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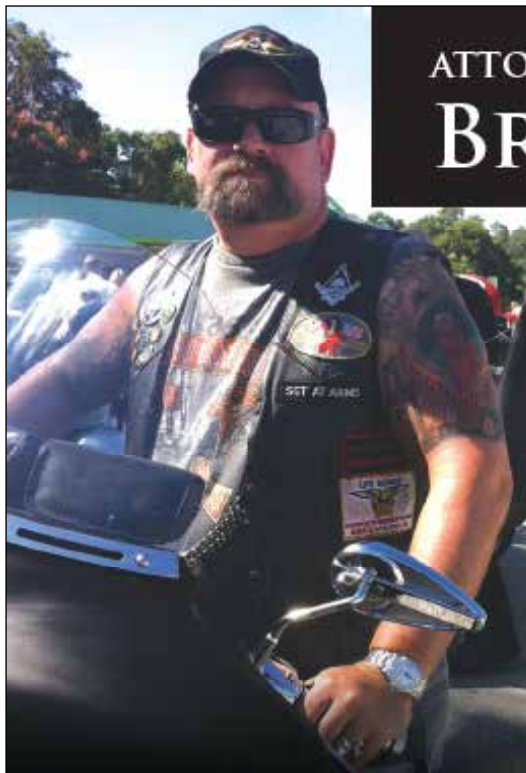
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WHAT IS ABATE?

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

WHO CAN JOIN?

Any individual 18 years of age or older interested in motorcycle rights, regardless of their sex, race or club affiliation. It does not matter if you ride or what you ride. ABATE ensures our option on motorcycle laws will be heard.

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.

We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. **WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.** We fund our work through toy runs, poker runs, camp outs, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors & 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". ABATE of Florida, Inc.

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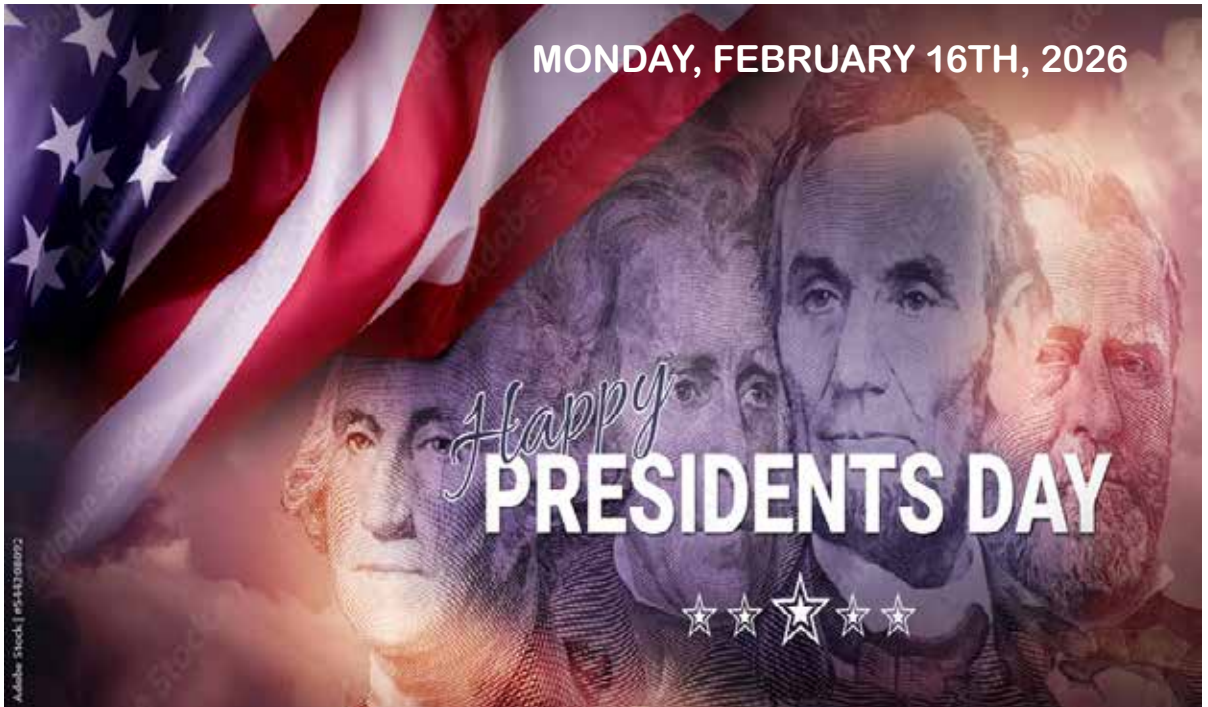
ABATE was the driving force behind the changes in Florida's Helmet Law. Florida Motorcyclists, over the age of 21 and who carry at least \$10,000 medical insurance coverage now enjoy the Freedom to Choose whether to wear a helmet or not. ABATE has developed & copyrighted "The Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Program" (MSAP). The program is presented to non-motorcyclists to educate them on how to safely share the road with motorcycles. It is taught in local schools & to civic organizations at no charge in the hope of reducing motorcycle accidents and deaths through education, not legislation. ABATE has passed the Vulnerable Road User Bill in 2024, signed by the Governor, for vulnerable road user to pay specified civil penalty; requires person's driver license to be suspended for specified period; requires person to attend specified driver improvement course.

