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- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.
- We promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness.
- We fund our work by holding a series of annual events at different locations within our service area and other motorcycle activities.
- We are your neighbors and friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community.
- · We serve and support our country and believe in freedom.
- We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.
- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of Florida as a motorcycle rights organization or MRO. We are currently the only political MRO in Florida representing the interest of its members and the motorcycling public at-large.
- WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.

ABATE is open to all individuals age 18 and older interested in motorcycle rights, safety or education. It doesn't matter what you ride or even if you ride. Everyone is welcome to join ABATE of Florida, Inc., which ensures YOUR opinion and views on motorcycle laws will be heard.

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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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2020 was our 20th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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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January Birthdays

I hope everyone had a safe holiday. And I hope you all got to spend it with your families and friends. We are closing out 2022 and we get to start a new year. I hope 2023 is better than 2022 was. I want to wish everyone health wealth and happiness in 2023.

Well January's going to be a really fun month. We start out the month on January 8th with the 31st annual Blessing of the Bikes at the States MC clubhouse. If you have never been to it, you should check it out this year. We could all use extra blessings, and States always has a great party, good food, music, and friends.

Then we have the Wings of Gold MC Annual on the 15th. The Wings of Gold MC and the South Florida Presidents Council puts on the Toys in the Sun Run each year to benefit Joe DiMaggio's Childrens Hospital. Many of their members also stop by the hospital on a regular basis, to visit the kids. They put a lot of work into the Toy Run, so come out and support them, and thank them. Our Chapter meeting is also on this date, right before the party. Come and check us out, address is on the back of this newsletter.

Please come and support ABATE Southeast Chapter. We are having our Semi-Annual event on January 22nd at Mickey's Tiki. And talking about hard work, Alan, of Mickey's and his staff work so hard, for all of us, and welcome everyone who comes in. We need all of you to help us make it safer on the roads for motorcyclists, and to protect our rights, so come out and find out more about us, if you don't already know.

On January 28th, we have the 16th Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show. This is absolutely my favorite event of the year, and also for many others. I get to see all the old motorcycles



and the ones that I used to ride and swap bikes with my friends as kids. They also have a great swap shop, so many vendors, great food, and other entertainment. It is a great day out at Frost Park, and family friendly. If you have never been, you got to check it out, it's way cool.

Then we're going to finish out the month at the 31st Der Krieger MC Annual at Mickey's Tiki Bar. They will have the awesome band, Switch n' Whiskey, and we always have a great time at their parties.

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

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

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Peace, Johnny Rose President Southeast Chapter





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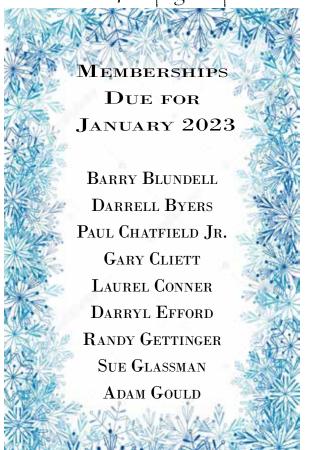
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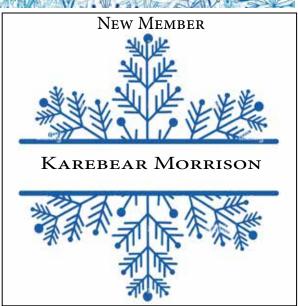


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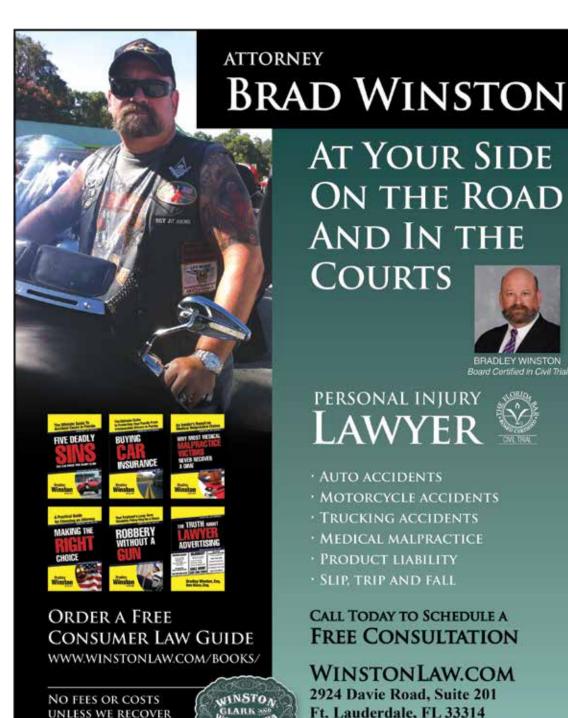




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What is a Biker

What is a Biker? Ever thought about it? Different images will conger up for different people. Automatically, many of the old timers think about the Shovelhead Choppers, 60's music, and the whole hippie movement. Ahhh, the good ol' days. For the millennial generation a whole dissimilar image will be imagined. For the real ol' timers, the era of Marlon Brando and the movie The Wild Ones will flash in that noggin of memory lane.

But what is a biker? Is it someone that just goes down and buys a leather vest and bandana and "poof" they are a biker? Is it a person who just owns a Harley parked in the garage or the one that puts 3000 to 5000 miles on their bike each month? Does that make them a Biker? The answer can be much more complex than that for there really is no right or wrong answer. For each person the answer can be different depending on their personal views, education about motorcycles, or exposure to the different two wheeled cultures.

