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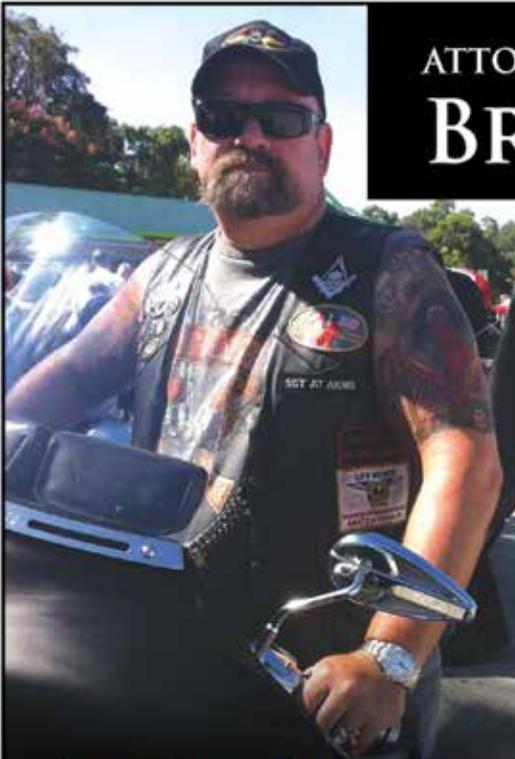
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- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
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- We promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness.
- We fund our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

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2020 was our 20th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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

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“This page sponsored by Frank T. (GBNF) & Lisa PRESIDENT’S ARTICLE



Hope everybody is okay and had a great Saint Patty's Day. So we were able to get Senate Bill 838 unanimously passed through the subcommittee. No one opposed the bill which is cool. I believe it goes to the Senate floor and that's why our ride to the Capitol on April 3rd is so important. Once at the Capital we are going to be able to park in the courtyard which is actually a big deal. It's really cool that we can park our bikes right between the Old Capitol building and the new Capitol building. Then we go to the Old Capitol stairs and name each of our brothers and sisters lost during the year and ring the bell one time for each one lost this past year. This is where we bid them goodbye and wish them well on their next ride. From there we will go into the new Capitol building and visit the offices of the senators, congressman and let them know what bills we are trying to get passed related to the motorcycle safety and awareness funding. Senate Bill 838 is about us getting safety money for motorcycle awareness programs. Once it passes the Senate then we got to start all over again in the House of Representatives. We have to get the Bbill in and through the various committees in the House. We still got a ways to go but it's looking good so far anyway that's about all I really have to say. So be safe out there in road construction land.

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Peace,
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We are lucky to have a place like South Florida to ride in. Yeah we have to dodge the Blue Hairs in the winter months and the spring breakers in those awful thong bathing suits this time of the year, but all in all, the rest of the country wishes they were here if they owned a bike. Riding in Florida does have its challenges and I'm not referring to seeing sun worshipers, both guys and gals, wearing thongs that shouldn't be in the same room with one, let alone wear one. I'm talking about the car drivers.

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

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

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

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

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

As always be safe and Rubber Side Down

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MARCH 19, 2023

Bull called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m., and there were 32 members present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Bull, and a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, Berar.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JOHNNY ROSE:

Johnny thanked everyone for coming. Our Memorial Day Event will be on May 28, 2023 at Mickey's Tiki. We are in the process of reaching out to Sandy Nininger's VA Nursing Home to see if we can set up to have some of the vets attend. We have had them come to past parties, and would love to have them join us again. We are trying to set up a Color Guard for the event, if anyone can assist or know of any available, please reach out ASAP. We have both small flyers to hand out, and full size to be posted at stores and restaura-

rants. Please make sure permission is granted by business prior to posting there. Nominations begin next month at our April general meeting. We need people to step up!

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT –
MARTIN "HUNTER" NEBOJSIC:**

Hunter spoke about going to a CMA meeting, talked about ABATE and through that, may have some potential new members and returning members. Be aware when wearing items with an ABATE logo, such as shirts, hats, patches on vests, etc., to be mindful that we are representing ABATE of Florida, how we ride, drive, and behave is being observed. If you don't want to represent safety, don't wear the logo, change your shirt.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT –
HOLLIE "DREAMER" SADOFF:**

Dreamer made a motion to approve minutes as printed in the newsletter, motioned, seconded, approved. She advised we are doing the email party after the meeting. Notification came out on Thursday 03/16/2023 that SB 838 was going up for vote on Monday 03/20/2023 at 12:30 PM. She passed around a clipboard to gather email addresses and explained how the process would work, and that it can be done on phones, tablets, and computers. She advised members that she would not be running for Secretary again. She advised on what that position required including attending monthly chapter meetings and Chapter E-board meetings, taking notes during Chapter meetings, typing up and sending in for newsletter.

TREASURER'S – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read the report Treasurer's Report for the checking and savings account, motioned, seconded, approved. She showed all the ad we had for the Wild Hog BBQ.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT – MIKE "BULL":

Bull spoke about watching out for school zones and stopped school buses. Be safe while riding!
ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC - SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

He also spoke about group riding, to make sure to leave room for others, and keep a good pace. If you don't want to keep up with the group's pace, please move to the back

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT –

MARTIN "HUNTER" NEBOJSIC:

Saturday, March 25th,

Fly-In Wheels MC Annual

Saturday, March 25th,

Fifth Fifty Riders party

Sunday, March 26th,

US Military Vets MC Ch. 1 Annual

Saturday, April 2nd,

Earth Day (our logo is on their ads)

Hunter also spoke again about riding when you are wearing the ABATE logo. If you want to "act up" and ride unsafely, please change your shirt, don't wear ABATE. When riding in a group ride, you are more visible if you ride staggered, and also maintain your position in the group. You should "ride your ride", but still maintain the group.

