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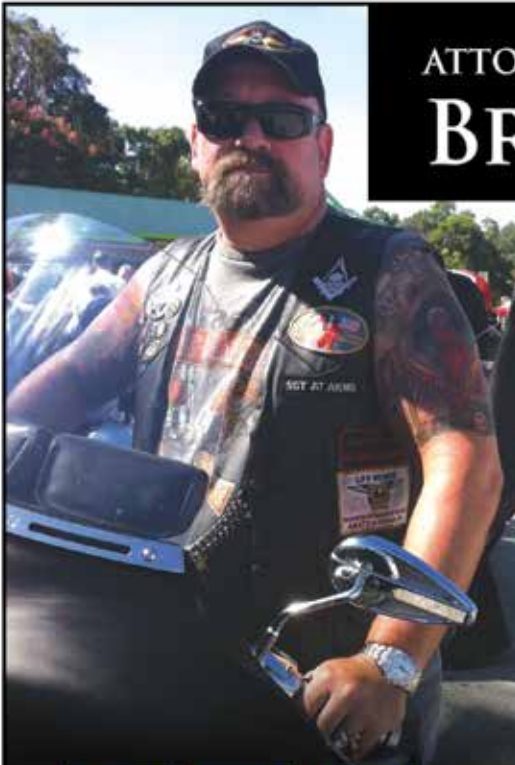
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- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving 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.

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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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2020 was our 20th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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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Louis "OB" 754-366-8955

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

SE Chapter is back to business as usual with the 2024-2025 elections now behind us. Our Chapter is presenting refreshed and new ideas that are contributing towards The Chapter's growth in the community. It's exciting to see everyone who is participating, for me, being able to take part in that success makes the commitment that more rewarding.

I have had the privilege to attend a variety of events since taking office, from KOB's Florida rocker unveiling, A well-deserved achievement and what a party! To Meeting The brothers of Least of Saints MC at Big Dawgs for their well-attended Annual. And then to sharing a good lunch with the brothers at Alternatives MCs Annual who always show support to our great community. Attending our community's open houses and even Supporting bike night with The Stilettos on Steel ladies. A very cool riding group that has been a great addition to our membership at SE Chapter.

We even got to be a part of very special young man's birthday party at Alligator Alley Harley-Davidson. A great turn out for a well-deserved kid, Happy Birthday Colton. I know we are all Looking forward to Wheels of Man's 24th chili cook off and capping off the end of July by attending ABATE

State of Florida training seminars where all 17 chapters will meet with The State board members to sharpen our skill sets.

The 2024 calendar remains full of upcoming events and I am looking forward to supporting each and every one of ABATE community members.

I Hope everyone had a great 4th of July. Please remember you can always share your adventures and pictures with our editor Ada and possibly appear in the next ABATE SE Chapter Newsletter. As the summer heat continues to shine remember to stay alert, stay hydrated, stay Supporting ABATE of Florida.



Respectfully,
OB
President
ABATE SE Chapter



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Vice PRESIDENT

All right, July was a very important month for ABATE of Florida. We had our Leadership Seminars in Vero Beach. We had a really good turnout, 10 people from our Chapter, and all of the other chapters in the State were there too. These seminars are very important because the training is for the Board members and Trustees of the chapters. We learn what our responsibilities are, and how to accomplish them. It's really good, as there was also a lot of discussions in these trainings and not only do we learn from our State trainers, but also from each other.

I'm really proud of everyone who stepped up from the Chapter to help on the Board and as Trustees. I am proud as I step down to a lesser role, as I know, my new President, OB, is going to be one of the great presidents of our Chapter. Some of the current Board and Trustees stayed on in their positions, and some are new to them. You guys rock!!!

I am looking forward to working with you all this next year to make it safer for all of us to ride and make sure we don't lose any of our rights.

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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**SOUTHEAST CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 142
171 SW 2ND ST
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JULY 14TH 2024**

Bruce "Poet" called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., there were 14 members and guests present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Harold "Captain."

