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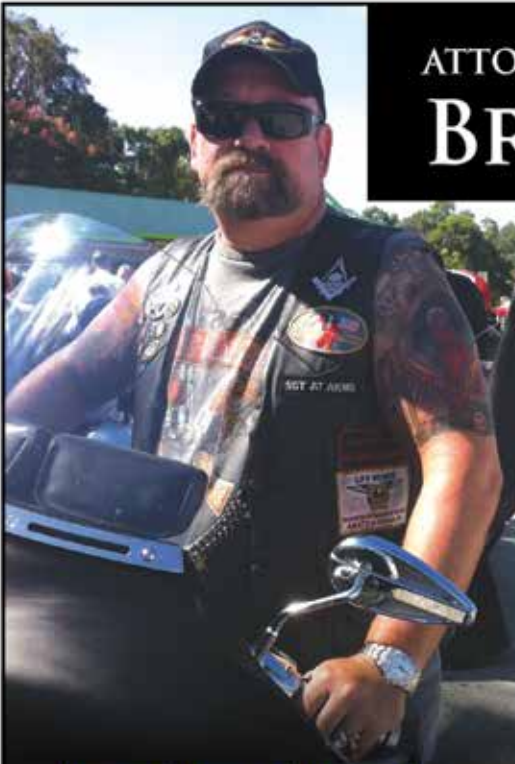
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- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation 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.
- WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.

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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2020 was our 20th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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

I would like to start out by thanking Hunter and Bull for stepping up for Southeast Chapter. Bull stepped up to be our Sargent at Arms and Quartermaster, and Hunter to be our Vice-President, Head Road Captain, and State Representative. You guys rock!!

Hey, everybody, I hope you are all doing well. I’m writing this to everyone in Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Broward counties. Sunday, April 2nd, is our State meeting in Tallahassee, and everyone is invited. And then, on Monday, is the Ride to the Capitol.

So, check this out, on Monday, April 3rd, ABATE of Florida will be having a ride to the State Capitol in Tallahassee. This ride is probably the most important ride of the year. Please try and take off that weekend, use up some PTO days if you have them. Last year, we had less than 100 bikes. That’s pretty freaking bad, considering other groups show up in the thousands. Let’s try to make this year bigger and let the State Legislators, who choose the laws that govern us, know who ABATE is, and what we are all about, Motorcycle RIGHTS AND SAFETY.

So, what is this ride all about, you ask? We start with a Ringing of the Bell Ceremony on the State Capitol steps, where we will ring a bell, and announce the names, one-by-one, of all the brothers and sisters that we have lost in the last few years. We put out a giant American flag across the steps too. It’s very solemn and pretty cool. The best thing is that we get to park our motorcycles in the Capitol courtyard where vehicles are not allowed. That is some good respect for us bikers. We will enter the Capitol and get a chance to talk to all of our Congressmen. We want to talk to them about the Safety Money Bill that we’re trying to get passed, that is now in Committee, to try and generate some support for this. Everyone who cares about motorcycle rights is welcome to come to this ride. Motorcycle clubs and riding groups are welcome. We need everyone’s support. Please reach out to me, if you want more information.

And for those who don’t, or can’t make the ride, there are a couple of links you can go to, to find out what’s going on in Tallahassee. You can go to <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov> or <https://flsenate.gov> to find your representatives and senators, but you can also find out what is going on in the State there as well. If you want to find about the rest of the government, from the top in Washington DC, down to your local commissioners, go to www.usa.gov.

Anyway, the Bills we are supporting this session are House Bill 709 and Senate Bill 838. These two bills are for the safety money, that ABATE uses to promote motorcycle safety, through various means. \$2.50 is added to every motorcycle tag registration, and \$1.00 of this is supposed to go to ABATE of Florida.

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
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I got roped into ABATE by Johnny Rose. Little did I know how this was going to mess me up.. just kidding.... As a member of ABATE, I have been invited to many motorcycle related functions, including open houses, and other events . Fortunately, I've been lucky to have someone show me the ropes. I have to say that I have met a lot of great people and made a lot of friends as a result one simple thing, WE ALL LOVE MOTORCYCLES. There are a few quick things I'd like to point out for those who are new to the motorcycle community or haven't been to a motorcycle event before.

If you are invited to a motorcycle function, you need to realize that you are in their house and you are a guest even if the event is being held at a restaurant or similar venue. The event organizers make the rules and no matter what you might think of those rules, you either follow them or leave.

Let's talk about simple common-sense things, NO Guns, No Drugs and No Attitudes are invited. If you are in a bad mood, stay home. If you are in the mood for a good time amongst a brotherhood of bikers, give a biker event a try. Taking pictures at these functions is generally discouraged. I would not even suggest asking to take anyone's pictures until you've been to several events. If you do want to take pictures, speak to the event organizers as to the proper protocols. Bikers are intensely private individuals, and taking one's picture without permission is simply an unwritten no-go thing to do.

Food and refreshments are often provided at these events. Again, check with organizers as to where to get food and drink tickets if required.

Small talk that would normally be OK in a bar is unacceptable at motorcycle events. Asking a biker what he does for a living or where they live is an easy way to end the conversation. On the other hand, asking about a member's bike is perfectly OK.

