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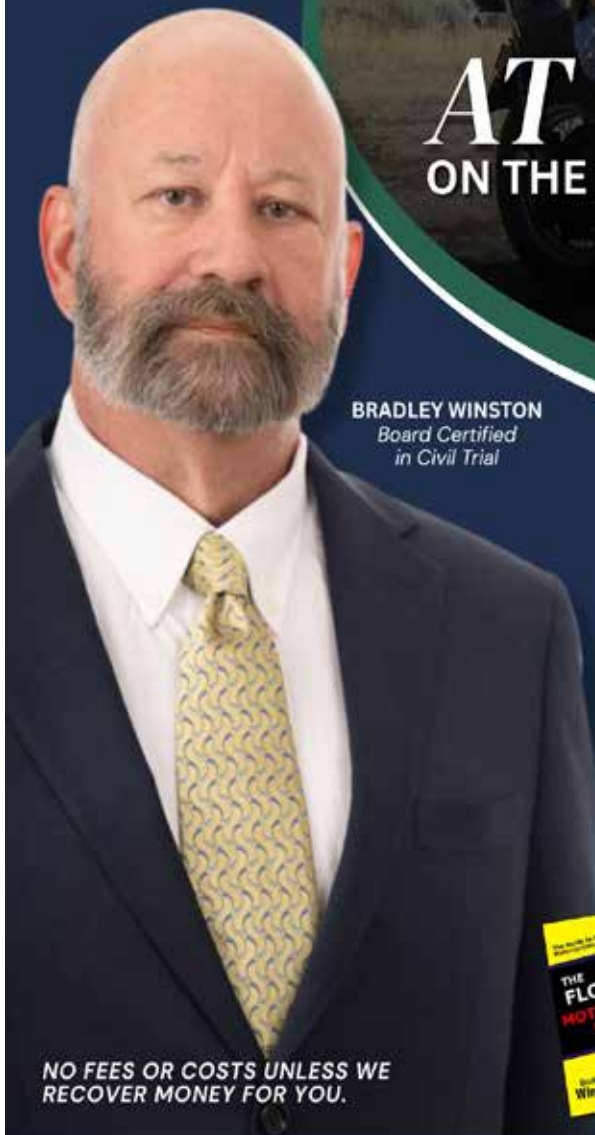
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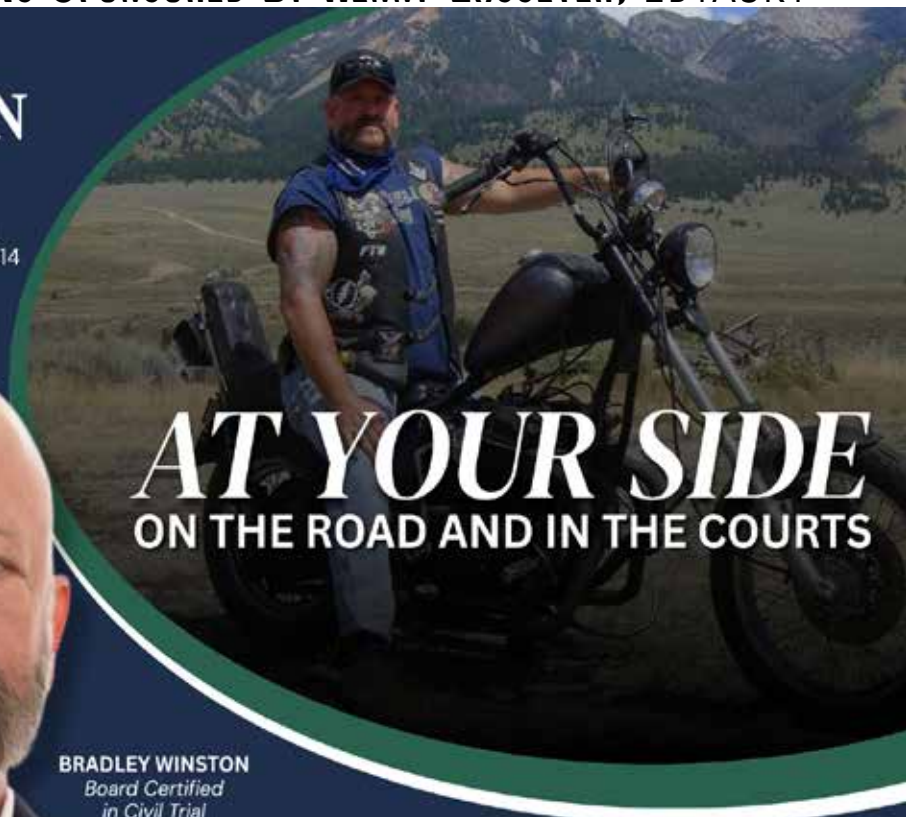
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WHAT IS ABATE?

