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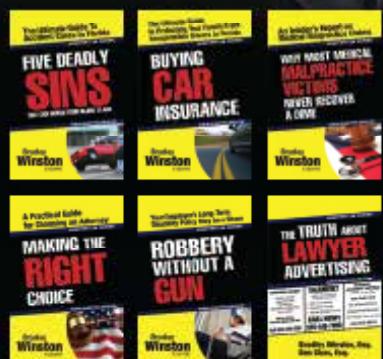
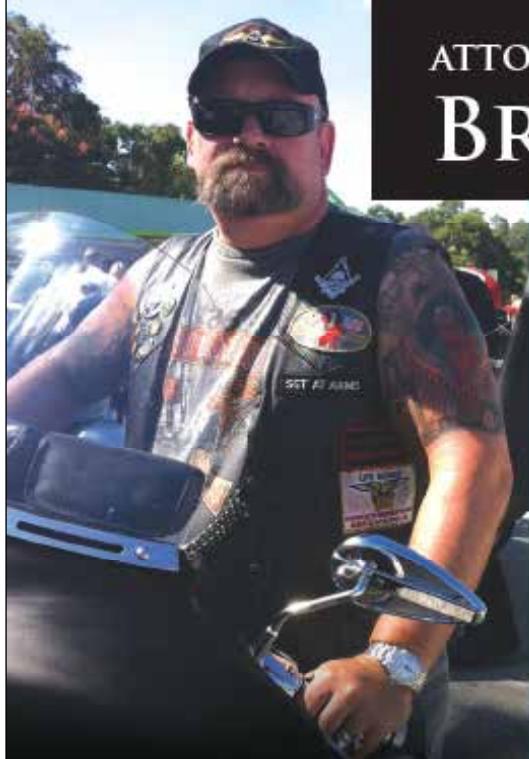
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## GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

- 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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**PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE**

Wishing All of You in 2026, A Ride Safe, Ride Free, Happy New Year! Having the honor and privilege as our Chapter's President and to be able to congratulate Southeast Chapter's milestone of its 500th edition of the newsletter to top of the New Years list of accomplishments. That is 500 monthly newsletters produced, over 41 years of historical and significant contributions that have been able to keep the newsletter a very important piece of the motorcycle community in our South Florida area. I am proud to be able to continue to be a part of its success and acknowledge its importance as "Our" Chapter's voice for our membership to our independent readers and to all those who have taken interest in our Great Organization here at ABATE of Florida, Inc. SE Chapter.

I would like to acknowledge all the great Presidents and leadership of the past that paved the way for SE Chapter's valued identity, from Chuck W. to Jimmy Les, from Jimbo to Old Hippy, from Bars (GBNF) to Frank T (GBNF), and to all who know, the Great Johnny Rose. So many significant names that gave so much of their personal time to keep this Organization going month after month, a powerful force and fixture to those that have stood up for the Rights and Safety for All motorcycle enthusiasts in our great State of Florida, I say Thank You! As President of our Chapter it is an extremely important goal to be able to hand over this historical chapter, when my time is up, to One of You, and to be able to see it carry on another 46 years as "A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments."

A Brotherhood that includes our communities' sisters and families too. Within that, we sure had a busy December together with the SFPC and MFPC Councils very successful Toy Runs, and especially being able to see the SFPC Toys in Sun Run get back to its original form was a Great experience. The MFPC delivered a truly orga-

nized event for children in need of Holiday Cheer in Dade County. It was an awesome experience and the reason why SE Chapter participates with our local MCs, to be able to be part of these events when so many bikers from all backgrounds come together to bring positivity to our local community. Our Chapter ended December with its 2nd Annual South Florida FMSP Christmas party at American Legion Post 321. Thank you to all those that were able to take part in making that a very special gathering and evening.

2026 is already bringing in a whole new excitement, and unknowingly, we hope to be able to welcome more challenges and change. ABATE of Florida, after many months of discussion and voting, has also decided to increase the cost of annual membership from \$20.00 to \$30.00 effective January 1st, 2026. The membership increase is in effort to continue to retain our annual lobbyist that we use on the Congressional floors in Tallahassee. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to approach a member or myself with inquiries about the increase.

January is full of celebrations and calendar events. SE Chapter will be hosting its 46th Semi Annual with our proud sponsor, Boston Johnny's in Hollywood, Florida on January 18th from 12-5, hoping to see all our friends there.

It might be a new year, but the message remains:  
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## *Vice-PRESIDENT*

I hope everyone had an awesome Christmas and Hanukkah. With that being said, we have some very important business to tell you about. On February 9th, we will be having our 29th Annual Freedom Ride to the Capitol. This year, it's going to be a very important ride. There is a House of Representatives Bill HB 429, and related Senate Bill S536, that are profiling bills, in our opinion. To quote parts of the Bill, a “Criminal gang member” is any person that “adopts the style of dress of a criminal gang, adopts the use of a hand sign identified as used by a criminal gang, has a tattoo identified as used by a criminal gang”. Who is determining what the style of dress is, or hand signs, tattoos? WTF? So, someone with a patch on their back could be considered a dangerous criminal? That just goes to show you how ignorant some of the politicians are in Tallahassee, when it comes to the motorcycle community.

