'S REPORT – ERIK SADOFF:

Erik let us know the website is up to date. He will start including the Monthly Meeting Minutes in a separate link on the website, but they are also included in the newsletter, that is posted every month.

CHAPLAIN – BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:

Pray for Teddy Bear, a 30+ year member, is recently out of the hospital and recovering in a rehab center. He would love visitors, reach out to Hollie “Dreamer” for info. Please pray for OB's family, as his aunt recently passed. Please pray for Pixie's dad who is not doing well.

OLD BUSINESS:

The question came up about the Tattoo Expo, that has, in the past, been in August. It is our understanding that it has been moved to Miami, more info will be passed on, as we have it. The Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show will most likely not be happening in January, but there is another one, in Miami, the Glenn Curtis Vintage Motorcycle Show in Miami Springs, in November. We hope to participate in that one.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hunter asked for suggestions for bills we would like to see in the next session of congress. He would like to bring these suggestions back to State at the August meeting. Some that he has received so far are lane filtering, lane splitting, waive tolls for motorcycles on Express lanes, profiling of bikers, and hand free driving.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Suzie, from Post 142, is retiring. Her retirement party is on July 26th. She has fed all of us for many years and is so loved. Patty asked all to sign a birthday card for

her brother, John, a long-time ABATE member. Hunter read us a long list of laws that recently passed, seemed to sneak right through without us noticing. Dreamer gave an update on Teddy Bear, he is improving and getting the physical therapy needed to come home. Visitors are welcome on weekends, please reach out to Dreamer for more information/times.

Event flyers on the tables.

Motion to adjourn at 11:14am, seconded, approved. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 321 at 10:00am on August 17, 2025.

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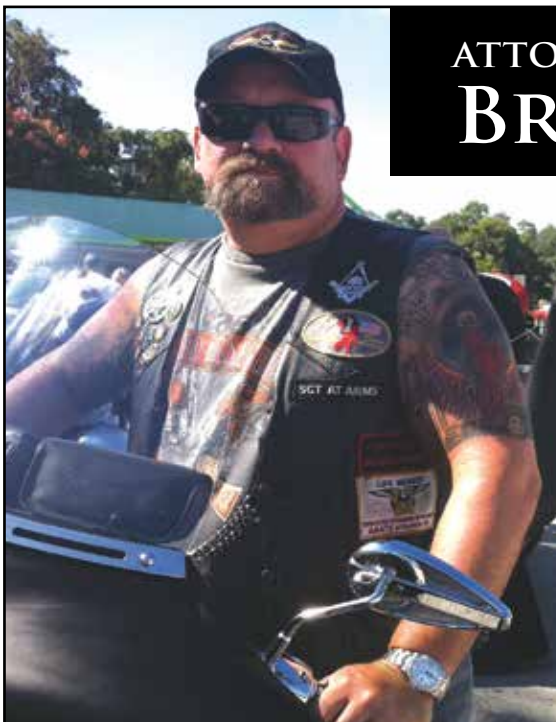
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POET'S SAFE THINKINGS

Howdy brothers and sisters! Welcome to August in South Florida. I could talk about the weather, but we have all lived and ridden down here long enough to know. It's hot, "like Africa hot" and wet! Nuff said!

Last month a bunch of us saddled up and went up to the yearly Abate Leadership Seminars in Vero Beach. The hotel is spacious and immaculate! The staff seemed genuinely happy to see us. The free breakfast staff was especially accommodating.

I would urge anyone who is a member of Abate SE to attend next time the opportunity comes around. Even if you are not shooting for a Board position, the information given is well worth your time. With the classes offered you would gain a keen insight into the Administration of our organization.

For me, the real eye opener are the Safety seminars. These give a crystal clear picture of what is expected of us and our path forward toward achieving our mission in partnership with the State of Florida, A.L.R. and LLAMA.

I have and will continue to hold the highest standards within the rules that have been put forth as concerns our Safety Booth and FMSP/ Abate tent. Small changes were brought to our attention so that all the Chapters can find a way to bring all our practices and set-ups into line.