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

JON "WAVY" VIGER:

Excused. Wavy will not be running for this position in the upcoming elections. Johnny spoke about what is involved, setting up a Safety Booth at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson and other places, about every other month. Ask Wavy if you have more questions about it.

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, expecting our group to be heading home on the 4th, so a long weekend. He is encouraging as many to go as possible that can.

PRODUCTS REPORT –

LAUREL "LITTLE BIT" CONNER:

Little Bit said that we have products for sale after the meeting. We also have one embroidered www.abatese.org

button-up long sleeve shirt - XL that we are raffling for \$10 per chance. The drawing will be at the May meeting. See Sheila after the meeting for tickets. There are 2 more of these shirts available, LG and XL for sale for \$90.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read the Membership report, we have over 600 members. We are doing great on getting new members this month.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – GABE CARRERA:

Gabe is excused. Our May Memorial Day Event will be at Mickey's Tiki.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR –

ADA "ABBY NORMAL" HIBBS:

Abby Normal said articles and pictures due today. Anyone can write an article Please submit to Abby Normal by email news.abatese@gmail.com. Legion Riders at American Legion Post 142 is hosting a Caribbean Party on 04/01/2023 starting at 11:30am and Post 142 is also hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on 04/08/2023 starting at 12:30 PM.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION –

JON "WAVY" VIGER:

Excused. Wavy will not be running for this position in the upcoming elections.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad made a motion to adjust the agenda and move Legislative report after State Rep report, seconded, passed. He briefly discussed the Safety and Education Funding bill, looks good for ABATE, and as previously mentioned, to be voted on in Senate Committee on 03/20/2023. The insurance bill, what he calls the "Strip your rights" bill, looks good to pass, this bill is not good for people of Florida. One of the many issues is that if a person is found to be 51% or more at fault, insurance companies will not have to pay the medical bills. It would be completely put on the part of the injured. That means, for example, you are going 60mph in a 55mph zone, you can be found 51% at fault, and even looking at bikers, just riding could

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make you 51% responsible for an accident. Anyone with a big medical bill is f@cked. The insurance companies spent millions of dollars to get this bill passed, big guy (insurance companies) vs the little guys (us). It's terrible!!!! Brad will be out of town May – September, and if he is nominated for his current positions, he accepts in absentia.

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.

BILLING AND INVOICING – SHEILA ROSE:

All advertisers are up to date. She would like someone to step up and do this position in this next year.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:

Bear brought some treats for after the meeting.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT – MIKE “BULL”:

Bull had no report.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT –

ADA “ABBY NORMAL”:

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WEBMASTER'S REPORT – IVAN MARTE:

Ivan was excused.

ASSISTANT WEBMASTER'S REPORT –

ERIK SADOFF:

Erik reported that, at the E-board meeting, he gave a preview of the website, there are just a few updates, mostly cosmetic changes needed and should be completed by the end of month. Kudos given to Erik by Sheila and the rest of the Board

for the work that has been done.

CHAPLAIN – CHRISSEY LEONHARDT:

Excused.

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN – BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:

Keep all 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 position 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:

Event flyers on the tables.

Motion to adjourn at 11:10am. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00 AM on April 16, 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 –

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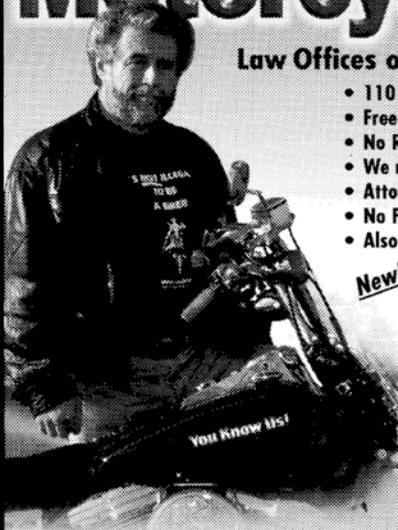
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After being on a motorcycle for a number of years, I have noticed there are different riding styles which seem to coincide with how many years the rider has been on the bike and their individual personality.

The speedster is best categorized by the rider with a powerful bike, that always has to be in the lead of the line when riding in a small group of 2 or 3 riders. They are the one that is giving the throttle a little twitch at a stoplight to hear their engine growl. When you get on your throttle, they do not pass up on the opportunity to show you that their bike is faster. This rider can be hard to follow unless you have a bike with at least as much horsepower as their bike. Hang in there, as time goes on this style will often relent with time and riding with this rider gets easier.

The rubber bander, as the name implies, is the rider that speeds up and slows down relative to the other riders in a group ride situation. This often occurs with newer riders, and older riders that may be approaching the tail end of their riding career on two wheels. This riding style may also occur if the rider is taking medication that may affect the rider's concentration and focus. I hope this rider's condition is not to the extent of making them unsafe. Riding in front of this rider is no big deal, but riding behind this riding style, can test your patience, especially when the rubber band extends out more than 4 bike lengths. There is hope for the new rider and the rider taking meds. The rider approaching the sunset of his riding career is a tough thing to accept and helping this rider come to grips with this fact requires some diplomacy and tact.

The lane changer is the rider that has difficulty staying in their respective lane relative to the group. The lane changer is usually a rubber bander as well. I've seen this riding style occasionally amongst newer riders, but mostly amongst those having trouble concentrating and those at the sunset of their riding career. There is hope for the

lane changer if the focus and concentration can be addressed. As far as the rider at sunset of their riding career, it's going to hurt then to hear this. It will hurt them a LOT, so BE GENTLE. As hard as this matter is to address, you do them no favors by ignoring this potential safety issue to them and those that ride with them.

