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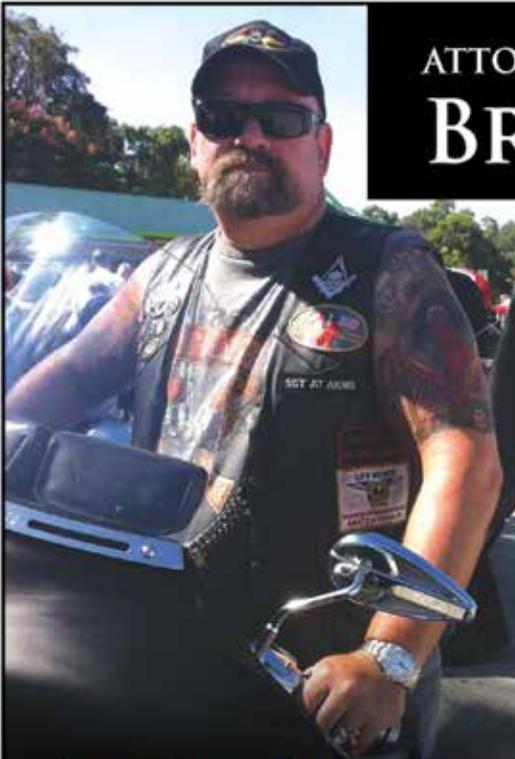
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- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.
- We promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness.
- We fund our work by holding a series of annual events at different locations within our service area and other motorcycle activities.
- We are your neighbors and friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community.
- We serve and support our country and believe in freedom.
- We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.
- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of Florida as a motorcycle rights organization or MRO. We are currently the only political MRO in Florida representing the interest of its members and the motorcycling public at-large.
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Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2020 was our 20th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.
- We've become the 4th largest State Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the country (IN & IL are 1&2, we regularly switch for 3rd & 4th with PA).
- We got the handlebar heights law modified.
- We successfully fought a bill that would forbid our children from riding on our bikes.
- We successfully fought the bill that would confiscate motorcycles for going 30MPH over the speed limit.
- We developed an effective MSAP program that has raised motorist's perceptions and awareness of motorcycles, and have received funding from the State of FL totaling over \$750,000 to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.
- We successfully fought the bill against vertical tags that had over \$1,100 in fines for a first offense.
- Supported and fought for a texting-while-driving ban for the last few years.
- Our 2009-2010 Stiffer Penalties Bill made it through five of the FL House & Senate's committees; this is the farthest it has gone in the number of years we have tried. On the last day of session, a committee member strenuously attempted to attach a revival of the helmet law to our Bill. To avoid a new helmet law in Florida, we had to kill the Bill.
- We publish monthly Press Releases and/or Articles of Interest in many online & print publications, including Florida Full Throttle.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. has been asked to be on and currently sits as a member of The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C. The Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation may appoint a representative from only two State MROs throughout the entire U.S.A. to be on this council.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. sits as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Collation of Motorcyclists (NCOM). NCOM has over 1000 member organizations.

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“This page sponsored by Frank T. (GBNF) & Lisa

From Your President

Okay everyone, are you all ready for the SFPC Toys in the Sun Run? It's going to be a really fun day and I hope to see everybody there. It's Sunday, December 4th. Please remember that all of the proceeds go to Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital, it's for the kids. Please come out and support this event.

Okay, with that being said, holidays are also a time to remember those who have passed, and I'm going to give you a little history about how ABATE's Southeast Chapter memorialized our GBNF brothers and sisters in our community. We used to have a place at Holiday Park, where we have a small gathering and put a memorial plaque for them. That was about 20 years ago. That was the best way for all to be able to come out, remember our fallen brothers and sisters. But then Holiday Park was taken over by the county, and we had to move our plaques, and we moved them across 27, to Cafe 27. The owners gave us a beautiful, shaded spot, and I guess it was about 10 years ago. That was the perfect place for them cuz we go to Cafe 27 a lot. And that way, we could take a few minutes, to check out the plaques and remember. I have to say, that there were a few others who also put down plaques, like the USMV Vets MC. But then, as life goes, and things change, Café 27 changed hands a couple of times, and we had to remove all our plaques so they wouldn't get destroyed. One of our members and another friend were able to return those plaques to the families, as we had no place to put them anymore.

We still wanted a memorial, so I got with our Board of Directors for Southeast Chapter, and we decided to create a memorial stand, that we could set up at our events. We created smaller memorial plaques that were magnetized, and placed them on our stand. When people come to our event, they can take a pause by the stand, and remember.

A few years ago, some of us friends, also started an annual memorial ride around Lake Okeechobee, in the fall, when it is cooler. We do this to honor and remember those who passed that year. Kim gets these river rocks and writes the names and dates of birth and death on them, and we get to also put a message to the fallen brothers or sisters. Then we spray them with clear varnish so the writing will stay on for years. We take all back country roads on the ride, and on the north side of the Lake, there is a pier. So, we have a small service, our Assistant Chaplain Bear says a few words, and we go out onto the pier say some prayers and toss the memorial rocks in. It helps us somehow, to have some closure you know. And we do also remember, that there are other stones out there, from previous years.



This year, we did our ride on the Sunday after the Heathens MC party. That was on a Saturday, and a beautiful ride down to the Keys. I love that party and love those guys. That was one awesome weekend of riding. Then, the next two weekends, we went to the Military Vets MC Fla 1 Annual and then the Leathernecks MC Annual. They both throw an awesome party, and it was nice to see a lot of people show up to support them.

We've got the holiday season coming up on us. I hope everyone had a nice time with their family and friends for Thanksgiving. Be careful and keep an eye out for all this holiday traffic, and a lot of people from out of town, coming down here for family, friends, and our beautiful weather.