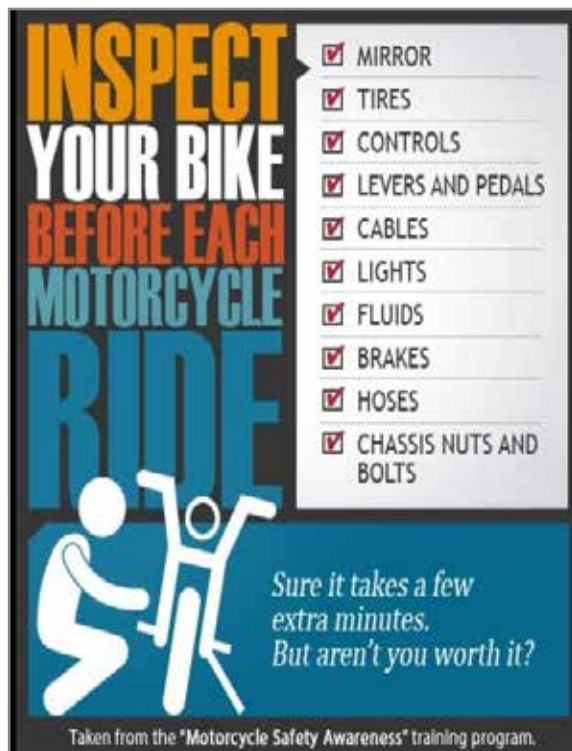
I also took the MSAP first class again as a refresher. For those who don't know about it, the MSAP program is a path for those who are interested in teaching the "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness" classes. You would then be giving a 30-45 minute presentation in various public and private venues. Public schools, now that we got Driver's Education back in, will be a primary target. Teach them young!

On my way home I was pleasantly surprised to see no less than three digital signs saying "Watch for Motorcycles". It's nice to see that our hard work is paying off. The powers that be are finally recognizing our situation and making a concerted effort to help move our cause forward. Safer roads for 2 and 3 wheeled vehicles!

Until next month,

Ride Safe, Ride Free

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LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Well on the legislative front, there is some good news... A driver's education bill was passed during the last Florida legislative session. Teens are required to complete a state approved drivers ed course before getting a learner's permit. Effective July 1, 2025, this applies to teens aged 15-17. Teens will need to pass hearing, vision and other tests as well as get parental consent in order to get a learner's permit. I believe this is a good thing for those of us on two wheels. Abate will be working hard to insure that biker awareness is included in the curriculum.

There was another bill that passed regarding speeding. Florida has enacted a new “Super Speeder Law” effective July 1st of this year, targeting excessive speeding. Drivers exceeding the speed limit by 50 mph or more, or driving 100 mph or more, face increased penalties, including potential jail time, fines, and license suspension. The formal bill designation was Florida HB 351 if you wish to get more details.

Unfortunately, the hands-free driving bill died in committee. This bill prohibited operating of a motor vehicles while using a hand-held wireless communications device. I can't begin to tell you how many times I see individuals with a phone in their hand chatting away on their phone while I'm right next to them on my bike. Ugh In my opinion this is something we should consider supporting during the next legislative session.

During our state meeting in June this year, our state president asked us to reach out to the membership at large and get some input as to when we should focus on for our legislative agenda for the coming year. PLEASE contact me or any one

of the executive committee want us to pursue the Hands Free bill in the future or some other items as well.

In a nutshell... Help us help you. Please tell us what you think..

Again.... as always Rubber Side Down

Martin (Hunter) Nebojsic,

Road Captain,
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JESUS MADE IT SIMPLE

My Perspective:

Meaning Behind the Music Series

featuring Led Zeppelin's

‘Stairway to Heaven’

With all the spiritual subject matter to cover, it might be interesting to consider song lyrics with a Christian perspective. Song lyrics are often metaphorical and can be interpreted in multiple ways. Therefore, these are merely my thoughts. This series won't be about bashing songs; my goal is to explore ideas about what the meaning, inspiration, and intent of the writer may have been.

“Stairway to Heaven” by Led Zeppelin is widely thought of as one of the most popular and influential rock songs of all time. Its popularity is derived from its impressive structure, memorable guitar solo, and ageless lyrics. The song's popularity was further sealed by its consistent play on rock radio, even though it was never officially released as a single.

While I don't have the space to cover the lyrics in their entirety, we find the main ideas in the first several verses,

‘There's a lady who's sure all that glitters is gold
And she's buying a stairway to Heaven
When she gets there, she knows, if the stores are
all closed
With a word she can get what she came for
Ooh, ooh, and she's buying a stairway to Heaven’

The song's main character is a woman seeking a “stairway to heaven,” which might be interpreted as humanity's desire for something more than earthly possessions. This is a reminder that God has instilled in all of us a desire for eternal things, as well as a curiosity about His kingdom.