The cautious concerned rider is a rider that consistently keeps 4 to 8 bike lengths between them and the group ride in front of them. This riding style seems to occur with riders that are not comfortable in riding in a tight group formation. This is common amongst newer riders or may result from a recent accident on a motorcycle which affected their concern for safety on a bike. These riders, in a group, will split the group in two which can allow vehicles to enter the group which is generally not preferable. All riders, and especially these riders, need to "ride their own ride" and that may mean riding lead or riding at the back of the group. These riders pose no issues to themselves or the group if they ride in the front or back of the group. They should be encouraged to ride in those positions but again use diplomacy and tact.

The impatient rider is the rider that leaves the group without letting the road captain of the group know or if they are in the lead, they change lanes without enough room for the entire group to follow suit. Riding experience with a group can help modify this riding style but this is entirely up to the rider and their patience level in general. I've done this in the past and I realize the concern, for the exiting rider's safety, this can cause for the road captain. I don't do this anymore.



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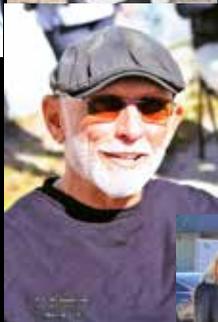
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THE BAILOUT OF ALL TIME



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If you've watched any financial news or read the paper, you know about the instability in the financial world. As I write, at least four banks have closed their doors, telling their depositors, 'that's all there is, and there ain't no more!' If that were my bank, I'd have many questions: What happened? Will I get my money? Can this be fixed?

With Silicon Valley Bank, no one was in the Risk Management office keeping an eye on things. That's the desk where the literal buck stops. But that chair had been empty for quite some time. That's as risky as not checking your fuel before a ride – your destination is NOT guaranteed.

The FDIC supposedly guaranteed accounts with less than \$250,000.00. Higher balances were in a different category. Those dealing with the SVB collapse are reportedly planning to give depositors access to 30% to 50% of their uninsured deposits. That would be like leaving your bike at the mechanic for a tune-up, and when you return to pick it up, he gives you 1/3 to 1/2 your bike back! In the meantime, finance experts are discussing solutions.

One idea mentioned was selling SVB and using the money from the sale to pay customers back. The other solution is outside funding. This is where a third party (possibly the government) steps in to save the company, providing them with capital, credit, and/or other forms of support. In other words, a bailout.

I'm not sure where I stand on this. Wouldn't it be risky to buy a failed bank? I mean, who would buy a bike that doesn't work unless you were going to use it

for parts? While a bailout sounds good, is that the answer?

As I was thinking about this bailout package, I was reminded of the greatest 'bailout' of all time; the sacrifice Jesus made for our freedom, security, and salvation. He gave his life so that we might have life. We needed someone to pay the price that no one ever could. That someone is Jesus Christ. This Easter, consider Jesus, who went to the cross for you.

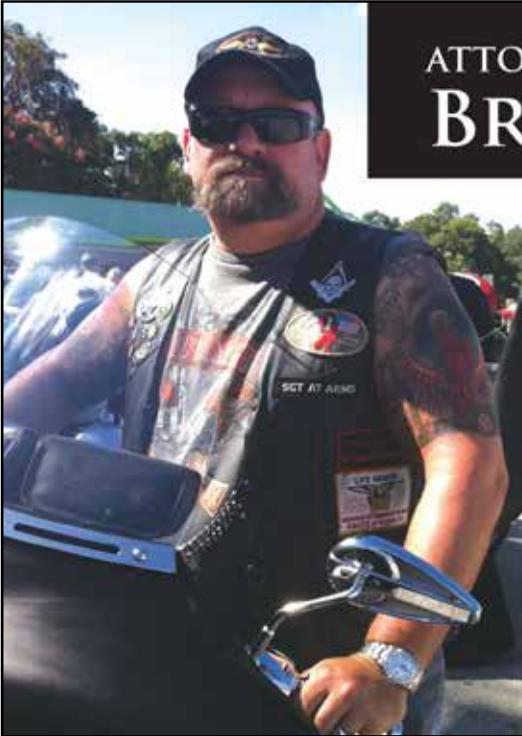
There is One who can give you hope in a time of hopelessness. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son and whosoever believes in Him, will have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

If we are going to take advantage of God's bailout plan, then we need to accept Him as our personal Savior. Jesus Christ's death on the cross completely paid our debt of sin. What an eternal bailout!

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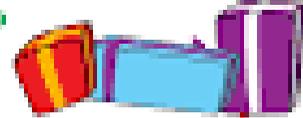
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CALENDAR EVENT

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
23rd-Sun
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
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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