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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Louis 'OB' 754-366-8955**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 2026



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PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

As President of ABATE of FL. SE Chapter, collectively we made an organized commitment towards increased safety awareness and community support for 2026.

By the time you will be reading this article, SE Chapter will have participated in a collaborative partnership with the American Legion Post 321 and LAMA Ft. Lauderdale as the FMSP at the 19th Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show. We are often asked - what it means to be part of The FMSP . It's a simple question that we are tasked with, within our advocacy. FMSP matters! It is a program dedicated to safe and responsible riding practices. The FMSP is a state initiative overseen by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV). Responsible for implementing motorcycle safety programs, including training and licensing requirements. For ABATE of Florida - Being part of FMSP means becoming part of a larger motorcycle safety community. Riders who complete training can share their knowledge, promote safe riding practices, and participate in events that advocate for motorcycle rights and awareness.

By committing to motorcycle safety, riders help: Reduce accidents and fatalities on Florida roads. Motorcycle safety is a critical issue in Florida, it's one of the states with the highest number of registered motorcycles. The Florida Motorcycle Safety Program (FMSP) exists to ensure that riders are well-trained, properly licensed, and aware of the risks they face on the road. Even experienced riders can benefit from continuing education. The FMSP promotes advanced training courses to continue refining your skillset. Showcasing its educational abilities and outreach with all motorcycle enthusiasts .

For ABATE of Florida. the FMSP provides an opportunity to collaborate with state officials on safety initiatives and push for fair treatment on the

road. Which allows our voices to be heard.

By supporting and participating in FMSP, you're not just improving your own riding—you're helping build a stronger, safer motorcycle community in Florida.

Thank you to Boston Johnny's for hosting our 46th Semi Annual. Great turn out and support for our local M.R.O. one of the more enjoyable parts of being President of such a historical chapter is being able to see its members come together from all rides of life to participate in camaraderie and respect for each other. 2026 calendar continues to provide multiple events to participate within. SE Chapter looks forward to seeing you out there.

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OB

President
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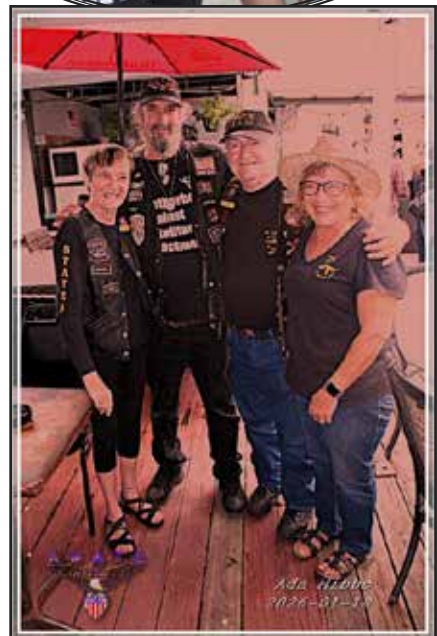
I would like to start out by thanking Jason from Boston. Johnny's for letting us have our Semi-Annual there. These events are important to ABATE Southeast Chapter because they help to support our newsletter, which we put out every month, to let everyone know what's going on in the motorcycle community in South Florida. January was our 500th edition of the newsletter, whoo hoo!!

I would also like to put out a special thanks to the Baptized Riders for helping us with parking at our event. They also helped us tear down and load our trailer at the end of the event. With that being said, I'm so proud of everyone in Southeast Chapter who worked so hard at this event. Like one of our former Presidents, Jimmy Les, used to say Southeast Chapter rocks!!!

Special thanks to both Presidents Councils for showing up to support ABATE, and I cannot forget our brothers and partners in safety and awareness, the American Legion Riders and LAMA, who both showed up strong at our event. Thank you all!

I'm writing this article ahead of the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show. I hope you all get a chance to go to it. It's my favorite event of the whole year. I get to see all the minibikes and motorcycles that I got to ride in my youth, in the late sixties. Heck, I get to see all the motorcycles I rode in my lifetime so far. It brings back some of the best memories of my life, on my bike, feeling the wind, breathing the air, hanging out with my friends, just being..... Just sayin', you know.

Peace,
Johnny Rose
Vice-President
Southeast Chapter



ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC - SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

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Tallahassee State Meeting

SUNDAY
February 8, 2026

American Legion

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Board Meeting 10am

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SOUTHEAST CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 321

9081 SW 51ST STREET

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JANUARY 11, 2026

Rush called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m., and there were 37 members present. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a prayer, by OB.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – LOUIS "OB":

OB welcomed everyone, thanked the groups: Phoenix Rider, Stiletto on Steel, Litas, Widows Sons, Legion Riders, Tony from the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show, and all members for attending. Rush is stepping up as SAA for this meeting. Tony talked about the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show. The Show is on Saturday, January 31st. After registration, ABATE will have the front booth. LAMA and American Legion Riders will also be with us, as FMSP, and Quest will be out there to film as well. We can bring our tents the night before as there will be security overnight. It's a great show, all should come out. Then OB spoke again, about our Christmas party, which was a great success, thanks to the Post and all who worked the event. Now that the holidays are behind us, we are moving forward, at a rigorous pace, as we are the voice of motorcycle rights. January 18, 2026, is our Semi-Annual and will be at Boston Johnny's in Hollywood, sign up sheet go-

ing around, volunteers should be there at 10am. Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show, January 31, 2026, sign-up sheet going around. Monday, Feb. 9th is ABATE of Florida Annual Freedom Ride with a meet-and-greet on the following Tuesday, where we can meet our congressman and Governor DeSantis is supposed to be there too. Block, the President of Southern MC, is in the hospital with many broken bones, but healing, pray for him, visit him if you can, see OB for more info about where he is. Southern MC is one of the oldest clubs in South Florida. We do need people to step up for some Board and Trustee positions for the next term starting in June. Poet, Pixie, and Bubbles said they would step up.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JOHNNY:

Johnny presented Bubbles with her Life Membership card and all cheered. He spoke about Dynasty Cycles, a long-time supporter of ABATE, with owner Gabe a long time member, and Glenn, best Harley mechanic in Florida, Life member, former VP of ABATE, the shop is closing in Coral Springs and Gabe is moving to Kansas to be with his family, including 2-year old granddaughter. He will be doing online sales, more info on that to come in the future. Glenn will be starting to work for Bike Doctor, in Davie, in February. So, stop in and see him to say hi. We will miss Gabe.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – ROSS "ROSCOE":

Roscoe was excused; Sheila filled in. Requested Motion to approve minutes from November's 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. She spoke about the ABATE Freedom Ride, that she and 5 others attended last year, an important and moving ride and time in Tallahassee.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT – INTERIM - RUSH:

Rush spoke and said to watch out for the last-minute left turners. Take the right side of the lane or

the middle. Slow down coming to an intersection, even weave a little as that can attract attention.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT – MARTIN "HUNTER":

Hunter was excused.

Some upcoming events are:

Sunday, Jan. 18 –

ABATE Southeast Chapter Semi-Annual
at Boston Johnny's

Sunday, Jan. 25 –

Der Krieger MC Annual

Saturday, Jan. 31 –

Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show

Monday, Feb. 9 –

ABATE 29th Annual Freedom Ride

Sunday, Feb. 15-

AOA Valentine's Party

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – BRUCE "POET":

Poet said it is a great month. He did a lot of events, and many coming up. We had a great Christmas Party. Battle of the Babes is coming up at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson. There are some racial and cultural profiling bills to pay attention to. We need a big crowd to go to Tallahassee for the Freedom Ride to help get these bills gone. Read Johnny's article in the January newsletter for more info. Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show is a great event, check out the videos on YouTube.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT -

JOHNNY AND MARTIN "HUNTER"

ALTERNATE STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – **"DREAMER" & "OB":**

Johnny spoke about the new membership dues for 2026, \$30 Annual and \$450 Life. When recruiting new members, focus on the message of ABATE. He spoke about the upcoming ABATE Freedom Ride, second weekend in February. The State meeting is February 8th, Freedom Ride to the Capitol on February 9th, and Meet and Greet with our Congressmen and Congresswomen on February 10th. We need a big group to go with us. If you are interested, see Sheila after the meeting. He also spoke about the November meeting. There will be a State event, April 11th, a Poker

Run ending at The Villages, \$20 entry and \$10 a head for camping, and all chapters need to participate. Law Tigers is the new lawyer for the State. Southeast Chapter had the Most New Members for October.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad spoke about Florida HB 243 Electric Bicycles, Scooters, and Motorcycles (SB 382 companion bill in Senate). The Bill will require EBikes to be treated like motorcycles. Yami spoke about how she sees 13-year-olds going 60 mph in her school parking lot. Brad also spoke about HB 1152 and companion bill SB 1241, Hands Free Driving bills. This was just filed January 5th and 8th. You can use wireless or headset, and texting and driving fines will be \$150 and 3 points for the 1st offense, \$250 and 3 points for the second offense, and \$500 and 4 points, plus a 90-day suspension of your license for the 3rd offense. Call or write to your representatives to push this bill forward. He also let us know that the Widows Sons are moving their meetings to Post 321 and we will support each other.

LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad had nothing to report.

PRODUCTS REPORT – SANDY:

Sandy is excused. Bubbles handled the products table. See her after if you need anything.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA:

Sheila read the membership report. We have close to 800 members.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – HOLLIE "DREAMER":

Dreamer will be stepping down after the Memorial Day event. She is always going to be there to help, but school and other things are adding more to her life, and she needs to focus there.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – ADA:

January was our 500th issue, yay!! She gave props to Marelys for the amazing artistic posts on

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Facebook. Brad gave a shout-out to the ladies who do the Educate Don't Legislate articles each month in the newsletter. Ada has started posting all our newsletter articles on Facebook after the newsletter is printed and delivered. She reminded all that members get a free ¼ page classified ad if they have anything to sell. Please EMAIL all articles and photos to news.abatese@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – LOUIS “OB”:

Distribution is going well.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – MARELYS LAZO:

Marelys said thanks for a great Christmas party, everyone had so much fun. She then gave her report.

Facebook 33,223 views and up by 23%, 1, 300 engagements, 5,500 viewers, and 500 more followers. Please share the posts often and make them public when you share. The videos get a lot of attention.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR – DAWNE “THUNDER”:

Thunder is excused.

