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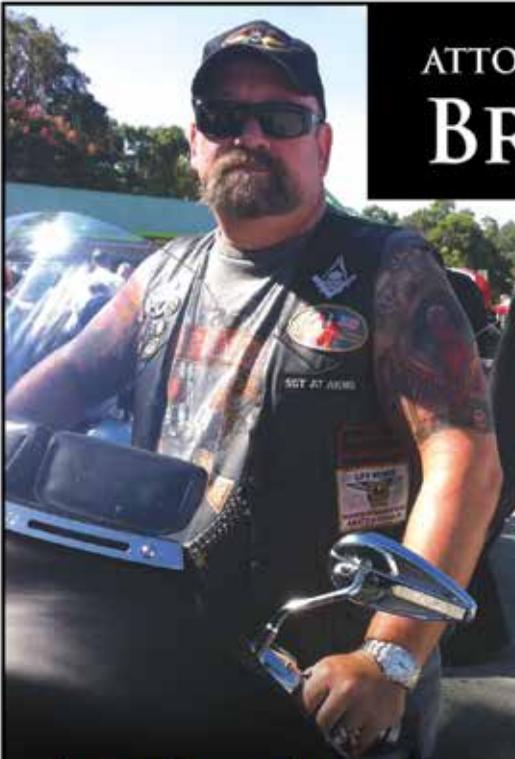
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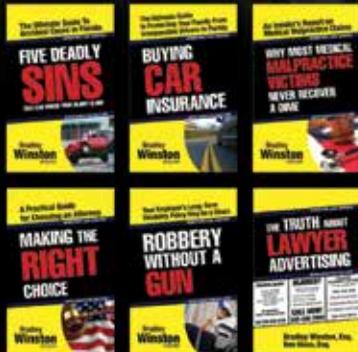


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- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving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

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2020 was our 20th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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

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"This page sponsored by Frank T. (GBNF) & Lisa PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

I'm gonna start this article out by saying anyone who rides a motorcycle should be a member of ABATE, for two reasons. The first reason is because of the insurance that you get when you join ABATE, \$4,000 accidental death and \$2,000 dismemberment. And that is for just twenty bucks a year, come on man, that's a no brainer and we hope you never have to use it. The second reason is because we are the only motorcycle rights and safety organization that gets things done in Tallahassee and the local scene. For those of you who don't know, we were able to get some laws changed, and other laws thrown out.

In 2000, they wanted to make every motorcyclist wear orange vests. ABATE got that bill thrown out. Can you imagine what that would do to our community? It would cover up everybody's patches and some of those cool t-shirts some like to wear.

ABATE is mostly known for getting the helmet law changed, so that anyone who is eighteen years or older does not have to wear a helmet. That's right, we got you the freedom to choose. I personally wear a helmet, and so does my little dog, but it's my choice. We were also able to get the handle bar height and loud pipes and the vertical tag laws modified.

And on the local scene, back in 2007, the Mayor of Delray Beach wanted to make it so that no motorcycles could ride on Atlantic Boulevard, where all the shops are. Our President back then was Jimbo. Jimbo got us together to help Delray. ABATE was able to get 150+ motorcycles to ride to the Delray Beach Town Hall. We packed that place so full that we were out in the hallways too. So good ending, as the Mayor decided it wasn't a good idea to stop motorcycles from riding on Atlantic. Also, Delray

didn't own that road, so they were overstepping with their power. Mike and Hope, my friends, have a picture of the article from the Sun Sentinel of Jimbo leading the ride there. Pretty cool, huh? You can read the full story here <https://www.sun-sentinel.com/2007/10/17/delray-ditches-bike-ban-idea>.



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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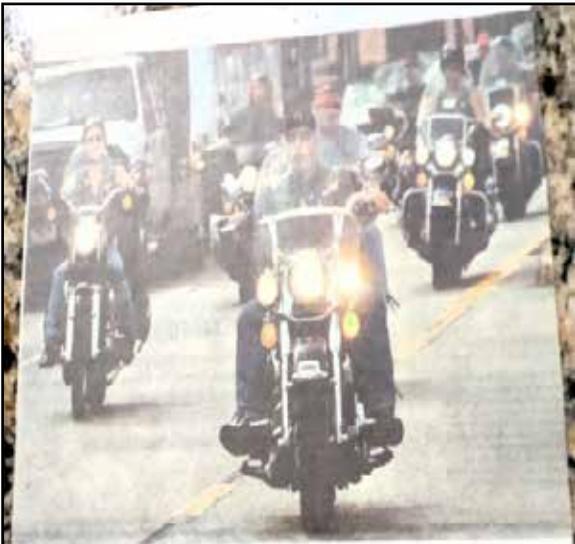


God bless America!!!!