While many of the bikes you will see at these functions are works of art in terms of their paint work, or custom accessories, they are not to be touched unless you are given permis-

sion to do so. Don't assume it's OK to set something down or move or even touch someone else's bike. Totally un-cool to mess in any way with anyone's bike period!!

Last thing I'd like to mention is probably the most important, and that is give respect and get respect. Respect is extremely important in the biker community. Violating this rule is the easiest way to find yourself no longer invited to these great vents.

This is by no means a complete list. The best way to handle yourself the first time is to go with someone who's been in the biker community for a while and think before you speak. Some hit TV shows have portrayed bikers in a negative way, and these shows simply do not accurately portray the biker community in South Florida. Don't believe everything you see on television. The biker community supports fund raising events for children's hospitals and toys for disadvantaged children amongst other worthy causes.

Speaking of events this is a shameless plug for an ABATE Event. Sunday, May 28, 2023 Memorial Day weekend, ABATE will have our 43rd Memorial Day Event at Mickey's Tiki Bar. Hope this helps.

As always be safe out there and rubber side down.

Martin (Hunter) Nebojsic
Vice President,
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HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 142
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FEBRUARY 19, 2023**

Bull called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and there were 22 members present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Bull, and a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, Bear.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – JOHNNY ROSE:

Johnny thanked everyone for coming. The Semi-Annual party went well, lots of people showed, lots of bikes, no rain, a good time had by all. The Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show: this year’s show was the largest to date, we plan to have more volunteers for next year, for parking and for the booth. There is a Volunteer Appreciation picnic on the 25th, for the volunteers, and Johnny will send out the info. Our Vice President, Troy, has resigned from all board/trustee positions for personal/medical reasons. Martin “Hunter”Nebojsic has been appointed as the interim Vice President, interim Head Road Captain, and moved up from alternate State Representative to Co-State Representative. Johnny requested a Vote of Confidence, all approved.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT –
MARTIN “HUNTER” NEBOJSIC:**

Hunter spoke, “appreciation” is the word of the day, having seen a bit more on the “other side” at the EBoard meeting and such, came to realize there is far more that goes on behind the scenes to keep things going.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT –
HOLLIE “DREAMER” SADOFF:**

Dreamer made a motion to approve minutes as printed in the newsletter, motioned, seconded, approved. The date for our State Legislator email get-together for our Safety Money will be announced later. Our Safety Money bill has been assigned a number in both the House of Representatives, HB 709, and Senate, SB 838.

TREASURER’S REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila Treasurer’s Report for the checking and savings account, motioned, seconded, approved. She gave the recap of the profits from our Semi-Annual Event. We made money! Funds are used mainly for newsletter publication, safety, and products.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT – MIKE “BULL”:

Bull spoke about watching out for school zones and stopped school busses. Be safe while riding!

Represent - When wearing anything with ABATE on it, even in other states, as ABATE is nationwide, you are representing ABATE, please keep that in mind and act accordingly.

**ROAD CAPTAIN’S REPORT –
MARTIN “HUNTER” NEBOJSIC:**

- Saturday, February 25th,
Scurvy Few MC Party
- Saturday, February 25th,
ABATE of Florida 5-Star Event
- Saturday, February 25th,
Wild Hog BBQ (we have an ad in their booklet)
- Saturday, February 25th,
Dania Beach Volunteer Party (only those that volunteered are invited to attend)
- ~~Sunday, March 19th, Hermandad MC Annual (TBD)~~
- Saturday, March 25th,
Fly-In Wheels MC Annual
- Sunday, March 26th,
US Military Vets MC Ch. 1 Annual (TBD)
- Saturday, April 22nd,
Earth Day (our logo is on their ads)

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

JON "WAVY" VIGER:

Wavy spoke about riding safe! Please remember to use turn signals when riding or driving! Thank you to all that helped at Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show! It was mentioned by Johnny Rose that Wavy, Anna, his son, and daughter-in-law, spent the entire day parking! This is not normal, we usually only park in the morning. A BIG THANK YOU to all four! Wavy will not be here for the March meeting, will be out of town.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT-

MARTIN "HUNTER" NEBOJSIC & JOHNNY ROSE:

Hunter spoke. The April State Meeting in Tallahassee on Sunday, April 2nd, then the Ride to the Capitol on Monday, April 3rd. Lighthouse Chapter is closing, and their President has unfortunately passed away. Our thoughts and prayers to their family and friends., Two new Chapters have been approved to form, Boneyard in Pasco County and Central, in Orlando. If you have any motorcycle related personal interest stories, send them to Brandy at the State Office, for possible publication in the Masterlink. The ABATE Safety Money bill is SB 838 and HB 709. There is \$2.50 added to Motorcycle vehicle registrations, and of that, it is requested that \$1.00 go to ABATE of Florida Inc for motorcycle safety and education initiatives. If the bill passes to law, the funds would be given to ABATE quarterly. There are over 1 million registered motorcycles in the state of Florida. Polk Chapter trying to do a party for all chapters, around \$20 each, maybe Labor Day Weekend. Polk also got the most new members and percentage of growth for November and December. Future State Delegates meetings will be at noon, instead of 2pm. NCOM will be June 16th through the 18th, in Phoenix, AZ. There is a new magazine coming out, in print and online, in the next two months called "Reasons to Ride".