Yeah, that's right. This is not only profiling the MCs, but also the other riding groups like the Military Vets, American Legion Riders, HOG Riders, LAMA, BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse), Soldiers for Jesus, CMA (Christian Motorcycle Association) and ABATE. Oh yeah, and we can't forget the law enforcement clubs like the Punishers, Blue Knights, Enforcers, Hired Guns, Roughnecks, and MFC (Military, fire fighters, and cops). That's right. All of us can be considered criminal gang members. It just makes me so mad, especially thinking of all the good that the SFPC and MFPC just did, helping children with the recent toy runs, criminal, HAH!!!! I didn't see Congress doing any toy drives for the children.

This is why it is SO IMPORTANT and we need all of you to join us in Tallahassee!! This bill was sponsored by Representatives Ryan Chamberlain, Jessica Baker, Webster Burnaby, and Senator Johnathan Martin, so when you go into the Capitol, make sure you stop in their offices and talk to them or their aides and let them know just how wrong this bill is. And go see all your Sena-

tors and House Representatives, and let them know how bad this bill is.

Okay back to the Ride to the Capitol. We get to park in the courtyard between the old Capitol building and the new Capitol building. We have a giant American flag and the flags for all of the U.S. Armed Forces. We do the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America, and then we do the Ringing of the Bell ceremony, where we ring the bell and say the names of our fallen family members or brothers and sisters in our community. If you have lost someone special, please get ahold of me or OB and text us their names so we can get them put on the list for the ceremony.

And for 2026, after the Ride on Monday, we will be back on Tuesday, to meet with the Representatives and Senators, a scheduled sit-down with them, to talk about things that are important to the bikers in Florida.

Look at newsletter and you will see the flyer for the Ride to the Capitol. It will give you all the information you need, and if you want to meet up and ride with me or others, reach out to me. Yes, I know, you're going to have to take a day or two off from work, but it's so important for all of us. In Tallahassee, it's a numbers game, the more motorcycles that show up, the louder our voices will be in Tallahassee. For every one of us, the congressmen see five or more voters, as each one of us, has 5 or more friends with the same views.

So, let's all get together and make this year safer than last year!!!



Peace,  
Johnny Rose  
Vice-President  
Southeast Chapter



## *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Memorial Ride for "Coach"*



Join us as we remember Steve "Coach" Mendelson, a beloved member of B.A.C.A., Fort Lauderdale HOG, and ABATE. He was also a familiar face at Alligator Alley Harley-Davidson as the riding coach for the Riding Academy.

### **Ride Details:**

Date: January 3, 2026

Start Location: American Legion Post 180, 1280 SW 44<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Ft. Lauderdale

Start Time: 10:00 am

KSU: 10:30

End Location: Alligator Alley Harley Davidson

In honor of Coach, a donation box will be available at Alligator Alley. All monies collected will be donated in Coach's name to the American Heart Association.

*Let's make this a tribute to remember, riding in his honor as he would have loved. All riders and friends are welcome.*

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Greetings to all readers. It has been awhile since my words have been in print. This is an honor to be asked to write for this wonderful magazine. I have a close bond with Southeast Chapter and am happy to help when I can.

What does one say? 500 publications in print for Southeast Chapter of ABATE of Florida. How about amazing! This is a volunteer organization, no one is getting paid, but yet the job got done year after year. What an accomplishment. The number of people involved in this achievement is just astounding. 40 plus year's publishing this newsletter is an outstanding event. Let us compare: Builders Square, Miami Ocean World, Miami Serpentarium. None of these well known companies made it to the 40 year mark. What can you say, but job well done.

The important part of this amazing feat is the newsletter is the lifeline of this organization. Think about it, we are a grassroots organization and a major part of our mission is to get our information out to the community. Southeast Chapter has been doing this on an excellent level. Many times in the past at the state meetings, they hold up a copy of the Southeast Chapter newsletter and announce to the other chapters to emulate this magazine. It ain't bragging if is true.

Now let us look at some the other purposes of this organization. Legislative active and successful on so many levels. Southeast Chapter has been a leader in getting good bills passed, bad bills voted down, ridiculous bills thrown out and bad laws reversed. We are the bikers that work hard to better life for all who ride. The list of

our accomplishments is a long one with a wide variety of achievements.

All this hard work has led to a Chapter that is known for its leadership. We are also known for our fun events and our great presence at other events. I must admit being an active member of Southeast Chapter can be a lot of work, but it is also one of most fun organizations in all of Florida. My hat is off to everyone that has contributed to the success of this chapter.

500 months of newsletters, trips to the capital, events, safety meetings, monthly meetings and everything else Southeast Chapter has done for this organization. I want to thank all whom have helped and I hope to attend many more events. Sincerely I want to say thank you to all.