As we continue, several other thoughts come to mind. ‘She sees a sign on the wall but reminds us that words have two meanings’. This is very true not only of our complex English language, but there is a spiritual meaning running parallel to almost everything in the natural realm. “Ooh, it makes me wonder.” It makes me wonder too.

The question remains: how does one make one's way to heaven? Is there really a stairway? The answer is YES! Jesus is the Stairway!

John 1:51 says, ‘Then he said, “I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.’

The Bible also tells us in John 14:6, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Christ is the stairway that bridges the void between us and God. Since the exchange for sin is death, Christ took our sins upon himself and died in our place. Unlike this song, we cannot buy the Stairway. Our salvation cannot be purchased with even the finest gold or earned through good works; rather, it is free. It's a gift to all of us, received through faith in Jesus and God's unending grace. Ephesians 2:5 says, "For it is by grace you are saved, through faith- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast."

The bridge of the song says, "Yes, there are two paths you can go by, but in the long run, there's still time to change the road you're on." With so many paths available to follow, it's evident that we need help in choosing the truth. Perhaps the "songbird" in the tree represents a voice of conscience or, better yet, the Holy Spirit, whose job is to guide us to the Father and help us to find a deeper understanding of truth.

It's no wonder this song became such a hit. It reminds me of how easily one can reach heaven. Jesus made it simple.

Keeping my eye on the Stairway,
Chrissy Leonhardt - Chaplain



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STEEL HORSES AND BATTLE SCARS:

THE DEEP CONNECTION BETWEEN THE BIKER COMMUNITY AND VETERANS



Let me tell you something straight: the bond between bikers and veterans runs deeper than chrome plating on a Harley tank. It's as real as bugs in your teeth on an open highway. And if you've ever rolled into a biker rally or a charity ride, you've seen those cuts, patches, and flags that tell the story: many in the biker world have worn

a uniform before they ever swung a leg over a motorcycle.

So why the connection? Why do so many veterans find themselves drawn to the biker life like a moth to a headlight?

Brothers (and Sisters) in Arms

First off, both communities speak the same language: Brotherhood.

In the military, your battle buddies become your family. You eat together, fight together, bleed together. You might not even like each other half the time—but you'd take a bullet for one another. That's the kind of loyalty the world doesn't always understand.

Guess what? It's the same in a biker club. We might not be dodging enemy fire anymore, but we've still got each other's backs in traffic, at rallies, and in life. Riding side by side down the highway feels an awful lot like rolling in a convoy. And if you've ever lost a brother, whether in combat or on the road, you know that pain cuts the same.

A Place to Belong

Here's another truth: a lot of veterans struggle after leaving the service. The military gives you purpose, structure, and identity. Civilian life can feel like being dumped in the middle of a cornfield without a compass. Suddenly, nobody's telling you where to be at 0600 or what uniform to wear.

The biker community fills that gap. It offers a place to belong, a patch to wear, and people who "get it." It's a tribe, plain and simple. A veteran who joins a riding club finds camaraderie that feels familiar—and healing.

Therapy on Two Wheels

Let's be real. PTSD is a nasty beast. Depression, anxiety... those shadows creep up on you when you least expect it. But there's something about a motorcycle that soothes the soul. The roar of pipes, the wind in your face, the miles rolling under your tires—it's therapy that no couch doctor can replicate.

I'd argue riding is a form of prayer. Out there, it's you, God, and the road. You clear your head. You talk to Jesus. You find peace. And that's true for a lot of veterans who carry heavy memories they'd rather not unpack at a dinner table.

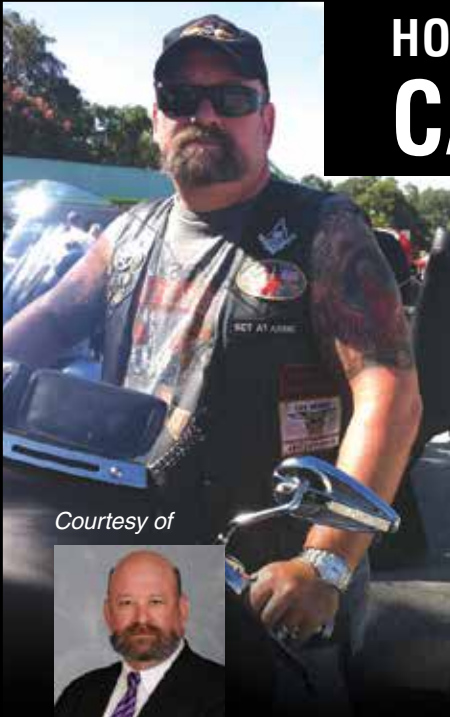
Service Continues

The biker world doesn't just ride for fun. We ride for causes. Veterans' charities. PTSD awareness. Fallen soldier memorial rides. You'll see bikers—patches, tattoos, big old beards—raising thousands of dollars for vets who need help. It's service after service.