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 of FLORIDA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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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PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

Protecting the Freedom of the Road

Attention SE Chapter;

ABATE of Florida SE Chapter's historical success is in, Standing Up for Riders' Rights! This organization takes the most pride in listening to its members voices concerning laws that will affect how we enjoy our passion of Riding Free.

ABATE of Florida remains committed to protecting the freedom of the road and ensuring that motorcyclists are treated fairly and judged by their actions—not by their appearance, clothing, patches, or lawful association.

While HB 429 has now become law, ABATE of Florida continues to stand firmly against policies and practices that can unfairly profile law-abiding motorcyclists or use lawful expressions and associations as a basis for suspicion. The new law expands Florida's criteria for identifying criminal gang membership and includes provisions concerning "gang-related language."

Our message is simple: being a motorcyclist does not make someone a criminal. Wearing a patch, belonging to a motorcycle organization, riding with friends, or exercising our constitutional rights should never automatically make someone a target for profiling.

ABATE SE Chapter will continue advocating for freedom, fairness, constitutional rights, and responsible motorcycling. We believe law enforcement should focus on proven criminal conduct—not stereotypes.

Ride free. Ride responsibly. Know your rights. And never stop standing up for the freedom of the road. most Importantly - Let Those who Ride, Decide!

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Andres "Lane Invader" Cano
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Diego Ghia
Michael "Noodles" Marconi
Joseph "Joe" Mularczyk
Ashley "Fireball" Murray
Jesus "JP" Prieto
Gerd "Bigode" Rieger
Daniel Sorosi
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See Pages 57-58
for Membership Application.**



Poet's Vice-Presidential Thinkings

Hozzzzwdy Brothers and Sisters, it's September and the year is just flying along. We have a lot going on all at once! Our Annual in October is looming near. Pixie has been very busy planning, planning, planning. It's going to be a good time for all! We have a Bike Night planned for the beginning of this month and of course the Toys in the Sun Run 2026 in December. Not to mention all the parties in between.

OB, I and our Chapter Board et al have been kept busy between State meetings and Seminars. We also must cover both North and South Council meetings as well as MC open houses. We are doing our best to bring most if not all the Clubs "into the fold". As in when we fought the oppressive helmet law, we need numbers! We must show that we care about what they do to us. The only way to do that is to show them that there is a large sector of their constituents that are opposed to issues that make us all less safe!

The issues we are facing here in Florida are more concerning than they have been since we had the helmet law modified. More riders are apprehensive that their rights will be taken away or at least infringed upon due to their lifestyles. It's abhorrent, but this is the way it is right now. They push; we push back! Democracy over Totalitarianism! Abate is becoming more important to more people. Talk about this to your friends and family. I bet you will be surprised at who comes back with "How can I help?" Sign them up! We all know the Abate members come from all walks of Life.

Speaking of Life, I've been doing a lot of thinking lately about how I choose to live my Life and why. We all hear people repeating quotes that they may or may not know the origin of. It's a very human thing, I think. For me, in my formative years, it was "Only the good die young". Which I later

found out was a modern twist on the Classical Greek saying, "Whom the Gods love dies young" and then Billy Joel wrote a song about it!

From that moment I heard this, consciously or sub-consciously, I decided that I would be "different". I chose Music as my profession, which in many circles is considered "not mainstream". I'm a Biker, which as we all know from TV and Movies is anti-societal. A lot of people believe that. Just think, it all started with my Grandad's Indian Chieftain and the TV show "Then Came Bronson". I eat meat and I do my best to tell it like it is!

I'm not the best person ya'all know! I'm not the worst either! I'm just a little on the "naughty" side. Hopefully just enough to keep me around for a long, long time. That way I can keep riding and fighting the Good Fight with all you folks. I love you all!

Until next month, Ride Free, Ride Safe!

Poet





The poster features a central image of a large teddy bear wearing sunglasses and a bandana, riding a motorcycle. In the background, other teddy bears on motorcycles are visible, along with palm trees and a sunset sky. At the top left, three small teddy bears are dressed as a firefighter, a police officer, and a child. The Southern MC logo is at the top center, featuring a Confederate battle flag. Text elements include event details, location, ticket prices, and contact information.

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**SOUTHEAST CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 321
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AUGUST 16, 2026**

Big Bear called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m., and there were 27 members present. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a prayer by Bear.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – OB:

OB welcomed all, and BACA, Widows Sons, Stilletos, Legion Riders, OG Paul, and Nighthawk. He spoke about the Motorcycle Block Party that just passed, was a good event, raised over \$1,000 in just three hours for the SPFC Toys in the Sun Run, and the check was presented to the SPFC. This event was put together by Feather, from Righteous Ink, and our own Thunder. Righteous Ink is an official drop off point for the toys. OB spoke about the next upcoming SFPC Bike Night in September at the same retail shopping center where the Block Party happened. As before, all the shops are participating in and sponsoring the event. The focus of the event is to raise donated funds and toys for the children for the SFPC Toys in the Sun Run. For more information, you will find the event flyers in our newsletter. He spoke about our Annual upcoming in October at Big Dawgs with DJ Sutra. She was great at our recent Memorial Day Event. If you have any vendor suggestions, please give them to Pixie. OB spoke about the Stilletos on Steel Miami Chapter upcoming PTSD Ride to Gilberts in the Keys. OB spoke about the State meeting, that he, Poet, and Johnny recently attended. We are trying to stall HB 429 which goes into effect

on October 1st. Poet will speak more about that. OB is trying to get all the "councils" in the State to get more involved with ABATE and get them to participate with us, in the Freedom Ride to Tallahassee next year. OB has also taken the initiative to go visit other struggling ABATE chapters in Florida, to help with membership. He thanked Poet in advance, as he may have to step up and do some presidential duties/visits locally, if OB is out of town. State also gave us two lobbyists to choose from, and Poet will have more on that later. OB gave Post 321 some love, for always allowing us to meet there today.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – POET:

Poet spoke about the meetings and seminars our Board attended. He briefly mentioned the issues at hand, HB 429 especially. He also spoke about the initiatives with clubs and councils, that he, OB, and Big Bear are visiting more clubs and organizations, getting more Spanish speaking members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - PIXIE:

Pixie requested a Motion to approve minutes from July's meeting as printed in the newsletter, motioned, second, approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – SHEILA:

Sheila gave the report of Checking and Savings. Motion requested for approval of the Treasurer's report, second, approved. She spoke about our new drawing for a Life membership, a limited supply of tickets was printed, please see her after if you are interested.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT – BIG BEAR:

Big Bear spoke about the profiling bill. He told us that in any traffic stop, the main thing is to be respectful. He then passed it to Nighthawk, who reminded all of us that school is in session. Pay attention to the yellow flashing lights, even on the weekends, when kids do extracurricular activities. Last year, 5 kids were killed by cars in school zones. SLOW DOWN! School buses are

now equipped with cameras, so if you pass their stop signs, when they are out, \$220 fine. He said even if there are no flashing lights, do not go over the posted speed. There are Flock cameras everywhere now, and these are automated license plate readers used by police and others to track vehicles and their details. There are many challenges in courts across the country right now.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT – OPEN:

Some upcoming events are:

Sunday August 23rd -

Scurvy Few MC Annual

Sunday August 23rd -

Stiletto on Steel Miami Chapter

PTSD Awareness Ride

Saturday August 29th -

Fly-in-Wheels MC 595 Meltdown

Sunday August 30th -

BACA Fundraiser, there will be 4 bands

Saturday September 5th –

SFPC Toys in the Sun Run Bike Night

Saturday September 12th –

Wings of Gold MC Halfway to

St. Patty's Day Party

Sunday September 13th -

States MC Tune-up Party

Saturday September 19th -

Kingdom of Brothers MC Annual

Saturday September 19th -

Southern MC Teddy Bear Run

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December 6, 2026

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JOHN:

John thanked everyone for trusting him with a very important position. He said that again, for the third year in a row, Florida ranks #1 in motorcycle deaths. We know there are some reasons, better year-round riding, more people, but we need to do better, always, promoting safety. The next Safety Booth will be Alligator Alley Harley Davidson Harleys after Dark on August 29th.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT –

JOHNNY ROSE AND POET:

Poet spoke about the State meeting. Griz is trying to restart the annual tradition of a State party, Spooks and Scoots. We are down 1.4% on motorcycle accidents in Florida from the prior year, so we are making good changes. He mentioned that Velcro has new stock, flashlights, etc. and has found year pins for us. Bubbles can take any orders. If you have any new ideas for safety products, please let Velcro know. The Freedom Ride to Tallahassee next year is in the works. Southeast Chapter and Palm Beach Chapter have teamed up to sponsor the August 2027 State meeting. The State is also, at Southeast Chapter's suggestion, will be pairing up chapters, so that successful chapters can help struggling chapters succeed. OB has already started doing this, for... we will call them Chapter X, no need to call anyone out, introducing them to local organizations, like BACA and CMA. He will also be visiting X to help out, hands on help, with reaching out to other motorcycle groups and getting more membership.

It is time for the State to contract our lobbyist for the next legislative year. We have two choices, and need to let the State know who we choose, at the October State meeting.

Next State meeting is in October 11, 2026 in Inglis, Florida. The State Party is the day before that, and Johnny Rose will attend, on our behalf, donating some items.

#1 – FWD Consulting, our current lobbyist, John and Elizabeth. They are currently working on the Hands Free and Right to Repair bills. Right to Repair is a bill that only licensed shops can repair your vehicle, whether car or motorcycle.