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – LOUIS "OB":

OB talked about all the positive feedback about the recent newsletter article featuring KOB MC. He then talked about recent updates made to the newsletter and discussed potential locations for the next annual in October. He then reminded the group that suggestion is always appreciated. This was followed by a discussion of the possibility of a future weekend event and the potential to combine efforts with our Palm Beach Chapter brothers and sisters to support the goals of ABATE in South Florida.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JOHNNY ROSE:

Johnny started by providing an update on members that cannot be present and those with ongoing health concerns. Johnny also told the group to also keep our brother from Gideons in their prayers. He then reminded the group to go out and get members, numbers count in Tallahassee. He then ended by letting the group know that former

Sgt at Arms Bull is back on two, and you can't get much better news than that.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – ROSS "ROSCOE":

He made a motion to approve the minutes, as printed in the July 2024 newsletter, seconded, and approved. He then told the group how good it was to be back in South Florida, back on the bike and looking forward to doing a bit of riding with those present after the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila gave the Treasurer's Report for the checking and savings account, seconded, and approved. She also talked about the email access for new board members and trustees.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT –

KRIS "THAT GUY":

That Guy is excused. Poet filled in as Sgt at Arms.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT – BARRY "RUSH":

Rush was delayed and was excused. Poet reviewed the upcoming events and on the calendar. He let the group know that members will be attending the Alternative MC Annual and talked about leadership training provided by the State next weekend. He then reminded those in attendance of the Wheels of Man MC Chili Cookoff next weekend, which is a fantastic event and on the July newsletter. All those not attending the leadership training are highly encouraged to attend and support those who support us.

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – BRUCE "POET":

Poet welcomed new members Mark and Edward. He then talked about how we are now well into the hottest time of year, so stay hydrated, thirsty is too late. Keep covered, long-sleeved help and sunscreen is needed in this weather. Also, check your tires. This hot air does change your tire pressure. Keep your oil fresh and stay alert and safe.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT -

JOHNNY ROSE & LOUIS "OB":

Nothing to report currently.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON & LEGAL COUNSEL -

BRAD WINSTON:

Brad is in Montana enjoying life, he is excused, and we are all jealous.

PRODUCTS REPORT - AMY "PIXIE":

Pixie talked about the products we currently have in stock and some that we are considering ordering, please let her know if there is anything at your need and sure will make sure to get it to you, when available. Tony suggested that due to the recent increase of female members we consider making t-shirts in other colors, he added that we are aware some of the new lady members would appreciate pink. Ada added that some long-sleeve synthetic white shirts might also be ideal for these Florida summers. This was followed by a group discussion about the possibility of and concerns about making smaller morale patches for ABATE SE Chapter.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read the membership report and discussed the total number of members, and the 8 new members for June.

EVENTS COORDINATOR - GABE CARRERA:

Gabe was excused.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - ADA HIBBS:

Ada asked all board members and trustees to review the most recent newsletter and if there is any update to how you want your name or contact information included, let her know.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION - TONY CANTY:

Nothing to report currently.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - MARELYS LAZO:

Marelys was excused

BILLING AND INVOICING - SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila provided an update and discussed some potential upcoming updates.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT -

BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:

Bear was excused. Sheila filled in for him by bringing some deserts for after the meeting.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT - ADA HIBBS

As always, take pictures and don't forget to email them to her with the who, what and where details. Ada has not been able to attend as many events this summer and appreciates all the photos she has received and encourages the group to get out there, attend events and take photos.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT - ERIK SADOFF:

The website has been updated after the recent election. He asks everyone to look, review what is on the website and let him know if any changes need to be made. He asks that you reach out to him with any changes needed through the webmaster's email.

CHAPLAIN - CRISSY LEONHARDT:

Chrissy was excused.

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN - HAROLD "CAPTAIN":

Harold asked that we keep all our members in need in our prayers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

OB read a letter from Peter J. Torres of the Justin Bartlett Animal Hospital. He writes regarding the possibility of bringing dogs needing adoption to ABATE events and offers discounts for ABATE members in good standing at the animal hospital.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Nothing to report currently.

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Motion to adjourn at 1130 am, seconded, approved.
Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post
142 at 10:00am on August 18, 2024.

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POET'S SAFE THINKINGS

Hi Brothers and Sisters! I'm your new Safety Director. I bet a lot of you don't what that's all about. Truth be told, I don't know all the details myself yet.

We (the newly elected board) will be attending some classes on that subject at the Abate of Florida Inc Leadership seminars on July 20th. This means a long ride (135 miles) each way. In that "thought vein" I wanted to go over 6 basic tips for staying safe while riding a motorcycle...