PRODUCTS REPORT –

LAUREL "LITTLE BIT" CONNER:

Little Bit was excused. We have one embroidered button-up long sleeve shirt - XL that we are raffling for \$10 per chance. The drawing will be at the www.abatese.org

May meeting. See Sheila for tickets. There are 2 more of these shirts available, LG and XL for sale \$90. Reach out to Little Bit if interested.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read the Membership report, we have over 600 members. We are doing great on getting new members this month, in part, thanks to Bear!

EVENTS COORDINATOR – GABE CARRERA:

Gabe is excused. We are working on a location for our May Memorial Day Event.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR –

ADA "ABBY NORMAL" HIBBS:

Abby was excused. Articles and pictures due today. Anyone can write an article Please submit to Abby Normal by email news.abatese@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION –

JON "WAVY" VIGER:

All is going well; printed 650 for February, and already almost out, refilling locations that ran out, we are doing 650 newsletters for March.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad was present and said this was the most important meeting this year. The State Legislature is very busy. Our Safety Money bill was filed on February 15th. We expect the Bill to pass and later to the Governor. Another Bill of interest is HB 837, "Civil Remedies" introduced by Senator Fabricio, removing no fault, and will require all to have bodily injury. This will affect motorcycles.

LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad was present, nothing more to report, already covered in Legislative Report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

DAWNE "THUNDER" KIRK-WATERS:

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

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BILLING AND INVOICING – SHEILA ROSE:

All advertisers are up to date. We got another full-page ad from Gideons MC, thanks!!

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:

Bear brought some treats, new goodies, after the meeting.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT – MIKE "BULL":

Bull had no report.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT –

ADA "ABBY NORMAL":

Abby was excused. Please send pictures to news.abatese@gmail.com.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT – IVAN MARTE:

Ivan was excused.

ASSISTANT WEBMASTER'S REPORT –

ERIK SADOFF:

Erik reported that we are ready to go live on the new website, just need to bring the old website down. He is constantly updating/working on it. Projects still working on are pictures and In Memoriam.

CHAPLAIN – CHRISSEY LEONHARDT:

Excused.

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN – BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:

Keep Troy in your prayers, stay safe on upcoming rides, and when riding/driving in general.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheila - Nominations for elections begin at our April meeting. We want the membership to start thinking about possibly stepping up to serve as a Trustee or Board Member of our Chapter. Start thinking about it now. And if you are interested, now is also a good time to find out what that posi-

tion requires, talk to the current board or trustee, see what it is all about. Positions that will be open, the current Board or Trustee is not going for re-election are: Secretary; Safety Director, Billing & Invoicing, and Distribution.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The Board presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Skyline Chili in Sunrise for hosting our monthly board meetings. Johnny Rose presented a Certificate of appreciation to the Commander of American Legion Post 142 for hosting our monthly general meetings. We also have another, that Johnny will present to a long-time trustee, but saving that surprise for the next meeting.

-Event flyers on the tables.

Motion to adjourn at 10:58am. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on March 19, 2023.

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff
Secretary Southeast Chapter



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SAFETY DIRECTOR

Good Day,

This month's article is about how you can help all motorcyclists be safer. ABATE of Florida Inc. has a safety program which is mostly designed for non-riders. This program is called MSAP (Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program). It is designed to make drivers of other vehicles more aware of motorcycles. This program is conducted by trained members of ABATE all across the state of Florida. The program is free of charge and takes approximately 45 minutes to one hour. It is intended for any organization, school, group or even an individual that is concerned or interested in helping make it safer for motorcycle riders and themselves. Maybe you work with people that may be interested or possibly the company you work for.

If so, please contact us at – ABATE of Florida Inc. flabatemsap@gmail.com Or ABATE of Florida Southeast Chapter safteydir.abatese@gmail.com 954-261-9242

Jon “Wavy” Viger
Safety Director ABATE Southeast Chapter
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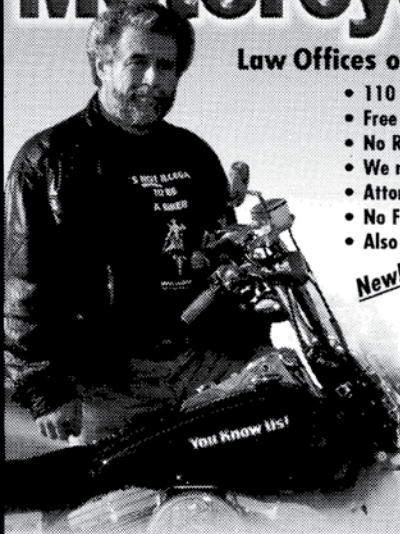
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FROM YOU ROAD CAPTAIN

Motorcycle gear is an important component of keeping you safe and healthy when you're out riding. Wearing a helmet is the best way to reduce head injuries. It might not be cool but there it is. Let's face it, you really can't go out on any given day here in South Florida without getting cut off by someone on their cell phone. "I was rear ended at a stoplight a few years back, and I hit the deck. When the EMTs arrived, they said I was very lucky to be wearing a helmet. I said luck has nothing to do with it. FYI. Now..... when I'm at a stoplight, I keep an eye on my mirror for approaching cars.