One of your retired presidents  
**JimmyLes**



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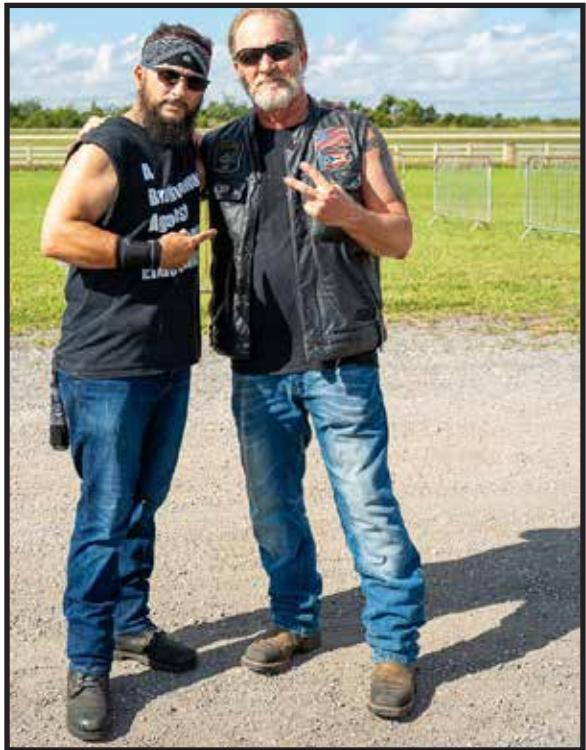


**SOUTHEAST CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES  
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We did not have a formal meeting. Out of the three Board members, only our Vice President, Johnny Rose, was able to attend, what became an informal breakfast meeting. The others were ill, nothing serious, but serious enough that they did not want to attend the meeting and "share" their colds/flu's.

Many of the membership showed up early for the meeting, for the awesome breakfast that Post 321 puts out for us. The membership that was present was talking about how wonderful our recent holiday party was, and how gracious Post 321 was, as always. Johnny Rose spoke. Informally, with all about some things coming up, and passed out some flyers. We are moving our January Chapter meeting to January 11<sup>th</sup>, as our Chapter's Semi-Annual Event is on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Also upcoming is States MC Blessing of the Bikes on January 4<sup>th</sup>, Wings of Gold MC Annual on January 11<sup>th</sup>, Der Krieger MC Annual on January 25<sup>th</sup>, and Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show on January 24<sup>th</sup>. He also let all know that the annual membership dues are going to be \$30.00 and Life Membership will be \$450.00 beginning January 2026.

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## **POET'S SAFE THINKINGS**

Howdy Brothers and Sisters! Wow, it's January of a whole new year! I'm so glad too cuz 2025 was a little rough!

The beginning of each year is special time for most people. The holidays are over and the past year is history. It's a good time for quiet reflection and to remember our fallen. It's also a good time to at least think about plans for this year.

I, myself have never made resolutions. Mainly because I never keep them. But if I were to make plans...

I plan to ride my '06 Roadking more.

I plan to go to more parties and events.

I plan to start enjoying my life more than I have the past two years.

I plan to help our Chapter to flourish.

January is one of the busiest months for the South Florida Biker community. All kinds of rides and events are right over the horizon. Shows, swap meets and rallies are rolling up fast. It's a good time to check your sled! Tire inflation and a new breather filter is a good start.

Please be aware of your surroundings at all times. Keep your head on a swivel. There were too many brothers and sisters that went down last year. Most of those incidents were not the biker's fault. We still have a long fight ahead and our Alliance under the FMSP is helping us along the way. For those of you still unaware... Abate of Florida has allied with LLAMA and the American Legion

Riders and backed by the State of Florida. Our goal is to make it safer to ride the roads for everyone.

I will continue to spread the word and gospel of Abate of Florida and the Florida Motorcycle Safety Program. Bubbles has been helping me immensely through the last part of 2025. If anyone else is interested in participating, you are more than welcome. It is truly a group effort and takes a tribe.

Anyways, I just wanted to say, " Happy New Year. I love you all!"

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An old tow truck driver, that taught me how to tow my boat, said one thing that stuck with me, "don't get committed to a situation until you see a way out. When I first took my motorcycle training course, my instructor put out many pearls of wisdom, but one I remember best is, "count on being cut off on the road and you won't be surprised when it happens." The more I think about it, both of those things apply to riding a bike on our roadways, especially I-95 and Federal Highway. I have a daily commute from my place in Fort Lauderdale to my office in Lighthouse Point. Almost without exception, I am cut off at least 1-3 times each way on Federal highway, on the rides to and from my office. Why did I bring these things up?

I'm constantly looking at dingbats on their cell phones, with some even doing facetime or texting while driving. After too many close calls, I've finally gotten pretty good at sizing up what a driver's next move is, simply by paying attention and observing their driving habits. If you see a driver in your mirror weaving in and out of lanes, make it easy for them to get around you and your group ,by leaving plenty of room to spare, by not closing the distance on the car or cars in front of you. Let's face it, it's not likely their driving will improve as they close the distance between you, so the easier

you make getting around you, the better. I also avoid getting boxed in with cars. If this means slowing down, so be it. I've seen drivers get impatient with traffic and get crazy with their lane changes, to get ahead of the car in front of them ,only to be blocked by another car just a short distance ahead.

I've had a colorful life and have had my share of recoveries involving rehab. I can tell you, as you get older, healing takes longer and it hurts like a..... well, you know. Hauling butt to get there doesn't have the appeal it once had, and getting there safely is a big deal for me now.

Your ability expect the worst from Florida drivers on 4 wheels or more will serve you well, and hopefully. you won't find yourself in a situation you can't get out of. without involving any form of medical attention.