Peace,
Johnny Rose
President



ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC - SOUTHEAST CHAPTER



OUT IN FORCE Riders head down Atlantic Avenue on Tuesday toward Delray Beach City Hall. The bikers packed into council chambers to protest a ban on motorcycles along five blocks of the shops and restaurant-lined corridor. Staff photo/John White

DELRAY DITCHES BIKE BAN IDEA

City votes instead to stiffen fines for noise along stretch of Atlantic

BY MARIA HERRERA
STAFF WRITER

DELRAY BEACH — They rode in masses, wearing leather gear and number banners — and cheering as they pulled up City Hall. But most of the eye-thrills for 150 bikers who showed up Tuesday for a City Council meeting rode out

of a ban on motorcycles along a stretch of Atlantic Avenue. The city would place stiff fines on noisy motorcycles. They also decided to commission a study to find out how much of the noise on Atlantic Avenue can be blamed on motorcycles and how to have them in 90 days.

"We have some noise problems right now and it is pointing toward you," said City Commissioner Wade McFadin.



HERE TO BE HEARD: Jeff Fox, left, and Kathy Cook, both of Delray Beach, and Gary Conzalia, of Delray Beach, stand for the

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Vice-PRESIDENT

THE OTHER DAY I ATTENDED A CANDLE LIGHT VISUAL AT THE CRASH SITE WHERE MARK (OVERSHOT) HARMON LOST HIS LIFE. I ESTIMATE AROUND 200 OR MORE FELLOW BIKERS AND THEIR LADIES WERE IN ATTENDANCE. HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE BIKER COMMUNITY RECOUNTED HOW HIS LIFE TOUCHED EACH OF THEIRS IN A POSITIVE WAY. STORIES WERE TOLD ABOUT HOW HE KNEW A LOT ABOUT FIREARMS AND WHEN HE SAW ONE, COULD TELL YOU HOW TO FIX IT OR MAKE IT BETTER. OTHERS REMEMBERED HOW HE ENJOYED GOING TO THE SHOOTING RANGE AND BLOWING OFF SOME STEAM BY JUST BUSTING OFF SOME CAPS WITH HIS BROTHERS.

HE WAS CALLED A SORT OF JACK OF ALL TRADES AND COULD FIGURE HOW TO FIX JUST ABOUT ANYTHING, BETWEEN WATCHING YOUTUBE VIDEOS AND READING UP ON IT. ANOTHER BIKER LADY SAID HE WAS AN INDIVIDUAL THAT WOULD BRIGHTEN HER DAY EVEN WHEN SHE WAS HAVING A BAD DAY JUST BY POPPING IN TO HER HANGOUT AND MAKE THE DAY JUST BETTER BY BEING THERE.

ABOVE ALL, THOSE THAT RODE WITH OVERSHOT ARE FEELING PAIN AT THE LOSS OF THEIR BROTHER THAT THEY SHARED GREAT TIMES WITH ON TWO WHEELS.

I HOPE AND PRAY THAT WE CAN FIND A WAY TO SAFELY SHARE THE ROAD WITH CAGES SO ALL OF US DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH WHAT THOSE CLOSE TO OVERSHOT ARE FEELING RIGHT NOW. PLEASE BE SAFE OUT THERE.

AGAIN.... AS ALWAYS RUBBER SIDE DOWN
MARTIN (HUNTER) NEBOJSIC,
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HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 142
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JULY 16, 2023**

Bull called the meeting to order at 10:10am and there were 35 members and guests present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Odin, (Johnny & Sheila's grandson), and a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, Bear.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JOHNNY ROSE:

Johnny welcomed everyone and gave us the Troy update. He is still using his wheelchair but fighting the good fight. Please keep him in your prayers. Johnny gave us the Wavy update, which is, hur-ray, Wavy is here at the meeting. He recently had surgery so don't hug him too hard. Johnny thanked the people who recently stepped up to take positions on our Board and as Trustees. Our Annual event is coming up in October, and Johnny is looking at a few places, maybe Mickey's. Johnny has made it his mission to visit at least one club or riding group per week, maybe more, to make sure all members are up to date, so we don't lose another biker that has no insurance to help his family. The Tattoo Expo is coming up in August. There will be a sheet going around, if you want to sign up to work one of the shifts. Only 2 people at a time get passes and sit at our table, but if you go just to check it out, stop by the booth and give one of our people a break. **UPDATE, at the time of this printing, the Tattoo Expo has been cancelled this year, but will be coming back next year, bigger and better than ever.