#2 – Michael Infanzon, who is currently a Director of ABATE of Arizona, and works with MRF (Motorcycle Rights Foundation) and Biker Lives Matter. He has worked on more than 90 bills in

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his career. He is in favor of grass roots efforts to get laws passed or repealed. He is moving back to Florida, where he was from originally.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad was excused. ABATE of Florida has a great resource on their website to check on active Florida legislation <https://abatefloridainc.com/florida-legislation/>

LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad was excused.

PRODUCTS REPORT – BUBBLES:

Bubbles has lots of products for sale. The new poker chips are a big hit! Let her know if you need Year pins. These are pins that members wear; to signify the number of consecutive years someone has been a member. They are proudly displayed on vests and jackets.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA:

Sheila read the membership report. We do good with new members, but our challenge is always the renewals. We contact them at least 5 times, between letters, emails, and calls, so we are trying. We also now have Membership Applications in English and Spanish.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – PIXIE:

Pixie spoke about our Annual coming up on October 11th. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers at our September meeting. She asked that all take some flyers to put up, in stores and shops. She also said to ask these stores and shops if they would like to donate a door prize or two.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – ADA:

Please EMAIL all articles and photos to news.abatese@gmail.com. Please try and get articles to her by the second Sunday of the month. If anyone wants to write an article, please do so and send to her. Like and Share on Facebook. She also reminded all that classified ads are free for

members. Also, regarding the prior discussion on Flock cameras and HB 429, she said it reminds her of the movie “The Wrong Man”, where an innocent man is accused of a crime, that even when you are innocent, there is a cost to any accusation, and remember, the less you say, until you are in front of a judge, the better. She also spoke about Demetrios Kirkiles, a long time Southeast member, who recently passed away. He was a great man and advocate for motorcyclists and all.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – OB:

Distribution is going well.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – MARELYS LAZO:

Marelys was excused.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR – THUNDER:

Thunder is excused.

BILLING AND INVOICING – SHEILA:

Sheila said all are up to date. Please support our advertisers, and when you visit their business, please let them know you saw their ad in our newsletter

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – BEAR:

Bear brought cheesecake cupcakes for August birthdays.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT – POET:

Poet had no report, and all is good.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT – ADA:

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ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT – AXMAN:

Excused.

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WEBMASTER'S REPORT – ERIK:

Erik was excused.

CHAPLAIN – BEAR:

Bear asked us to pray that everyone stays safe on the roads.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Patty Dollard thanked the Chapter for honoring her brother John in the newsletter.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Event flyers are on the tables.

Motion to adjourn at 11:10am, seconded, approved. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 321 on September 20th at 10:00am.

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While ABATE continues to stand for the freedom of Florida's motorcycling community, one of the best ways riders can protect themselves is by riding responsibly, following the law, and setting a positive example. Safe, professional riding can help reduce unnecessary encounters and demonstrate that Florida motorcyclists are responsible members of the community.

Ride smart:

- Obey speed limits, traffic signals, and lane laws.
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- Use turn signals and ride predictably.
- Maintain a safe following distance.
- Avoid aggressive riding or unnecessary traffic violations.
- Stay alert and never ride impaired.
- Treat law enforcement and other motorists respectfully during traffic stops.
- Know your rights and remain calm if you are stopped.

Florida law already requires municipal law-enforcement agencies to maintain policies addressing discriminatory profiling and traffic-stop procedures.

ABATE of Florida's message is simple: Promote. Protect. Educate. We can stand firmly for our rights while also showing Florida that motorcyclists are safety-minded, law-abiding citizens who deserve to be treated fairly.

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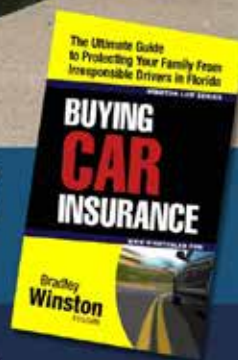


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Where do I begin to tell you all about Demetrios. Demetrios was sworn in by Broward County Judge Demetrolas. Demetrios parents owned a restaurant called the copper kettle, which was located across the street from Broward General Hospital on Andrews Avenue. To get him started in the practice of law Demetrios would help out people who came in the restaurant.

One day, an attorney by the name of Joseph Murphy came to the restaurant for lunch and apparently struck up a conversation with Demetrios telling him that there was extra office space in the building across the street from the courthouse Joe Murphy was in. At the time I myself was working for attorney, Ray Russell, who shared space with Joe Murphy. One day incomes this bright eyed bushytailed young attorney, trying to start up a practice. I would divide my time between Ray Russell and Demetrios day by day helping Demetrios get started showing him how to file the paperwork go across the street to the clerks office the normal every day routine.

I had already been riding for a while and probably rode my bike to work a few times and that spark Demetrios's interest in riding a motorcycle. He said I wanna learn how to ride. I wanna buy a bike. The first thing I told him was go learn how to drive a stick shift car and get used to clutch and hand movements. After a few weeks he found the bike he wanted and we went down to Miami and he bought it, not a small one he started out with a full dresser. He buys the bike looks at me and says how am I gonna get at home? I don't know how to ride it home so yours truly rides the bike home for him and puts it in his backyard.