For me, being a Biker is not just a person that owns or rides a motorcycle, its much deeper than that. It's a rider that tries to live life by a Code. Just like the Vikings, the Crusaders, or the Knights of the Round Table, they all lived and died by a Code of values. When you research the history of these different cultural groups, you will find that each of their beliefs and values that made up their own Code is all quite similar. The comparations are astonishing, for even the Bushido Code of the Samurai Warriors is similar to what many believe to be our own Biker Code. So, what are these parallel values and traits and what is this Biker Code of values?

Sure, we all have that common thread of riding motorcycles, but it all starts with Respect. With-

out that, everything else falls apart. After that you have the tenants of Honor, Loyalty, Honesty, Integrity, Trust, Courtesy, and Charity. One could write volumes on each one of these individual topics but each is an area of what I believe each person that calls themselves a Biker should strive for. You will find most bikers are the most giving and charitable people around. Each week many volunteering for Toy Runs and Benefit rides to help others in need. Any true Biker will endeavor to protect the weak and always a child in need. BACA is a perfect example. If you have never heard of this Biker organization, just google it and you will be amazed at the protection they provide to abused children in need.

To be called a Biker in my book is much more than just riding a motorcycle. It's a chosen lifestyle with a Biker Code that each individual should strive to uphold each and every day.

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SOUTHEAST CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 142
171 SW 2ND ST
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DECEMBER 18, 2022

Mike "Bubba" Travis called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and there were 37 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 showed the holiday cards that we received, for our Chapter. He gave the website update. We will have our Semi-Annual coming up on January 22nd at Mickey's Tiki Bar. We will have a volunteer sheet at our January Chapter meeting. The Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show will be January 28th. Clive and Tony came to our meeting to talk about the Show, and they handed out cards and flyers for posting. There will be two NASCAR cars at the event. We will have a volunteer signup sheet at our January meeting, and we will have two shifts for parking.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - TROY WAUGH:

Troy said he appreciated everyone for being here. The Toys in the Sun Run had a good

turn-out. A lot of money was raised for Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital, and seventeen large trash bags full of toys were also collected. Please be careful out there. Many people are in town for the holidays and the snowbirds have arrived. He has heard of a quite a few bikes go down over the last month. Make sure you have emergency contacts easily accessible to emergency workers, written down, and kept in wallet, or cut, or on your phone.

<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT –</u> HOLLIE "DREAMER" SADOFF:

Dreamer made a motion to approve minutes as printed in the newsletter, motioned, seconded, approved. She thanked Sheila for covering for her at the November Chapter meeting. She passed around the holiday cards that we received.

TREASURER'S REPORT - SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila was excused, Dreamer read the Treasurer's Report for the checking and savings account, motioned, seconded, approved.

<u>SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT –</u> <u>MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS:</u>

Bubba spoke about the upcoming winter break for schools. Please be aware and slowdown in school zones. Please keep in mind, when wearing anything with ABATE on it, you are representing ABATE, act accordingly.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT - TROY WAUGH:

Troy spoke about his Road Captains; all are doing good work. There will be a holiday party at Sharkey's in Margate after the meeting.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH,

STATES MC BLESSING OF THE BIKES SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH,

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AL EVENT AT MICKEY'S

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH. DANIA BEACH VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE SHOW SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH,

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SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT -JON "WAVY" VIGER:

Wavy is coming up with a new refresher course with increased difficulty. Look for more info after the holidays. Start thinking about volunteering for the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show. First shift starts at 6:30am for parking. We want to make sure no bikes are blocked in and leave a clear path for the ambulance too. We will have a Safety Booth at States MC Blessing of the Bikes. Be careful around malls and shopping centers when out and about. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT-TROY WAUGH & JOHNNY ROSE:

Troy gave the report. The State meeting last weekend went well. We have a new temporary lobbyist. Our new Lobbyist is Rich Newsome. Rich has previous experience and has volunteered to be our lobbyist, no charge, to help the State get back on its feet. In addition. Rich donated \$10k to the state in addition to purchasing a bunch of products from the state. Our Safety Money is the focus of the bills we want passed this upcoming year, keeping our focus on one bill. The Safety Money can only be used for safety products and programs. There are currently funds in the ABATE Safety checking account. The State Board has requested for the Chapters to

order Safety products. What would the members of our Chapter like to see for safety products from the State? Southernmost Chapter may be joining Southeast Chapter. The Tallahassee Ride to the Capital will be in April, ride on Monday, home on Tuesday.

PRODUCTS REPORT -LAUREL "LITTLE BIT" CONNER:

Little Bit was excused. Regarding the long sleeve shirts, Brad has already pre-paid for one, and he purchased another one to raffle off at \$15 a ticket. Martin and Chris stated they would order as well. We are taking preorders, 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.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila was excused, Dreamer read the Membership report, we have over 600 members. Please make sure to send in your renewals. Our Chapter won the most new members in the State for August and October 2022.

EVENTS COORDINATOR -GABE CARRERA:

Excused. 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 for our January Semi-Annual. We are trying out split shifts at some of our events, to prevent volunteers from getting burned out, and so they also have time to enjoy the event.

Our next party is our Semi-Annual on January 22nd at Mickey's Tiki Bar

NEWSLETTER EDITOR -ADA "ABBY NORMAL" HIBBS:

Articles and pictures due today. Chapter

members can place free classified ads, and they do not have to be motorcycle related. Please submit to Abby Normal by email news. abatese@gmail.com.