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 SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD ANNUAL
WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF
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
21st-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY
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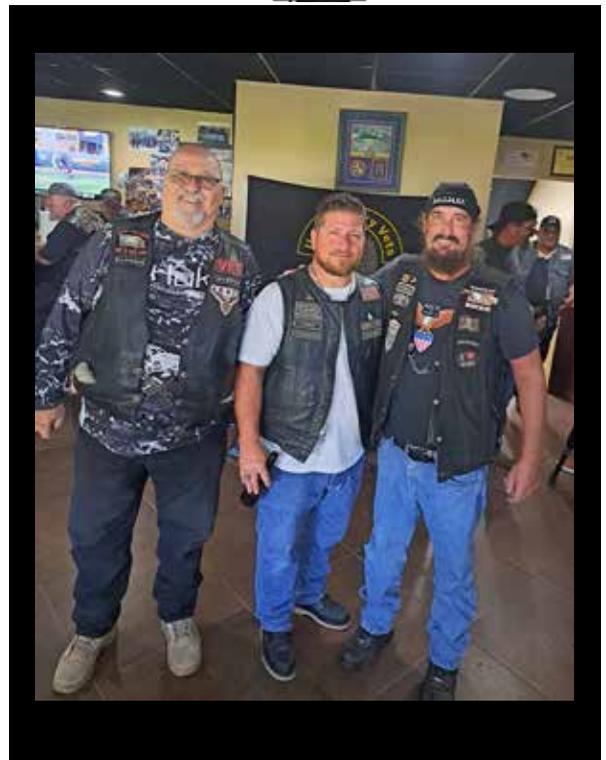
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NOVEMBER

- 4th-Sat HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL
- 5th-Sun
- 11th-Sat Veterans Day USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL ????????
- 12th-Sun Fly-In Wheels Annual
- 18th-Sat LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL
- 19th-Sun
- 23rd-Thur Thanksgiving Day 25th-Sat
- 26th-Sun

DECEMBER

- 3rd-Sun 36th SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
- 10th-Sat ALLIGATOR ALLEY TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING???
- 9th-Sat HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEMORIAL AND TOY RUN
- 9th-Sat USMVMC - WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
- 25th-Mon Christmas Day



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THURSDAY

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TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- 2nd Wed.
- The Crew 8PM

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

- 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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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 18 (VP'S ARTICLE)

We may not be aware of exhibiting some level of the traits noted above. I've notice that calling attention to these riding traits even by multiple riders is sometimes met with denial. I hope that all riders deep down would like to be better riders and take these comments as constructive. Speaking for myself, I have exhibited all of these riding characteristics in my riding career and some still crop up from time to time when my mind occasionally wanders while on the bike. I appreciate these comments to call attention to behavior I may not be aware of. If these comments are voiced to you, don't view it as an attack on your riding skills, but a way to become an even better rider. Try to resist the temptation to respond in defiance with a comment on that rider's own skills.

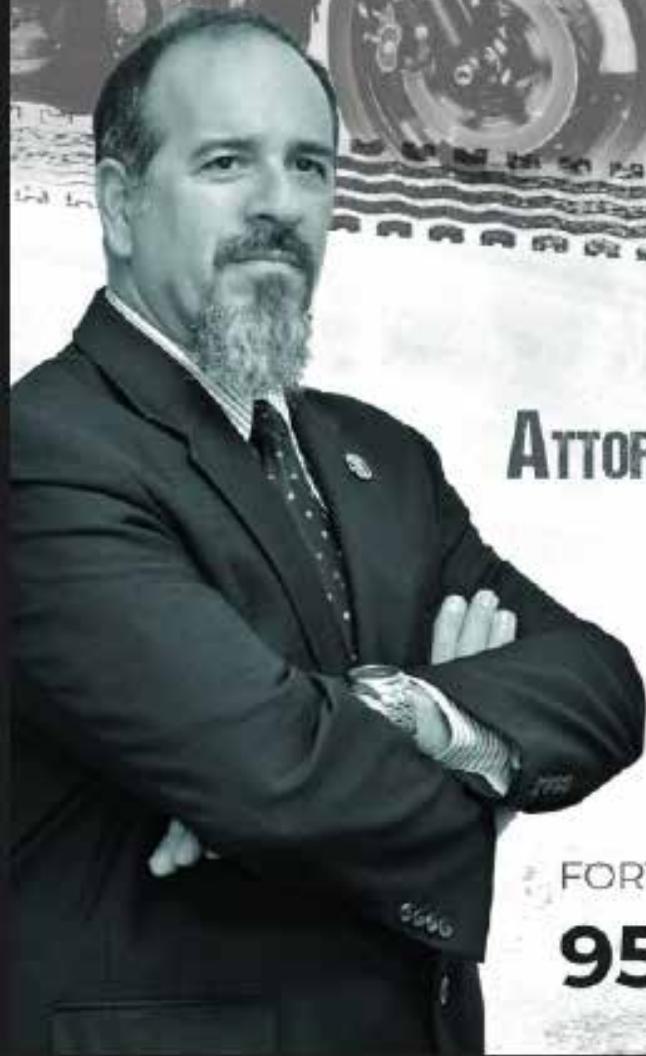
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We were sitting around, talking....okay, not true for this month. It has been a crazy month for us all, Sheila getting ready for some accounting stuff, Sandy ramping up some jobs, Little Bit traveling to see family, and Thunder also real busy between work and family, so we are going to just put out an article, written by someone else, but still pretty interesting.

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Be the life of the party at your next motorcycle gathering with these 50 motorcycle facts that explore the last 100 years of motorcycling. Learn how motorcycle companies started, about new laws that sound ludicrous, and motorcycle trivia on your favorite movies. We bet there are a few that can stump the best motorcycle historians out there. So what are you waiting for? Let's test your knowledge and see how many of these fun facts about motorcycles you know!

1. In 1887, Yamaha started as a piano manufacturer, but today is a multinational conglomerate that still produces musical instruments. In addition, they have added boats, car engines, swimming pools, industrial robots, wheelchairs, RVs, electronics, golf carts, and motorcycles. Shop for OEM Yamaha motorcycle parts.

2. Dipayan Choudhury set the record for the longest-ever backward motorcycle ride in Jabalpur, India, on October 7, 2014, lasting 125.52 miles (202 kilometers).