#1 Always wear a helmet! Now I know we fought like the dickens to defeat that "totalitarian enactment ". No one in this organization is going to tell you that you "have to" wear a helmet. We made sure that you legally have a choice. Many of us remember friends who never wore a helmet and lost their lives to Traumatic Brain Injuries tho...so..Just say-in...

#2 Watch your speed! I know that the wind is an essential part of the experience, but let's be real... Faster is more dangerous, it shortens your possible reaction time . Never go faster than you can control or faster than your lights at night!

#3 Use your turn signals! Personally, I am so worried about cagers not seeing or understanding my intentions, that I use my turn signals and give hand signs as well. Making sure that other vehicles know what you are doing makes you safer!

#4 Keep Distance! This is a no-brainer. Stay a decent distance from the traffic in front of you. Give yourself plenty of time to stop, especially when they slam on their brakes. Remember 2 brakes are slower to stop than the 4 in a car. More space is more Safe!

#5 Use both brakes! This, at least to me,

is a strange one. I never knew that some riders don't use both brakes. When I was taught to ride (around age 12), I was told that 2 brakes stop better than 1. You just have to be gentle with them. The front brake is stronger and when you only use that you could cause yourself to flip over. Similarly too much back brake can cause a real nasty situation.

#6 Avoid blind spots! That is avoid " being" in someone's blind spot! This is a big one! Many years a go I was in a real bad confrontation with a taxi that hit my front end sending me into and end to end tumble until it ended with me breaking my collar bone on the mirror. The taxi driver said that he couldn't see me in his "Blind spot". Please be mindful, if they can't see you, they're more likely to hit you!

Anyways, I have high hopes for our Chapter this year and I hope that you all spare a thought for Safety every time you get on that beautiful hunk of Steel and Chrome!

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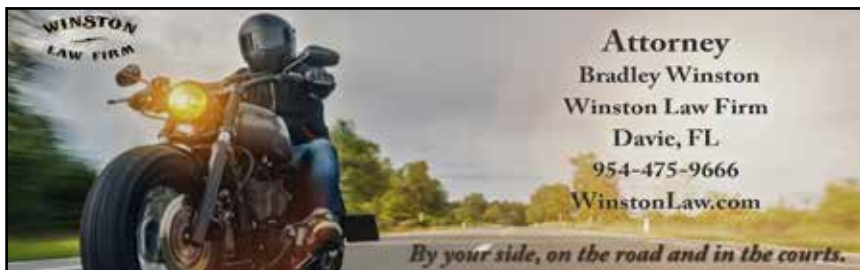
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ROAD CAPTAIN

Hello everyone. This is my first article as your new Head Road Captain. The first thing I would like to do is thank my predecessor, Kris "That Guy" for his work as Road Captain and Safety Director. He has done a fine job with his dual role. That was a lot of responsibility and work on his shoulders. With that said, I am honored that he chose me as his successor and received the vote of confidence from the members. I will do my best to keep our fellow ABATE riders riding in the proverbial straight line to our destinations safely and efficiently. At times when other duties call, I have chosen Nino, Ross "Roscoe" and "Hunter" for my assistant RC's. Thanks in advance for any help that I may need. Congratulations also go out to our new President, Louis "O.B." I know that he and I will work diligently to get ABATE on the move and rolling. For all that are reading this, thank you for your time. P.S. also a great big thanks to our previous President, Johnny Rose for all his hard work and dedication. I know he will be a great help in his new role as Vice President, to advise us all of the do's and don'ts of ABATE life. Until next time, be careful out there and keep our calculated risks to a minimum.

Rush (RC)



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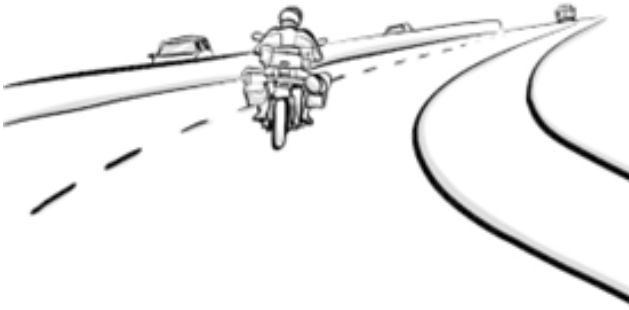
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ABATE SE has recently made a few changes in our administration. Our President, Johnny Rose, has transitioned to Vice President, while a new brother, OB, has stepped into the President's position. These shifts are not just changes but opportunities for growth, fresh ideas, and renewed energy. They also provide a well-deserved break to those who have served. We are deeply grateful to both the outgoing and incoming officers for their dedication and service.