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

Hunter thanked everyone for coming. He said to please be safe when riding, that he has been to way too many Celebration of Life events lately. We sometimes think we are king of the road, but a motorcycle vs. 4,000 pounds of car, usually loses. the motorcycle usually loses.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – ROSS HAERTTER:

Ross is excused, and Sheila stood in for him. She made a motion to approve minutes as printed in the newsletter, motioned, seconded, approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila gave the Treasurer's Report for the checking and savings account, motioned, seconded, approved.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT – MIKE "BULL":

Bull said to ride safe, and to watch for out-of-towners. School is still out for the summer, kids are on vacation, but there are still summer sports going on. Slow down for flashing lights, slow down anyway, if safe, in school zones. Watch out for the children.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT –

KRIS "THAT GUY" KEYZER-ANDRE:

- Sunday, July 16th,
Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual
- Saturday, July 22nd,
Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off
- Friday-Sunday, August 11th-13th,
South Florida Tattoo Expo at Broward
County Convention Center
***UPDATE: Tattoo Expo is cancelled
- Saturday, August 12th,
ABATE of Florida State Meeting in
Port Charlotte, FL
- Sunday, August 13th,
AOA MC 56th Anniversary Party
- Sunday, August 20th,
ABATE Southeast Chapter Meeting
- Sunday, August 27th,
Scurvy Few MC Annual

That Guy said, when riding in a group, when changing lanes, wait for the last guy, the “rear guard” to get over first, then the rest come over. You don’t want a cager to get into the line of bikes. It’s not safe.

SAFETY DIRECTOR’S REPORT –

KRIS “THAT GUY” KEYZER-ANDRE:

That Guy spoke, and said, as Hunter mentioned, we have been going to a lot of Celebrations of Life’s lately. There are less tourists on the road down here during the summer, but the cars who are here, have drivers who are paying less attention. Many bikers get hit at intersections, by cars making a left in front of the bike, just not seeing them, so pay extra attention when coming up to an intersection.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT-

MARTIN “HUNTER” NEBOJSIC & JOHNNY ROSE:

Johnny spoke. We have State Gun Tickets for sale. If you want to check out a book to sell, see him after the meeting. The next State Meeting is August 15th in Port Charlotte, hosted by Peace River Chapter.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad was excused.

LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad was excused.

PRODUCTS REPORT –

LAUREL “LITTLE BIT” CONNER:

Little Bit was excused, and is feeling a little under the weather, please keep her in your prayers.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read the Membership report, we have over 600 members.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – GABE CARRERA:

Gabe was excused. He had some neck spinal surgery, but is getting better. See his YouTube “Attorney That Rides” videos for more information and a great talk by him.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR –

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ADA “ABBY NORMAL” HIBBS

Abby Normal spoke. All are welcome to submit any suggestions on the newsletter, articles are due today. Send articles to news.abatese@gmail.com. Also, when you see anything on our Facebook page, especially about safety, please share it with your friends, and ask them to share.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – TONY CANTY:

Tony said that things are going well. He is looking at more distribution sites, and monitoring the current ones for the next couple of months.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

DAWNE “THUNDER” KIRK-WATERS:

Thunder was excused.

BILLING AND INVOICING –

HOLLIE “DREAMER” SADOFF:

Dreamer was present but deferred to Sheila in this transition month. Sheila said all advertisers are up to date. Abby spoke and said when we are talking to new advertisers, ask them to send her the ads on the size format that they want to see in our newsletter, as ads can become distorted, when she has to enlarge them, or shrink them down. Abby is not a graphic artist.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT –

BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:

Bear brought some delicious mini-cheesecake cupcakes and peanut butter fudge for the July birthdays, and there were quite a few.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT – MIKE “BULL”:

Bull said there is a discussion about maybe purchasing a grill or two, to do our own cooking and at our Annual.

PHOTOGRAPHER’S REPORT –

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ASSISTANT WEBMASTER'S REPORT –

ERIK SADOFF:

Erik reported. The final meeting with the Board to sign off on the website and go live will be later in July.

CHAPLAIN – CHRISSEY LEONHARDT:

Chrissy was excused. Johnny said to make sure and read her heart-warming articles each month in our newsletter. You will always feel better after you read them.

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN – BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:

June 15th was the one-year anniversary of Jester's passing, and we all miss him.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was discussion about the Safety Money bill, if the signs that we see now, on the highway, “Watch for Motorcycles” are being paid for, but that money. The Safety Money will not be used until October 1st at the earliest. The signs we see now are paid for by the Florida Department of Transportation and Ride Smart Florida.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dreamer will do a future article, talking about Grass Roots, and how it works. It is what worked, to get our Safety Money bill passed. Wavy said to practice safe riding. There are many YouTube videos, just search “Motorcycle Safety Courses” and search “Robert Simmons, Paying It Forward, Be the Boss of Your Bike”.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Odin also asked to speak. He has been riding since he was 5 and told us of an accident he had, how he wasn't wearing proper gear, was wearing shorts, and showed all of us his scar, from the stitches he got. He told us that he was wearing a helmet, otherwise his head may have cracked in half (“from the mouths of babes”) and was wearing chest & leg guards, but he shouldn't have been riding on the road and he should have been wearing long pants. He said to always wear prop-

er gear and only ride where you are supposed to. He will always be safe from now on. Sheila said she has a bike for sale, a 2002 Sportster 1200 for sale. She also told all to please take a few newsletters, if you want, as you are out and about, and see someone who might like to read one. She always has a few and will follow someone in a store with a motorcycle shirt on, or if she sees a bike at the gas station, to hand them one.