If you ever had a broken ankle, and I have, you know that recovery is a painful and lengthy process. Wearing boots can help mitigate the damage to your ankles if you are in an accident. Make sure the boots you wear are not loose fitting and make sure they cover your ankle.

Gloves, especially those made of heavy material can go a long way from keeping you from getting a nasty raspberry or other damage to your hands. It's human nature to put your hands out during a fall. It just makes sense to have a little protection on those puppies should the unfortunate happen.

A leather jacket is a great way to provide protection to your arms and torso. Some jackets actually have armor built into them to help cushion the torso from impact. Vests provide protection, although they leave the arms and elbows exposed. Because of the heat in South Florida, I understand the need for airflow, but realize it comes at a price.

Because motorcycles are a fraction of the size of most four-wheel vehicles, claims of not being seen are often listed as the cause of an accident. I have a dear friend of mine, whose choice of motorcycle, riding, attire consist of the following three colors, black, black, and black. He also

rides a black motorcycle. I've been out on rides with him at night and when he hand signaled a turn, I couldn't see it. On the other hand, I have another friend of mine, who wore a blaze orange long sleeve shirt underneath his vest during a ride. You could see that guy riding a half a mile away with only his sleeves showing. Look, I'm not one that should give fashion advice, but I would suggest erring on the side of safety and avoiding the triple black attire on a black bike, especially at night. This is especially important if you're riding solo.

According to a report from the National Highway Traffic, Safety Administration, motorcycles represent approximately 3% of all registered vehicles however, they are almost 26 times more likely to suffer fatalities as a result of accidents compared to those in cars. I'm really getting tired seeing my biker brothers and sisters go down. Let's stack the deck as much as we can in our favor.

As Always... Rubber Side Down
Martin (Hunter) Nebojsic
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On February 18th, 2023, I attended the Wheels of Man (WOM) M.C. 50th Reunion & Bash. It's not often we celebrate a club's longevity like this. The only way a club stays in existence this long is through years of loyalty, dedication, and a strong brotherhood.

Before 1973, the Wheels of Man M.C. was the Deerfield Beach chapter of the States Cycle Club. But after a difference of opinion, the Wheels of Man motorcycle club was born. One probate, Banana, was their last charter member, who, to this day, is still an honored, active charter and lifetime member.

Banana prepared a slide show for the event featuring gone but not forgotten faces, gold t-shirts, and a good amount of brown suede vests, which have always made WOM stand apart. Who would have imagined we would be viewing the photos later as part of such a rich and distinct history? Pictures taken today will be those shown in the slideshow celebration 50 years from now.

While the club no longer has women members, women are considered a 'Lady Of' and treated with respect. Wheels women don't just watch the Wheels turn; they are a large part of the club's support system. She stands by her Man by preparing food, helping at events, participating in rides, and other MC community events. The Ladies know it's a man's club, and that's how it is.

The club has several 2nd generation members and a Lady legacy. This means they were kids when their parents were patched members. Families were thicker than blood, and when those kids needed extra discipline, a young boy might be mentored by several 'dads,' showing him the way.

Strong leadership has proven to be the glue that holds this MC together. With its mixture of old-school values and the young blood coming up, this group holds to its mission.

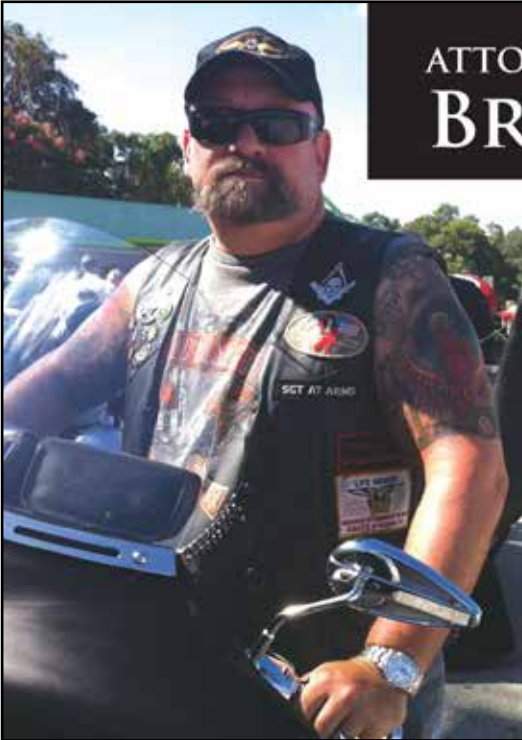
Jesus formed an MC (Masters Commission) with 12 men, each from different walks of life. We might expect Him to choose men of nobility and great wealth. Luke was a physician, while Peter, Andrew, James, and John fished for a living. Matthew worked for the government collecting taxes, and Simon was a hit man and a terrorist, a zealot who vowed to kill anyone associated with the government. (Watch your back, Matthew!) Judas was a cheat and a snitch. He didn't last long.