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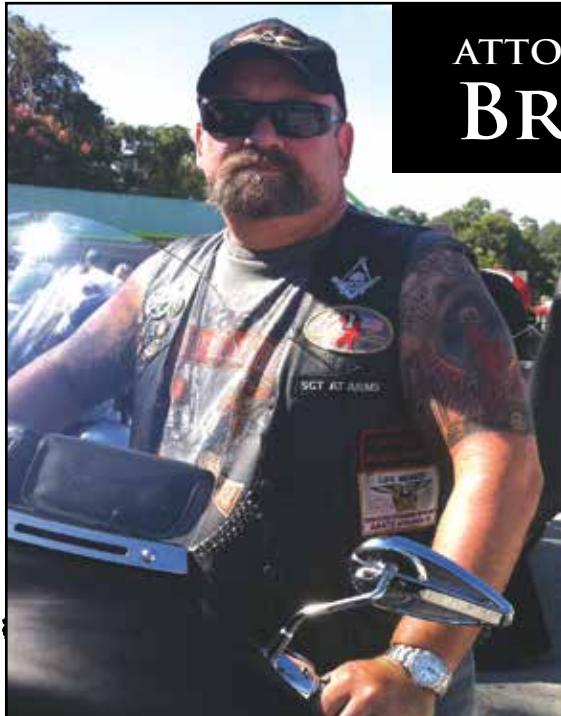
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The question is, what will you do with the days ahead? The longer I live, and the more brothers, sisters, friends, and family I say goodbye to, the more convinced I am to live each day to the fullest, and with as much purpose as I can.

With each year passing by so quickly, I can't help but reflect on what I've done with my life in 2025. Sadly, my screw-ups are at the forefront. Repenting, or recognizing my sin and then making a solid turnaround, should have been my first response. But if it wasn't, then it's not too late to say 'I'm sorry' to a very forgiving God. He would prefer I eliminate anything that could come between us. Matters left undone sometimes cause us to shy away from Him, creating a needless wedge in our relationship. But according to Psalm 145:8, the Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. Whoa!!!!

I also think about the ways I wasted time and wish I could get some of it back. I've realized I shouldn't take on more than I can physically and mentally handle. Over-committing affects my output. I'm getting better at pacing myself and taking my aging body into consideration. It's funny how you think your body and brain can do what it did 20 years ago. It can't, and we need to face the music.

By doing a self-assessment, I can now consid-

er making changes in my life and ask God what HIS plans are for the upcoming year. After all, He knows what's coming down the pike. One thing is for sure... I need more wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit to navigate the future. Things are not always as they appear, and the truth is getting harder to find. I need to rely less on myself and more on Him.

My advice for the New Year? Take a moment or two to sit quietly before the Lord and ask Him what His focus will be for your life. How does He want you to be of service to Him, not that anything you do can buy your way into heaven. Ask for ways you can be a part of expanding His kingdom on earth. Right now, we feel the expansion of evil, as it seems to press in on us from every side. But God's kingdom will not be pushed back. While the enemy is displaying the victory sign, God is rallying His troops. There will be more spiritual skirmishes, and we'll question who the victor is. But according to Revelation 20:10, God gets the final blow. "Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever." Eternal torment will be the reward for the eternally wicked.

From Road Captain to Tail Gunner, every ride has positions. The same is true for God's kingdom. We each have a position to take and defend. Ask God what your position should be for 2026. Ask Him to show you the boundaries you need to create to do your job well, without delay or hesitation. He has given us everything we need to accomplish the goal and do it on purpose.

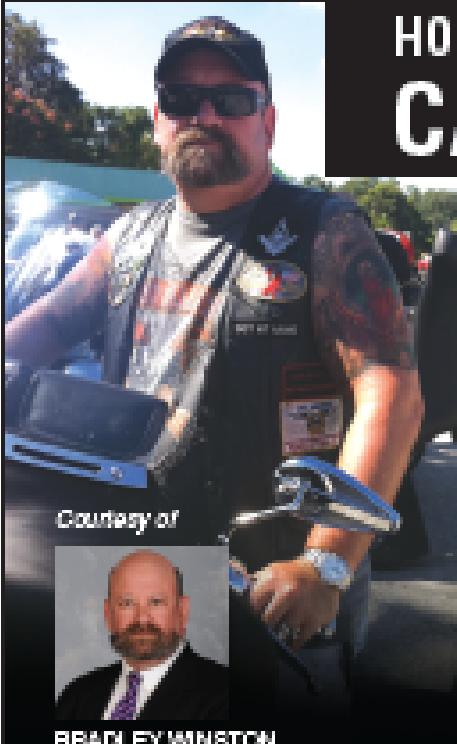
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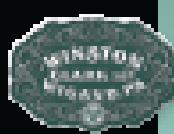
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JANUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 STATES MC BLESSING OF THE BIKES	5	6	7	8 EBOARD MEETING	9	10 LEAST OF SAINTS BIKE BLESSING
11 WINGS OF GOLD MC ANNUAL <hr/> ABATE SE MEETING	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 S.E. ABATE SEMI-ANNUAL	19 	20	21	22	23	24
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FEBRUARY