3. Legend has it that the origin of the term “hog,” when referring to a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, was from the early part of the 1900s Harley's racing team, the Wrecking Crew. They had a small pig as a mascot, and one of the riders would do victory laps with the pig sitting on the bike's gas tank. In later years, HOG became the official acronym of the Harley Owners Group and is the trading symbol of Harley-Davidson on the New York Stock Exchange.

4. Recognized worldwide as a motorcycle helmet manufacturing leader, Arai Helmets started as a hat-making company in Japan in 1926, making gear for the construction industry. Company founder Hirotake Arai was once a motorcycle stunt rider, and the company is still privately owned today and run by the Arai family. Shop for Arai helmets.

5. 61% of the female motorcyclists who died in crashes in 2020 were passengers. Their deaths represented 92% of the passenger deaths. Male motorcycle riders who died predominately were drivers. Shop for motorcycle safety gear.

6. Engine sizes of motorcycles whose drivers died in crashes have gone up dramatically. Among motorcycle drivers killed in 2020, 94% drove motorcycles with engine sizes larger than 1,400cc, compared with 9 percent in 2000 and less than 1 percent in 1990.

7. The Isle of Man TT is a high-speed motorcycle race, held on closed public roads.. The 37.73-mile Mountain Course serves as the venue for the IOMTT, which was first established in 1907 and was formerly known as the Tourist Trophy.

8. In the 1970s TV police series CHiPS, actor Erik Estrada suffered a severe motorcycle accident while filming an episode. Until he recovered, he shot his scenes from his hospital bed.

9. Did you know that modern sport bike tires don't contain any natural rubber? A tire's tread is made of synthetic rubber, blended to provide a balance between durability and traction. Shop for motor-

cycle tires.

10. Motorcyclists in Indiana only have to stop at a red stop light for 120 seconds (2 minutes). They can treat the stop light as if it were a stop sign, then proceed through the intersection cautiously. The law's nickname is "The Dead Red" but officially is designated IC 9-21-3-7b-3d, updated in 2021.

11. Honda began selling pushbikes in 1946 fitted with two-stroke 50cc generator engines initially designed for use with army field telephones. In 1992 (another 46 years later), it launched one of the most complex production motorcycles ever made, the Honda NR750. The NR boasted oval pistons with two connecting rods and eight valves per cylinder. Initially made as a racing-only model, Honda later made 300 road versions of the NR available to the public. Shop for OEM Honda motorcycle parts.

12. Suzuki started producing weaving looms for Japan's silk industry in the early 1900s. To broaden his business, Michio Suzuki founded an engineering company that began producing small cars and engines in the 1930s. The first Suzuki motorcycle appeared in 1952 and was a motorized bicycle called a Power Free. It had a 36cc two-stroke engine with a double sprocket gear system that allowed the rider to pedal with engine aid, pedal without the engine, or just detach the pedals and use the engine. Suzuki is now Japan's second-largest maker of small cars and trucks and produces wheelchairs, marine engines, and autos. Shop for OEM Suzuki motorcycle parts.

13. In 2010, Rocky Robinson used a streamliner-shaped motorcycle to set a world record for the fastest motorcycle at just over 376 miles per hour on the famed Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.

14. A man in North Carolina buried his Harley-Davidson on his property and claimed it was stolen in 2006. He was paid for the stolen motorcycle, and his loan was also paid off. The motorcycle was discovered in 2012 by a new

property owner having some grading done by a contractor.

15. Before 2008, the top age category for motorcycle fatalities was 29 years old and less, but 2008 saw a decrease in that category and led change in the 50 years and older crowd.

16. The longest distance riding a motorcycle in 24 hours (individual) is 2116.5 miles (3406.17 kms) and was achieved by Carl Reese (USA) at Continental Tire Proving Grounds in Uvalde, Texas, the USA, on 26 February 2017. He attempted the record to raise awareness for the Motorcycle Relief Project, a group that helps injured and PTSD-afflicted veterans

17. Did you know Steve McQueen's famous 65-foot motorcycle jump in the movie *The Great Escape* was done by stand-in rider Bud Ekins and he did it in just one take?

18. In the earliest days of Harley-Davidson motorcycles, small advertisements were placed in the *Automobile and Cycle Trade Journal* offering bare Harley-Davidson engines to the do-it-yourself trade that could assemble their motorcycle. By April 1905, complete motorcycles were in production on a minimal basis. Shop for Harley Davidson motorcycle parts.

19. Peter Fonda wore the Captain America jacket while riding his chopper for a week around Los Angeles before shooting the movie *Easy Rider* to give them a broken-in look and get used to riding the radically designed bike. The American flag on the back of the jacket and the bike's gas tank caused him to be pulled over several times by the police.

20. Aside from making motorcycles, Kawasaki also manufactures personal watercraft, ships, electronics, construction equipment, tractors, trains, helicopters, jet engines, missiles, and space rockets.

21. Only three states in the US do not require a helmet for any motorcyclist. In comparison, 17 states require a helmet for specific riders, and the other 30 states, plus the District of Columbia, require a

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helmet for any rider (called a universal helmet law). Shop for helmets.

22. The highest month for motorcycle theft is August., followed by September and July. And the state with the most motorcycle theft is California.

23. Dodge built and sold nine motorcycles with a Viper V-10 engine called the Dodge Tomahawk. The motorcycle featured 500 horsepower with dual front and rear 20" wheels and tires. Each sold for between \$500k and \$700k.

25. 51,291 motorbikes were among the nearly 1 million stolen vehicles in 2021. Less than half of the motorcycles stolen this year have been found; the recovery percentage, according to the NICB research, is 42%. Shop for motorcycle security accessories.