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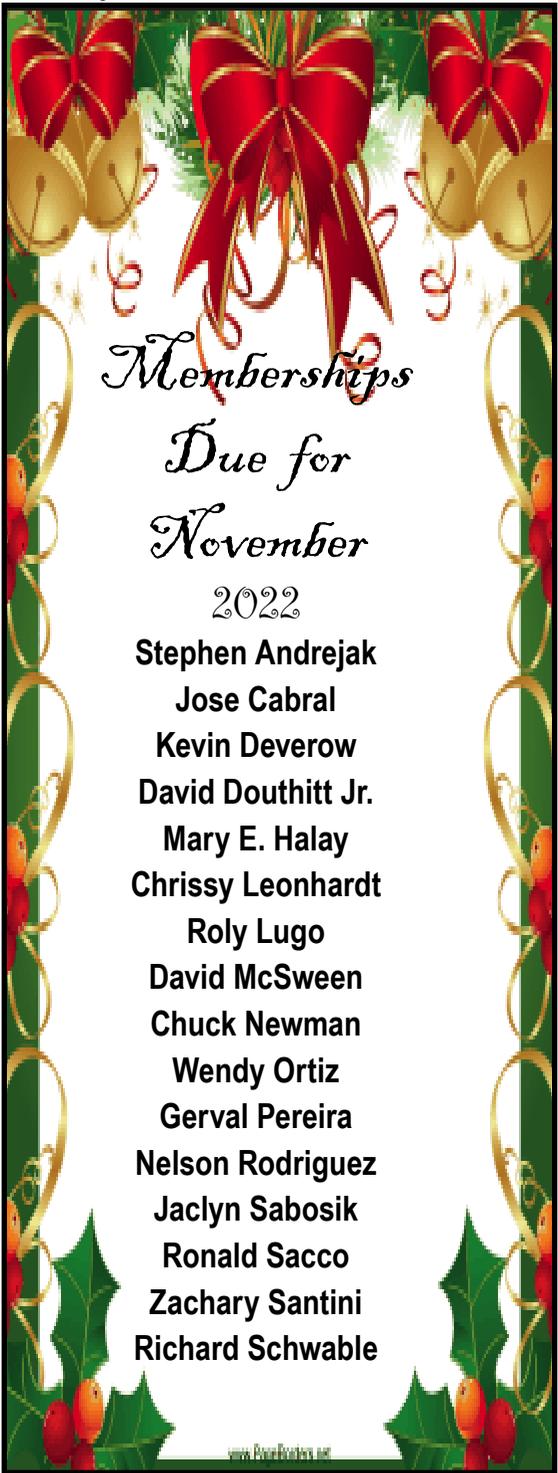
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I want to wish all of you a happy, joyful, and SAFE holiday season!!!!

Please support all your American Legions and VFWs. God Bless America, the military, and the veterans who have helped keep this Country free.

And to the younger people out there, you have the chance to inherit an organization that stands up and fights for biker rights and safety. Help us make a difference, now, and for the future!

ANYONE WHO RIDES SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF ABATE!!!!

God bless America!!!!

Peace,
Johnny Rose
President
Southeast Chapter



Vice- President

MONTH TO GIVE

As we talked about in last month's article, for me November was the month to be thankful and December is considered the month to give. Although Santa bringing your favorite motorcycle parts and leaving them under the tree always makes for a great Christmas, a biker needs to remember that the holidays is not just about receiving gifts but is also about giving. There is also so many more ways to give than just buying presents for family, friends, and coworkers. Ever thought about volunteering for a day for a good cause? There are so many good causes out there and with just a quick Google or Facebook search you will find multiple options in your area that you can choose from. Maybe not your cup of tea? Well then, how about just spending a few hours of your time with a child or an elderly person which can be a great way to be charitable.

For me as a Biker, every year I look forward to the Toy Run's. It is a time when I can bring a donation of \$20 and an unwrapped Toy (no stuffed animals for allergy reasons) to the SFPC Toys in the Sun Run, hang out with fellow bikers, listen to bands all while doing a great thing for the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. If you have never seen the look on a child's face that is in the hospital when a toy or small gift is given to them, it is truly a site to behold. The smallest present can make such a big difference. Sometimes Big Burly Bikers can seem mean and scary looking to children but when this bogeyman looking monster gives them a present, we may have just locked in a future biker for the next generation. This year the SFPC Toy Run is going to be ran like a Poker Run where you never know, you may win one of the great prizes being given away. Registration will start at 9:00 am till 12:00 am, Sunday, December 4th at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson. All the details can be found on the internet by Googling: SFPC Toys in the Sun Run 2022

However you spend your holiday season this year, be safe and remember to take a little time to give.

Your VP

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**SOUTHEAST CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 142
171 SW 2ND ST
POMPANO BEACH FL, 33060
NOVEMBER 20, 2022**

Mike “Bubba” Travis called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and there were 21 members present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Bubba, and a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, Bear.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – JOHNNY ROSE:

Johnny thanked everyone for coming. He gave the website update, and we are almost ready to launch the new site. We have our Semi-Annual coming up in January, at Mickey’s Tiki Bar. This is a good time, while you are out and about for the holidays, to try and get us some door prizes, from restaurants, or other shops that you frequent.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT – TROY WAUGH:

Troy thanked all for coming, especially on such a rainy day. A special welcome to BACA and nice to see Brad and Betty. We had a good friends memorial ride around Lake Okeechobee, even with the off and on rain. It really means a lot to us, its important. Remember that November is the month of Thanksgiving. We all have a roof over our heads, water, food, etc. There will always be something to be thankful for.

Secretary’s Report –

Hollie “Dreamer” Sadoff:

Excused, Sheila is sitting in for Dreamer. Sheila made a motion to approve minutes as printed in the newsletter, motioned, seconded, approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read the Treasurer’s Report for the checking and savings account, motioned, seconded, approved.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT –

MIKE “BUBBA” TRAVIS:

Bubba spoke about respectful riding, as he drives I-95 everyday, up and back, to West Palm Beach, and sees a lot of knuckleheads on bikes, cutting in and out of stop-and-go traffic. He did not see any with an ABATE logo, so that’s good. Please make sure to always ride respectfully, and people do notice, and will remember. Don’t give bikers a bad name. Also please remember the school zones, be extra careful when you see a school bus, even when they don’t have their flashers out.

ROAD CAPTAIN’S REPORT – TROY WAUGH:

Troy spoke about his Road Captains, all are doing good work. He talked to Nighthawk, keep him in your prayers, he is working on the west coast of Florida, that got hammered by Hurricane Ian and then Hurricane Nicole following made it worse.

Saturday, December 3rd

ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Motorcycle Awareness Event

Sunday, December 4th,

SFPC Toys In The Sun Run

Sunday, December 11th,

Fern’s Annual Christmas Party

Sunday, January 22nd,

ABATE Southeast Chapter Semi-Annual Event

Saturday, January 28th,

Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

JON “WAVY” VIGER:

Wavy asked a question of Brad, our Legal Counsel, that if a pick-up, with an extra long bed, is parked in a parking lot, and a car hits the truck, who is at fault, since the truck is too long for the spot, and Brad responded that the moving vehicle will also be responsible. We need volunteers for the Toys in the Sun Run, will only have a Safety and Membership booth, more details in Events Coordinator. Make sure to practice safety skills in empty parking lots, when you can.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT-

TROY WAUGH & JOHNNY ROSE:

The October State meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Ian, next meeting is December 10th in Lake County. Our new State President Griz, is getting everything in order. Doc was our President for 20 years, so there is some transition time. The Tallahassee Ride to the Capital will be in April, ride on Monday, home on Tuesday.