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8 ABATE OF FLORIDA STATE MEETING	9 ABATE OF FLORIDA FFREEDOM RIDE	10	11	12 EBOARD MEETING	13	14 
15 AOA FT. LAUDERDALE ANNUAL <hr/> ABATE SE MEETING	16 	17 	18	19	20	21 WHEELS OF MAN MC ANNUAL
22	23	24	25	26	27 Daytona Beach Bike Week 	28
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# 2026 CALENDAR



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## JANUARY

Sun. 4th States MC Blessing of the Bikes

Sun. 11th **Wings of Gold MC ANNUAL**

Sun. 18th S.E. ABATE Semi-annual

Sun. 25th **Der Krieger MC ANNUAL**

## FEBRUARY

Sat. 1st Gideons MC ANNUAL  
New date Saturday June 21st

Sun. 15th **AOA Ft. Lauderdale ANNUAL**

Sat. 21st **Wheels of Man MC ANNUAL**

## MARCH

Feb. 27th – March 8th 85th Daytona Bike Week

Sun. 15th Scurvy Few MC Party

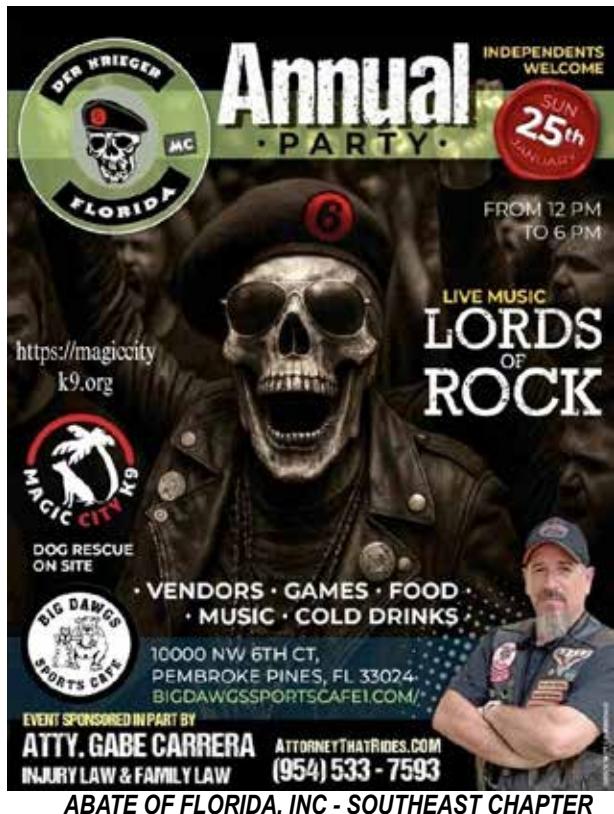
## APRIL

Sun. 5th Easter Sunday

Sun. 12th **States MC ANNUAL**

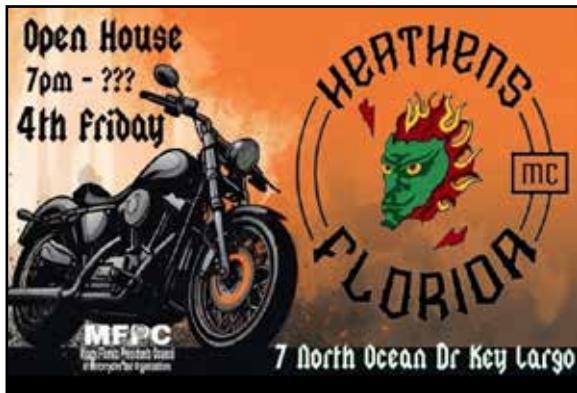
Sat. 19th Mystic Seven MC Party

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### **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 -  
The Crew MC ***Thursday before the Chapter meeting***  
Mickey's Tiki Bar Open House – 8pm – ***3rd Thursday***  
Old Timers MC Lady's Nite Out– 8pm  
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**

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## RESOLUCIONES DE AÑO NUEVO PARA BIKERS

Un nuevo año llega y con él un olor a gasolina fresca, rutas por descubrir y la oportunidad de ajustar el rumbo. Los bikers no pensamos en metas como una lista aburrida, las pensamos como experiencias. Las resoluciones deben sentirse en el pecho, igual que ese rugido del motor cuando calienta. Aquí van algunas ideas para arrancar el año con propósito y sin excusas.

Primero, planear un viaje largo. No un ride corto de domingo, hablo de un viaje que requiera mapa, maletas y quizás un buen par de guantes nuevos. Un destino lejano te obliga a enfrentar el clima, el cansancio, el silencio y a la vez te regala una claridad mental que pocas cosas dan. La carretera pone todo en perspectiva. El tiempo rodando te ordena la cabeza, te limpia el alma y te recuerda lo vivo que estás.

Otra resolución útil es invitar a alguien nuevo a este mundo. Todos recordamos quién nos dio la primera vuelta, quién nos enseñó que la carretera se respeta. Introducir a alguien a la hermandad biker es pasar la antorcha. Puede ser un vecino, un sobrino o un amigo que siempre mira las motos con curiosidad. Enciende esa chispa y acompáñalo desde lo básico hasta su primer rodada. La cultura crece cuando compartimos, no cuando la guardamos.