25. Actual motorcycle clubs were on the 2003 movie *Biker Boyz* set to aid with tricks, stunts, and racing. They include Valiant Riders, Black Sabbath, G-Zer Tribe, Ruff Ryders, Soul Brothers, Total Package, Chosen Few, Rare Breed, Brothers of the Sun, Sisters of the Sun, Deuces, and Black Sabbath New Breed.

26. Honda motorcycles in California were the most stolen in 2011, while, of the top five brands that made the list, Harley-Davidsons were the least stolen.

27. The Givenchy "motorcycle jacket" was listed in 2016 as the most expensive jacket on the market. At \$9,100, the women's Hooded Biker Jacket is one of those pieces designed for the sake of fashion rather than for wearing while riding. Most of the jacket is made of lambskin, but pillowy lamb fur lines the collar and inside of the hood. Shop for motorcycle jackets.

28. An estimated 10 cents of every \$1 in insurance premiums goes toward the payment of fraudulent claims, according to the North Carolina insurance department as of 2012.

29. The longest trick on a bike on record was set by

Robbie Maddison in Melbourne, Australia, traveling 246 feet with a Superman Seat Grab on 14 May 2005..

30. Doug Domokos was inducted into the American Motorcycle Association (AMA) Hall of Fame in 2002. He was nicknamed "The Wheelie King" and once held the record for the longest wheelie at an impressive 145 miles in length. That record stood for over eight years.

31. The sound made by the "motorcycle" that Chris Pine rides to the shuttle departing to Starfleet Academy in the film *Star Trek* is the same sound used on *The Jetsons* from 1962 for the "cars" when they fly.

32. The 2007 movie, *Wild Hogs*, features quick cameos from Paul Teutul Sr. and Paul Teutul Jr. of *American Chopper: The Series* (2003). The two famous bike builders appear in the *Wild Hogs'* favorite bar as the bar owner and a background patron. The olive-drab green bike the character named Jack (played by actor Ray Liotta) was riding is made by Orange County Choppers and features their logo on the motorcycle in the movie.

33. In 2020, California reported the highest amount of registered motorcycles in the country (785,424 registered); Delaware and the District of Columbia had the least amount (4,023 and 3,567 respectively).

34. Emilio Scotto holds the world record for the longest motorcycle ride, spanning. Ten years, 279 countries, and a total distance of 457,000 miles

35. Harley-Davidson is the leading motorcycle manufacturer in the U.S. market, producing 5.3 billion dollars in revenue in 2021 and 800 million U.S. dollars from financial services.

36. Brough Superior was the first company that advertised a motorcycle's top speed of over 100mph. That claim was made for its SS100 in

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1924. Brough motorcycles were the first to have prop stands, twin headlights, crash bars, interconnected silencers, and 1000cc v-twin engines. Every SS100 was tested on public roads to check that it could reach 100mph. If it didn't, it was returned to the factory for further work until it could reach that feat.

37. In 2017, California became the first state to legalize lane-splitting through the AB-51 Bill.

38. Contrary to popular belief, Harley Davidson was not the first American motorcycle company; the Indian Motorcycle Company opened the company's first factory in 1901 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

39. During WWII, Italy produced the Volugrafo Aeromoto 125, a motorcycle folded inside a metallic box and launched from planes with a parachute. Later, the UK and the United States built their versions of "parascooters" with the Welbike and the Cushman 53, respectively. After the war, Enrico Piaggio took some inspiration from these models to create the Vespa.

40. "Vespa" is the Italian word for wasp.

41. The Matrix actor, Keanu Reeves, is a motorbike aficionado despite having experienced a few accidents. In 2011, he established his own motorbike business, Arch Motorcycle Company.

42. The history's largest Harley Davidson motorcycle parade took place in October 2019 in Paris, Texas, USA, with 3497 bikes.

43. The smallest rideable motorcycle is the Smalltoe. Created in 2003 by Tom Wilberd in Sweden, the front-wheel diameter is only 0.62 in and a rear-wheel diameter of 0.86 in.

44. The highest motorbike jump, according to Guinness World Records, was 25 ft. Tommy Clowers in Ramona, California, USA. He set the record by leaping from a 10 ft ramp following a 40 ft run-up. He has held the record since January 21st, 2001. Shop for shock absorbers for your bike.

45. The most expensive commercial motorcycle

helmet is the Arai Corsair X RC Helmet, which costs \$4,095.95. It is made from a carbon fiber composite initially developed for Arai's Formula 1 helmets. As a result, you get a lightweight shell that is the ideal balance of rigidity and flexibility.

46. The heaviest motorbike ever built is the Panzerbike, weighing 5.22 tons (4,740 kg). The goliath motorcycle was built by the German firm Harzer Bike-Schmiede and is powered by a 38ltr WWII German 'Panzer' tank engine.

47. With a price tag of \$11 million, Neiman Marcus Limited Edition Fighter is the most expensive motorbike in the world. The Neiman Marcus Limited Edition Fighter is street legal and can reach a top speed of 190 mph. The vehicle's 120ci 45-degree air-cooled V-Twin engine generates this power, combined with body parts made of titanium, aluminum, and carbon fiber.

48. At the start of the 20th century, some weapon manufacturers turned to motorbikes because the same parts that went into making gun barrels were also used to make engine cylinders. The best examples are BSA, Fabrique National, and Royal Enfield with the motto "made like a gun"

49. The first motorcycle was a wooden-framed machine built in Germany between October-November 1885 by Gottlieb Daimler and first ridden by Wilhelm Maybach. It was called the "Einspur," and its top speed was 12 mph.