PRODUCTS REPORT –

LAUREL “LITTLE BIT” CONNER:

Little Bit distributed the new long sleeve shirts that we got from Create-A-Stitch and they are really nice shirts. We are taking more pre-orders, and once we are at the minimum of 6, we will order again. All orders have to be prepaid, and the cost is \$90.00. Colors are black, dark blue, light blue, and tan. See Little Bit after the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read the Membership report, we have close to 700 members.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – GABE CARRERA:

Excused.

Johnny spoke, and at our EBoard meeting, a suggestion was made, that we are going to try, starting with the Toys in the Sun Run, of a split shift volunteer schedule. This will help prevent the volunteers from getting burnt out, especially for long events, like this one. The Board also wants to stress that we have a zero tolerance alcohol & illegal drug policy for volunteers, #1, as it can be a liability to ABATE if something happens, and #2, we stress safety, don't drink and ride, so we want to "walk the walk", not just "talk the talk". If you want to help at the Toy Run and still have a couple of beers, work the morning shift, then at noon, you are free to do as

you wish.

The Toys in the Sun Run is on Sunday, December 4th. This will be a poker run. We need 6 or more volunteers from 8 am to noon at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson, to help collect toys, Troy and Isabel are the lead volunteers. We need 6 or more volunteers, at Rick Case Honda, from 8am to noon for the morning shift and noon to 5pm for the afternoon shift, to collect toys and to help at the Safety Booth. All volunteers will pay the \$20 plus a toy for the event. There are sign-up sheets going around. We will have a Holiday party after our December Chapter meeting at Sharkey's, Chapter is getting a couple of sandwich platters, and others can bring sides or desert, flyers on the table. Our next party is our Semi-Annual on January 22nd at Mickey's Tiki Bar

NEWSLETTER EDITOR –

ADA “ABBY NORMAL” HIBBS:

Excused. Articles due today. Anyone can write an article and submit to Abby Normal by email news.abatese@gmail.com. Please also submit photos for any events you attend and travels.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION –

JON “WAVY” VIGER:

All is going good, we are up to 750 newsletters as we also distribute to many new clubs and groups in Dade County.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad apologized for missing meetings, but he is always available by phone, and speaks weekly with some of our members. It is good to be back. Florida committee meetings are scheduled from December 2 – February 20th, and then the Legislative session starts in March 2023. He will have more information at the December meeting, about what will be coming up, there is nothing to report at this time.

As a reminder, brought back from the August ABATE State Meeting,

The bills that we would like heard for the next Legislative session are:

- #1 – Our Safety Money, same as prior years
- #2 – The Vulnerable Road Users bill
- #3 – Profiling of bikers
- #4 – Dead Red, for traffic lights that don't recognize motorcycles, & be treated like a 4-way stop
- #5 – Drivers Ed, mandatory for schools, for all new drivers,

no matter the age.

LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad is happy to back, in person.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

DAWNE “THUNDER” KIRK-WATERS:

Excused. Working at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson and promoting ABATE.

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SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:

“Bear” brought some new treats, cheesecakes and cupcakes, for all to enjoy, after the meeting.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT –

MIKE “BUBBA” TRAVIS:

Reminded again about the trailer clean-up on September 18th.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT –

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WEBMASTER'S REPORT – IVAN MARTE:

Excused, all is going well, in progress for the new website.

CHAPLAIN – CHRISSEY LEONHARDT:

Excused.

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN – BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:

Keep those who are going through difficult times or going through medical issues in your prayers.

OLD BUSINESS:

State Gun Raffle, to be drawn in December. Please see Johnny to check out a book to sell and note you are responsible for all books you sign out.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Event flyers on the tables.

Motion to adjourn at 10:55am. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on December 18, 2022.

Sheila Rose, on behalf of
Hollie “Dreamer” Sadoff
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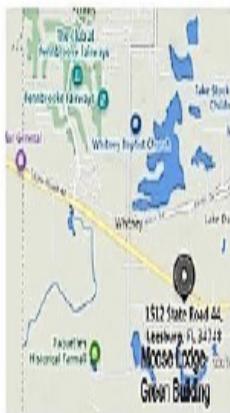
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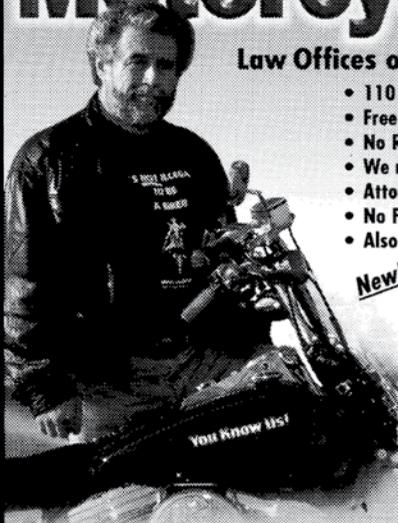
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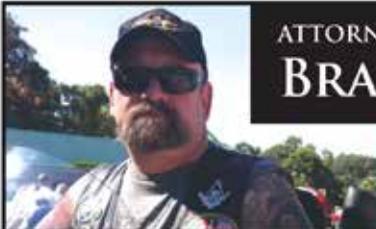
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For those of you that played football when you were younger, have you ever played “Kill the Man with the Ball?” It’s a practice drill where you are carrying the ball and everyone else on the team is out to tackle and smash you! A mindset that will help when riding your motorcycle is to imagine that everyone else is out to get you. In other words, you’re the man with the ball and the cagers are players with padded gear with the least to lose. One defensive move is to “leave yourself an out” by continually planning an escape route even when stopped at a light. There are so many scenarios that distract drivers from seeing you such as trying to calm a crying baby in the back seat, scanning satellite radio for the right station, and something we all see almost every day, texting and searching social media while driving. In the past six months, I personally know of two people from the local biker community that have been hit from behind on their motorcycle while stopped at a traffic light. “For this situation,” it’s a good idea to always keep your bike in gear while stopped, continually scan your rearview mirror for approaching cars and have a plan for a quick out to escape that next tackle. On a multi-lane road, it may be safer to ride in the lane next to the shoulder. Not only do you have a wider escape path but also cagers are only on three sides of your bike - front, back and one side. Just remember..... you’re the man with the ball.

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T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS,
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NOT A MOTORCYCLE WAS RUMBLING,
EXCEPT FOR SANTA CLAUS'S.