Apoyar eventos es otra meta que suena simple pero transforma. No basta con ver los flyers en redes; presentarse, inscribirse, aportar, comprar una camisa, ayudar en una colecta o simplemente estar ahí ya crea impacto. Los eventos

mantienen la comunidad viva, alimentan la camaradería y te conectan con nuevas amistades, talleres, rutas y clubes. Si todos apoyamos, la escena nunca muere.

Y por último, una resolución que a veces dejamos para después: buscar entrenamiento y mejorar habilidades. Un curso de seguridad, técnicas de curva, primeros auxilios o manejo en lluvia puede salvar vidas. El orgullo a veces nos hace pensar que ya sabemos todo, pero uno nunca termina de aprender. Ser mejor rider es responsabilidad personal y un acto de amor hacia quienes ruedan contigo.

Y dejo la más profunda para cerrar: buscar una cercanía real con Dios. No hablo de religión rígida, hablo de ese momento en el que apagas el motor, te bajas el casco, miras el cielo y agradeces. La carretera tiene una manera especial de hablar al corazón. Ese viento que despeja preocupaciones, ese sonido constante que te obliga a pensar. Tomarte el tiempo para orar, meditar, leer la Palabra o simplemente conversar con Él mientras ruedas puede darle sentido a cada kilómetro. No hay viaje más importante que ese.

Nos vemos en la carretera. Feliz año, Dios los bendiga, y que cada ride tenga propósito.



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STUFF WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW

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We have the winter holidays behind us, and a new year to look forward to. We hope you all had some great times with your family and loved ones. We were sitting around and talking about this past year, and some of the people that we don't see as much, they have moved to other places, on new adventures. Those of you who know Sheila well, know that she loves to read books, reads daily, and she was sharing with us a book she recently read, about new places and adventures, called "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" by Robert M. Pirsig. The book was written in 1974 and is NOT about Buddhism or repairing your bike, but is about a summer motorcycle trip that a father and his son took. It is a personal and philosophical look into fundamental questions on how to live life. The relationship between the father and his son leads to a powerful self-reckoning of the father, and the craft of motorcycle maintenance leads to a beautiful way for bringing together, science, religion, and humanism. The book talks about Chautauqua, which is a kind of teaching style, not so formal as school, more lifelong learning through experiences. This is an awesome book, and even if you don't like to read, you should try this one. It is a thought-provoking book that makes one think about the confusions of existence, and is a touching and transcendent book about life. We thought we would share some of our favorite quotes from the book, enjoy, and get a copy of the book to read, it's really a great book!!

- "Each machine has its own, unique personality which probably could be defined as the intuitive sum total of everything you know and feel about it. This personality constantly changes, usually for the worse, but sometimes surprisingly for the better, and it is this personality that is the real object of motorcycle maintenance."
- "The truth knocks on the door and you say, 'Go away, I'm looking for the truth,' and so it goes away. Puzzling."
- "And it occurred to me there is no manual that deals with the real business of motorcycle maintenance, the most important aspect of all. Caring about what you are doing is considered either unimportant or taken for granted."
- "Laws of nature are human inventions, like ghosts. Laws of logic, of mathematics are also human inventions, like ghosts. The whole blessed thing is a human invention, including the idea that it isn't a human invention. The world has no existence whatsoever outside the human imagination. It's all a ghost, and in antiquity was so recognized as a ghost, the whole blessed world we live in....Your common sense is nothing more than the voices of thousands and thousands of these ghosts from the past."
- "Quality...you know what it is, yet you don't know what it is. But that's self-contradictory. But some things are better than others, that is, they have more quality. But when you try to say what the quality is, apart from the things that have it, it all goes poof! There's nothing to talk about. But if you can't say what Quality is, how do you know what it is, or how do you know that it even exists? If no one knows what it is, then for all practical purposes it doesn't exist at all. But for all practical purposes it really does exist."

- “Mountains should be climbed with as little effort as possible and without desire. The reality of your own nature should determine the speed. If you become restless, speed up. If you become winded, slow down. You climb the mountain in an equilibrium between restlessness and exhaustion. Then, when you’re no longer thinking ahead, each footstep isn’t just a means to an end but a unique event in itself.”
- “Stuckness shouldn’t be avoided. It’s the psychic predecessor of all real understanding. An egoless acceptance of stuckness is a key to an understanding of all Quality, in mechanical work as in other endeavors. It’s this understanding of Quality as revealed by stuckness which so often makes self-taught mechanics so superior to institute-trained men who have learned how to handle everything except a new situation.”
- “If you’re going to repair a motorcycle, an adequate supply of gumption is the first and most important tool. If you haven’t got that you might as well gather up all the other tools and put them away, because they won’t do you any good. Gumption is the psychic gasoline that keeps the whole thing going. If you haven’t got it, there’s no way the motorcycle can possibly be fixed. But if you have got it and know how to keep it, there’s absolutely no way in this whole world that motorcycle can keep from getting fixed. It’s bound to happen. Therefore the thing that must be monitored at all times and preserved before anything else is the gumption.”
- “The way to solve the conflict between human values and technological needs is not to run away from technology. That’s impossible. The way to resolve the conflict is to break down the barriers of dualistic thought that prevent a real understanding of what technology is -not an exploitation of nature, but a fusion of nature and the human spirit into a new kind of creation that transcends both. When this transcendence occurs in such events as the first airplane flight across the ocean or the first footprint on the moon, a kind of public recognition of the transcendent nature of technology occurs. But this transcendence should also occur at the individual level, on a personal basis, in one’s own life, in a less dramatic way.”
- “We just have to keep going until we find out what’s wrong or find out why we don’t know what’s wrong.”
- “Anxiety, the next gumption trap, is sort of the opposite of ego. You’re so sure you’ll do everything wrong you’re afraid to do anything at all. Often this, rather than ‘laziness,’ is the real reason you find it hard to get started.”
- “What he’s looking for, what he wants, is all around him, but he doesn’t want that because it ‘is’ all around him. Every step’s an effort, both physically and spiritually, because he imagines his goal to be external and distant.”
- “If someone’s ungrateful and you tell him he’s ungrateful, okay, you’ve called him a name. You haven’t solved anything.”
- “We’re in such a hurry most of the time we never get much chance to talk. The result is a kind of endless day-to-day shallowness, a monotony that leaves a person wondering years later where all the time went, and sorry it’s all gone.”
- “In a car you’re always in a compartment, and because you’re used to it you don’t realize that through that car window everything you see is just more TV. You’re a passive observer and it is all moving by you boringly in a frame. On a cycle the frame is gone. You’re completely in contact with it all. You’re in the scene, not just watching it anymore, and the sense of presence is overwhelming.”
- “If your mind is truly, profoundly stuck, then you may be much better off than when it was loaded with ideas.”