As long as I've known Johnny Rose, he's been the tireless voice of ABATE SE, the leader who humbly guided our rides and events. The mission of ABATE runs through his veins, and it shows by the number of members he recruits. ***Thank you from all of us, Johnny, for years of selfless dedication.***

Johnny Rose has warmly welcomed and mentored our new President, OB. This leadership transition has been smooth, with Johnny continuing to serve as Vice President, giving him the guidance he had earned through his years of wisdom and experience. This also ensures the mission and values of ABATE SE remain steadfast, providing our members with stability and reassurance during these changes. T

At the same time, we watch the news and see the ups and downs that a changing administration will do to a nation. Things are running far from smooth. Leaders

and candidates are at odds, and rightly so, as opposing sides are as different as a Kawasaki is to a Harley Davidson. (No offense, Kawasaki owners; it is what it is.)

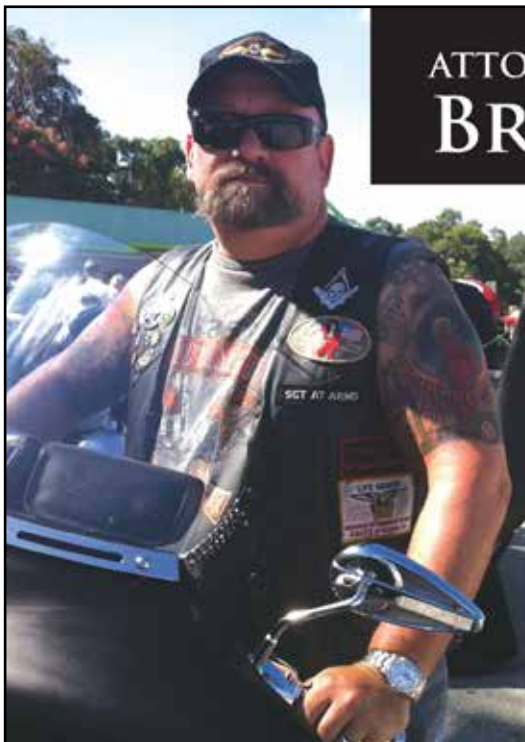
Considering transitions of power in the Bible, we see that it is common for one King to rule until his old age or death, yet there are also examples of those removed from their positions of authority. King David fully intended to pass the reins to his son, Solomon. (Solomon was the son of David and Bathsheba.) But a brother from another mother named Adonijah decided HE would take over upon his father's death. He even celebrated by throwing a coronation party for himself and invited only those who supported his 'self-election.' It sounds a lot like a coue to me!

In the meantime, a prophet named Nathan told Solomon's mother, Bathsheba, what had happened. She asked King David if he had authorized this. When the old and almost cold King David heard this, he decreed that Solomon would be anointed King of Israel, not his power-hungry son Adonijah.

While Adonijah was still celebrating, he heard a commotion in the city, learning Solomon would be the next King to sit on his father's throne. This news brought division among Adonijah's supporters, causing them to divide and scatter across the land.

When choosing which son should inherit the throne, King David remembered God's promise: 'If your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.' 1 Kings 2:4. Solomon's character and dedication to God made him the right choice. Solomon succeeded David as King, fulfilling God's laws and statutes.

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18 ABATE SE MEETING 	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Scurvy Few MC ANNUAL	26	27	28	29	30	31

2024

SEPTEMBER

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8 States MC Tune-up Party	9	10	11 	12 EBOARD MEETING	13	14
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2nd – 11th 84th Sturgis Bike Week
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Sun. 25th **Scurvy Few MC ANNUAL**

SEPTEMBER

Sun. 8th States MC Tune-up Party

OCTOBER

Sun. 6th **Mystic Seven MC ANNUAL**
Sat. 12th Outcast MC Party
Sun. 13th **SE ABATE ANNUAL**
Sat. 19th Wheels of Man MC
Halloween Party
19th – 22nd 31st Daytona Biketoberfest

NOVEMBER

Sun. 10th Wings of Gold MC A
Sat. 16th **Leathernecks MC ANNUAL**

DECEMBER

Sun. 8 37th Annual Toys in the Sun Run



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What was the difference? Adonijah sought things for himself; Solomon sought the Lord and His ways. This was an obvious contrast worth noting. For this reason, we, too, need to pray and elect leaders who honor God, riding on the side of good.