Event flyers on the tables.

Motion to adjourn at 11:00am, seconded, approved. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on August 20, 2023.

Sheila Rose,
standing in for Ross Haertter
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SAFETY DIRECTOR

This is my first article as the safety director for ABATE, so I'd like to take a minute to thank my predecessor Wavy for all the time he has spent promoting our cause for so many years. I've got some big shoes to fill here, so I'll do my best to at least come close.

I wasn't sure what I wanted to write about this month, but then this morning I was reading through the day's headlines and there it was. Once again one of our fellow riders hit at an intersection by a cage making a left, this particular case was a hit and run. Luckily the rider made it to the hospital, but I haven't seen any updates on his condition. It seems to me that this is probably one of the most common and deadliest types of accidents we can be involved in these days. I have heard and read many stories about bikers meeting their end in this fashion.

Just last month the actor Treat Williams met his unfortunate end in Vermont this way as well. He was wearing full gear when it happened. At least in this case the driver stayed on the scene. The good news is that there are things that we as riders can do to help to prevent these types of accidents from happening. One thing we can do is to always stay vigilant, slow down a little when we see someone staged for a left turn. In many of these cases the cage never even saw the bike before they pulled out. We should never assume that they know we're there. Another thing we can do is educate others. I personally never miss a chance to tell friends of mine that don't ride what the people in cars do that makes things more dangerous for us, not in a preachy way, but just stating facts. A lot of times they don't even realize that they do them.

There is no cure for drivers not paying attention, and we have a heavy stockpile of that down here, but maybe if we raise awareness of these types of accidents, we can reduce the number of our brothers and sisters that go down from them.

That's all I've got for this month,
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K.Keyzer



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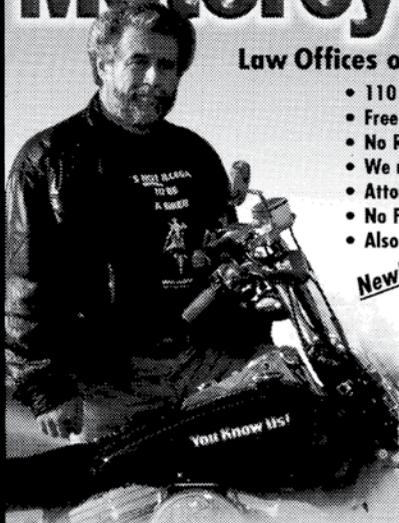
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At the beginning of the New Year, I mentioned I asked the Lord for a word or theme for the year. I felt like the Lord wanted me to finish things I'd started and make good on my promises. We are over half-way through the year, and I wanted to give a progress report:

I talked about how I finished a quilt I started five years ago for a couples wedding gift. They recently sent me a picture of it hanging over their couch. It felt good to finally finish and give away, even if it was their five-year wedding anniversary!

While in the sewing room, I reduced my mending pile and completed a few more promised repairs.

Next on my list was finishing a bookshelf I started building last year. It's done and looks fantastic.

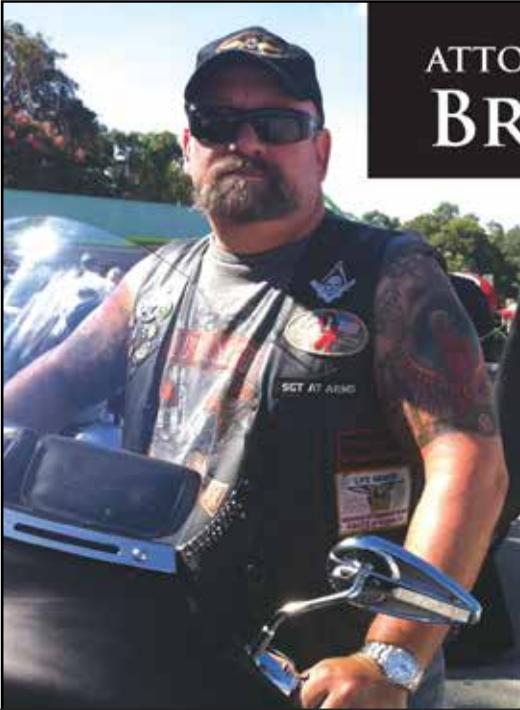
When my late husband, Gary Larson, passed away, the GriefShare organization was crucial to my healing. I told the Lord that I'd love to host a group at my church someday because it was such a blessing in my life. After seven years, I'm happy to say I have a date on the church calendar to host my first class, Surviving the Holidays.