THE LEATHER WAS HUNG IN THE CLOSET WITH CARE;
IN HOPES THAT NICE WEATHER SOON
WOULD BE THERE.

OUR BIKES WERE ALL NESTLED SNUG
UNDER THEIR COVERS;
WITH VISIONS OF BLACKTOP AND
BURNING UP RUBBER.



WITH MOMMA IN HER BANDANA AND
I IN MY SKULL CAP;
WE HAD JUST SETTLED DOWN FOR A
LONG WINTERS NAP.

WHEN OUT ON THE LAWN AROSE SUCH A
RUMBLE; I SPRANG FROM THE BED,
AND I STARTED TO GRUMBLE.

WHEN WHAT TO MY WONDERING
EYES SHOULD APPEAR?
A PACK OF MOTORCYCLES WITH RIDERS IN GEAR!

WITH ONE OLD RIDER SO LIVELY AND QUICK;
I KNEW IN A MOMENT IT MUST BE A BIKER NAMED
NICK.

HE WAS DRESSED IN RED LEATHER
FROM HIS HEAD TO HIS FOOT;
AND HIS CLOTHES WERE ALL
TARNISHED WITH BUGS AND ROAD SOOT.

A BUNDLE OF CHROME HE HAD FLUNG
ON HIS BACK;
DOWN THE CHIMNEY HE CAME,
CARRYING A BIG RED SACK.

HE SPOKE NOT A WORD
BUT WENT STRAIGHT TO HIS WORK;
AS HE FILLED ALL THE BIKE BOOTS,
THEN TURNED WITH A JERK.

LAYING A FINGER ASIDE OF HIS NOSE;
AND GIVING A NOD, UP THE CHIMNEY HE ROSE.

HE SPRANG TO HIS BIKE, TO HIS TEAM GAVE A
SIGN;
THEY ALL CRACKED THEIR THROTTLES
AND GOT INTO A LINE.

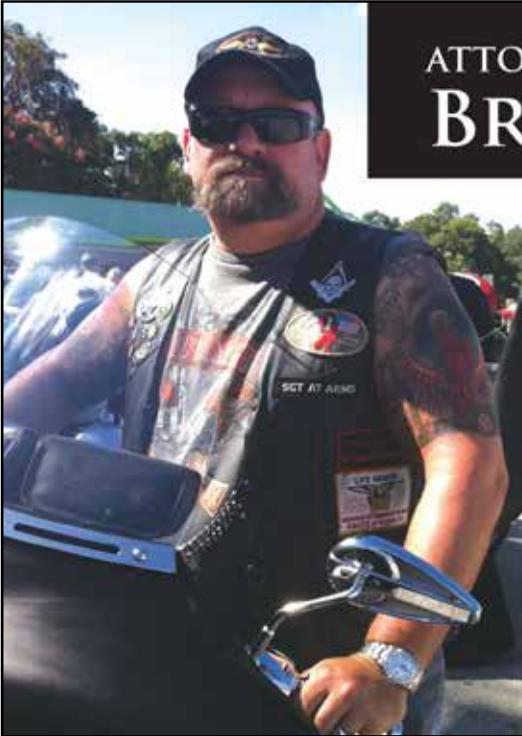
"NOW HARLEY, NOW HONDA, NOW TRIUMPH
AND INDIAN;
ON KAWI, ON SUZUKI, ON YAMAHA, AND VICTORY."

BUT I HEARD HIM EXCLAIM
AS HE ROARED OUT OF SIGHT;
"KEEP THE RUBBER SIDE DOWN, A
ND HAVE A GOOD RIDE!"

ANONYMOUS

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DECEMBER

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN	5	6	7 	8	9	10 ABATE Of FI Inc State Meeting <hr/> SEE SFPC CALENDAR FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS
11	12	13	14	15 EBOARD MEETING	16	17
18  ABATE SE CHAPTER MEETING	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 	26 	27	28	29	30	31

by Anna & Jon (Wavy)

2023

JANUARY

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 STATES MC - BLESSING OF THE BIKES	9	10	11	12 EBOARD MEETING	13	14
15 WINGS OF GOLD FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL ABATE SE Chapter Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 ABATE SE SEMI ANNUAL	23	24	25	26	27	28 
29 DER KRIEGER MC - ANNUAL	30	31				

2022 CALENDAR

MANDATORY CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD



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DECEMBER

- 4th-Sun SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
- 10th-Sat ALIGATOR ALLEY TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING???
- 10th-Sat HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEMORIAL AND TOY RUN
- 10th-Sat USVMC - WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
- 25th-Sun Christmas Day

2023 CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 8th-Sun STATES MC - BLESSING OF THE BIKES
- 15th-Sun **WINGS OF GOLD FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
- 22nd-Sun **S.E. ABATE - SEMI ANNUAL**
- 24th-Sun
- 29th-Sun **DER KRIEGER MC - ANNUAL**

FEBRUARY

- 5th-Sun
- 12th-Sun **AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
- 14th-Tues Valentines Day
- 18th-Sat **WHEELS OF MAN M 50th ANNUAL**
- 25th-Sat **SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY**

MARCH

- 3rd-12th 82nd DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
- 17th-Fri St. Patrick's Day
- 19th-Sun **HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL**
- 25th-Sat **Fly-In Wheels Annual**
- 26th-Sun **US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY**

APRIL

- 1st-Sat
- 2nd-Sun MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
- 8th-Sat
- 9th-Sun CMA - EASTER SERVICE
- 15th-Sat
- 16th-Sun
- 22nd-Sat
- 23ed-Sunt
- 28th-30th

MAY

- 6th-Sat
 - 7th-Sun
 - 13th-Sat
 - 14th-Sun
 - 20st-Sat
 - 21st-Sun
 - 27th-Sat
 - 28th-Sun
 - 29th-Sun
- SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL**
- Mothers Day
OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL
NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL
LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY
S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
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MONDAY

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- > Mickey's Karoeke 8PM-12AM

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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SEE PAGE 28 FOR OTHER WEEKLY EVENTS

ADDITIONAL INFO, EVENTS OR PARTIES ARE LISTED HERE

TUESDAY

Wings of Gold - Open House Davie 7PM
States MC Taco Tuesday 6:30PM

WEDNESDAY

2nd Wed.
The Crew 8PM

THURSDAY

Hernandad MC - Open House 8PM
Scurby Few = Poker Night -7PM

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FRIDAY

Mystic Seven MC - Open House 8PM
States MC - Open Meeting 7-10PM
Gideons MC - Open House 8PM
Scurvy Few - Open House 8:00PM
WHEELS OF MAN - OPEN 8:00PM

1st Fri.