I then proceeded to take Demetrios to an Abate meeting to learn about Abate and what they stood for. Back then there was a man named Chico who made Chico half helmets. Demetrios wound up going to court and fought for Chico and the helmets and won the case Demetrios kept the south-east chapter informed of all the goings on when the problem with the helmet law raised its ugly head. Demetrios handled lots of traffic tickets, especially the ones with motorcycles involved. Back in the 90s we had a Fort Lauderdale cop named Frank Scorpio who would stop anybody on a Harley and find an excuse to give him a ticket. The baffles were too loud, you're going too fast. Your handlebars are too high, etc. etc. Demetrios went to city commission meetings, spoke on profiling and gained a lot of respect in the motorcycle community.

As his practice grew, and he was newly married. Demetrios concentrated more on his law practice and getting involved with a Greek organization. We kept in contact over the years and I would say to him come to a meeting, come to a meeting. You need to show your face and he did. He started traveling a lot for his Greek organization and didn't ride as much. I still kept in contact with him keeping him posted on what was happening in Abate. When I received the call from his wife of his passing, I was devastated. I had just spoken to him and told him when I come to Fort Lauderdale I want you to do my will. He was an important part of me and all he did, but will never be forgotten. So when it's time to ring the bell in Tallahassee or mention his name at the next chapter meeting please remember all he did and what he stood for. I will always remember him in his white shirt and tie on his bike riding with a smile on his face. (his wife did get him to finally where other shirts) *Rest in peace my friend, watch over us as we ride. Till we meet again.*

Marie Baxter.

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When riding into unknown territory, it's a good idea to ask about road conditions before the journey or check a map. Unfortunately, many maps don't indicate whether a road is asphalt or gravel. To get a better look, try switching to 'Street View' or satellite mode and zooming in on the road.

Riding a motorcycle where the pavement ends means moving from smooth asphalt or concrete to loose dirt, gravel, sand, or mud. This sudden change creates several dangers: it reduces the bike's grip, makes steering harder, and increases crash risk because street tires cannot bite into loose ground.

While asphalt and concrete roads are ideal, we sometimes end up on rough roads by mistake. Other times, we could have avoided the situation with better planning. The point is simple: unsafe roads can lead to danger, just as unsafe spiritual choices can bring consequences.

Sadly, we can go as far back as Adam and Eve to see what happens when we ignore God's road signs for our lives. God told them not to eat fruit from the tree of knowledge, which would cause spiritual death. But after listening to the serpent in the garden, they ate it anyway. As a result, sin and death entered the world, and Adam and Eve were forced out of the Garden of Eden forever.

Another person who snubbed God's instruction was Jonah. Instead of going to Nineveh to preach against their wickedness, he ran away in the opposite direction, landing him three days in the belly of a whale.

Then there's Peter, a well-known disciple of Jesus. Even though Peter insisted he would never deny the Lord, fear took over when Jesus was arrested. Jesus specifically warned him that he would deny Him three times before the rooster crowed. Peter wept bitterly when he realized what he had done.

All three examples look like dead-end streets. But God made a way. After Peter denied the Lord three times, Jesus gave Peter three new chances to confirm his loyalty. After three days of praying inside a fish's belly, God ordered the fish to spit Jonah out onto the beach so he could go to Nineveh, be obedient, and share God's intended message. Adam and Eve would never enter the Garden, but God sent his Son Jesus so that we would be free from the curse of sin and eternal death.

The final takeaway is clear: even when we stray, God can still make a way back. He did it for Peter, Jonah, Adam and Eve, as well as all of us. He is the God of second and third chances. No, it's not too late, and no, you haven't gone too far.

"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland." Isaiah 43:19

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What began in April as an idea to expand one of our regular Righteous Ink Tattoo events grew into something much bigger than I anticipated.

I simply started extending my hand to the businesses throughout our plaza and asking if they wanted to come together. The willingness was immediate. Once I saw that, I knew we needed a purpose greater than the event itself, and the SFPC Toys in the Sun Run naturally became that cause.

I brought the idea to my sister Thunder. As she saw how serious I was about what we were building, she trusted me, stuck her neck out for me and connected me with the right people. That gave us the opportunity to bring the Motorcycle Block Party together in support of the children.

After four months of planning, August 1 finally arrived.

Several of us girls stayed overnight at Righteous Ink preparing for morning, and it was probably the greatest sense of teamwork I had felt since I began revamping the shop last October. Then 6:00 AM came. The parking lot was secured, tents started going up, food trucks rolled in, motorcycles began arriving, and nearly 20 moving parts

started taking their places.

It was real.