<u>Newsletter Distribution –</u> <u>Jon "Wavy" Viger:</u>

All is going good, we are doing 700 newsletters for January.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad reviewed a few bills that caught his eye that may be of interest to the members but were not ABATE supported. Committees will start meeting in January. Session starts in

LEGAL COUNSEL - BRAD WINSTON:

Brad is here.

March.

<u>Public Relations –</u> Dawne "Thunder" Kirk-Waters:

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

BILLING AND INVOICING – HOPE TRAVIS:

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SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:

"Bear" brought some treats for the holiday party.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT –

MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS:
No report.

<u>Photographer's Report – </u>

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<u>WEBMASTER'S REPORT – IVAN MARTE:</u> Excused, almost done, just need to try to find

download. Dreamer suggested having a co-Webmaster or Assistant Webmaster to help with all the work. Johnny asked for any volunteers. Erik Sadoff volunteered. A Vote of Confidence was motioned, second, and approved by the membership present at the meeting. It was discussed that Johnny would call Erik and set up a time to meet up with Ivan and Johnny, so they can get the new website up

a time to sit down to finish up, lots of history to

CHAPLAIN – CHRISSY LEONHARDT:

Excused.

and running.

Assistant Chaplain – Barry "Bear" Crown:

BARRY "BEAR" CROI Stay safe.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dreamer brought up an idea to send emails to the State Senators and Representatives for Broward, Miami-Dade counties, and the Keys. These emails would be a brief introduction to

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC - SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

ABATE of Florida and the Southeast Chapter. This will be the start of opening doors to get to know the people that represent us up in

Tallahassee, in hopes of garnering their support for bills that make it to the Senate and House. Hollie will get together with Sheila to create a draft of the email that will be used. She also talked about the email Blast Pizza Party, that will take place in 2023, date to be determined once committees are set up in the State legislature. Laptop(s) will be available along with pre-approved email "script". Each person that attends will send the email to committee members to push for our bills to be passed.

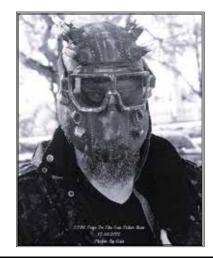
GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Event flyers on the tables.

Motion to adjourn at 11:45am. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on January 15, 2023.

Wollie "Dreamer" Sadoff
Secretary Southeast Chapter









SAFETY DIRECTOR

Good Day,

Yea, the Holiday Season is over. Just maybe some drivers will start driving a little better by paying more attention to the driving rather than shopping.

To the riders that purchased a new bike. Remember if you now have all the new tech gadgets that distract people in vehicles, do not let the gadgets distract on your new bike. It is very easy to let them distract you. Remember to use your common sense while riding. We want everyone riding free and safe.

And I know I have said it before, but it does need repeating:

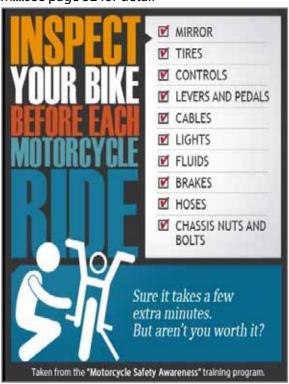
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I encourage everyone to visit this site often.

Jon "Wavy" Viger





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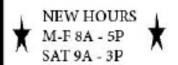


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It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. Keeping with tradition, many make New Years resolutions of going to the gym, being a little more productive at work, or just saying to slow down, enjoy life and ride more. Maybe this year as one of your resolutions, commit to actually doing a full exam and tune-up of your bike. Not just change the oil and plugs, but a full exam of each and every component. First step, take a mental MRI of your bike and write down a list of all the minor and major repairs that need to be made. Next, create a written schedule and timeline of how you plan to accomplish the list including milestones and deadlines, then duct tape it to the tool box. As with the best way to accomplishing anything, do one thing at a time and check it off the list. There is something about that sense of accomplishment when you scratch a line through a to do list no matter how great or small the task was. In reality that's what resolutions are all about. Getting something done one step at a time. Happy New Year to everyone and ride safe.

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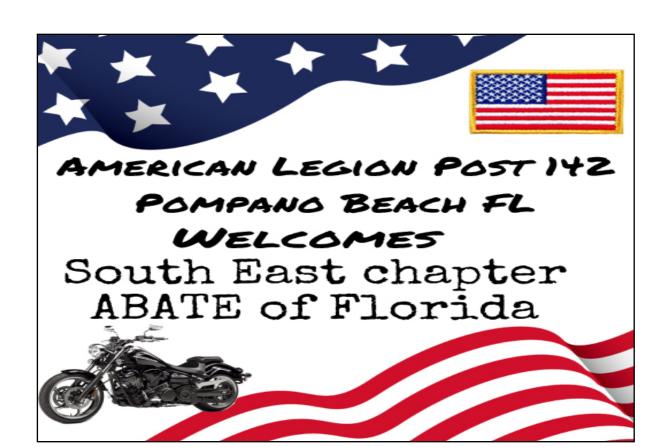
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As much as we may go through life not thinking about our status, it's very significant. For those on FaceBook, we claim our status, change it, and look at others. Even our cell phones show their battery status.