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- “The place to improve the world is first in one’s own heart and head and hands, and then work outward from there.”
- “What is in mind is a sort of Chautauqua—that’s the only name I can think of for it-like the traveling tent-show Chautauquas that used to move across America, this America, the one that we are now in, an old-time series of popular talks intended to edify and entertain, improve the mind and bring culture and enlightenment to the ears and thoughts of the hearer. The Chautauquas were pushed aside by faster-paced radio, movies and TV, and it seems to me the change was not entirely an improvement. Perhaps because of these changes the stream of national consciousness moves faster now, and is broader, but it seems to run less deep.”
- “The Buddha, the Godhead, resides quite as comfortably in the circuits of a digital computer or the gears of a cycle transmission as he does at the top of a mountain or in the petals of a flower.”
- “For every fact there is an infinity of hypotheses.”
- “You look at where you’re going and where you are and it never makes sense, but then you look back at where you’ve been and a pattern seems to emerge.”
- “Plans are deliberately indefinite, more to travel than to arrive anywhere.”
- “I argued that physical discomfort is important only when the mood is wrong. Then you fasten on to whatever thing is uncomfortable and call that the cause. But if the mood is right, physical discomfort doesn’t mean much.”
- “To arrive in the Rocky Mountains by plane would be to see them in one kind of context, as pretty scenery. But to arrive after days of hard travel across the prairies would be to see them in another way, as a goal, a promised land.”
- “When you want to hurry something, that means you no longer care about it and want to get on to other things.”
- “We are, all of us, very arrogant and conceited about running down other peoples’ ghosts but just as ignorant and barbaric and superstitious about our own.”
- “The new ones (motorcycles) start out as good-looking strangers and, depending on how they are treated, degenerate rapidly into bad-acting gourmets or even cripples, or else turn into healthy, good-natured, long-lasting friends.”
- “As soon as you put a border on it, it’s gone.”
- “Some things you miss because they’re so tiny you overlook them. But some things you don’t see because they’re so huge.”
- “How did you know how to do that?” He asks. “You just have to figure it out.” “I wouldn’t know where to start,” he says. I think to myself, that’s the problem, all right, where to start. To reach him you have to back up and back up, and the further back you go, the further back you see you have to go, until what looks like a small problem of communication turns into a major philosophic enquiry.... I repack the tool kit and close the side cover plates and think to myself, he’s worth reaching though.”
- “Familiarity can blind us too.”
- “From all this awareness we must select, and what we select, and call consciousness is never the same as the awareness because the process of selection mutates it. We take a handful of sand from the endless landscape of awareness around us and call that handful of sand the world. Once we have the handful of sand... a process of discrimination goes to work on it. This is the knife. We divide the sand into parts... You’d think the process of subdivision and classification would come to an end, somewhere, but it doesn’t. It just goes on and on.”



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It is also the perfect time for me to say goodbye and thank you for following the Captain's Corner over the past two years. I have pretty much run out of motorcycle trips and adventures to share. I hope that you have enjoyed my articles and also that it has given you some ideas for possible rides in the future. I will continue to ride as long as God blesses me with strong legs. I actually am in the process of planning my Summer western swing from Montana through the Pacific Northwest. It will be a continuation of my trip out west in 2018 that ended in Yellowstone National Park.

Please feel free to contact me at Captain harold@hotmail.com with any questions or any inquiries into my future rides. Always happy for some company. I plan to attend all of the Motorcycle rallies in the southeastern part of the US: Myrtle Beach, Arkansas, Panama City, Waynesville, and more. Thanks and I'll see you on the road.