Outcast - Open House 8:00PM

1st & 3rd Fri.

Kingdom of Brothers MC - Open House 8PM

Every Other Fri.

Fearless MC - Open House 8PM-1AM

3rd Fri.

Heathens MC - Open House 8PM

SATURDAY

1st & 3rd Sat - AOA MC Dania - Open House 8PM
2nd & 4th Sat - Kingdom of Brothers MC - Open House
2nd Sat - Fly-In Wheels Open House - 9PM
Scurvy Few - Birthday Celebrations - 7PM

Last Saturday

Leathernecks MC Open House/ Poker Night 8PM

Fly-In Wheels - Open House 9PM

SUNDAY

1st Sun

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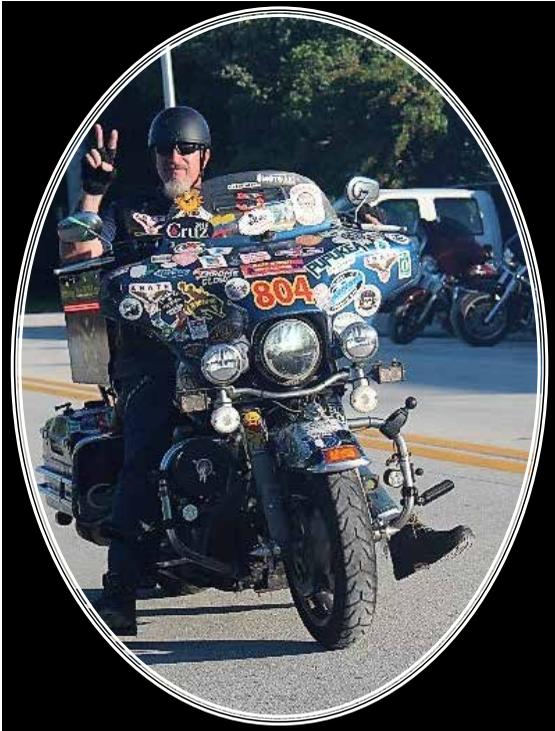
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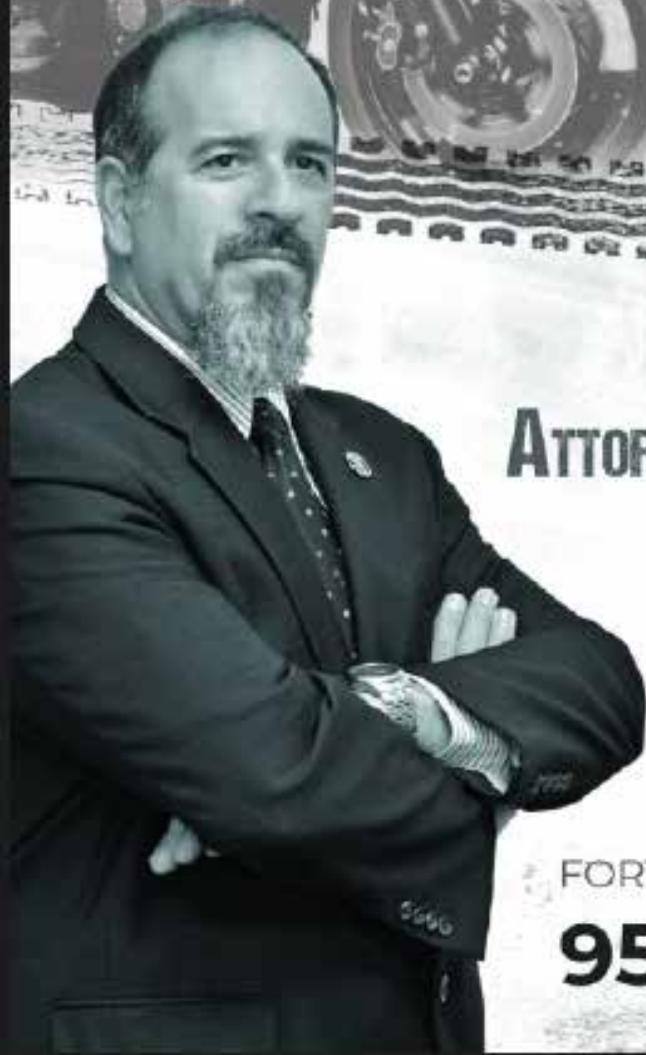
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**Educate, don't legislate
stuff we thought you might like to
know*

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



We were sitting around, talking about the upcoming holidays, and for all of us, not sure why, but this year seems to be especially filled with remembrance of times past, with the spirits of those passed. Its haunting, but in a good way, so many years gone, so the pain is lessened, and the good memories are in the forefronts of our minds and hearts. So we decided, in the light of happiness and joy, to also keep this article more lighthearted, and share some wonderful traditions from around the world, about the holidays.

Let's start with Hanukkah, which translated, means dedication. Sheila's best friend growing up, lived across the street, and she was Jewish, and Sheila Christian. This was great, as we got to share the best of both religions. Hanukkah is an eight day "festival of lights" celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers, and food, like potato latkes and jelly-filled sufganya (donut). It is a celebration of the rededication of the Holy Temple. In the second century BCE, the Holy Land was ruled by the Seleucids (Syrian-Greeks), who tried to force the people of Israel to accept Greek culture and beliefs instead of mitzvah observance and belief in G-d. Against all odds, a small band of faithful but poorly armed Jews, led by Judah the Maccabee, defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth, drove the Greeks from the land, reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of G-d. When they sought to light the Temple's Menorah (the seven-branched candelabrum), they found only a single cruse of olive oil that had escaped contamination by the Greeks. Miraculously, they lit the menorah and the one-day supply of oil lasted for eight days, until new oil could be prepared under conditions of ritual purity. Okay, that's a pretty cool story and miracle, and we could go on for while about this, but Sheila just remembers her friend getting gifts every night for a week. We think the lessons are to stand up for what's right, as Judah and his army did, against



great odds. Always try and be better, each candle lighted makes things brighter. A little goes a long way, and one candle even, lights the dark. And take care of each other.

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. There are many passages in the Bible about the story of His birth, Luke 2 being the most well known. Santa Claus is a big part of all of most of our holidays as children, and even adults, and we believe, that "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy." <https://www.news-eum.org/exhibits/online/yes-virginia-there-is-a-santa-claus/> Saint Nicholas was a Christian bishop, born in 280AD, who provided for the poor and sick, and later transformed into Santa Claus. So what does Santa Claus look like around the world?