BILLING AND INVOICING – SHEILA:

Sheila said all are up-to-date. Please support our advertisers and let them know you saw their ad in our newsletter.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – BARRY “BEAR”:

Bear brought a cake.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT – BRUCE “POET”:

Poet had no report. Bob Anz, who was our long-time Quartermaster, and cooked for the volunteers at our events, attended the meeting and spoke. He is not as active with the Chapter as before, but he is part of many other organizations, so busy.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT – ADA:

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WEBMASTER'S REPORT – ERIK SADOFF:

Erik let us know the website is up to date.

CHAPLAIN – BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:

Bear left early, is excused. Please keep Bear and Block and others in your prayers.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Phoenix Riders will give us their calendar for our newsletter, as they do many charity rides, and we want to support them.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Event flyers on the tables.

Motion to adjourn at 11:38am, seconded, approved. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 321 at 10:00am on February 15, 2026.

Sheila Rose

Sitting in for Ross “Roscoe”

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FROM YOUR SAFETY DIRECTOR

Howdy Brothers and Sisters, it's February! January was a whirlwind of events and parties! The New Year's Eve and Post New Year Annuals (including Abate SE's) went off without a hitch. Some of the best in a long time . I hope it's a good omen for the future of our community.

This month I want to talk about a topic that is near to my heart. Many in our culture collect and carry knives. I, personally have been collecting edged weapons since my grandfather gifted me a shiny World War II Marine multi-tool when I turned 8.

Many people may think that carrying a knife in public is akin to carrying a gun and it is. There is an unspoken responsibility that goes along with it. There are rules that we must follow here in Florida so that we stay on the right side of the proverbial "line".

In my time with Abate I have seen all kinds and sizes worn on our circle. Everything from small neck knives all the way up to huge Bowies and Choppers. I love them all and I totally get knives have become almost like jewelry.

There was a time when having a knife on you, especially as a biker, could land your butt in a cell. Of course, back then just being a biker may have gotten me same result. Times have changed and there are really good and fair laws here in Florida governing this.

I hope this helps somebody and educates those who may have been in the dark. Until next month Live, Laugh, Love and keep the dirty side down

Poet



In Florida, you can generally open carry most knives, but concealed carry requires a permit for blades over 4 inches; small "common pocketknives" (under 4-inch folding blade) are exempt from needing a permit to be concealed, but all knives are banned in specific locations like schools, courthouses, airports, and government buildings, regardless of permit status, with ballistic knives being outright illegal to own or carry.

OPEN CARRY

Permitted: You can openly carry most knives (fixed-blade, folders) in public without a permit, as long as they're visible and not in a prohibited location.

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Throw-back Road Captain article – February 2016

1. The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear-view mirror.
2. Four wheels move the body; two wheels move the soul.
3. I'd rather be riding my motorcycle and thinking about God, than sitting in church and thinking about my bike.
4. Life may begin at 30, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 75 mph.
5. Midnight bugs taste just as bad as Noon time bugs.
6. Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of gas before you can think straight.
7. A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.
8. Young riders pick a destination and go; old riders pick a direction and go.
9. When you're riding lead, don't spit.
10. Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt at 75 mph can double your vocabulary.
11. If you can't get it going with bungee cords and duct tape, it's serious.
12. Only bikers know why a dog sticks his head out of the car window.
13. (Bonus) I've never seen a Motorcycle parked in front of a psychiatrist's office.

Call the Hotline for upcoming rides and events for the week. The Hot line is updated each Tuesday and the number is 954-480-3100

Until next time, keep the shiny side up and the rubber on the road.

Jim "Gambler" Willard (GBNF)

Road Captain - ABATE SE Chapter



Now gas up those bikes and let's ride. There's a lot to see and parties to attend and we need your participation. The reason we attend the MC's parties is because they support ABATE and help us keep our Lobbyist in Tallahassee to fight for the rights of all motorcyclists. With more than 500 members in this chapter it's hard to get even six bikes to show up for a ride. If you have any suggestions for a ride send me an email. My email address is rdcapt@abatese.us. A group of us (4 bikes) (hardly a group) took a ride around Lake Okeechobee the end of December and had a great time. The weather was better than we expected. But most of you wouldn't know that would you? Stop the excuses and let's ride. This is Florida. There's always a chance of rain.

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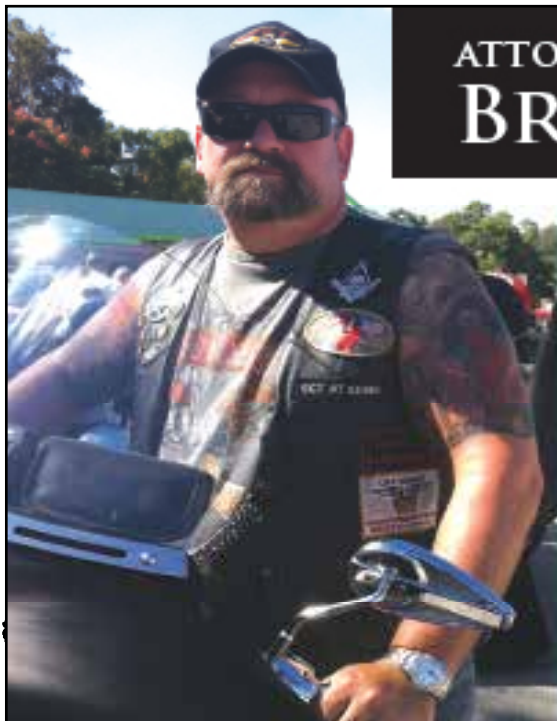
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Last month, Larry and I spent some time camping in South Florida. We arrived just before New Year's Eve to celebrate a late Christmas with Larry's daughter and family. We were also able to say hello to many of you whom we haven't seen in a while at the States Blessing of the Bikes, which is always a good event for catching up. In between visits with friends, a work picnic, and the ABATE Semi-Annual at Boston Johnny's, Larry and I found plenty to do. We ate at our favorite restaurants, walked on the beach, cruised around while reminiscing about an older Ft. Lauderdale, and just sat by the campfire, enjoying being away.