Recently, I received a phone call from my dear friend Craig Marlatt. He and I used to sing together doing prison crusades up and down the state of Florida. He told me he was getting the gang back together and wanted to know if I'd join them. That started forty years ago when Gary and I began ministering in prisons and jails. We were gone 35 of the 52 weekends a year doing concerts and outdoor crusades. I ran with thugs whose lives were changed by Jesus while doing time, like Frank Costantino, Jack Murphy (Murf the Surf), and Bernie DeCastro, who have since passed away. I had mixed emotions about ever going back in to sing again, but said 'yes' because I know God's not finished writing that chapter in my life.

The list of items to complete is still rather long, but at least I'm chipping away. As the scripture above implies, making promises is easier than maintaining or finishing them. But that's the place where we find satisfaction. It's like arriving at your destination, turning off the key, and stretching your legs after a long run. Oh, so satisfying!

Arriving alive,
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| 27 SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

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SEPTEMBER

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| 10 STATES MC - TUNE UP PARTY | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 EBOARD MEETING | 15 | 16 |
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- 9th-Sat
- 20th-Sun
- 26th-Sat
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SEPTEMBER

- 2rd-Sat SOUTHERN MC TEDDY BEAR RUN
- 3th-Sun
- 4th-Mon Labor Day
- 9th-Sat
- 10th-Sun STATES MC - 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
- 22bn-Sun CMA - MEMORIAL
- 28th-Sat **FEARLESS MC - ANNUAL**
- 29th-Sun
- 31st-Tues HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER

- 4th-Sat **HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL**
- 5th-Sun
- 11th-Sat **Veterans Day**
- 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
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- 9th-Sat
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- 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

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- 2nd Sun
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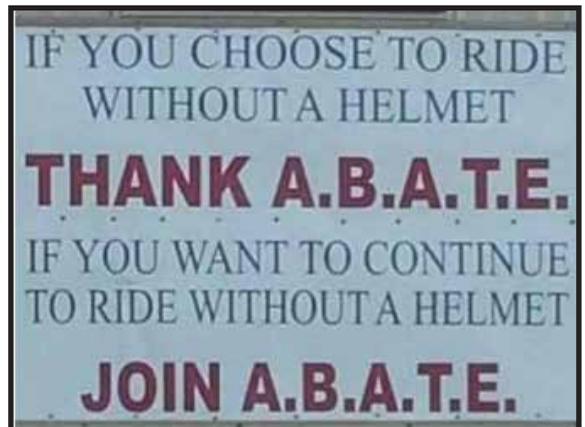
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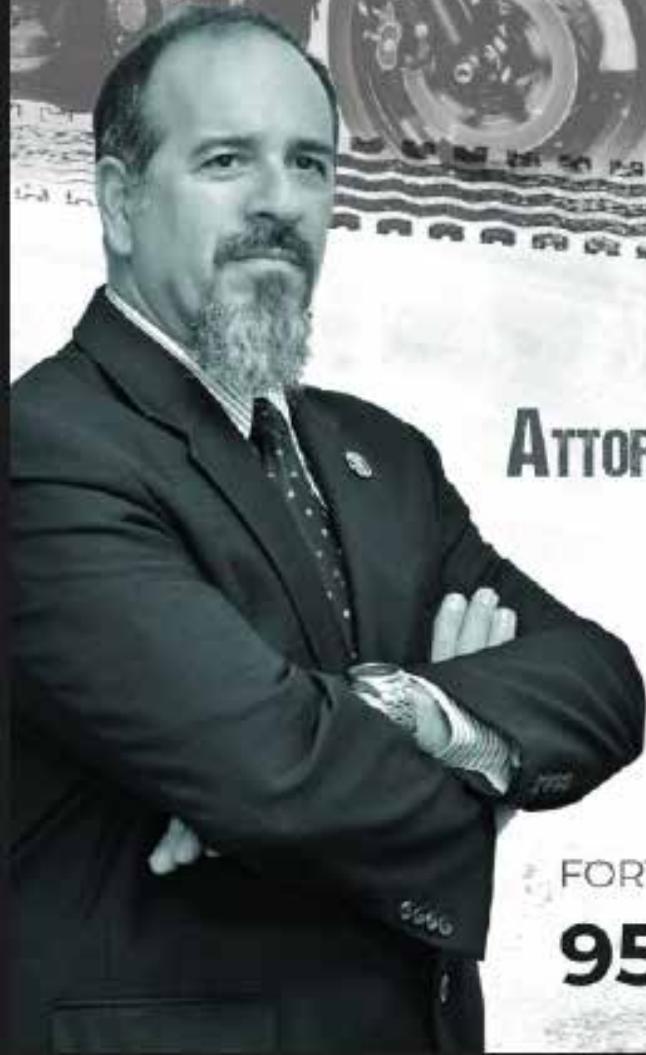
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We were sitting around the other evening, in Thunder's back yard, just talking. She has a beautiful, well-loved and well-tended, but still a little wild looking, back yard. There's lot of shade, but it was still hot, as it has been this summer. I'm sure you all have heard of the Dog Days of Summer, but do you know what it means? Most of us didn't know either, so Thunder enlightened us, as she has been studying and knowing these types of things all her life, growing up on a farm in upstate New York and loving astrology and signs.