It was also brutally hot, but people pushed through it. There were motorcycles, music, food trucks, vendors, businesses, families and laughter—and, of course, Camacho doing the jig right in the middle of the Motorcycle Block Party, becoming a show all his own. Every part of that day had its own character.

Throughout the event, Ob carried me through the day. Whenever a president or leader from one of the participating MROs, riding associations, chapters or organizations arrived, he would find me and personally shuffle me across that parking lot to meet them. I had the honor of meeting presidents, directors and leaders throughout a motorcycle community that welcomed me in a way I will never forget.

Between those introductions, I would make my way back through the doors of Righteous Ink, and what I saw inside made me incredibly proud.

Righteous Ink Tattoo was filled with the patronage of the motorcycle community.

While I was outside organizing the event, my team was inside handling their own. They handled the crowd, the shop and represented Righteous Ink without needing me standing over them. Seeing my staff stand on their own and knowing they had it was one of my proudest moments of the day.

But what affected me most was the willingness of people to come together.

Nearly 20 different moving parts became one. People helped one another, pushed through the heat and went the extra mile for a common cause. It reminded me how much we still need that old powwow state of mind—people gathering, communing and extending their hands toward something greater than themselves.

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Then, on August 11, we saw what all of those hands had accomplished.

We had the honor of presenting the leadership of the Toys in the Sun Run with \$1,155 in proceeds, three bags of toys and a plaque from the Motorcycle Block Party.

On my way there, I was escorted by the President and Sergeant-at-Arms of ABATE, one motorcycle in front of me and one behind. Riding between those two gentlemen, I was almost tear-riddled. I felt protected, safe, honored and cared for. It was a beautiful culmination to everything we had accomplished together.

When I look back, I see Thunder believing in a seed. I see Ob carrying me through a community that welcomed me. I see participating MROs and riding associations coming together. I see businesses, vendors and volunteers giving their time. I see my Righteous Ink team standing strong and the motorcycle community filling our shop with its patronage.

And yes, I still see Camacho doing the jig.

Most importantly, I see \$1,155 and three bags of toys for the children.

The Motorcycle Block Party reminded me that people's desire to come together is still very much alive. Sometimes somebody simply has to extend their hand first.

I extended mine, and what came back was trust, honor, commitment, gratitude and family.



2026

SEPTEMBER

2026

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

2026

OCTOBER

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 OUTCAST MC PARTY
11 SE ABATE ANNUAL	12	13 	14V	15 EBoard Meeting 	16	17
18 ABATE SE MEETING	19	22	21	22	23	24 FEARLESS MC ANNUAL
DAYTONA B IKETOBERFEST						WHEELS OF MAN MC HALLOWEEN PARTY
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 

2026 CALENDAR



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SEPTEMBER

Sun. 13th States MC Tune-up party

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

Sun. 8th Wings of Gold MC Party
Sat. 21st **LEATHERNECKS MC ANNUAL**

DECEMBER

Sun. 6th 39th Annual Toys in the Sun Run

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SEPTEMBER
 Sat. 5th **CACIQUE RC ANNUAL**
 Sat. 19th **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
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BACA @ American Legion Post 321 – 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

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Gideons MC – Open House – 8pm
Heathens MC – Open House – 7pm – **4th Friday**
Outcast MC – Open House – 8pm
States MC – Open House – 7-10pm **1st Friday**
Kingdom of Brothers MC – Open House – 8pm – **1st & 3rd Friday**
Liberty MA – Open House – 8pm
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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August 22, 2026

Motorcycle news from Washington and around the states that Florida riders should know about.

Sometimes the stories that matter to motorcyclists arrive with flashing lights. Other times they show up buried in a congressional committee, a Federal Register notice, or a city ordinance hundreds of miles away. This week we have all three. From a federal challenge to Washington, D.C.'s helmet mandate to a government review involving thousands of motorcycle helmets, automated vehicles, increased DUI enforcement and the continuing struggle over high-powered e-motorcycles, here are the stories worth watching.



1. Congress Takes Aim at Washington, D.C.'s Motorcycle Helmet Mandate

The Ride in Freedom Act is now before both chambers of Congress. H.R. 10067, sponsored by Rep. Derrick Van Orden (R-Wisconsin), would prohibit Washington, D.C. from requiring motorcycle and motor-driven-cycle riders to wear helmets. The companion S. 5274, sponsored by Sen. Tim Sheehy (R-Montana), would do the same. As of Saturday morning, August 22, neither bill has moved beyond its August 6 committee referral: H.R. 10067 remains with the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, while S. 5274 remains with the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation supports the bills as an adult freedom-of-choice issue, while opponents, including D.C. officials and traffic-safety advocates, argue that eliminating the universal helmet requirement would increase injuries and deaths. One point deserves emphasis: these bills apply to Washington, D.C.; they do not repeal helmet laws nationwide. But their introduction puts the helmet-choice debate back on the federal stage, and that alone makes them worth watching closely.