Being in good standing has its advantages. In our community, we have our own terminology that lets others know our rank and position. Each club has a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant of Arms, Road Captain, & sometimes Chaplain. Everyone else is either a member, prospect, probate, hand-around, or support. Respect is shown to this with no questions asked.

mus, a member of the church in good standing. Nicodemus had pertinent questions about who Jesus was and what his ministry was all about. Jesus also recruited twelve probates that eventually became members of good standing in his club. Most of them maintained their status.

Throughout Jesus' ministry, there were plenty of 22

hang-arounds. They caravanned with Jesus, following him and all the prospects, witnessing many signs and wonders.

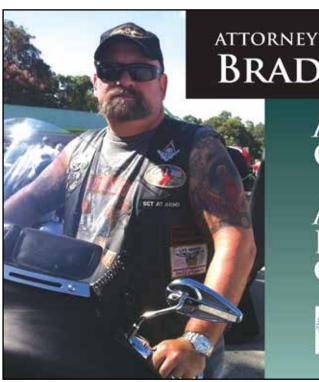
But there was one member whose status changed rather quickly. Judas looked and acted like one of the patched members, but it turned out he was a snitch. He ratted out Jesus to the authorities, bringing about the demise of Jesus' ministry on earth. His status went from 'out' to 'out bad,' and to this day, he is remembered for being a trader.

What is your status? Are you a member in good standing with Jesus? Or do you hang around without a commitment? If you're probating, hang in there, especially through the initiation process. Your perseverance will help you stand the test of faith. If you're out, don't stay on the sidelines too long; we need you in the ranks as a member. And if you're out bad and can still read this, know that Jesus forgives. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish (or be out bad) but have eternal life." John 3:16

Keep your status in Him, Chrissy Leonhardt - Chaplain



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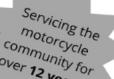
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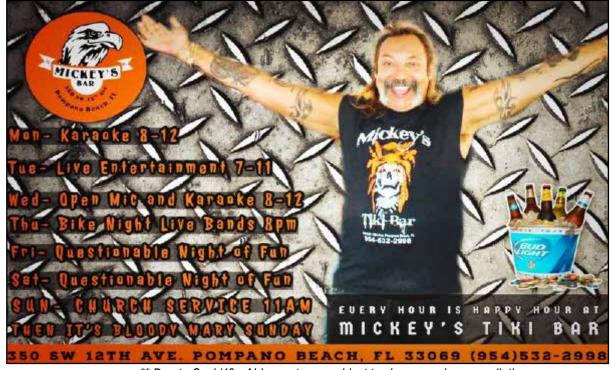
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15th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD FT. LAUD. -

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24th-Sun

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25th-Sat SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY

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3rd-12th 82nd DAYTONA BIKE WEEK

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19th-Sun **HERMANDAD MC-ANNUAL** 25th-Sat Fly-In Wheels Annual 26th-Sun US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 -

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1st-Sat

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WEDNESDAY

2nd Wed.

The Crew 8PM

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1st Fri.

Outcast - Open House 8:00PM

1st & 3rd Fri.

Kingdom of Brothers MC - Open House 8PM

Every Other Fri.

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3rd Fri.

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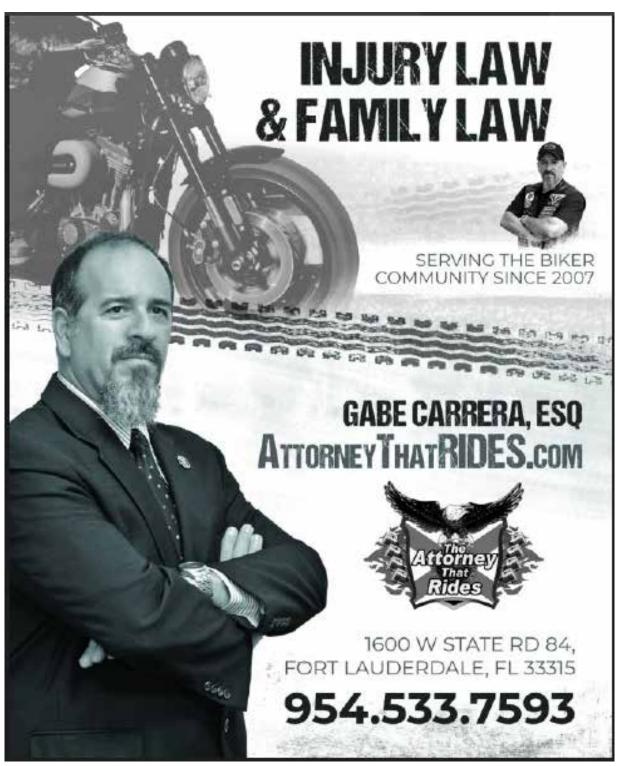
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*Educate, don't legislate stuff we thought you might like to know

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

We were sitting around, talking about the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show, coming up in January. They have hundreds of bikes, but Sheila was talking about how she always loves seeing the vintage motorcycles from WW II. So many different types of men and women helped in that war, serving in many different types of jobs, but we don't think a lot about the machines that also helped them. I mean, sure, tanks, submarines, fighter jets, etc., that stuff, but how often do you think about motorcycles, and how they helped us during the wars.