How did these men become one brotherhood that changed the world? *Jesus shaped their character without ever changing their culture.* He chose unlikely characters with unlikely occupations from unlikely places to accomplish His unlikely mission.

Wheels of Man is more than just a leather patch. It's a brotherhood of strong, diverse men who form chapters in different parts of Florida and Vermont. They iron out their differences between themselves, pushing their loyalty beyond the limit, carving character and commitment that stands the test of time. They've ridden beside each other through thick and thin, women, marriages, divorce, college, and even death, only to emerge after 50 years as an unlikely band of bonded brothers. Congratulations!

Chrissy Leonhardt – Unlikely Chaplain
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2023 CALENDAR

MANDATORY CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD



FOR CHANGES EMAIL
INDIAN (WOM MC)
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CALENDAR EVENT

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 **STATES MC - ANNUAL**
22nd-Sat
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28th-30th LEESBURG BIKEFEST???

MAY

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

JUNE

3rd-Sat AOA SOUTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL
GBNF 1%ers
4th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - PARTY
10th-Sat **MIDNIGHT CLUB REAPERS MC - ANNUAL**
11th-Sun
17th-Sat
18th-Sun Fathers Day
24th-Sat **US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL**

25th-Sun

** Due to Covid19 , ALL events are subject to change and or cancellation

JULY

1st-Sat
2nd-Sun
4th-Tues Independence Day 8th-Sat
9th-Sun **ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL**
15th-Sat
16th-Sun
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22nd-Sat
23rd -Sun

AUGUST

4th-13th 83rd STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
11th-13th 25th Annual South Florida Tattoo Convention
13th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. - 56th ANNIVERSARY PARTY
19th-Sat
20th-Sun
26th-Sat
27th-Sun **SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL**

SEPTEMBER

2rd-Sat SOUTHERN MC TEDDY BEAR RUN
3th-Sun
4th-Mon Labor Day 9th-Sat
10th-Sun STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY Not sure
16th-Sat 17th-Sun
23rd-Sat **KINGDOM OF BROTHERS MC - ANNUAL**
24th-Sun

OCTOBER

7th-Sat
8th-Sun **MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL**
14th-Sat OUTCAST - PARTY
15th-Sun **S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL**
13th-16th DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
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22bn-Sun CMA - MEMORIAL
28th-Sat **FEARLESS MC - ANNUAL**
29th-Sun
31st-Tues HALLOWEEN



ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC - SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

NOVEMBER

4th-Sat
5th-Sun
11th-Sat

12th-Sun
18th-Sat
19th-Sun
23rd-Thur
26th-Sun

HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL

Veterans Day USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL ????????
Fly-In Wheels Annual
LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL

Thanksgiving Day 25th-Sat

DECEMBER

3rd-Sun
10th-Sat

9th-Sat

9th-Sat
25th-Mon

36th SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
ALLIGATOR ALLEY TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING???
HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEMORIAL AND TOY RUN
USMVMC - WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
Christmas Day



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- >Mickey's Karoeke 8PM-12AM

WEDNESDAY

- >Blues Nite at Mickey's
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THURSDAY

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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

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

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

2nd Sun
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Approximately 40% of our members are Life Members, which means they do not pay annual dues, so they do not financially support the Chapter through dues. They do buy products, pay to attend events, post ads in our Newsletter, and make monetary donations, but they have no obligation to do so. This is another opportunity for them to contribute, if they wish, but anyone can do this.

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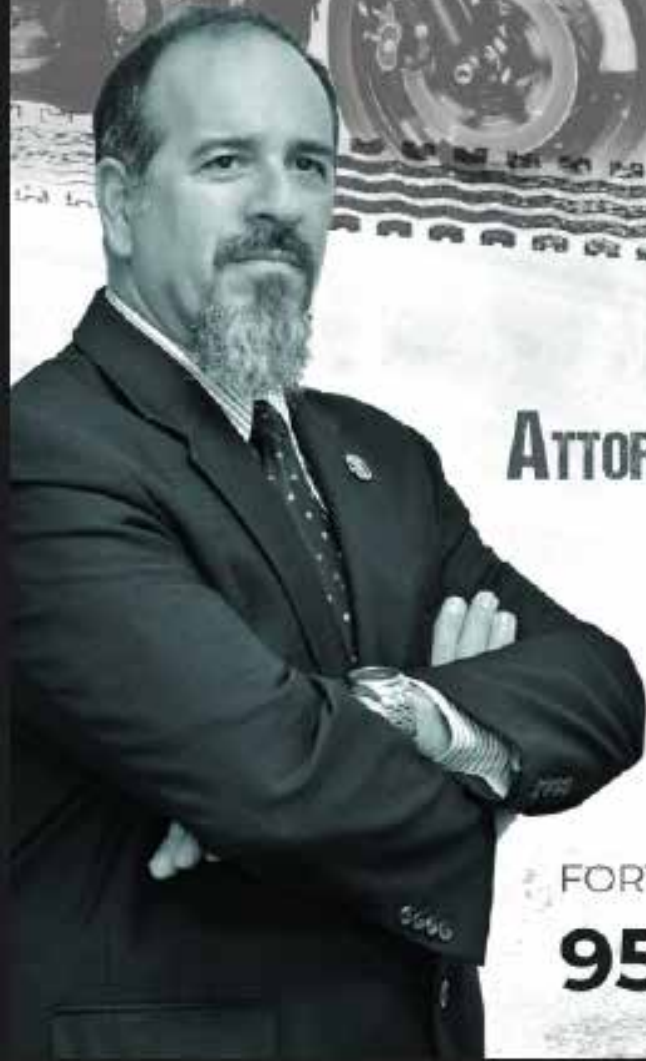
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STUFF WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW

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

We were sitting around, talking about this upcoming State Congressional Session. Yeah, we know, not the most exiting topic, in general, but our Chapter is gearing up to get ready to do the ABATE of Florida Ride to the Capitol. This is a ride that we do every year, helps us get the word about what we do, and what we are fighting for, to the legislators. Many years ago, ABATE lobbied and won, to have \$2.50 from every motorcycle tag that was registered, to go to us, to promote motorcycle safety, though many means. The money ended up, at some point, quite a few years ago, being put in the general fund. Now, you will see those highway signs “Watch for Motorcycles” so some is being used for safety, but the whole reason for the extra \$2.50, was for ABATE to be able to use the money, not the government. We are the people who know where safety and education is most needed. This session, there are now two bills, one, House Bill 709, filed by Representative Yarkosky, and Senate Bill 838, filed by Senator Collins, “Proceeds Funding Motorcycle Safety Education”. These bills, if passed, would give \$1.00 from that \$2.50, to ABATE of Florida, to “increase awareness for all drivers and motorcycle safety for all motorcycle operators”.

Our Secretary, Dreamer, is doing a grass roots push to try and get as many people as we can, like-minded about motorcycle safety, to write to their legislators, to ask them to support this bill. She is in the process of scheduling a get-together,

to do this, but in the meantime, we are going to use our article space, to help.

We are asking you, to please, reach out to the committees who are deciding if these bills should go to the Congress for a vote. The House Bill was just assigned to a committee today, February 21st. Just filing the bills, and having them go to committees, doesn't get them to the floor, to be voted on. We need you all to help.

House Bill 709 is in the Transportation and Modals Subcommittee. From <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov> you can click on the “Committees” link, and scroll down, look for the “Infrastructure Strategies Committee”, then click on “Transportation and Modals Subcommittee”. You will see the 3 leaders and 15 other members. In each one, you can click on a contact link, and send them an email, and we have sample below, for members and non-members.

Below are the sample emails:

IF YOU ARE AN ABATE MEMBER:

Dear (Legislator's Name),

My name is (your name). I am a member of ABATE of Florida, Inc., Southeast Chapter. I am writing to ask for your support of House Bill number 709, Proceeds Funding Motorcycle Safety Education, by Representative Yarkosky.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is asking for a small percentage of the registration fees to promote motorcycle safety, awareness, and education. Each time a motorcyclist registers their motorcycle, they pay an extra \$2.50 fee that goes toward motorcycle safety, awareness, and education.

The money collected ONLY comes from motorcyclists.

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In the past, when ABATE was granted our request for the safety and education money, motorcycle deaths and serious injuries declined. An additional side effect of this is, drivers becoming overall more aware of their surroundings, which benefits others that use the roads.

Please help protect motorcyclists' lives and support House Bill 709.

Thank you!!!

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Thank you!!!

If you want to keep up, see what's happening with the Senate bill, you can go to <https://www.flsenate.gov>, and at the top, "Go to Bill" 838.

We really, really appreciate all of you who are able to help us with this. If you are interested in becoming a member, please reach out to any of our Board or Trustees, found at the beginning of this newsletter, or in particular, to Sheila Rose, email treas.abatese@gmail.com. In the minds of our Legislators, every one of our members has 4 or 5 friends with similar interest, so each 1 of you, represents 5 more. Thank you all!!!

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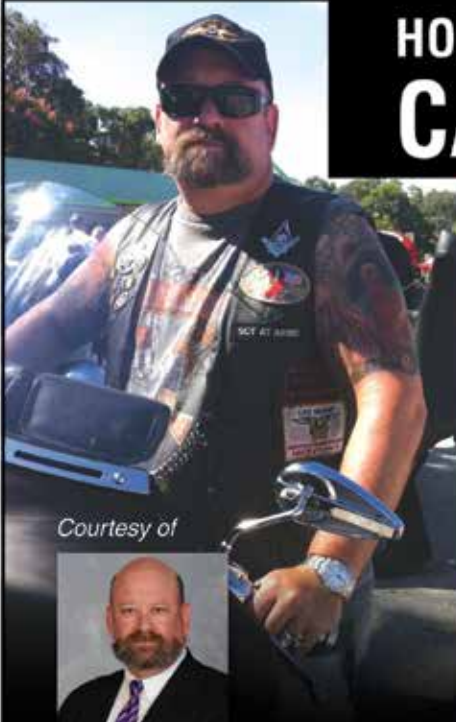
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I'm going to keep this short and sweet, well maybe short, but not sweet. Please remember to go out and support your motorcycle community that being said...