Because here's the deal: veterans don't stop serving when they hang up the uniform. Many keep

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3 85th Sturgis Bike Week	4 	5	6	7	8	9  ABATE STATE MEETING
10 AOA MC Ft. Lauderdale 58th Anniversary Party <hr/> 85th Sturgis Bike Week	11	12	13	14 EBOARD MEETING	15	16
17 ABATE SE MEETING 	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  LABOR DAY	2	3	4	5	6 CACIQUE RC ANNUAL
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 STATES MC TUNE-UP PARTY	15	16	17	18 EBOARD MEETING	19	20
21 ABATE SE MEETING 	22 	23	24	25	26	27 OLD TIMERS MC ANNUAL
28	29	30				

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1st – 10th 85th Sturgis Bike Week
Sun. 10th AOA Ft. Lauderdale 58th
Anniversary Party
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SEPTEMBER

Sun. 14th States MC Tune-up party

OCTOBER

Sun. 5th **MYSTIC SEVEN MC ANNUAL**
Sat. 11th Outcast MC Party
Sun. 12th SE ABATE ANNUAL
Sat. 18th Wheels of Man MC Halloween
Party
17th – 19th 32nd Daytona Biketoberfest

NOVEMBER

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NOVEMBER

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 Pirate Ball Annual

DECEMBER

Sat, 13th **Alfredo Pena & MFPC**
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right on giving through biker organizations, showing love to their fellow warriors and their families. It's the Gospel in leather vests—faith in action.

Faith, Freedom, and the Open Road

Bikers and veterans share a love for freedom. We fought for it. We ride for it. And a lot of us walk with Christ along the way. You'll see Bibles at biker rallies. You'll hear prayers before charity rides. For many of us, our faith fuels the journey, keeping us grounded in hope, even when life throws gravel in our path.

Final Thoughts

So yeah, the connection between bikers and veterans is no accident. It's forged in shared values: loyalty, freedom, purpose, and brotherhood. It's a community that helps warriors keep riding forward, even when the road's rough.

And like I always say: whether you're riding a steel horse or marching in combat boots, never forget—the Lord goes before you, and the biker community rides right beside you.

Keep the rubber side down, and God bless.

— Lead



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WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS



SUNDAY

ABATE Southeast Chapter meeting – 10am-12pm - **3rd Sunday of the month**
BACA @ American Legion Post 180 – 9:30am – **2nd Sunday**
Mickey's Tiki Bar – Wind Rider Church Services Church – 11am
Sharkey's Lounge – Free pool

MONDAY

Sharkey's Lounge – Ladies' night 9pm-2am – 2 for 1 drinks

TUESDAY

Mickey's Tiki Bar – Karaoke – 8pm-12am
States MC – Taco Tuesday – 6:30pm
Wings of Gold MC – Open House – 7pm

WEDNESDAY

Mickey's Tiki Bar – "Texas Hold 'Em" – 8pm-12am

THURSDAY

ABATE Southeast Chapter EBoard Meeting – 6:30pm -
Thursday before the Chapter meeting
The Crew MC – Open House – 8pm – **3rd Thursday**
Mickey's Tiki Bar – Lady's Nite Out– 8pm
Old Timers MC Bike Nite -8pm-12am **1st Thursday**

FRIDAY

Gideons MC – Open House – 8pm
Heathens MC – Open House – 8pm – **4th Friday**
Outcast MC – Open House – 8pm
States MC – Open House – 7-10pm
Kingdom of Brothers MC – Open House – 8pm – **1st & 3rd Friday**
Liberty MA – Open House – 8pm
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SATURDAY

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stuff we thought you might like to know

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



We were sitting around talking about usual random stuff and Little Bit was saying how she saw this online about the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”, H.R. 1, 119th Congress, which has been a big topic in news, and has passed. You can read about it here <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1> We know that this has been a bit controversial, but we try and stay out of fighting or arguing over things that either don't affect us, or that we can't change, you know, “God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change”, that attitude. BUT this one does affect our motorcycling community in a good way, so we thought we would share this, directly quoted from the MRF, Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Washington, D.C.:

“Tax Credits For Purchases Of American-Made Motorcycles

The recently passed H.R. 1 legislation, signed by the President, includes a provision that will directly benefit those who purchase new motorcycles made or assembled in the United States. Interest paid on loans for qualifying new motorcycle purchases will now be tax-deductible.