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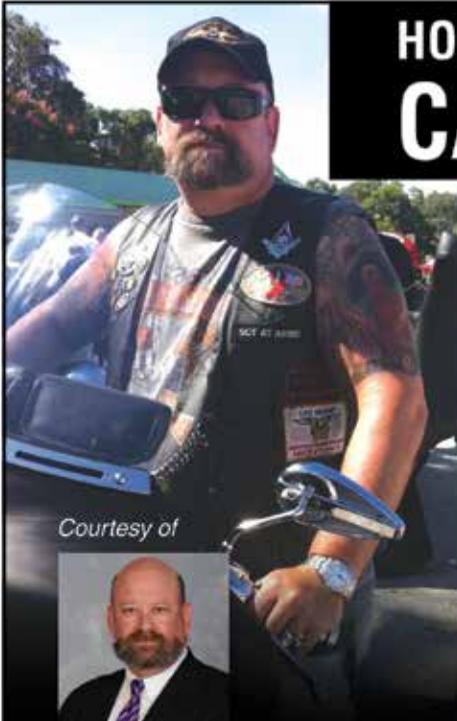
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After 5 or 6 consecutive years of being President, and writing this rant, I think I have pissed and moaned and groaned about everything I can think of.

That being said, I appreciate how lucky we are in South Florida. With our close-knit biker community and our summertime weather almost all year long, we always have a cool ride we can go on and hang out with our brothers and sisters. So I'm going to leave you with a poem written by my alter ego, Ramling Mind:

A Biker's Perfect World (by Rambling Mind)

*Cages are outlawed, my lane is for me.
I'm riding in America, home of the free!!
No road gators or lit cigarettes are after me.
NO cell phones and NO make-up, this is my plea.
I look down the highway and it's so damn clear.
It's time to fuel up, get some food, and a beer.
Ape hangers, loud pipes, and black leather vests,
and she should be able to show off her breasts (I did say biker's world now)
Thirty bikes or more are in every pack.
The run is to Mickey's then Flossie's (GBNF) and back.
Café 27 to start and to end.
DAMN!! It's only Saturday...can't wait to see my friends.
Tomorrow...I know there's a party to go to,
so see you at noon, in some parking lot!!!!*

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BILL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS TO PREVENT ICE BANS

U.S. Representative John Joyce (R-PA) along with more than sixty Republican cosponsors has introduced House Resolution 1435 "To amend the Clean Air Act to prevent the elimination of the sale of internal combustion engines."

Titled the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act," H.R. 1435 was introduced March 8 and is designed to protect Americans' right to choose the technology that powers their motor vehicles, and the measure was introduced in response to the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) plans to ban the sale of new internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles by 2035. The Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act would restrict the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from issuing any waiver for new regulations that would ban the sale or use of new motor vehicles with internal combustion engines (ICEs).

The bill follows action in August 2022 by CARB which approved new requirements on automakers that would effectively ban the sale of new ICE cars and light trucks by 2035 in favor of so-called zero-emission vehicles, like plug-in hybrid, full battery-electric, and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

Lawmakers supporting H.R. 1435 say it is important that the EPA does not permit CARB's ZEV (zero emissions vehicle) mandate to take effect, as it could lead to 17 other states that have followed all or part of California's previous clean-car rules adopting similar proposals.

H.R. 1435 has been referred for consideration to the U.S.

House Energy and Commerce Committee.

EU LAWMAKERS APPROVE 2035 BAN ON NEW FOSSIL FUEL VEHICLES

The European Parliament has formally approved a law to effectively ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars in the European Union from 2035, aiming to speed up the switch to electric vehicles and combat climate change.

The landmark rules will require that by 2035 carmakers must achieve a 100% cut in CO2 emissions from new cars sold, which would make it impossible to sell new fossil fuel-powered vehicles in the 27-country bloc.

EU countries agreed to the deal with lawmakers last October, but still need to formally rubber stamp the rules before they can take effect. Final approval is expected soon.

The car CO2 law is part a broader package of tougher EU climate policies, designed to deliver the bloc's targets to slash greenhouse gas emissions this decade.

STATES CONSIDER ANTI-PROFILING, LANE SPLITTING AND HELMET LAWS

Legislatures are a hotbed of pro-motorcycle activity from coast to coast, with many states considering laws to prohibit anti-biker profiling by law enforcement, allow motorcyclists to filter between traffic lanes, and doff the lids.

Tennessee, for example, has two such legislative efforts: SB 1450 would create a four-year pilot program excluding adults 21 and older from wearing a helmet unless they are insured under the state's Medicaid program (companion bill HB 0042 failed in House subcommittee); and companion bills HB 1454 and SB 0298 which "authorizes two-wheeled motorcycles to be operated between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane on certain limited access highways and interstate highways when the speed of traffic is 25 miles per hour or less."

For most riders in the U.S., lane splitting is considered illegal, but more and more are considering legislation that re-examines the scope and possibilities of such maneuvers, such as Colorado's HB 23-1059 that seeks to fund a feasibility study to determine what a safe lane splitting law for Coloradans might look like.

The bill is titled “A Bill for an Act Concerning Studying Permitting Motorcycles to Drive Around Motor Vehicles Traveling in the Same Direction” and, if passed, the study would be conducted jointly by the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Colorado State Patrol.

A new lane filtering bill is under consideration in Oregon again in 2023, and the text of SB 422 is substantively identical to a broadly bipartisan bill that was passed in 2021 to allow riders to operate between lanes of slow-moving traffic on a highway, but that bill was vetoed by then-governor Kate Brown. The biggest difference between then and now, is newly-elected Governor Tina Kotek, although she has not stated her position.