Many time, others just say it better, have already done the research, and we found this amazing article at LowBrow Customs https://www.lowbrowcustoms.com/blogs/events-features/wwii-impact-motorcycles

MOTORCYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS AND THE POST-WAR WORLD

Motorcycles are a common sight in today's America, and vintage motorcycles remain highly sought after to this day. We see them on the roads and highways of our nation, while owning an off-road motorbike has become a rite of passage for many teens in America. But what many people do not realize is that America's modern love affair with vintage motorcycles came about in large part due to our involvement in the Second World War. It was in this violent crucible where many American servicemen, from fighter pilots to infantry soldiers, discovered their love for the American motorcycle.

BEFORE THE WAR: MOTORCYCLES AND MESSENGERS

Even before World War II, the motorcycle was



seen as a vital part of the military. As far back as 1916, sidecar-equipped motorcycles had been used by the United States during its attempts to hunt down Pancho Villa and his forces. As engine technology improved, motorcycles were increasingly seen as a modern replacement for the horse-borne infantry units that had been such an important part of the American military, with entire infantry units being equipped with motorcycles to give them greater battlefield mobility. Even so, one of their most important roles would continue to be that of providing messengers and scouts with the speed needed to do their duty on the battlefield.

William Harley designed some of the first motor-cycles to have machine guns on side cars in 1916 which greatly improved mobility and gave a major advantage to the US army over Mexican revolutionaries who rode horseback in the "Border War"- William Harley designed some of the first ever machine gun equipped motorcycles in 1916. In the beginning utilizing side cars, this greatly improved mobility and gave a major advantage to the US Army over Mexican revolutionaries whose infantry only rode horseback in the "Border War".

MOTORCYCLES DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR

During the Second World War, motorcycles were seen by all nations as an easy way to grant the infantryman and scout mobility in a small and easily transported package. This was especially important for paratroop and airborne units, which were highly limited in what gear they could transport into enemy territory. Throughout the war, both Allied and Axis forces deployed motorcycles in every theater of the conflict.

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World War II motorcycles were used in a wide # variety of missions. Motorcycle-borne messengers proved to be a vital part of ensuring that messages could be quickly delivered, especially when jamming or atmospheric disturbances made radio unreliable. In other cases, sidecarequipped motorcycles were used to transport cargo, infantry or injured soldiers. In addition, motorcycles were commonly used to escort convoys and assist with scouting operations, although the prevalence of jeeps and armored vehicles in WWII made the use of motorcycles in direct combat options far less common than it had been in the First World War. Even so, the fact that the Harley-Davidson WLA so commonly escorted convoys through Europe saw the motorcycle being coined the "Liberator" by many admiring European civilians. On the Eastern Front, both Russian and German forces made extensive use of motorcycles in and out of combat. In fact, so many WLA bikes were used by the USSR that Russia became an important post-war source of spare parts for American WLA motorcycle owners.

GERMAN MOTORCYCLES: THE BMW R75

Germany made extensive use of motorcycles during the Second World War and one of the nation's most commonly used motorcycles was the BMW R75, replacing the earlier BMW R71. Powered by an OHV 750 cc engine, the R75 proved to be highly reliable in the field and was extremely popular with its operators. In addition,

a sidecar with a driven wheel using a locking differential gave the bike impressive maneuverability on all types of terrain. The sidecar itself had a number of variant designs, ranging from a passenger sidecar to cargo carriers for equipment and weapons. In many cases, the impressive MG34 general purpose machine gun was mounted on the sidecar in order to provide the driver and passenger with an anti-infantry capability.

By the time the war ended, over 16,000 of these vehicles had been created. Sadly, for motorcycle enthusiasts, most of them were lost in the conflict, especially during the cataclysmic engagements on the Eastern Front. However, surviving examples of the BMW R75 are prized by collectors and perhaps more tellingly, these vintage motorcycles can still hold their own with modern bikes, both on and off the highway.

Ironically, one of the greatest compliments to the BMW R75's workmanship was provided by the victorious Soviet Union. In 1954, the USSR assembled a number of R75s in East Germany in order to evaluate them for possible use by the USSR's forces. In fact, the Soviet Union's wartime M-72 motorcycle had itself been based on the R71, a predecessor to the R75.

AMERICAN MOTORCYCLES: THE HARLEY-DAVIDSON WLA

One of the primary American contributions to the wartime motorcycle designs, the Harley-Davidson WLA was designed for a different role than the BMW R75. Unlike the German design, the WLA did not have an integral sidecar design and was mostly used by a single operator. In part, this was due to the rapid rise of the jeep, which took on many of the former duties of sidecar-equipped motorcycles. The American military also preferred to maintain the motorcycle's maneuverability by utilizing saddlebags instead of sidecars for transportation of important messages, scouting reports, or other light cargo.



The primary use for the motorcycle in American service was as a messenger, transporting vital orders and packages that could not effectively be transmitted by radio. In addition, WLAs were used to escort convoys and provide scouting services for infantry units. Military police (MP) units found the motorcycles especially useful as they gave individual MPs the mobility they needed to cover large areas as the allied armies continued to advance.

Later in the war, the United States captured examples of the more sophisticated German R71. The Harley-Davidson company took the best design features from the German motorcycles in order to create the cutting-edge Harley-Davidson XA. However, by that time the jeep had increasingly eclipsed the need for new motorcycle designs and fewer than 1,000 of this model had been produced by the end of the war, although several design features of the XA would live on in later Harley-Davidson products. The XA is one of the most sought-after vintage Harley-Davidson motorcycles in the post-war era.