The Dog Days of Summer last from July 3rd to August 11th, 40 days. This is historically the days (and nights) following the heliacal rising of the star system, Sirius, also known as the Dog Star. Helical rising means, when the star is first visible above the horizon, at dawn, just before sunrise, a "morning" star. When the Dog Star starts rising, in ancient astrology, going back centuries, this meant that heat, drought, sudden thunderstorms, lethargy (lack of energy and enthusiasm), fever, mad dogs, and bad luck were on the way. In Egypt, the return of the Dog Star was right before the annual flooding of the Nile, and the star was worshipped as the goddess Sopdet. Even in Homer's Iliad, written in the 8th century BC, when Achilles was approaching Troy, where he would slay Hector, the menacing effects of the return of Sirius are noted. These days, it means that we are starting the hottest and most sultry days of the

summer. So, we get it, Dogs Days are HOT days.

We don't have to tell anyone that it is hot this summer. We are not complaining though. That is just how it is, how it has always been, in this beautiful part of the United States, South Florida, that we call home. It really is a paradise here, and it is all in your perspective. Us girls are all fortunate to spend our days inside, nice air-conditioned offices or homes. We have friends that do work outside, but because they are seasoned at this, they know what to do, to drink a lot of water, take breaks in the shade, etc. We do feel bad for the homeless, who maybe can't take care to get water or shade. We know some of them can, but we sometimes see little kids out there, with their parents, or even dogs. Anyway, not to go down that path right now.

We also want to take this opportunity, to again, thank all the men and women who serve and served, in various desert wars, but also, in general. We take our AC for granted, but just in Desert Storm alone, there were about 697,000 troops, standing in the heat, in the desert, in full gear, and they didn't complain, just did their duty, serving our Country, serving us, so thank you!!!

I know you have all heard of the Dust Bowl, which was area in the southern plains region of the United States, which had severe droughts during the 1930's. There were high winds and choking dust that swept the region of the U.S. from Texas to Nebraska, killing people and livestock, and most crops failed across the region. The Dust Bowl was caused by several factors, not just the changes in weather. Some federal land policies, at the time, encouraged pioneers to go west and settle in the Great Plains, to be farmers, but for many, their inexperience led to over-farming of the land, plowing up millions of acres of native grassland to plant wheat, corn, and other crops. When the drought came, there was only bare land, with no deep-rooted prairie grasses to hold the soil in place, so it just blew away, some of it blowing as far as Washington DC and New York

City, which is kind of like the Saharan dust that we get here sometimes. By 1934, 35 million acres of farmland was useless, just bare land, and another 125 million acres, about $\frac{3}{4}$ the size of Texas, was rapidly losing its topsoil. Fortunately, in 1939, the regular rainfall returned, and the Dust Bowl years were over. The Great Depression was also going on during this time, so the economic impact of this long drought drove many families on a desperate migration, away from farms, in search of a better life in the cities.

Okay, enough history lessons about the heat, how does all this affect us? We think part of the rest of the country is happy for the summer, as that means they can ride almost anytime. Many have put their bikes away during the winter months and can't wait until spring and summer. To them, this is a great time to ride. Our favorite time to ride is in the fall and winter, when it's a little cool, and we can wear our leather jackets. Honestly, we were talking, and each of us have about a half dozen leather jackets, so we usually get to wear each one, only once, during the fall and winter, yep, paradise.

We know most of you seasoned South Florida bikers know what to do in the heat. You need to stay hydrated. You may not notice, when you are riding, that you are sweating, and the wind is just evaporating that right off you. You should drink lots of water at each stop, maybe even some sports drinks with electrolytes, and some salty snacks. We know a few people who, when they go on long rides, keep a small collapsible cooler in their saddle bags with cold water, just in case they need to stop on the side of the road, maybe to help another biker. It is said that you should also avoid alcohol too, and ABATE does not condone drinking and riding, but sometimes a cold beer, at the end of a long ride, just tastes so good. Just try and make sure that you are done riding, then take a long pull on that beer, and then another one, for us!