Camping makes one day feel like two. I always say, 'Camp for a weekend and it feels like a week.' It's therapy for the soul. Before buying our small RV, I was getting pretty good at Mo-to-camping. I invested in ultra-light camping gear, and together, we carried everything from a stove to a tent. The best part of having all your camping gear on your bike is being able to go from point A to point B to point C without having to return to point A.

What would life be like if we stayed on the move, constantly going from one place to the next, never returning home to regroup? For the three years of Jesus's ministry on earth, he rocked and rolled, going from one town to the next. Jesus started out alone, then recruited 12 probates to join his MC (Messiah's Club). When they said 'Yes' to following him, did they have a clue what life would look like? None of us ever does! Matthew and Luke, members of

his MC, said in their gospels, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head." It turns out they too had no one spot to lay their helmets.

Following Jesus didn't go without conflict either. After Jesus' death on the cross, Peter was recognized and then asked if he was part of the MC, only to deny it, not once, but three times! I don't get it. Why didn't Peter proudly display his colors? What was he afraid of? They breathed, ate, and slept with him, and KNEW beyond a doubt that Jesus was legit. Yet, Jesus lost his life over his cause. Would his members follow in the same path?

When the going gets good, it's easy to say we'll follow Jesus. But when it all falls apart, I often wonder if I would deny Him. I pray not. Toward the end of the gospel, John writes, "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth, you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." By this, Jesus is giving us a heads-up to what will shake down. We can have peace even in the midst of turmoil. We will have trouble as well as suffering, but in the end, our leader will overtake the enemy of this world. Romans 12:12 encourages us to, "Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble and keep on praying. AMEN!"

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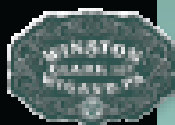
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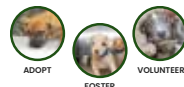


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FEBRUARY

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 	3	4	5	6	7
8 ABATE OF FLORIDA STATE MEETING	9 ABATE OF FLORIDA FFREEDOM RIDE	10	11	12 EBOARD MEETING	13	14 
15 AOA FT. LAUDERDALE ANNUAL ABATE SE MEETING	16 	17 	18	19	20	21 WHEELS OF MAN MC ANNUAL
22 Heavy Breathers <u>MC Annual</u> Gideons MC Annual	23	24	25	26	27 Daytona Beach Bike Week	28 →
DAYTONA BEACH BIKE WEEK 2026  FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 8, 2026						

2026

MARCH

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daytona Beach Bike Week	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daytona Beach Bike Week	9	10	11	12 EBOARD MEETING	13	14
15 Scurvy Few MC Party ABATE SE MEETING	16	17 	18	19	20	21 AOA Miami Annual
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 The Crew MC Annual
29	30	31				

2026 CALENDAR



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FEBRUARY

Sun. 15th **AOA Ft. Lauderdale ANNUAL**
Sat. 21st **Wheels of Man MC ANNUAL**
Sun. 22nd **Gideons MC ANNUAL**

MARCH

Feb. 27th – March 8th 85th
Daytona Bike Week
Sun. 15th Scurvy Few MC Party

APRIL

Sun. 5th Easter Sunday
Sun. 12th **States MC ANNUAL**
Sat. 19th Mystic Seven MC Party
24th – 26th Leesburg Bikefest

MAY

Sat. 16th **Outcast MC ANNUAL**
Sat. 23rd Leathernecks MC Party
Sun. 24th S.E. ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE

Sat. 6th AOA Ft. Lauderdale
Memorial GBNF
Sat. 13th **Midnight Club Reapers MC ANNUAL**

JULY

Sun. 12th **Alternative MC ANNUAL**
Sun. 19th **Solders for Jesus MC ANNUAL**
Sat. 25th Wheels of Man MC
Chili Cook Off

AUGUST

7th – 16th 86th Sturgis Bike Week
7th – 9th 26th South Florida
Tattoo Convention
Sun. 16th AOA Ft. Lauderdale
59th Anniversary Party
Sun. 23rd Scurvy Few MC ANNUAL

SEPTEMBER

Sun. 13th States MC Tune-up party

OCTOBER

Sun. 4th **Mystic Seven MC ANNUAL**
Sat. 10th Outcast MC Party
Sun. 11th **SE ABATE ANNUAL**
15th – 18th Daytona Biketoberfest
Sat. 24th Wheels of Man MC
Halloween Party





FEBRUARY

Sun. 22nd Heavy Breathers MC Annual

MARCH

Sat. 21st AOA Miami Annual
Sat. 28th The Crew MC Annual

APRIL

Sat. 11th Liberty MC Annual
Sat. 18th Least of Saints MC Annual

MAY

Sat. 2nd Southern MC Annual
Sat. 16th Outcast MC Annual

TBD Least of Saints MC Back to School Bash

SEPTEMBER

Sat. 5th Cacique RC Annual
Sat. 12th Southern MC Teddy Bear Run
Sat. 26th Old Timers MC Annual