United Kingdom — Father Christmas

Certain traditions are just a natural part of the British Christmas: Yorkshire pudding and turkey on the Christmas table, kids pulling Christmas crackers, and Father Christmas wearing green. Although you will see the more popular, red-suited version of Santa on Christmas in the UK, the traditional British Father Christmas wears a hooded green cloak, a wreath of holly or ivy, and carries a staff. His appearance — like many Christmas traditions — is rooted in pagan mythology. In pop culture, he resembles the Ghost of Christmas Present in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

France — Père Noël or Papa Noël

While his name may just be French for Father Christmas, Père Noël has his own Christmas traditions. He wears a long red cloak instead of a red suit, and children leave their shoes by the fireplace hoping that they will be filled with goodies after mass on Christmas Eve. Père Noël also traditionally travels with a not-so friendly companion called

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Père Fouettard, or "the whipping father," who spans any children who have not behaved well throughout the year.

Russia and Ukraine — Ded Moroz and Snegurochka (Father Frost and Snow Maiden)

Ded Moroz (translated as Father Frost) is a figure of Slavic mythology, often depicted as a wizard or demon. Traditionally, he would punish naughty children by kidnapping them, but this darker part of Ded Moroz's personality has softened over the years. Now, on New Year's Eve, he travels all over the Slavic region, mainly in Russia and Ukraine, carrying gifts for children with his cheerful companion, Snegurochka the Snow Maiden.

Sweden — Tomte or Jultomten

Tomte or Jultomten is a creature based in Swedish folklore. Traditionally a dwarf-like being with the appearance of a garden gnome, the tomte guards farmhouses from bad luck. Although he was originally associated with the devil, the tomte legend has in modern times become conflated with Santa Claus. On Christmas, an adult family member will dress up as Jultomten — complete with a face mask as seen above — and ask "are there any good children who live here?" before distributing his sack of presents.

Norway — Julenissen

The Nissen or Julenissen in Norwegian folklore are very similar to the Swedish Jultomten. Known as Christmas pixies or Christmas elves, the Julenissen were traditionally barn devils who would act as spirit guardians over farms. Nowadays, Julenisse comes from the North Pole and give gifts to little children on Christmas, just like the iconic version of Santa Claus. Unlike Santa, Julenisse wears grey clothes and usually has a grey beard instead of a white one.

The Netherlands — Sinterklaas

Sinterklaas is the Dutch version of Santa Claus who most resembles St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children and inspiration for the modern Santa Claus legend. Sinterklaas comes riding into town on a white horse, wearing a tall, red bishop's hat and a jeweled staff. He knocks on doors and brings gifts to good children, while his companion, Grumpus, rattles chains at naughty children and threatens to kidnap them.

Austria, Switzerland, and Germany — Christkind

Christkind or "Christ Child" is the benevolent (usually female) gift-bringer who leaves presents for good children on Christmas Eve, much like her more famous counterpart, Santa Claus. She makes appearances to Lutheran families in Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, and the Slovakian region, and usually appears wearing a crown and long, curly blonde hair. Christkind's angelic appearance and peaceful persona is derived from baby Jesus Christ himself, and comes from the Protestant tradition that Jesus — instead of a mythological creature like Santa or Father Frost — leaves behind presents on Christmas. Every year, the city of Nuremberg in Germany chooses a child to play the part of the Christkind during the the holiday market and celebration known as Christkindlmarkt.

Spain — Los Reyes Magos

In Spain, good children are not only visited by one, but three jolly figures who disseminate presents on El Dia De Reyes, the day that the three wise men (or magi) finally reached baby Jesus on January 6. In the days leading up to El Dia de Reyes, children in Spain, Mexico, and other Hispanic countries will write letters to their favorite mago — Melchor, Gaspar, or Baltasar — asking for gifts. That night, children leave out sweets for the magi and hay for the camels they ride on (sound familiar?), and place their shoes where the magi will spot them. The next day, the offerings will be replaced by presents.

Finland/Scandinavia — Joulupukki or Yule goat

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Joulupukki, also known as the Yule goat, has been nicknamed the Finnish Santa. Before globalism naturally combined traditional Scandinavian customs with modern-day Santa Claus, the Yule goat was a malevolent spirit associated with the Norse god Odin who knocked on doors and demanded gifts and leftovers from the Yuletide feasts. Nowadays, Joulupukki still goes around to each house, but will instead inquire, "Onko täällä kiltejä lapsia?" ("Are there any well-behaved children here?") and hand out presents. He drives a sleigh pulled by reindeer that does not actually fly. Modern decorative representations of the Yule goat are usually made out of straw, like the famous Gävlebocken

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in Gavle, Sweden, which has been set on fire 26 times out of 47 years, and has become a somewhat macabre pyrotechnic tradition.

Catalonia, Spain — Tió de Nadal

As perhaps the most fun-loving tradition on this list, Tió de Nadal is a log with a painted-on smiley face who defecates presents (yes, really!). In the Catalonian region of Spain, children place Tió de Nadal under the Christmas tree and "feed him" nuts and dried fruit in the days leading up to Christmas, while simultaneously keeping him warm under a blanket. On Christmas Eve, the children beat poor Tió with sticks and sing a rather graphic song about bodily functions. The next morning, the children will find that Tió de Nadal has defecated a pile of gifts and sweets.

Iceland — Yule Lads

The Yule Lads are 13 mischievous Icelandic elves — who instead of making toys in Santa's workshop — play tricks on children. Pottasleiki for instance, will steal your leftovers, while Gryla — the mother of the 13 Yule Lads — will kidnap you if you have behaved badly. During the 13 nights leading up to Christmas, Icelandic children place their shoes by the windowsill in the hopes that one of the 13 Yule Lads will leave them small gifts or candies. Misbehaved children will instead receive rotten potatoes in their shoes.

Italy — La Befana

Long before the man in the red suit was bringing toys to children on Christmas, La Befana — a good-natured witch who flies around on a broomstick — was doing the same for good children in Italy. She has been a part of Italian folklore since the 8th century. According to the story, the three wise men came upon La Befana's house on Christmas Eve when they were journeying to see baby Jesus. She gave the wise men shelter and they asked her to join them to visit the Christ child. She declined, but then later changed her mind and tried to catch up with the magi. However, she never found her way to Bethlehem, and now every night on the Eve of the Epiphany on January 5, she flies over Italy and gives toys and candy to good children, while leaving coal for the naughty ones.