So, I'm riding down the road and I get to a red light. And I put my foot down and it starts to slide, on grass clippings, darn it, but luckily for me, I had enough time to lean hard the opposite way and maintain my balance. It seems that it's easier for these inconsiderate or ignorant or lazy landscapers, to blow the grass, and the leaves, off median into the street, than it is to rake them up, or even blow them back on the median, like a kind of mulch.

Just sayin', you know, to everyone, when you are getting ready to stop, look around and be careful if you see any of these knuckleheads mowing the grass by the roadways.

Whether you ride a motorcycle, scooter, or even a bicycle, watch out! It seems like they're out to get us sometimes, but I know they're not, they just don't have a clue, and it's easier for them to get the job done that way.

Peace,
Johnny Rose



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YAMAHA PLEDGES 10 MILLION YEN TO TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Yamaha Motor Co. is putting aside 10 million yen to be used to support the victims of the February 6 Turkey-Syria earthquake and their ongoing recovery efforts.

Notably, 2021 Superbike World Champion, Toprak Razgatlioglu, and his manager, former five-time Supersport World Champion, Kenan Sofuoglu, had been involved in early response work in their native Turkey until forced to leave in order to be in Australia for the first round of the 2023 Superbike World Championships, in which Razgatlioglu will be looking to reclaim his title.

The bike manufacturer for which Razgatlioglu rides, Yamaha, announced on February 17th that the Japanese motorcycle-maker will donate 10 million yen (@\$74,000USD) through the non-profit organization Japan Platform and that "the funds will be used explicitly to support relief and reconstruction efforts in affected areas of Turkey and Syria."

Along with the more than 46,000 killed in the 7.4-Magnitude quake, 84,000 buildings have collapsed or are seriously damaged, yet within the rubble survivors were still being found.

HONDA SHOOTS FOR THE MOON

Honda Motor Co. is developing a circulative renewable energy system which is hoped to help sustain scientists as they live on the lunar surface. The system, called the Circulative Renewable Energy System, uses electrolysis and solar energy to produce oxygen, hydrogen, and electricity.

While their mission announcement doesn't specifically men-

tion 'motorcycles,' Honda hopes that their CRES system will maintain lunar vehicles so that scientists can properly explore the moon's surface; a hostile environment which may take more nimble vehicles to traverse.

Plus, with hydrogen power being looked at as a possible replacement for fossil fuels, it could help to accelerate Honda's plans back here on our home planet, as the Honda Global website explains: "Honda will pursue research and development of its circulative renewable energy system with the initial goal to utilize it in outer space, then feed technologies amassed through this challenge back to Earth and strive to realize the company's 2050 carbon neutrality goals."

EUROPEAN UNION PROPOSES DIGITAL DRIVING LICENSES

Among a number of proposals intended to shake-up the current licensing regulations on the continent, a new directive that will affect all who drive seeks the digitization of the driving license within the EU.

The move would put a driving license or at least a facsimile of it on the holder's smartphone. The digital license would work in the same way as the physical license and would be valid at police checks and for identification validation. It's also reported that the physical license will combine a QR code on it, something that is hoped will prevent counterfeiting.

For now, the licensure proposals in the 4th Driver's License Directive would only affect EU countries, although the UK government can and has aligned with the EU on certain matters.

SKILLS CRISIS OVER LACK OF YOUNG PEOPLE WORKING IN MOTORCYCLING

The motorcycle industry is in desperate need of more young people to work as technicians or in dealerships if it wants to survive for future generations, warn UK industry bosses. "The challenges we face in attracting young people to work in the sector are the same we face in attracting new and young riders," CEO of England's Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA) Tony Campbell warns. "Over the past two decades, we have been great at servicing an ageing rider community; this in large part is mirrored by our workforce."

"As with attracting new young riders, as a sector we have to be seen to be at the cutting edge of new technology, innova-

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tion, and design. In my view, we have an identity problem when it comes to attracting young talent to the industry,” he continued, adding that “There is and will continue to be a shortage of skilled resources.”

Campbell’s comments were echoed by Head of Operations at the National Franchised Dealers Association (NFDA), Symon Cook, who spoke to MCN.com about what could happen if nothing changes; “It’s going to fail and it’s going to disappear and that’s certainly not what any of us want. We need action and we need it now,” he said. “We’re behind the times and within the next two years we need to really accelerate our idea of how we recruit and how we drive an interest into the motorcycle industry.”

Keen to get more young people involved in the industry, the MCIA teamed up with recruitment firm BikeJobs and the National Motorcycle Dealers Association (NMDA) to create a Careers Hub stand at the Motorcycle Live show in Birmingham. Of the 150 enquiries registered at the event, 78.5% were male and 21.5% were female -- with 78% of all respondents being aged between 13 and 30. The largest of these groups was 17-20, who made up 28%.

MOTORCYCLE HELMET MARKET EXPECTED TO GROW SUBSTANTIALLY

The Global Motorcycle Helmet Market is expected to witness sustainable growth over 2031, reports Global Insight Services, noting that helmets are required by law in many countries.