Read the official bills:

H.R. 10067 — Ride in Freedom Act

S. 5274 — Ride in Freedom Act

2. NHTSA Reviewing Noncompliance in More Than 6,600 LS2 Motorcycle Helmets

A newly published federal notice deserves riders' attention. Allwin Powersports Corp. has reported that approximately 6,607 LS2 Rapid II helmets, manufactured from July 17, 2023 through June 30, 2025, do not fully comply with the penetration requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218. According to NHTSA, testing found noncompliance at the left-rear portion of the helmet under ambient, low-temperature and high-temperature conditions. Allwin says its own previous testing found the helmets compliant, has stopped selling the affected model, and is asking NHTSA to determine that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. NHTSA has not agreed with that claim. The agency is only announcing receipt of the petition and is accepting public comments through September 21. This is not currently a recall

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announcement, but anyone who owns an LS2 Rapid II should pay attention as the case develops.

Read the NHTSA/Federal Register notice:
LS2 Rapid II helmet noncompliance petition

3. National “Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over” Enforcement Campaign Is Underway

Motorcyclists traveling during the next couple of weeks should know that NHTSA's annual Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign began August 19 and runs through September 7. Law-enforcement agencies across the country are increasing impaired-driving enforcement during the Labor Day period. NHTSA says 27% of motorcycle riders killed during the 2024 Labor Day weekend were alcohol-impaired, and 40% of motorcycle riders killed in single-vehicle crashes during 2024 were impaired by alcohol. There is nothing controversial about encouraging riders to ride sober, but knowing when a nationwide high-visibility enforcement campaign is taking place is useful information for every motorcyclist on the road. Ride smart, ride sober, and make sure everyone else around you is squared away too. To be rather blunt: 40% of motorcycle riders killed in single-vehicle crashes in 2024 were alcohol-impaired. If you want to remove one of the biggest preventable risks from your ride, the answer is pretty damn simple: RIDE SOBER.

More information from NHTSA:
Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over

4. California E-Moto Crackdown Takes a Strange New Turn: A Buyback Program

The California e-motorcycle story we have been following continues to grow. Orange County officials have announced what they describe as the first program of its kind: an e-bike and e-motorcycle buyback patterned after law-enforcement gun buybacks. At a September 13 event, owners will be able to anonymously surrender qualifying vehicles for gift cards ranging from \$200 for pocket bikes to \$1,000 for an electric motorcycle. The program comes as Orange County prosecutors increase enforcement involving illegally operated e-motorcycles, including cases against parents accused of knowingly allowing children to operate them illegally. Whether one agrees with that approach or not, this is an important development because it shows how quickly high-powered electric two-wheelers are moving from a transportation-policy question into criminal enforcement, parental liability, impoundment and now government-funded removal programs. Other jurisdictions will be watching California's experiment.

Read more:
Orange County e-bike and e-motorcycle buyback program

5. Colorado City Adopts New Rules Separating E-Bikes From E-Motorcycles

The same argument is unfolding nearly a thousand miles away. On August 18, the City Council in Centennial, Colorado, unanimously approved Ordinance 2026-O-13 regulating electric motorcycles, Class 3 e-bikes and other high-powered electric vehicles. Electric motorcycles and Class 3 e-bikes are prohibited from sidewalks and trails, electric-motorcycle operators must be at least 16, and licensing, registration and insurance requirements apply when these vehicles are operated on public streets. Violations can bring fines, parental liability and impoundment. The larger story here is the growing effort by governments to draw a much sharper legal line between a traditional low-powered e-bike and something that looks like a bicycle but performs like a motorcycle. For motorcycle-rights organizations, that distinction matters because poorly written definitions today can become tomorrow's unin-



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tended regulations.

Read the City of Centennial announcement:
Centennial e-bike and e-motorcycle regulations

6. Federal Government Accelerating Automated-Vehicle Deployment — Motorcycles Need to Remain in the Conversation

NHTSA is moving forward with its federal Automated Vehicle Framework and is currently accepting comments on new interim guidance intended to make commercial deployment exemptions for automated vehicles faster and more flexible. The comment period closes August 31. The guidance is not motorcycle-specific, but that is precisely why riders should be paying attention. Automated vehicles must reliably identify, predict and safely interact with motorcycles under real-world conditions, including motorcycles changing lane position, approaching intersections and operating in blind-spot areas. As federal regulators create pathways for vehicles without conventional human controls to reach public roads, motorcycle organizations have a legitimate interest in making certain motorcycle detection and interaction remain part of the safety discussion. The technology may be futuristic. The motorcycle next to it at the traffic light will be very real.

Read the NHTSA proposal and public-comment information:
NHTSA Automated Vehicle Framework notice

□ The Scribe's Take

This week's stories have something in common.

Who gets to define the rules of the road?