United States — Santa Claus

The tradition of Santa that Americans know and love — with a red suit, long white beard, jolly laugh, and sack full of presents — can find its origins in dark pagan traditions that mark the middle of winter, as well as Christian legends of the third cen-

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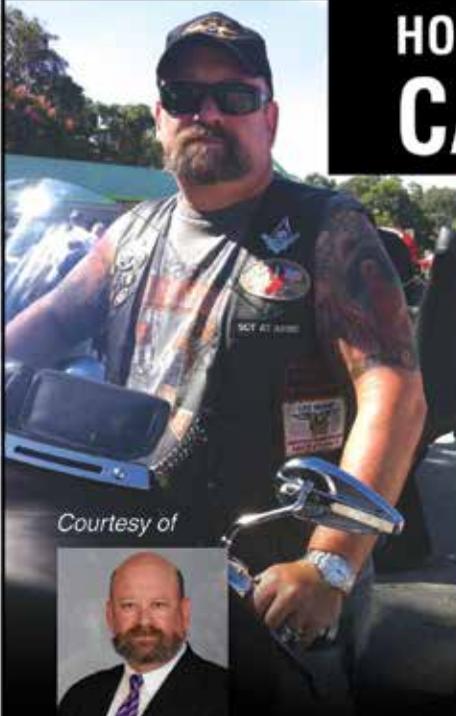
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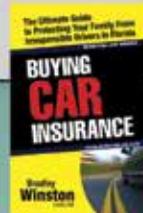
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JOHNNY'S RANT

Okay, everyone be extra careful this holiday season with all the extra vacationers coming down here and the roads are packed, and a lot of those people don't know where to going. I guess I can't bitch about the GPS anymore, since it does help them all get where they're going.

Can you believe how much work they're doing on the highways and roadways down here? It feels like every road has construction on it. I know they're running underground cables and drainage pipes and water pipes. I get it, and its jobs for people who need them. If they're not the road, they're working on the telephone and power poles, and then to make sure the linemen are safe, they close down one lane.

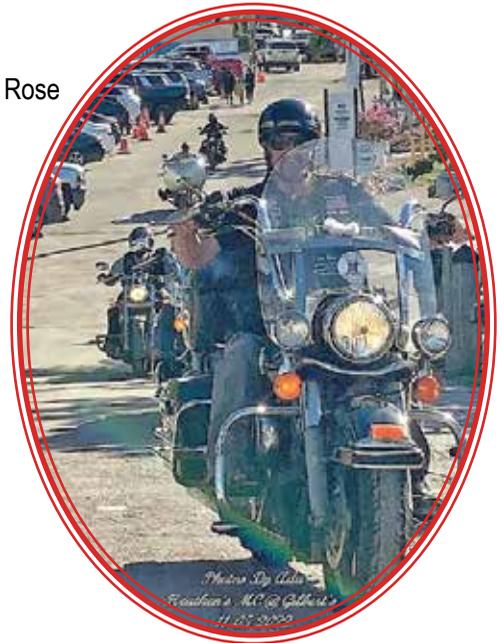
I get it, Florida has a lot more people coming down here to live, and it's expanding out and up. I'm not complaining about progress, I get it. I just hope we are minimizing the impact on our natural land. I also want everybody to watch out for the cars that will cut you, last minute, to merge into your lane, not paying attention. On top of this, with the extra construction and extra people, that means more road gators and potholes. As always, you got to watch where you're going when you're riding. A "road gator" is those chunks of tire. Retread, that break off when a semi starts getting flat. So, with all the distractions out there, just be extra safe.

This time of year, always brings to mind, those lost

brothers and sisters, and I don't want any more, just because of a dumb move in traffic. Remember all of our northern brothers and sisters are coming down here to get out of the weather up there. And a maybe doing a little partying, just saying, you know.

I sure hope everybody has a safe holiday season and get to spend time with their family and friends.

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AVID MOTORCYCLIST ELECTED AGAIN TO NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSE

Delight, displeasure, or distrust, the November 8 midterms meant a lot of things to a lot of people, but for motorcyclists there was at least one bright spot in New Hampshire where longtime biker Charlie St. Clair won election to the State House of Representatives, again.

St. Clair is well known to riders everywhere as the coordinator of Laconia Motorcycle Week; "The World's Oldest Motorcycle Rally," going on 100 years!

Democrat victor and former representative St. Clair previously served one term in the State House, until this past election cycle when he lost to now-incumbent Republican Rep. Richard Littlefield in 2020, the same person St. Clair just defeated to now reclaim his old House seat!

St. Clair told The Laconia Daily Sun that once he's back at the Statehouse, he'd like to return to his previous seat on the Transportation Committee, where he can best serve his community, rally-goers and motorcyclists who live in or visit New Hampshire; "I have a lot of questions on projects [that were] supposed to be done two years ago [in the transportation committee] and I will also be listening to the residents of Laconia and their concerns and following their direction," he told the local newspaper.

As a candidate, St. Clair emphasized placing constituents above party lines and demands, saying "I always encourage people not to vote by party but on the individual."

With record-setting voter turnout across the country, many races nationwide are still in limbo or dispute, with outcomes determining the political direction of many states and our nation, and with Donald Trump once again throwing his hat in the Presidential ring for 2024, American politics is about to get even more interesting.

ARIZONA SENATOR CALLS FOR PASSAGE OF THE RPM ACT

Since being elected to Congress in November 2020, U.S. Senator Mark Kelly (D-AZ) has proven himself to be a strong ally and defender of motorsports, and as an original cosponsor of S. 2736, the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2021 (RPM Act), and according to SEMA (the Specialty Equipment Market Association) he has championed the bill both publicly and behind the scenes.

Sen. Kelly recently spoke at a Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing about the importance of the RPM Act and amateur racing, noting that his wife, former U.S. Representative Gabby Giffords, raced motorcycles on the track. "Racing is important to many Arizonans -- and it's a part of our state's legacy," he testified. "The RPM Act will help provide certainty to Arizona's amateur racers and auto mechanics from EPA regulations, which could harm their ability to enjoy the hobby of motorsport."

The RPM Act of 2021 was re-introduced in Congress last September 14 by U.S. Senator Richard Burr (R-NC), currently with 33 cosponsors, and is common-sense, bipartisan legislation to protect Americans' right to convert street vehicles into dedicated race cars and the motorsports-parts industry's ability to sell products that enable racers to compete.

Racing cars and motorcycles has remained an unquestioned American tradition until 2015 when the EPA took the position that converted vehicles must remain emissions-compliant, even though they are no longer driven on public streets or highways.