OCTOBER

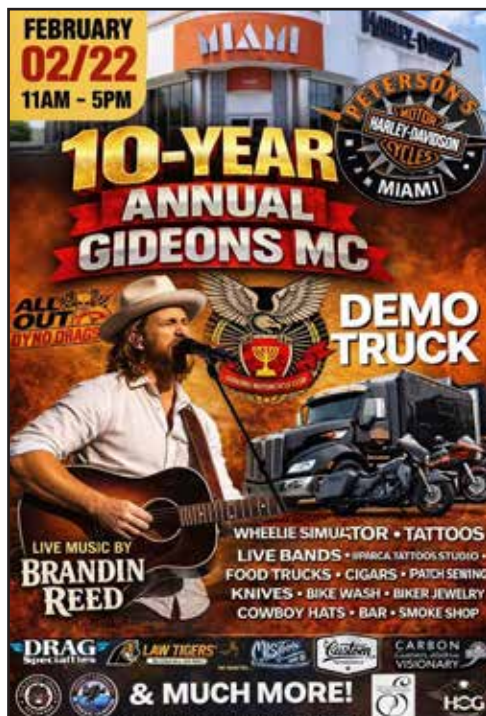
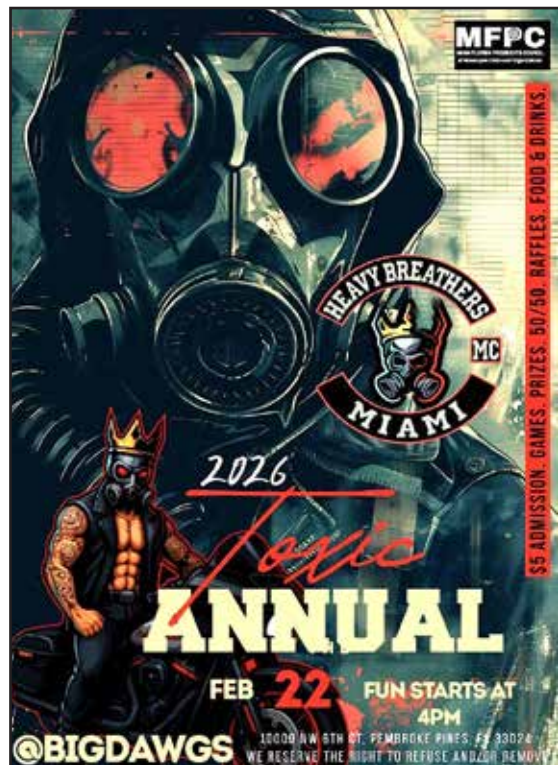
Sat. 10th Outcast MC Party
Sat. 24th Fearless MC Annual

NOVEMBER

Sat. 7th Heathens MC
Pirate Ball Annual
Sat. 14th The Crew MC Party

DECEMBER

TBD Alfredo Pena & MFPC Fallen Brothers Toy Run
TBD Twenty Twenty MC Annual





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
 Mystic 7 MC Open House Open House - TBA **3rd Friday**
 Outcast MC Open House - TBA **1st Friday**
 Wheels Of Man MC Open House -8PM-?? **2nd Friday**

SATURDAY

Old Timers MC Open house -- 8pm-? **3rd Saturday**

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STUFF WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW**

-BY: SHEILA, SANDY, LITTLE BIT, & THUNDER

We were sitting around talking, on this second to last weekend of January and talking about this severe winter storm that is hitting so much of the country, supposed to be one of the biggest and iciest in many years. Boy, are we grateful to be here in South Florida. Sheila and Sandy are from Florida, but Little Bit and Thunder grew up in northern states. The question came up, how in the heck do people ride up north? Thunder and Little Bit shared some tips with us.

Cold weather winter riding is something many motorcycle riders in America, and around the world experience, either on purpose, or on accident. Cold-weather riding is unique situation and demands respect from the rider, and they have to know how to safely navigate it. Riding when it is cold can decrease both mental and physical capacity, and also affects motorcycle functions as well. If you live where it gets cold, you should be prepared for getting caught in the cold, just in case, and if you're one of the few, the brave, and the possibly insane motorcyclists that ride year-round, these cold-weather riding tips are for you:

1. Check the Forecast

This one is for any rider, any weather, cold or rainy or warm, but some people forget to do. It should be common sense, but you'd be surprised how fast a perfectly sunny day can turn into a dangerous riding situation. Checking the weather only takes moments, and lets you know what to expect throughout the day. You should also check the U.S. National Weather Service Wind Chill Chart <https://www.weather.gov/safety/cold-wind-chill-chart> to calculate the riding temperatures that you'll be exposed to while at speed. The wind speed on the chart, is your expected speed. If it is 40 degrees outside, and you are riding at 60mph, it is going to feel like 25 degrees, brrrrhhh.



2. Layer Clothing

When it comes to layering, the best strategy is to layer smarter, not thicker. An effective layering strategy would be: Wicking Layer: A thin, wicking, athletic-material layer to prevent dampness and saturation.