As we approach the upcoming elections, let us remember the power of prayer. May we seek unity and strength amid the chaos in our changing world. Like King David, let us choose leaders who serve Your purposes, not their own. In His name, let us all say, AMEN!!!

I choose good/God,
Chrissy Leonhardt -
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- 08-02- LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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SEPTEMBER 2024

- 09-06 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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OCTOBER 2024

- 10-04 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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- 10-18 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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FORT LAUDERDALE (8:00PM - ?)
- 10-25 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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- 10-26 **FEARLESS MC HALLOWEEN ANNUAL - TB**

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NOVEMBER 2024

- 11-01 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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- 11-02 **PIRATE BALL HEATHENS MC ANNUAL - TBA**
- 11-08 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
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- 11-09 OUTLAWS OPEN HOUSE MIAMI (8:00PM - ?)
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SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Mickey's Tiki Bar – Karaoke – 8pm-12am
Sharkey's Lounge – Ladies' night 9pm-2am – 2 for 1 drinks

TUESDAY

States MC – Taco Tuesday – 6:30pm
Wings of Gold MC – Open House – 7pm

WEDNESDAY

Mickey's Tiki Bar – Open Mic & Karaoke – 8pm-12am

THURSDAY

ABATE Southeast Chapter EBoard meeting – 6:30pm -
Thursday before the Chapter meeting
Scurvy Few MC – Poker Night – 7pm
The Crew MC – Open House – 8pm – **3rd Thursday**
Mickey's Tiki Bar – Bike Night & Live bands – 8pm

FRIDAY

Fearless MC – Open House – 8pm – **Every other Friday**
Gideons MC – Open House – 8pm
Heathens MC – Open House – 8pm – **3rd Friday**
Outcast MC – Open House – 8pm
Scurvy Few MC – Open House – 8pm
States MC – Open House – 7-10pm
Wheels of Man MC – Open House – 8pm
Kingdom of Brothers MC – Open House – 8pm – **3rd Friday**
Liberty MA – Open House – 8pm

SATURDAY

AOA MC (Broward) – Open House – 8pm – **1st & 3rd Saturday**
AOA MC (Miami) – Open House – 8pm – **2nd Saturday**
Fly-In Wheels MC – Open House – 9pm – **2nd and last Saturday**
Leathernecks MC – Open House & Poker Night – 8pm –
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Scurvy Few MC – Birthday celebrations – 7pm
Kingdom of Brothers MC – Open House – 8pm – **4th Saturday**

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We lost another good one way to soon...

Rich "Mater" Olin passed away on May 19th. He was great guy, a longstanding member of the Keltics MC. He has touched many lives.

Unfortunately, I did not have the chance to attend his celebration of life party which took place yesterday in Lebanon, TN.

From what I heard a huge crowd showed up to pay him their last respect. He got the send-off he deserved.

My thoughts and prayers goes out to Melanie, their family, brothers, sisters and friends. He will be missed by many, but he will never ever be forgotten.

We lost another good one way too early...

Robert "Bondo" Hay, longstanding member of Der Krieger MC lost his battle fighting Diabetes on May 31st.

He was a great brother. I have spent countless of nights at the two Der Krieger MC's club houses over the years. He always treated everyone with the utmost of respect, including myself.

I was sad when he moved away to Texas, but I completely understood because wanted to be close to his kids.

You will be missed by many, but you will never ever be forgotten.

My sincere condolences go out to this family, friends and his brothers and sisters at Der Krieger MC.

May you rest in peace, Bondo.





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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

I just love riding a motorcycle. The more often and the further the better. I have been full-time on my motorcycle now for over 35 years.

God has blessed me with good health and a very, very strong back. Love how my senses are engaged while riding. The smell of a freshly mowed field. The smell of rain on the hot pavement. A beautiful sunset. You all know. One of my favorite things is the fact that my mind is free to go anywhere or nowhere.