THE POST-WAR MOTORCYCLE ERA IN EUROPE

The post-war era saw American and European motorcycle development diverge to suit their differing social and economic situation. In Europe, motorcycle makers focused more on creating cheap and effective transport for a continent that had seen much of its industry destroyed during the war. For example, by 1950 the Italian manufacturer Piaggio was selling over 60,000 Vespa motor scooters a year in Europe. For that reason, European motor scooters and motorcycles were seen in a more mundane light than their American cousins were. While cars would become more common in Europe as the economic damage wrought by the Second World War faded into the past, motorcycles and motor scooters remained a popular form of transport for everyone from deliverymen to students. Even today, the image of an Italian or German student zooming through traffic on a motor scooter is an iconic vision of European motorcycle culture. Most importantly, European motorcycle usage never became identified with the outlaw lifestyle in the way that many American motorcycle clubs and gangs were.

MOTORCYCLES, VETERANS AND AMERICA IN THE POST-WAR ERA

In America, the primary driver for the rise of the motorcycle was not economic but rather based on America's changing post-war culture. Unlike Europe, America had suffered no wartime damage and enjoyed an economic boom through most of the post-war era. The vast Detroit auto factories, no longer producing tanks and trucks for the military, had no problem producing a horde of inexpensive cars for America's growing population and business world. For this reason, motorcycles were not seen in the same workaday light that European motorcycles and motor scooters were seen in. Instead, they were seen as a social and personal statement, and this caused American motorcycle history to play out rather differently than it did in Europe.

While some motorcycle clubs had existed before World War II, two factors resulted in their explosion after the war. The first was the vast number of war surplus motorcycles that were now available for a very low price due to the demobilization of much of the American military. In some cases, former soldiers brought back the very motorcycles they had used in the war. In other cases, former soldiers purchased newly built and never used motorcycles at near scrap prices. Because of this, motorcycle clubs in America were open to a wide range of individuals, without the barrier of a high-priced bike standing in the way of a veteran's hopes.



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Secondly, many former soldiers found themselves having difficulty fitting into a peacetime world. In many cases, they craved both the excitement and sense of camaraderie that they had known during their service. A motorcycle provided them with independence and excitement as they explored America's roads while the growth of motorcycle clubs and gangs provided them with the same wartime camaraderie that they now craved. It is likely that at least part of this drive was due to what is known today as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), which at the time was not well understood and was also subject to a great deal of social prejudice. By associating with other veterans, these new bikers could gain the social support of a group who understood each other in a way that few others could. In another reflection of their wartime experiences, active motorcycle riders in America were overwhelmingly male.

THE RISE OF MODIFIED MOTORCYCLES

Motorcycle riders in America quickly put their own unique stamp on motorcycle culture. War surplus and newly manufactured bikes alike soon found themselves modified to better suit their riders' needs and desires. Although the history of bobbers, or motorcycles modified to remove unneeded weight by stripping off parts of the frame and "bobbing" the rear fender, had extended from before World War II, this practice entered its glory days in the post-war era. Removing extra weight improved speed and performance while adding decorative touches such as chrome plating and various types of paint jobs allowed the owner to customize the motorcycle to suit his own desires. In fact, it was not until the 1990s that bobbers became commercially available, as opposed to being unique to each individual motorcycle.

MOTORCYCLE CLUBS AND GANGS

The motorcycle clubs that formed after World War II were quite different from the ones that had existed in the pre-war era. The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) had been founded in 1924 and focused on promoting a professional and family friendly image. But in the post-war era, more than a few of the new motorcycle enthusiast chafed at some of those restrictions and in the aftermath of the 1947 Hollister Riot, a growing number of bikers ignored the AMA, becoming known as "motorcycle gangs". In addition, a (possibly apocryphal) statement from the AMA claimed that the riot had been caused by only one percent of the bikers present, leading to some groups identifying themselves as the "one-percenters."



Finally, it should be noted that the impact of Hollister Riot had been blown far out of proportion by irresponsible media attention, turning what was in truth a rather raucous street party into a major riot in the public eye. This negative media attention would continue to present a problem for motorcycle enthusiasts from the 1940s all the way to the present day. The vast majority of these motorcyclists merely identified themselves as being unwilling to accept AMA restrictions on their actions. In ad-

dition, because the AMA did not permit non-white members to join until the 1950s, minority motorcycle enthusiasts had no choice but to remain apart from the AMA.

Unfortunately, the opinion that all motorcyclists were potentially dangerous had become more or less fixed in the American society by the early 1950s. This attitude was also promoted by numerous movies showing motorcycle enthusiasts in a negative light, such as the 1953 film, The Wild One.

THE MOTORCYCLE AND THE LEGACY OF WORLD WAR II

Today, motorcycles have become an integral part of our life, from organized AMA clubs to individuals who navigate our crowded freeways with the freedom that only a motorcycle can bring. But we should remember that the popularity of the American motorcycle was forged in the cauldron of the Second World War. Without those events and the way so many of the greatest generation fell in love with the freedom the motorcycle represented, our nation's love affair with the motorcycle may never have come about. World War II's motorcycles did not simply carry America's soldiers to victory from North Africa to France; they also helped to transform post-war motorcycle culture in America.

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





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JOHNNY'S RANT

I know I sound like a broken record, but you got to watch it out there, on the highway. We've had quite a few bikers go down recently because of the highway construction that's going on. Luckily everybody's alive and kind of okay, alive, healing. My prayers will go out to BACA riders, and for those of you who don't know who they are, they are Bikers Against Child Abuse. We need everyone safe, but especially these guys (& girls) who help the most helpless.