Insulating Layer: A thin mid-layer of wool, polyester, or a blend to trap heat and provide insulation. This could be anything from a long sleeve T-Shirt to a light sweater. Insulating Layer: A second, thicker insulating layer, possibly with a hood or thin helmet-friendly head covering. Waterproof Shell: A waterproof, breathable shell with covered seams. Neck/Head Protection: An often-overlooked element of staying warm, "neck gators" help to keep this area warm. It's always better to have more, you can always unzip layers, or remove them entirely if you have storage areas on your motorcycle. Remember to include layering for your legs and feet too.

Remember — it is MUCH harder to warm back up than it is to maintain your body heat. That should be your goal.

3. Heated Motorcycle Gear

Heated motorcycle gear was a big deal for riders everywhere. This doesn't mean you will be 100% protected from the cold, but with good, heated gear, you can get close. Heated gear is available in all kinds of varieties, including pants, socks, gloves, vests, and jackets. Most gear hooks up to a standard 12V battery (though some have their own battery source), and control systems can even be integrated directly into the bike to cut down on awkward hanging pieces or ugly wires.

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Make sure all gear, even heated gear, is waterproof or covered by a waterproof layer. Becoming wet is one of the quickest ways to lose body heat!

4. Motorcycle Effects

Riding in the cold can affect the bike as much as the rider. In cold conditions, tires become harder and consequently lose traction. In cold weather, there may also be sleet, snow, ice, frost, or even new cracks or holes in the road. Because of this, your lean angle should be decreased, as if you were riding in the rain, and extra care needs to be taken while navigating corners or calculating stopping distances.

Top things to check, before, during, and after a cold-weather ride are:

Tires: Cold weather means cold tires, which means decreased traction. One way to protect against the effects of cold weather on motorcycle tires is to ensure that they're in good shape and have good tread. Tire pressure should always be checked before every ride.

Fluid: Maintaining correct fluid levels should also be on your pre-cold-weather ride checklist, really any pre-ride check list. Coolants are often rated for specific temperatures, and some motorcycle manuals will call for different oil weights in different riding conditions.

Battery: Check your battery, and if you can, carry a battery jump starter just in case. Again, this is for any ride, but especially in the cold, as you don't want to be stranded and freezing.

5. Motorcycle Modifications

Gina, from Candy's Cycles, had a saying in her old ads, "stock sucks". Many motorcyclists like to modify their bikes, and there is an almost endless amount of safety and comfort-related modifications riders make to their bikes. Some top cold-weather riding related ones are: Larger Wind-screen: Any blockage of airflow over your body will help to reduce lost heat, Lowered Fairings: Same as above, more body protections means more retained warmth, Handguards: Take a tip from the dirtbike riders and invest in a set of quality

handguards to block the wind from your handgrips, Handlebar Covers: A step up from handguards — handlebar covers are an insulated layer that furthers your hands' protection from the cold, Heated Handgrips: Installing a heated handgrip system is simple and cost-effective, and our favorite, Heated Seat: Though more common in cars than in motorcycles, heated seats are an available for many makes and models, we want a warm tushy.

6. Mental Checks

Yeah, yeah, we know, riding is wind therapy, good for your mental state, but you need to know the warning signs of cold-induced fatigue as this can truly mean the difference between life and death for a rider. These beginning warning signs of hypothermia while riding can include: Slowed reaction times, Stiffness in the hands and legs and loss of mobility, Decreased mental clarity, "zoning out" or missing road signs, Shivering, Difficulty naturally taking deep breaths, and "Hunched" or lowered posture while riding. Any one of these or a combination of these symptoms can mean that your mental and physical capability to ride a motorcycle has begun to decrease, which is a serious issue that needs to be addressed as quickly as possible to prevent further decline. Always increase visibility and following distance when riding in cold weather. It's sometimes hard to judge when someone's riding ability may be impaired, and larger safety margins can help to compensate.

7. Quick Fixes

Many riders don't mean to ride in cold weather. It happens a lot, that riders are caught off guard by a sudden storm or decrease in temperature. In these situations. These are a few things you can do to help you to heat up and get home safely. When we become cold our blood vessels constrict, decreasing circulation to our body. A temporary quick fix can be to stop and do a set of pushups or jumping jacks. Do not to overdo it, as sweating can greatly increase the time it takes you to become cold again. If you're caught off guard without enough

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layers, and a way to go to get home, then it's time to make an impromptu purchase. Many gas stations will sell warm layers, but even newspapers or garbage bags will make an acceptable, not necessarily fashionable, temporary fix. Eating is a fun way to temporarily heat your body, because digestion burns calories, which creates heat. Try and find a warm snack. Knowing when to stop is one of the most important skills a motorcyclist can have, know your limits. If you begin to have signs of impaired function, have an improperly prepared motorcycle, are caught in unexpected weather, or simply are too tired to continue, find a place, as soon as possible, to stop for the night and start fresh in the morning. Use a tow service if needed. The bottom line is that ending a ride safely is always better than pushing the limits and risking a crash and death.

Cold-weather riding can be rewarding and exhilarating, says Thunder. However, it's important to use every resource that you can to stay safe while on the road. It's important to recognize when conditions are too dangerous to ride, and while riding, it's essential to always perform both motorcycle and self-checks to make sure you get the best performance from both rider and bike. Learn how to recognize warning signs and address cold-weather challenges.