U.S. LAWMAKERS PURSUE “RIGHT TO REPAIR” CONSUMER PROTECTIONS

Lawmakers in both the U.S. House and Senate are actively pursuing federal legislation intended to level the playing field for independent repair providers, including for motor vehicle repair shops.

U.S. Senators Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) and Ron Wyden (D-OR) introduced S.3830, the Fair Repair Act of 2022, a bipartisan bill that seeks to ensure that manufacturers do not lock out owners and independent service providers from providing repairs by denying access to parts, tools, and documentation. The Fair Repair Act would require manufacturers of electronic equipment to make the same tools, parts, and documentation available to owners and independent repair providers, covering a variety of industries such as agricultural equipment, consumer electronics, medical equipment, and motor vehicles.

Similarly, Congressman Bobby Rush (D-IL), a senior member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, has introduced the Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair (REPAIR) Act (H.R.6570). This legislation would ensure that vehicle owners and independent repair shops have equal access to repair and maintenance tools and data as car companies and licensed dealerships.

Vehicle makers have long argued that they shouldn't have to share proprietary performance information, but for independent repair shops this practice makes for an unfair marketplace.

Although industry advocates for years have pushed for the right to repair, the issue gained

momentum last year when President Biden issued a sweeping Executive Order directing federal regulatory agencies to take a variety of steps that would fundamentally alter the government's regulation of businesses' competitive practices.

Specifically, the order directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to address “unfair anticompetitive restrictions on third-party repair or self-repair items, such as the restrictions imposed by powerful manufacturers that prevent farmers from repairing their own equipment.”

HARLEY HIT WITH ANOTHER RIGHT-TO-REPAIR LAWSUIT

This past June, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission issued a sternly-worded order to Harley-Davidson, requiring it to honor existing right-to-repair laws, citing illegal warranty language that restricted customers from using aftermarket parts, or taking their bikes for service by anyone other than a Harley dealer. Such actions, the warranties stated, could void the owners' warranties.

Secondarily, the FTC pointed to the fact that the full terms of such warranties weren't fully disclosed to customers in a single document, but rather customers were directed to contact an authorized dealer to learn the full details. The federal trade agency also ordered Harley to cease this behavior, as well.

While this was seen as a positive step by many interested in right-to-repair reform within the U.S., this action by the FTC couldn't recoup the losses experienced by Harley customers who felt that they were effectively held hostage to the terms of their warranties. Thus, in August, 2022, two right-to-repair class action lawsuits were filed in federal courts: one in Wisconsin, and one in California. But, as you may already have suspected, that's not the end of the story.

Now, RideApart.com reports that on November 3, 2022, a third class-action lawsuit was filed in

Chicago federal court. It claims that the Motor Company's warranty policy violates existing U.S. antitrust laws because it disallows the use of aftermarket parts. The 55-page class action complaint demands a jury trial to hear its claims, and spells out in detail the nature of both its claims and the multiple classes across multiple states (and the District of Columbia) enveloped within. It alleges that the Harley-Davidson warranties in question violated both federal and state antitrust laws, and requests unspecified financial relief for members of the Class, including payment of legal fees.

The filing argues that since Harley makes approximately 15% of its annual revenue from parts, it is clearly in the company's best interest to maximize that revenue as much as possible -- including using its warranties as tools to force owners to use H-D's OEM parts. It also makes a case for how a Harley warranty can effectively cost owners an excessive amount of money.

EUROPE MOVES TO BAN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES

On October 27, 2022, the European Commission, European Parliament, and the member states, united in the Council of the European Union, reached an agreement about the emission limits for cars and vans, and following a few steps to lower the emission of the fleet, from 2035 the sale of new cars that have no zero CO2-emission will be banned in the European Union.

Environmentalists celebrated this as a victory of battery electric vehicles (BEVs) against vehicles with an internal combustion engine (ICE), claiming this means a ban on gasoline-powered engines. Consequently, this would not only affect cars and vans, but also motorcycles.

"The Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations will resist any attempt to ban the internal combustion engine for motorcycles," stated Dolf Willigers, FEMA's General Secretary, explaining that, "In our view, the emissions of motorcycles are already negligible and the alternatives for both

fossil fuels and electricity are still in the development phase. To focus solely on battery electric vehicles the problems of air quality and climate change will just be redeemed to other, equal serious problems: the social and environmental aspects of the mining of raw materials that are needed to make batteries and the geo-political consequences of getting dependent to countries like China to acquire these raw materials and the batteries should not be underestimated."

INTERNATIONAL TREATY AGAINST FOSSIL FUELS FLOATED AT U.N. CLIMATE SUMMIT

The world should confront climate change the way it does nuclear weapons, by agreeing to a non-proliferation treaty that stops further production of fossil fuels, a small island nation leader urged during the recent United Nations' climate summit in Egypt.

"We all know that the leading cause of climate crisis is fossil fuels," Tuvalu Prime Minister Kausea Natano told his fellow leaders. The Pacific country is joining with "other nations calling for a fossil fuels non-proliferation treaty," Natano said citing recent climate-related disasters. "It's getting too hot and there is very (little) time to slow and reverse the increasing temperature. Therefore, it is essential to prioritize fast-acting strategies."

The idea of a non-proliferation treaty for coal, oil and natural gas has previously been advanced by campaigners, religious authorities including the Vatican, and some scientists, but Natano's speech gave the plan a boost in front of a global audience.

WORLD'S BIGGEST BIKE SHOW BREAKS NEW RECORDS

Apparently, 2022's iteration of the largest motorcycle show on the planet was a resounding success, judging by the numbers; 1,370 Brands present, representing 45 different Nations, and a 38% increase in attendance at this year's EICMA (acronym for International Motorcycle and Accessories Exhibition) hosted annually in Milan, Italy

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“It is these numbers, the embrace of the general public, the massive presence of exhibitors who have emphasized their solid satisfaction and whom we thank for having always believed in EICMA,” added EICMA S.p.A. president Pietro Meda. “...the attractiveness and international centrality, the positive increase in every performance indicator that affirm the unique value and indispensability of our event... EICMA unquestionably remains in its place: on the highest step in the entire international scene.”

SUZUKI-POWERED DRONE TAKES FLIGHT

Ever since watching ‘The Jetsons’ on TV in the 60s we’ve been waiting for the future to get here so we can take to the skies in our flying cars, so perhaps for now we’ll settle for a motorcycle-powered flying machine, as a Suzuki-engined drone has been developed in Japan that can lift 150kg (330lb) and fly for up to six hours.

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George Jetson was born this year, on July 31, 2022 in Orbit City, with Hanna-Barbera’s 21st-century cartoon series set a hundred years into the future in 2062; so maybe the future starts now?





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