The Iron Butt Association was a natural for me. In 2009 I planned to ride my bike to New Jersey to visit family. What a perfect time to make my first Iron Butt ride, the Saddle Sore 1000.

I got the little required paperwork in order. I had a policeman sign the form to start the ride and off I went. North on US 95 with my sights on New Jersey.

One of the strategies in long-distance riding is to get off to a great start. Cover as many miles as quickly as possible anticipating that conditions might change for the worse at any time.

I found myself 800 miles up the road in approximately 13 hours. This put me in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. A piece of cake, I said to myself. I will have the thousand miles completed in another 3 hours.

In Rocky Mount, things changed in a matter of minutes. One of the most violent thunderstorms that I have ever seen hit hard. There was no choice but to hunker down in a McDonald's and wait it out. The wait turned out to be close to four hours. Lightning was hitting all around. We lost electricity for most of that time. Thankfully the storm eventually passed and I started out again. Two hundred miles remained and I still had about six hours. No problem. I thought. The

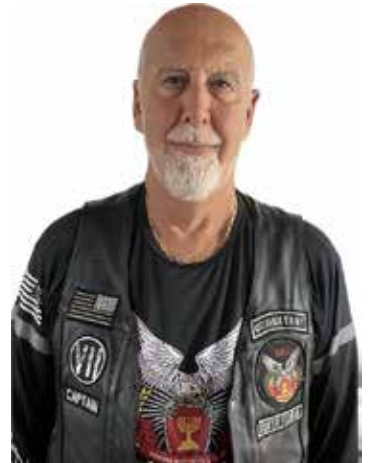
rain had left big patches of flooding along Highway 95. Just as bad, the temperature must have dropped 20 degrees. Or so it felt! The rain was still coming down lightly and I was soaked. You really had to hold back your speed given such adverse conditions.

I probably ran somewhere around 50 mph not knowing when I would hit a flooded area. I was also very,very cold. I could only hunker down in the slow lane and ride on. It was terrifying! The semi tractor trailers flew by me in the fast lane at their usual 75 miles an hour. Time is money for the truckers. I would see their headlights coming up behind me at a high rate of speed. I would just hold on waiting for the rush of air as they passed

This was the rest of my trip, some six hours more. Probably not a wise decision to keep going. No. A foolish decision. I should have stopped for the night and planned the Saddle Sore 1000 at another time. But I was so, so excited to get the ride completed and get to Jersey. Fortunately, I lived to tell the story.

I finally ended up in Dumfries, Virginia, about an hour south of Washington, DC. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! And lessons learned for the next Iron Butt ride. Hope you enjoyed the article. See you next month!

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I was impressed by the fact that some Least of Saints MC members from the Dallas and New York chapter rode down to be part of the event.

The remaining images can be viewed on my web site at www.axmanpictures.com. Look under 2024 bike events.

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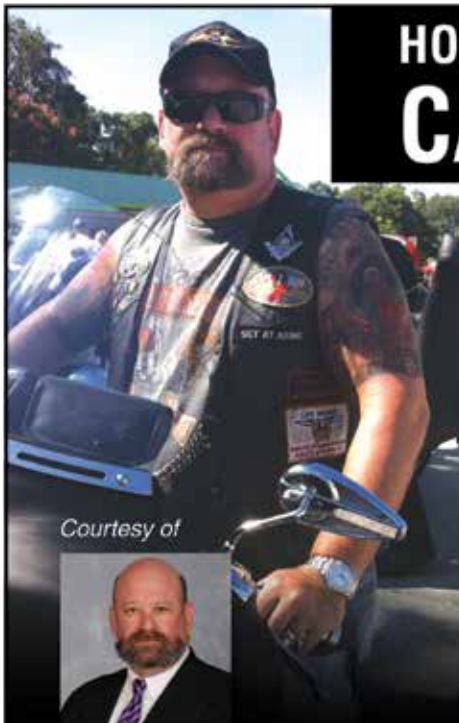
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We were sitting around, talking about our upcoming Annual in October, and can't believe our Chapter has been around for 44 years. WOW!! We just had our elections a little bit ago, and our Chapter also has a new President, OB, and our State has refreshed their website so please check that out at <https://abatefloridainc.com/>. Lots of new and exciting things and the future looks grand. We started talking about where this all came from, so we are putting out a throwback article from June of 2022.