So, I guess what I'm trying to say is please, please be extra cautious. It is not only the road construction, but we have so much more traffic on our roads because of our northern and Canadian brothers and sisters, down here, getting away from the cold winter, just saying, you know.

Oh yeah, and if anybody finds a road where there's no construction, please call me so I can go riding on it LOL. I want everyone to be really careful on New Year's Eve, as more than ever, a lot of people will be celebrating the New Year and then riding or driving home, we call them amateurs, so keep your eyes out for your friends and brothers who may be buzzed. Take their keys, whether they're in a car or on a motorcycle and get them home safe, even if they get mad, better mad than hurt. We can't really handle losing more friends and brothers in our motorcycle community.

I hope 2023 is the best year for everyone!!

Peace, Johnny Rose







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CONGRESS REQUIRES NHTSA TO FORCE AUTOMAKERS TO MONITOR DRIVERS

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has announced that roadway deaths in the U.S. are at crisis levels, on pace to exceed the 42,915 fatalities in 2021, the greatest number in 16 years, as Americans returned to the road following pandemic stay-at-home orders.

With alcohol-related crashes being a leading cause of highway deaths in the U.S., the National Transportation Safety Board is now recommending that all new vehicles in the U.S. be required to have blood alcohol monitoring systems that can stop an intoxicated person from driving.

The NTSB's recommendation also calls for systems to monitor a driver's behavior, making sure they're alert.

Under President Biden's infrastructure law, Congress required NHTSA to make automakers install alcohol monitoring systems within three years. The legislation doesn't specify the technology, only that it must "passively monitor" a driver to determine if they are impaired.

NHTSA and a group of 16 automakers have been jointly funding research on alcohol monitoring since 2008, and has hired a Swedish company to research technology that would automatically

test a driver's breath for alcohol and stop a vehicle from moving if the driver is impaired. Another company is working on light technology that could test for blood alcohol in a person's finger by touch. Many cars now have cameras pointed at the driver, which have the potential to limit impaired driving.

In 2020, the most recent figures available, 11,654 people died in alcohol-related crashes, according to NHTSA data. That's about 30% of all U.S. traffic deaths, and a 14% increase over 2019 figures, the last full year before the coronavirus pandemic, the NTSB said.

Once the technology is ready to be implemented in automakers' new models, near the end of 2024, it will take years for it to be in most of the roughly 280 million vehicles on U.S. roads.

BEST/WORST DRIVERS IN THE U.S.

Everyone seems to think their state has the best (or worst) drivers in America, but quotewizard.com dove into the data to determine, based on their criteria, which states actually do have the Best and the Worst Drivers traveling their roadways.

Drivers were evaluated on four factors to determine overall driving quality: accidents, speeding tickets, DUIs, and citations. States that are considered the worst had the highest numbers of driving incidents, while states with the lowest numbers of incidents are considered the best.

After analyzing over 10 million insurance quotes to find out where the best and worst drivers reside, it was determined that the Five Best States were 1) Connecticut, 2) Michigan, 3) West Virginia, 4) Delaware and 5) Arkansas, while the Five Worst States were 50) Utah, 49) California, 48) Iowa, 47) Wisconsin and 46) Ohio.

Among those in the top five, Connecticut ranks best in citations and DUIs, while among the bottom five, Utah ranked worst in speeding, second worst in citations, fifth in accidents and 8th in DUIs. For more rankings in each category, visit www.quotewizard.com.

<u>UNVACCINATED AT HIGHER RISK OF TRAFFIC</u> <u>ACCIDENTS</u>

If you passed on getting the COVID vaccine, you might be more likely to get into a car crash. Or at least those are the findings of a new study published in The American Journal of Medicine. During the summer of 2021, Canadian researchers examined the encrypted government-held records of more than 11 million adults, 16% of whom hadn't received the COVID vaccine.

They found that the unvaccinated people were 72% more likely to be involved in a severe traffic crash -- in which at least one person was transported to the hospital -- than those who were vaccinated. That's similar to the increased risk of car crashes for people with sleep apnea, though only about half that of people who abuse alcohol, researchers found.

Of course, skipping a COVID vaccine does not mean that someone will get into a car crash. Instead, the authors theorize that people who resist public health recommendations might also "neglect basic road safety guidelines."

The findings are significant enough that primary care doctors should consider counseling unvaccinated patients on traffic safety -- and insurance companies might base changes to insurance policies on vaccination data -- the authors suggest.

This isn't the first time that researchers have examined the link between behavior and vaccination status, as a 2021 study published in the Journal of Bioeconomics found a correlation between self-reported risky driving and having skipped their flu vaccine.

THE ROAD TO DECARBONIZATION

Decarbonization Is The Goal, But What's The Best Way To Get There? The European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM) wants

to take multiple approaches.

On December 6, 2022, the ACEM hosted a panel discussion about its vision for decarbonization. Although the discussion's stated intention was to talk about how the industry plans to address a multitude of sustainability issues as we all progress toward the year 2030, what it evolved into was a spirited debate about the comparative merits of the evolution of combustion engines (such as with so-called e-fuels and hydrogen) and electrification.

While all panelists of course had their own points of view, the general consensus seemed to be that lowering emissions is a goal we must all work toward, but that putting all the industry's technological eggs into one metaphorical basket isn't a good idea, for a number of reasons.