Congress is debating whether government should tell an adult motorcyclist to wear a helmet. Federal regulators are deciding how much flexibility manufacturers should receive when safety equipment fails a technical standard. Cities and prosecutors are struggling to decide when an electric bicycle becomes a motorcycle. And while all of that is happening, vehicles increasingly capable of driving themselves are being prepared to share the road with us.

Motorcycling has always evolved alongside technology and law.

Our job is not to fear every change.

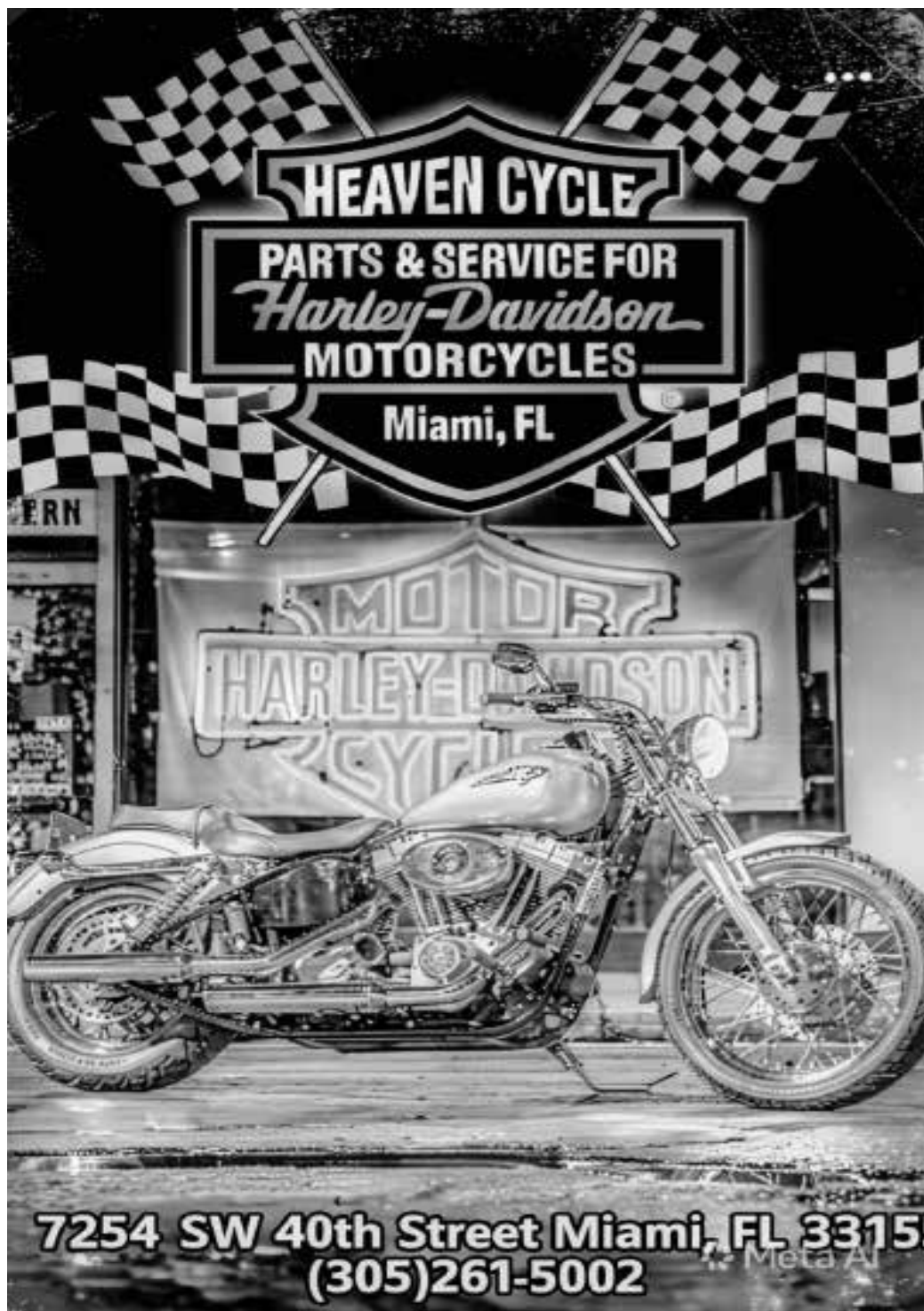
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Riding into the park felt almost like entering another world. Towering walls of red, cream, and gold rose on every side, their colors changing constantly as the sunlight shifted throughout the day. Every overlook seemed to offer a new perspective, and I found myself stopping often just to absorb the scenery. There was a peacefulness here that contrasted with the grandeur of my previous stop.

Walking the trails gave me an even greater appreciation for Zion's remarkable landscape. Whether gazing up at the massive cliffs or listening to the gentle sound of the river, I felt connected to nature in a way that's difficult to describe. It reminded me that beauty isn't always measured by size. Sometimes it comes through intimacy, quiet moments, and the feeling of being surrounded by something timeless.

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