Some of us actually wear long sleeve shirts

in the summer. These are not your regular long-sleeves, but are these special shirts that actually keep you cooler, by wicking the sweat from your skin, which does keep you cooler, helps regulate your body temperature, AND you don't have to wear sunscreen on your arms if you get the UV Blocking ones. There are all different brands out there. There are also arm sleeves, if you just want to have the coverage when you ride, and pull them off when you stop, to hang out with your friends. But please, we know it's hot, don't wear shorts and flip flops. Bring them with you, for when you stop, but don't ride without at least minimal protection.

At every one of our spring and summer events, for the past few years, Sheila has purchased a handful of these cooling neck wraps, and put them in our water cooler, in case someone needs them. You will see Johnny, our President, often with his blue "tie" at our hot events. If you haven't tried them, you have to check it out. You just dip that wrap into a bowl of cold water, or pour water from a bottle on it, and put it around your neck to keep cool. It takes a long time, hours, for the water to go dry. Not an advertisement, but Harbor Freight always has them for \$4.99 each, but sometimes on sale.

When you can, try not to ride during the hottest parts of the day. Morning rides are great anytime, but especially for these next few weeks. Get up early and ride to the beach, so you can see the amazing sunrises we have here. Then ride for a few hours, take a break for lunch, meet up with some friends, maybe then catch a movie. Then later, take an evening ride, but beware of "mosquito hour", haha, which is dusk, and keep in mind that other wildlife may be more active at this time, in case you're riding out west, near the Everglades, where you may spot a deer crossing the road. Okay, we know that's rare, but happens. And you will maybe get to see God's artistic side, in one of our beautiful sunsets.

We know most of you don't stop a ride until you need fuel. You may ride for a few hours before needing

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fuel but stop more often in the heat. Stop and get some water in you, take your helmet off, stretch your legs, and rest for a minute or two.

Finally, we are all about safety and education at ABATE, so be safe!! Use common sense!! If you start to feel lightheaded or dizzy, get a headache, or cramps, or your skin starts feeling cool and clammy, your body could be over-heating. This could be Heat Exhaustion, which can rapidly turn into Heat Stroke. Heat Stroke is extremely dangerous and can be fatal. So if you start feeling any of the signs of heat exhaustion, play it safe, don't try to tough it out and ride through it. It doesn't work like that. Pull off at the next stop, or sooner if you need to, and get cool, take off your helmet, put a neck wrap on, find some AC, drink some ice water, but be safe and take care of yourself. We lose enough bikers to stupid and distracted drivers; we don't want to lose someone to the heat.

It's cool to stay cool!!!

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



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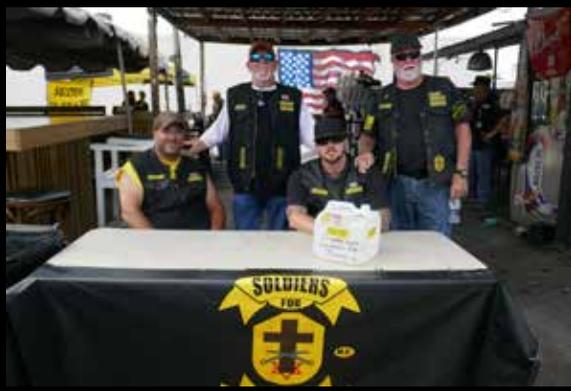
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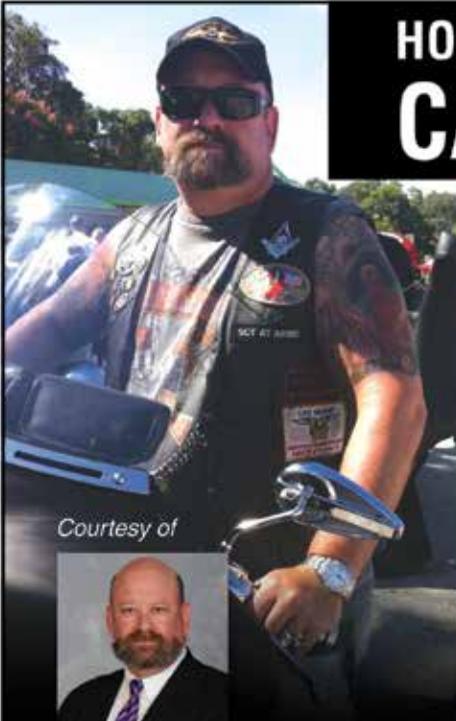
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JOHNNY'S RANT

I'll try to keep this short. This is the wettest rainy season I've seen in a while. I'm sure people from all over have the same problem, and it seems worse in Dade County, but people drive like boneheads when it starts raining.