**Harold.**



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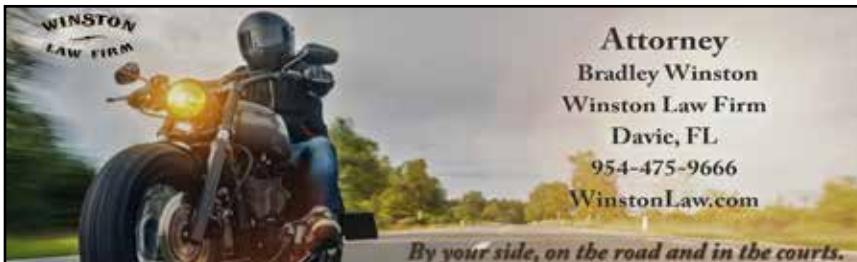
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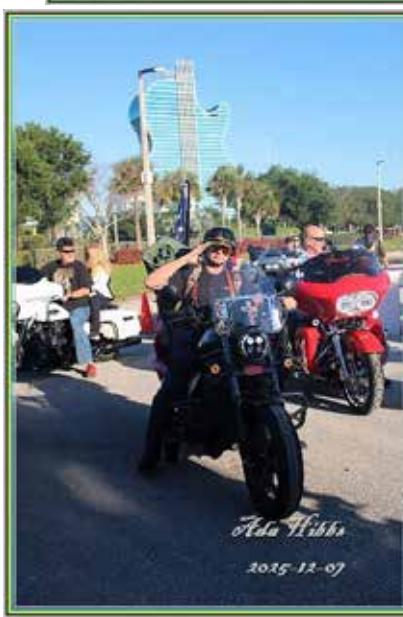
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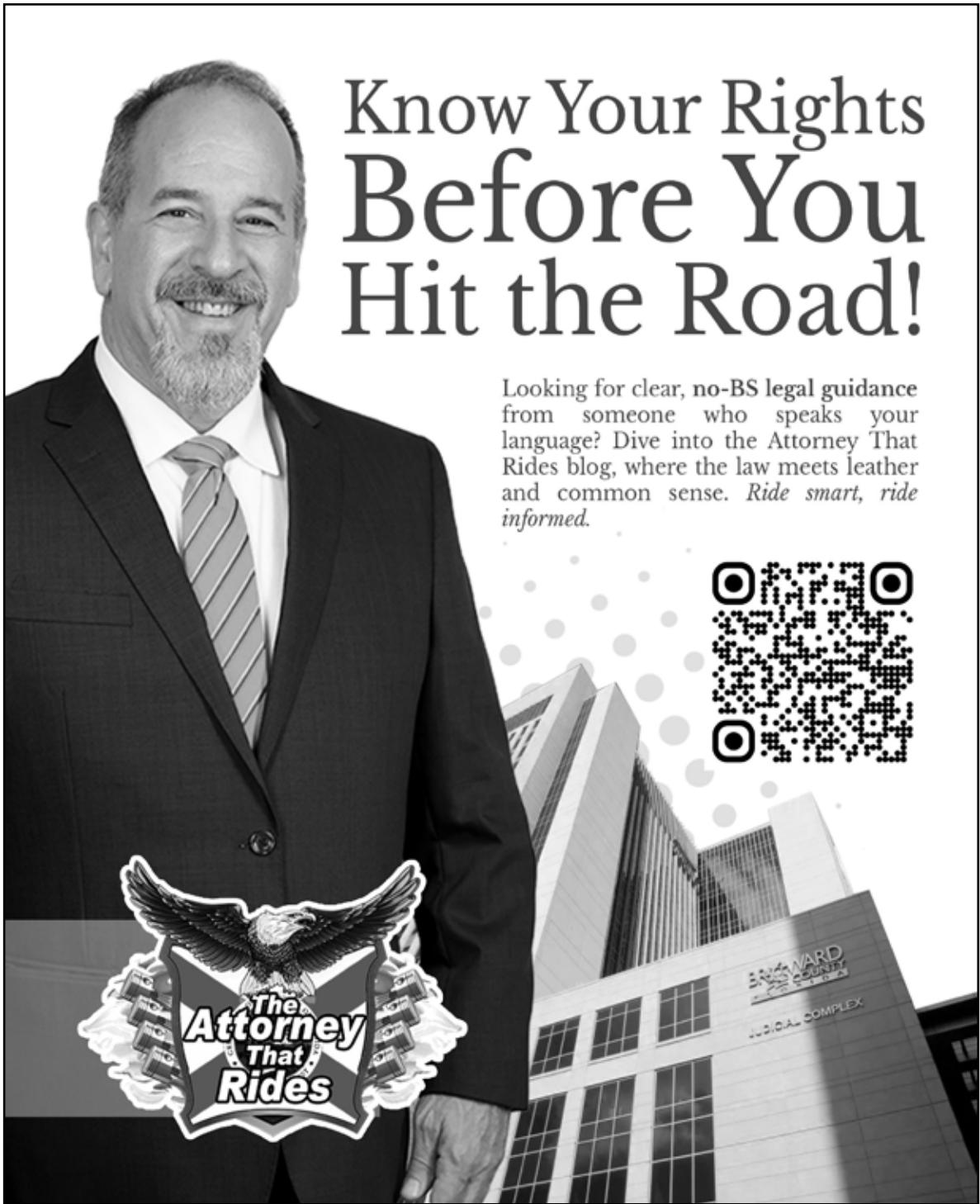
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To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

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