Lane splitting would still not be allowed in Missouri, but low-speed lane filtering in certain situations would be fine if HB 1046 passes. According to the legislative language, lane filtering “between rows of slow-moving vehicles” would be allowed within the state, but lane splitting between fast-moving traffic would not.

The introduction of this bill comes about two and a half years following the repeal of Missouri’s state helmet law. Nebraska has hopes of becoming the 32nd state with partial or no helmet laws, with the introduction of Legislative Bill 91 on January 5, 2023, which would exempt riders 21 or older who have passed an approved rider training course.

Meanwhile, bills to restrict the profiling of motorcycle riders by police are under consideration in Oklahoma (HB 2426), Kansas (SB 108), Missouri (SCR 3) and Texas (SB 616).

BANISHING KIDS FROM MOTORCYCLES

While some states require that a passenger’s feet touch the footpegs in order to legally ride on the back of a motorcycle, indicating adequate physical stature, New York and Georgia are attempting to take it a step further by restricting passengers by a minimum age.

A2690 in New York would “Prohibit children under the age of twelve from riding on a motorcycle,” while SB71 in Georgia states; “Manner of Riding Motorcycle; motorcycle passengers shall be no younger than 16 years of age,” and both bills have been referred to their respective committees where staunch opposition can be expected from rider groups. □

ITALY TO LIMIT VEHICLE ACCESS PRIOR TO OLYMPICS

In 2026, Italy will host the 25th Winter Olympics, and with activities planned throughout the surrounding areas, the Italian government has kicked its Olympic preparations into overdrive with initiatives like the “Dolomites Low Emission Zone”, which stands to limit access to the mountainous region starting in 2024.

Under the proposal, aimed at “Lowering noise and carbon emissions prior to the 2026 Winter Olympics,” authorities would limit access to the Dolomite Mountains by instituting a reservation system to reach the passes by vehicle.

A government official told a German media outlet, “We want less noise, we want fewer emissions and that requires a new legal construct.”

While the local governments already got the ball rolling, the plan requires approval from federal ministries in Rome before moving forward. If approved, Italy could institute a vehicular quota for the Dolomites region with aims to “exclude particularly noisy vehicles and to set and comply with a maximum volume of traffic.”

Though officials cite the Milano Cortina Olympic Games as the initiative’s driving force, they also hope that the Dolomites Low Emission Zone has a lasting impact.

FRANCE PROHIBITS EV “GREENWASHING”

While EVs may represent the future of mobility, most electric automobiles, motorcycles, and e-scooters can’t fully stand by their zero-emissions claims, and for now, in France at least, manufacturers can no longer claim carbon neutrality if their production and recharging processes emit greenhouse gases.

Nearly all electric-powered vehicles produce no greenhouse gases directly, however, many mining and manufacturing processes emit CO2. The same goes for EV charging, which doesn’t draw from electric sources exclusively. Many EV naysayers cling to this conundrum as an argument against the imminent transition, but many OEMs can no longer make these claims in France. Instituted on January 1, 2023, the new law prohibits manufacturers from claiming a vehicle is carbon neutral if the same can’t be said of its production or

recharging stages.

Up to this point, the country has championed EV-promoting bills, but the latest bill takes aim at the advertisement practices adopted by many electric mobility brands. Under Article L229-68, a company cannot claim that a product is carbon neutral unless it provides substantiation, and should an OEM maintain greenwashing verbiage in its advertising without the aforementioned proof, authorities have the right to fine the legal entity €100,000 (\$105,500 USD) to ensure their customers are not duped.

TAYTAY INSTITUTES “NO HELMET POLICY”

The former Kingdom of Taytay in the Philippines has enacted an executive order forbidding riders from wearing helmets.

Back in 2009, Republic Act 10054, or the Motorcycle Helmet Act was signed into law in the Philippines, mandating all motorcycle riders, as well as their pillion (passengers), to wear a safety helmet designed specifically for motorcycle riding. But this year, Mayor Allan De Leon signed Executive Order (EO) No. 62, Series of 2023, which now “prohibits motorcycle riders, as well as their pillion, from wearing their safety helmets, masks, and similar objects while riding on municipal and barangay roads within the territorial jurisdiction of Taytay.”

The new law was enacted in response to the rising incidents involving “unknown motorcycle driving assailants” who “carry out crimes and escape arrest from police authorities,” and authorizes deputized enforcers to require riders and their pillions to remove their helmets, balaclava, or similar face covering while riding on city streets.

Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO), slammed Taytay’s new rule, calling it “another knee-jerk legislation” that compromises the safety of motorcycle riders and their pillions. “Our lawmakers need to learn how to do research and study fair legislation before they even try to make the rules,” said Jobert Bolanos of MRO.

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NCOM CONVENTION RISES IN PHOENIX

The 38th annual NCOM Convention is coming soon, so plan now on being part of one of the largest gatherings of bikers’ rights activists in the world. To be held over Father’s Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 at the Hilton Phoenix-Tempe, located at 2100 S. Priest Dr., in Tempe, Arizona, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) welcomes all motorcyclists to the “Valley of the Sun” for a convention of ideas on how to address issues of common concern.

Concerned riders are encouraged to attend and participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders’ rights and preserve Freedom of the Road. Agenda items will cover legal and legislative issues, with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.

Be sure to reserve your hotel room now by calling (480) 967-1441, and mention NCOM for our Special Room Rate. Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$110 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only, and you can preregister online at www.ON-A-BIKE.com or by calling the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) at (800) 525-5355.

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