From a technological perspective, electric motorbikes currently work best for low-voltage urban mobility, not high-speed, long-distance leisure pursuits. That's where the debate about e-fuels (or synthetic fuels) and hydrogen come into play, because both those means of fueling mobility can potentially offer the benefits of long-distance, high-speed travel on motorbikes.

Infrastructure is also a major concern -- fastcharging and swappable batteries require additional infrastructure investments that are both extensive and expensive, while e-fuels can theoretically make use of existing traditional fuel infrastructure.

When discussing decarbonization, the tendency is to think about emissions in terms of tailpipes, but considerations about how the raw materials to build either combustion or electric vehicles are sourced, assembled, and delivered to customers should also be part of the conversation.

Additionally, concerns about diversifying the industry's approach to decarbonization were strongly expressed, with the global pandemic shining a

bright light on the pitfalls of overly concentrating parts of supply chains in a given geographical area. The current European energy crisis and ongoing Russian war make calls to diversify energy sources (and resources) all too clear.

How this will all evolve is difficult to predict, but strong calls for "technology neutrality" as the industry moves toward decarbonization were echoed up and down the panel.

EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLE GROUP CALLS TO MAKE MOTORCYCLING AFFORDABLE

With inflation worries and cost of living increases, the Federation of European Motorcycle Associations (FEMA) sees bikes as valuable transport tools and has issued an impassioned plea for motorcycle affordability. In particular, FEMA spelled out their position on keeping motorcycle taxes reasonable, as well as taking other measures to encourage motorbike ridership as a viable form of everyday transport.

FEMA believes that motorcycles can be a strong tool in the fight against transport poverty. As the name suggests, that's when the cost of transportation to simply live your life (get to and from work and/or school) is prohibitively expensive.

Moto commuting is a way of life for all kinds of everyday people in many countries, and is highly valued for its practicality, and that's why FEMA encourages governmental and legislative bodies to do what they can to encourage ridership. For example, taxes on motorbikes should be lower than those found on cars, because they're smaller and lighter in weight, and they cause less wear and tear on public roadways.

Similarly, FEMA also discourages restrictions on motorbikes in urban city centers when they're ideal vehicles for getting around congested city streets, and can help reduce traffic if more people are encouraged to choose bikes over cars.

Bicycles and e-bikes have their place -- but so do

motorbikes, and FEMA wants to see more legislative encouragement of moto commuting as a way to combat multiple transport problems across Europe.

FIRST HONDA 'ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE' ON PARADE

Art imitates life, and sometimes, life imitates art, which may be the case with Honda's latest parade float, which they designed to lead the 134th annual Rose Parade in 2023, featuring electric vehicles including "a Honda electric motorcycle."

The overall float design, which Honda has titled "Forever Determined," represents Honda's current (pun intended) emissions-lowering initiative, across all of its many and various vehicular segments; Honda's first all-electric SUV, the electrified Acura ARX-06 race machine, a HondaJet Elite II aircraft, the Honda eVTOL concept vehicle, and an unspecified 'motorcycle'.

Remember, Honda aims to achieve total carbon neutrality across the company by 2050, as well as get 100 percent of its new vehicle sales in North America to be all electric by 2040.

While Team Red has introduced electric scooters and trikes in other markets, so far it has yet to introduce its first electric motorcycle anywhere -- no road bikes, no dirt bikes, no electric bike concepts -- nothing yet, until maybe January 2 in Pasadena...everybody loves a parade!

YAMAHA GOES 'GREEN' WITH PLANT-BASED MATERIALS FOR FUTURE BIKE DESIGNS

On November 17, 2022, Yamaha Marine announced that it will begin using certain parts in some 2024 personal watercraft and sport boat engines that are made from a new material. It's a plant-derived, cellulose nanofiber-reinforced resin product, and in Yamaha's own words; "Yamaha Motor is examining the utilization of CNF reinforced resin not only in marine products but also in motorcycles and a wide range of other products in the future."

Cellulose nanofiber "is made from wood-derived fiber (pulp) that has been micro-refined to the nano level of several hundredths of a micron and smaller, cellulose nanofiber is the world's most advanced biomass material."

Their definition goes on to state that "because CNF is derived from plant fibers, the environmental impact from production and disposal is low. Due to its light-weight characteristics, the modulus of elasticity has the same level of strength as that of aramid fiber, which is known as a high-strength fiber, and has thermal expansion on par with glass. CNF also has excellent gas barrier properties against oxygen."

ROMANIAN MOTORCYCLISTS OBLIGATED TO CARRY FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

And here's why we need Motorcyclists Rights Organizations (MROs) at every level, from local to international; In the European country of Romania the highway code does not distinguish between cars and motorcycles, so as a result, a motorcycle must carry a fire extinguisher, a first aid kit and two reflective triangles, just like a car.

Romanian motorcyclists' organization MotoADN played a significant role in the political process to end this obligation by launching a petition requesting the Romanian Parliament, the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of the Interior to exclude motorcycles and mopeds.

The petition gathered more than 8,000 signatures in just a few days, and the end result is that a draft law that provides for the elimination of the obligation for motorcyclists to have a fire extinguisher, reflective triangles and a first aid kit was recently approved by the Senate.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The only Zen you find on the tops of mountains is the Zen you bring up there." ~ Robert M. Pirsig (1928-2017), author of 'Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance'

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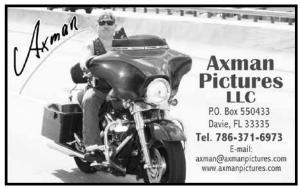


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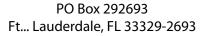
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