The intelligence firm offers an analysis of key issues and market drivers, such as a trend towards lighter and more comfortable helmets thanks to advances in materials and manufacturing techniques.

Their 10-year forecast also references trends towards helmets with better aerodynamics, more integrated communications systems, and more advanced safety features.

Among the several key drivers of the worldwide motorcycle helmet market, GIS points out that the number of motorcycle riders has increased significantly in recent years, which has led to increased demand for helmets.

Also, quite notably, the price of helmets has fallen, making www.abatese.org

them more affordable for riders, while their research claims that the documented safety benefits and the availability of helmets in a variety of styles and designs has made them more appealing to riders.

CONNECTICUT LEGISLATION COULD INVOKE DONOR-CYCLISTS

Although Connecticut state law only requires riders under 18 to wear a helmet, a new legislative proposal would dictate that any motorcyclist killed while not wearing one would automatically become an organ donor.

In a shocking new bill published under the Connecticut General Assembly’s website, if passed, riders who do not wear a motorcycle helmet will no longer have autonomy over their organs if they lose their life in an accident, ignoring the gift law principles of the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act which requires an affirmative voluntary act.

State Senator Martin M. Looney of the 11th District introduced Senate Bill No. 96 on January 12, 2023; “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT PERSONS KILLED IN A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT WHILE RIDING WITHOUT A HELMET WISH TO DONATE THEIR ORGANS.”

In the meantime, concerned bikers such as the Connecticut Motorcycle Riders Association (CMRA) are also fighting against House Bill 5917, a legislative measure that would require the use of helmets by all motorcycle riders, as well as improve the use of automated enforcement systems, and strengthen existing law prohibiting open containers in vehicles.

RIDER SAVED BY SMARTWATCH AFTER FALL FROM CLIFF ON HIS MOTORCYCLE

After riding his motorcycle off the side of a cliff, a man was rescued thanks to the distress communication sent out by his smartwatch. The incident occurred in southwestern Utah, and saw the rider fall between 40 and 50 feet, sustaining serious injuries, The Hill reports.

First responders were able to find and stabilize the man for Life Flight transport to the hospital thanks to the rescue alert system on his smartwatch which is designed to detect major crashes and sends out a distress signal when the wearer is

unable to respond to it themselves.

The brand and model of the man's smartwatch unknown, but many of the latest versions of such devices are programmed to detect a serious crash, the most well-known being the Apple Watch which has its 'Crash Detection' feature, as does the most recent iPhone.

JAY LENO SUFFERS SERIOUS MOTORCYCLE CRASH

Comedian and petrolhead Jay Leno, well-known for his extensive classic car and motorcycle collection, is recovering from multiple broken bones after crashing in Burbank, California from a 'clothesline' incident with a wire strung across a parking lot while test riding a 1940 Indian motorcycle near his shop.

The unfortunate mishap occurred just months after the talk show legend sustained second-degree burns while repairing a fuel line on one of his antique cars last November.

His accident left Leno with a broken collarbone, broken ribs, two cracked kneecaps and presumably a hefty repair bill for the bike!

Despite the spate of bad luck, Leno joked; "I'm only 72, if I were to have been an older man, this would have been very serious."

SAFETY INSTITUTE BACKS CAT-ASTROPHIC ROAD RULES

Those unfortunate enough to hit a cat on their bike or in their car could soon be forced to stop and report the incident to police by UK law. As it stands, the Road Traffic Act 1988 states that riders and drivers must report incidents with animals including dogs, horses, pigs, and sheep, however cats slip through the net -- despite an estimated 11 million being owned in the UK. That's one in four households, or around 26%.

Safety institute IAM RoadSmart is backing changes to the law, with insurers PetPlan finding an average of 630 felines got hit by cars every day on British roadways.

Neil Greig, Director of Policy and Research at IAM RoadSmart, said: "If a law requiring drivers to stop if they hit a cat were to be brought in, we believe it could strengthen

driver vigilance and responsibility overall -- meaning the benefits of the legislation will stretch far beyond the protection of cats."

Co-Founder of traffic accident group Cats Matter, Mandy Hobbis, added: "Updating this law simply boils down to minimizing suffering and saving cats' lives," adding that "Like dogs, cats are loved members of the family, so we see no reason why sad instances of the nation's beloved cats being run over on the road should not be treated in the same way."

Similar traffic laws, excluding cats, exist throughout the United States.

NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM TO PERMANENTLY CLOSE

On January 28, 2023, the National Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame in Animosa, Iowa, made the shocking announcement that, after 22 years, the museum plans to permanently close its doors this September, after Sturgis.

The post states the reason very plainly: "We have struggled for several years to cover wages and utilities partly due to low visitation."

Established by John and Jill Parham, the founders of J&P Cycles in Anamosa, the Iowa institution plans to sell its Parham Collection of bikes and memorabilia at auction in the future.

SAVE THE DATE – 38TH ANNUAL NCOM CONVENTION IN ARIZONA

This year's 2023 NCOM Convention will be held over Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, at the Hilton Phoenix-Tempe, located at 2100 S. Priest Dr., in Tempe, Arizona, so plan ahead to join with hundreds of like-minded bikers' rights activists from across the country for a weekend of collaboration and camaraderie!

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