A Brief History Of Bikers Rights In America As seen by Bill Bish , National Coalition of Motorcyclists ABATE of California <https://abateofidaho.org/about-abate-of-idaho/a-history-of-bikers-rights-in-america-as-seen-by-bill-bish-of-ncom/>

My name is Bill Bish, and I'm the former Executive Coordinator of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists and Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM & NCOM), and have been active in bikers rights for over fifteen years. I have served in various state positions with ABATE of California, including two terms as Chairman of the Board and two terms as State Director.

Sooo, for you history buffs, I'll try to piece together some of our early beginnings, with apologies to those who were there from the start. I wasn't, so this is only from my early conversations with

people like Deacon Dave Phillips, Ron Roloff, Keith Ball, Sherm Packard and others who were there, as well as my own research and admittedly spotty memory. But, to help validate this version of Biker History, I ran the article by most of the people mentioned herein.

Through NCOM and ABATE of California, I have traveled across the United States to preach unity and spread information, and I will always treasure my memories of the places that bikers' rights has taken me and the friendly faces that have greeted me. Because our issue is so emotional and deeply personal, I have developed close relationships with many Freedom Fighters throughout the country who I am proud to call Brothers and Sisters.

It was this deep sense of "Family" within the motorcycle rights community that inspired me to trace our Family Tree. Much has been said of the coming new millennium, and of the opportunities and pitfalls our future holds in store, but one thing is certain... "YOU CAN'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING UNLESS YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'VE BEEN!"

Easyriders magazine editor Lou Kimzey issued a plea in issue #3, October 1971, for bikers to come together to fight impending restrictions from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) by joining a new national bikers' rights organization called the National Custom Cycle Association, but because of a conflict with the acronym the name was changed in February 1972 to A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (ABATE). I recall Joe Teresi, publisher of Easyriders, telling me that they had a contest around the office to come up with a new name, and one of the secretaries came up with "ABATE". He told me they were on deadline and had to come up with a logo real fast, so they took a stylized German eagle and transformed it into the logo used by many ABATE's to this day.

The original federal helmet mandates, which were instituted in 1966 by Congress and later repealed in 1976, were designed by the U.S. DOT (Department of Transportation) as a means to restrict modified or customized “choppers” which they deemed unsafe. Especially extended forks and apehangers which were popular.

Deacon, founder of ABATE of California, once related to me that the 60’s fad of ridiculously high sissy bars came about because the government started requiring “grab bars” for passenger safety, so the riders of the day flaunted the law by building them as long and garish as they could get by with.

Almost every state during this time began passing handlebar height restrictions, eyewear requirements, motorcycle licensing requirements, lights-on laws and other equipment regulations and many other restrictions. The government claimed that the restriction against our “Freedom Machines” were coming down the pike to make motorcycle riding “safer”. Funny, but back in the sixties they just wanted to force bikers off the streets. Publicly they tooted that they wanted to Save Us from ourselves!

In most states, before motorcyclists became politically organized, the clubs were the first to fight helmet laws and other restrictions. In many instances clubs founded the states’ motorcycle rights organizations.

Before MMA or ABATE of California came into existence, some MCs had succeeded in keeping the state of California helmet-free even though Congress had passed legislation in 1966 requiring every state to pass a helmet law or lose 10% of their federal highway funds, (this should sound familiar, since we just recently faced the same type of national helmet law in the nineties). Rumors still circulate around Sacramento about 1,000 bikers on the Capitol lawn, and camped out on the door steps of legislative opponents. Soon the old intimidation tactics wore thin and club leaders re-

alized that they needed to legitimize their efforts by creating a more sophisticated political lobbying arm. In the case of California, the MMA of California was founded. Various states have similar history with local clubs which were the roots of their MRO.

About this same time, the American Motorcyclist Association began to recognize the motorcyclists rights movement and they established the AMA Government Relations Department, but not until 1976.