Here are some important points to note. The deduction has a cap of \$10,000, and the benefit phases out based on increasing income levels. The change creates an “above-the-line” deduction for vehicle loan interest, meaning it reduces your adjusted gross income before calculating your taxable income. The position of the deduction is important because it will be available to most taxpayers, even those who do not itemize deductions. The bill states that vehicles impacted must be “manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways” and are “a car,

minivan, van, sport utility vehicle, pickup truck, or motorcycle.” This policy is temporary, with an expiration in 2028. If you are in the market for a new bike over the next three years, be sure to do some research to see if this new policy will benefit you.

There are diverse policy issues and priorities addressed in this bill. As the voice of the street rider in Washington, D.C., the Motorcycle Riders Foundation applauds the inclusion of this tax provision. Policies that foster the growth of motorcycling while supporting American manufacturing are something we can stand behind.

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****Examples not intended as a fully comprehensive list”**

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



Hi all! My name is Phoenix, I am Founder of Phoenix Riders. We are a charity based riding group. We do rides for charity, cancer, children and brothers and sisters of the motorcycle world who need our help.

This Saturday the 19th of July, we helped out the American Legion Riders Post 365 with their teddy bear drive. We gathered over 200 teddy bears/stuffed toys for their cause. These stuffies will be put in the Officers squad cars to hand out to traumatized children to give them comfort in a hard time. We were graced with two other groups that rode with us, HOG and ABATE. There were other groups that donated bears as well, Buffalo Soldiers and Punishers, both of which we are grateful for. I know there was individual support as well, which I am equally grateful for, without the support this would have never been as big as it was.

We will continue to support these causes on a yearly basis, we welcome all riders, to join us! The following is some of our rides for the rest of the year:

October 4th Breast Cancer/Pink Angels Ride (Annual ride)
November 15th Veterans Ride (Annual Ride)
December 6th Toys for Children Ride (Annual Ride)

More info to come on the above rides.

You can catch up with us on social media as well, Phoenix Riders on WhatsApp and phnxr-dr on Instagram.

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May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
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May God hold you in the palm of his hand.***

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May the warm rays of sun fall upon your home,
And may the land of a friend always be near.***

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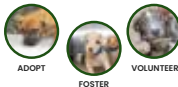


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The third section is amendments that speak about the excluded criminal traffic violations from above, for mandatory hearing.

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This month I am going to talk about my rediscovered love for motorcycle camping. I hammock camped on my trip out west in 2018. At least until I got as far north as Yellowstone National Park where it was too cold to camp at night. Fast-forward seven years. In order to increase the range of my weekly "Riding Wednesdays", I have added on an occasional overnight. Florida has an incredible state park network. So far I have enjoyed two of these, Gamble Rogers State Park on Flagler Beach and Sebastian Inlet State Park. Having grown up at the beach in New Jersey (still have sand in my shoes) it was only natural that I chose two parks on the beach for my first two outings. I was once again lulled to sleep by the sound of the waves breaking on the shore, just like I was lulled to sleep 60 years ago. You can book your campsite online at reserve.floridastateparks.org. Campsites are a bargain, \$28 per night or \$14 per night if you are a senior citizen. Park staff is friendly. Campsites are well set up. Restrooms and shower facilities are clean and plentiful. One word of caution. The parks are almost fully booked. If you want to camp at a particular park or you want to camp for more than one night, you have to plan ahead. In my case, I have found no problem booking one night on short notice. You will be pleased to find that your bike has more than enough storage capacity for a camping trip. My "new" used Heritage does not have saddlebags. Much better looking without them in my opinion. I bought a medium size tail bag that I attached to the sissy bar. More than enough room for my tent, air mattress, ground cloth, a change of clothes, rain, gear, toiletries and whatever else. The secret to success is to buy camping gear designed for backpacking. These items will be smaller in size and lighter in weight as compared to standard camping gear. And forget cooking! It is a good excuse to enjoy a burger at a beachfront tiki bar. AND DO NOT FORGET BUG SPRAY LIKE ME!! TWICE!!



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