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



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POET'S SAFE THINKINGS

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That is why betrayal of *brotherhood* is betrayal of *the patch*. You cannot claim loyalty to the patch while betraying the brothers who wear it. You cannot honor the colors while dishonoring the men who built the meaning of those colors.

Once the brotherhood is broken, the patch is already betrayed.

From a Christian perspective, this truth is woven throughout Scripture. Brotherhood is sacred. Loyalty is a godly virtue. Trust is the currency of real relationships. When a man violates brotherhood through lies, disloyalty, or selfish actions, he strikes at the heart of everything the patch represents.

The Bible gives us a powerful picture of this in the betrayal of Jesus by Judas. Judas didn't betray a symbol; he betrayed a relationship. He betrayed someone who walked with him, trusted him, and treated him as a brother. The damage came not from the act alone, but from the *relational breach*. In the same way, when a man turns his back on his MC brothers, the betrayal hits far deeper than any rule violation. He tears the fabric of the brotherhood and, in doing so, he tears the meaning of the patch.

Scripture speaks strongly about unity:

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity." Psalm 133:1

Unity is what strengthens a club. Brotherhood is what protects it. And loyalty is what cements it. The patch is a symbol of that unity so when brotherhood is betrayed, the patch loses its honor.

Proverbs 17:17 reminds us: *"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."* In an MC, adversity is where brotherhood is tested. It is where loyalty proves itself. It is where the meaning of the patch is forged. So, when someone chooses betrayal over brotherhood, he weakens the very identity of the club.

Jesus set the ultimate standard of brotherhood: *"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."* John 15:13

True MC brotherhood echoes this call, standing together, protecting one another, and riding in unity. A rider may wear the patch on his back, but he proves it through how he treats the men beside him. If he betrays the brotherhood, he has betrayed the patch because the patch lives or dies with the loyalty of its brothers.

To the men who remain loyal, who protect the brotherhood, who live out their word. Your actions uphold the honor of the patch. Your loyalty preserves the legacy of the club. And your integrity reflects the biblical foundation of true brotherhood.

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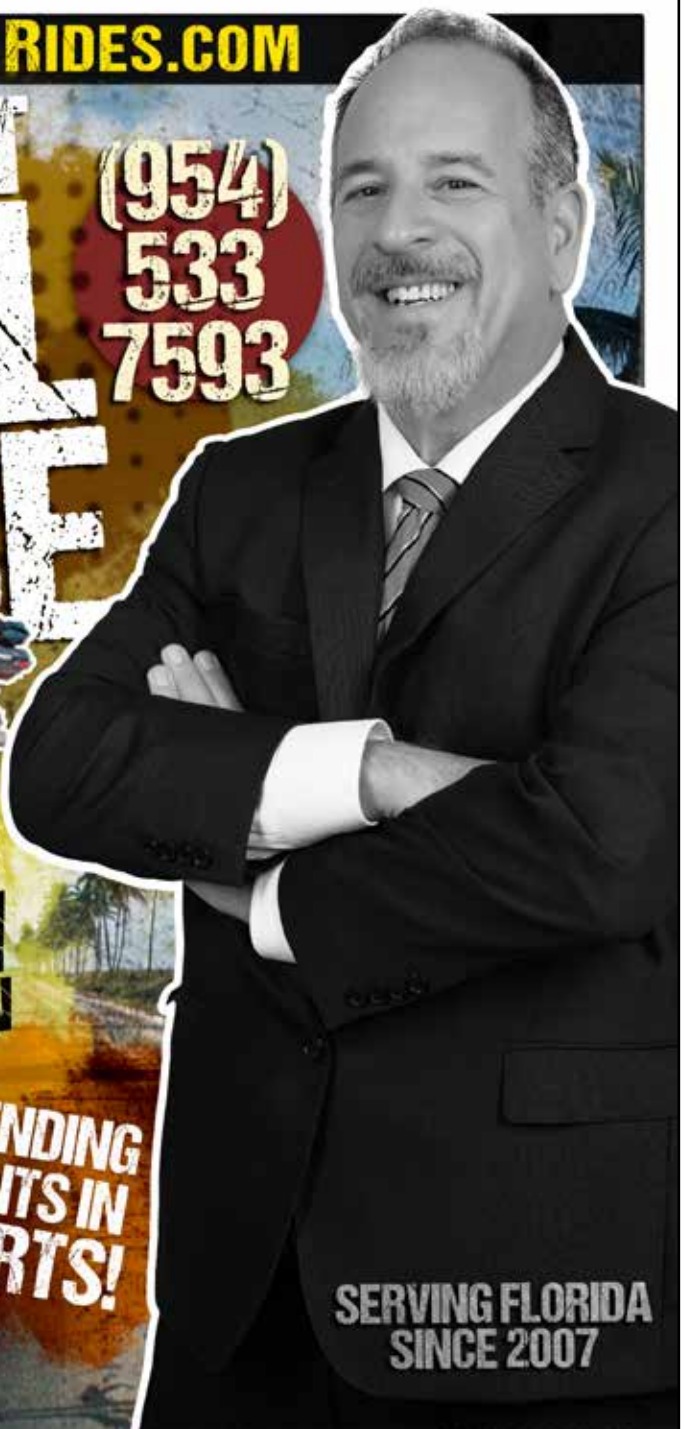
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