As the rights movement grew, Don Pittsley, a member of an MC in Connecticut convinced his congressman, Rep Stewart McKinney, to introduce H.R.3869 to end the Federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet laws. In July of 1975, Rob Rasor of the AMA, Ron Roloff of MMA and Ed Armstrong of ABATE of Chicago presented the House Sub-Committee on Surface Transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the mandates. California was being sued by the DOT, because Governor Ronald Reagan refused to comply with the federal mandate. Roloff helped convince California Senator Alan Cranston to offer the language of the bill as an amendment to the 1975 Federal Highway Act, which passed with overwhelming support from the California delegation because of the impending lawsuit. It was signed by President Gerald Ford on May 5, 1976. Not bad for a rag tag bunch of bikers with little or no previous political ambitions.

The concept of unity was put to the test in the early 1990’s, when Congress again attempted to force states into passing helmet laws, and American motorcyclists came together en masse, and in a coordinated effort between the MRF and NCOM virtually every state sent representatives from their State MRO to walk the hallowed halls of Washington, D.C., in search of their U.S. Senators and Representatives. The grand lobbying experiment WORKED, and in just FOUR YEARS bikers were able to convince Congress to once again re-

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peal their misdirected and misguided “nanny” law and return the decision to the individual states. That same legislation also repealed the 55-mph minimum speed limit!

Soon afterwards, Arkansas modified their mandatory helmet law to allow Freedom of Choice for adult riders 21 and older. Texas soon followed, as well as Kentucky, Louisiana and, most recently, Florida. Today, the scoreboard reads 20 Helmet Law States vs. 30 Free Choice States!

As a result of our newfound political clout, motorcyclists have successfully approached Congress twice over the past few years, first in 1996 to grant federal protections against insurance discrimination based on mode of transportation because many companies (most notably Ruger Firearms and the Teamsters Union) were denying medical benefits to employees injured in motorcycle accidents). Although this legislation was recently nullified by new federal regulations written in the waning days of the Clinton Administration, this nationwide effort was textbook politics at its best. The fight continues but the movement WILL succeed in reinstating the intent of Congress to protect us against insurance discrimination.

Then, in 1998, motorcyclists united once again to put together a pro-active agenda for bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through Congress. Included in this “wish list” for bikers was a guarantee that motorcyclists would be included during the development of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technology, which ensures that motorcycles are guaranteed access to any and all roads built with the use of federal highway funds (no road bans). This effort will restrict anti-motorcycle lobbying efforts by NHTSA and provides \$131 million for recreational trails development and maintenance!

During this active span of time, many state rights groups have become proactive within their states instead of RE-acting to legislative threats. Min-

nesota passed our nation's first law to make it illegal to discriminate against someone because they ride a motorcycle. Arizona, Iowa, Oregon and Washington have successfully repealed or modified their state's handlebar height laws. Virginia and Illinois have lobbied their states to reinforce the federally guaranteed access to roads by passing laws to protect our rights to ride on any roads within their state boundaries. Virginia and Maryland amended their state's parking laws to allow more than one bike per metered space. And several states have fought and defeated “No Fault” insurance proposals that are unfair to motorcyclists.

Also, now, through the work of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, patch holders in nearly 40 states and two Canadian Provinces have come together to form Confederations of Clubs to fight discrimination and police harassment through the courts, bringing the motorcycle rights network full circle with the rejuvenated interest of the motorcycle club community.

While our early bikers' rights leaders paved our way, other dynamic and concerned riders have come forward to take the reins and lead us into the new millennium. We should never forget the efforts and sacrifices of our predecessors who faced intimidation from law enforcement, indifference from legislators and animosity from a public that saw “The Wild One” one too many times. They got the job done. Were it not for their perseverance and dedication, we would not have become the respected and effective grass roots lobbying group that we are today.

So, there you have it. The roots of ABATE and the American motorcyclists' rights movement run deep in the hearts of those of us who have accepted and, in turn, passed on the torch of Freedom of the Road. To all those who came before, we salute you.

I'd like to leave you with a quote from Margaret

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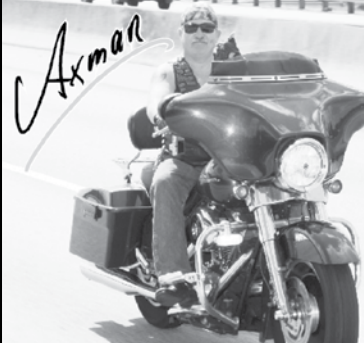


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