It made me think about a ride, I don't know, about 10 or 15 years ago. We were on our way down to the Redlands Tavern for Southern MC's Annual. We needed gas, so we stopped at Dade Corners, what we all call 4 Corners. It was raining really hard. When I pulled up to the pump, I realized my mufflers were underwater, so I just kept going to another pump where the water was not quite as deep. I was so lucky I didn't stall my bike in that puddle. This other guy wasn't quite so lucky as me. He had to get off and push his bike out of knee-deep water. Luckily he had a brother with him to help, otherwise I would've helped. Ever since that day, I really keep an eye out for puddles.

So, check this out, just the other day, it was raining really hard and there were lots of deep puddles. This old guy was riding his bicycle on the sidewalk. Then this big truck went hauling ass through the puddle, causing what my wife calls a "rooster tail" and almost knocked the poor guy off the bicycle. At first, I started to laugh, but stopped myself, and then I got pissed off. That old guy could have gotten really hurt. I don't think the truck driver even knew what happened. Just another careless driver, not paying attention.

Can you imagine what could happen if you were on your motorcycle and something like that happened? Your bike could go down, right in the road, not on the sidewalk, because of some knucklehead. So when you're riding in the rain and the roads are wet, when visibility's low, keep in mind people in cages are not always paying attention to what's going on around them, only to where

they're going. Keep an eye out for them and stay far away, stay safe.

But also remember this, my friends, it's better to ride in the rain than it is to not ride at all. Just sayin', you know.

Peace,
Johnny Rose



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NCOM CONVENTION CELEBRATES SUCCESSES

Just days prior to the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' NCOM Convention, Nebraska repealed their mandatory helmet law to become the 33rd state allowing adult freedom of choice, and their hard-won success was a cause of celebration for the nationwide gathering of biker activists in Phoenix over Father's Day weekend. To mark the occasion, A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists; ON-A-BIKE.com) rush-ordered the new 2024 version of their wallet-sized Calendar card to hand out, now in its 30th year of printing, showing a "U.S. Helmet Laws" map on the reverse side now indicating Nebraska as Free for 21 and older (eff. 01-01-24, stipulations apply)!

Our hats (helmets) off to ABATE of Nebraska, which was among many victories across the country to be recognized and celebrated. Hurdles too, both legislative and legal, were also addressed during various meetings and seminars throughout the 38th annual NCOM Convention, with positive commitments to work together on methods and solutions to the benefit of the entire motorcycle rights community.

"Seeing all the motorcycle rights groups, clubs and individual bikers coming together to learn and fight for their lifestyles is inspirational. But the understanding and commitment by leaders of NCOM and MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation; MRF.

org) and some members of the NCOC (National Council of Clubs; councilofclubs.org) to communicate and work together is monumental," observed NCOM Executive Director Joseph "Joey" Lester, son of AIM/NCOM Founder attorney Richard M. Lester. Similar observations were echoed by other representatives of key organizations present.

"We want to make it perfectly clear that NCOM and MRF will be working hand in hand to show strength and unity in the ongoing fight for motorcyclists rights," pledged NCOM Chairman Charlie Boone (CBA/ABATE of North Carolina), adding that several NCOM board members will be attending the MRF's upcoming "Meeting of the Minds," September 20-24 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to further the alliance.

The 2024 NCOM Convention will return to Mother's Day Weekend, May 10-11, 2024 at a location TBD, so stay tuned to ON-A-BIKE.com.

MIC WARNS OF BILLS THAT "WILL HINDER THE POWERSPORTS INDUSTRY"

The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC; MIC.org) reports that two major bills have been passed in Minnesota and Maine that will create challenges for the powersports industry. One bill is set to ban products containing PFAS chemicals, and both of them specify strict reporting requirements.

In Minnesota, HF 2310 bans products for juveniles that contain PFAS beginning Jan. 1, 2025. It also specifies PFAS registration requirements beginning Jan. 1, 2026, and bans all products containing PFAS on New Year's Day in 2032.

The Maine legislation provides the industry with some relief, as H.P. 138 extends the PFAS reporting deadline to Jan. 1, 2025, and also exempts manufacturers that employ 25 or fewer people from reporting requirements.

However, Minnesota's new PFAS legislation will present significant challenges for powersports companies doing business in the state. "In pow-

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ersports, PFAS chemicals can be found in or used to produce products such as riding gear, vehicle components resistant to heat, fuel, and chemicals, as well as semiconductors and chrome plating,” explains the MIC report, also noting that Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances are a class of synthetic chemicals used for decades in a wide range of consumer products.

“PFAS presents a major powersports industry challenge, and whether you’re an OE, aftermarket, or riding gear manufacturer, you must learn about government PFAS proposals and look for ways to replace PFAS in products you sell,” forewarns Eric Barnes, MIC technical programs vice president.

Both federal and state governments have examined the health impacts of PFAS in recent years and many bills have been introduced to ban its use. Some states are also setting up registries to list any vehicles, components, parts, and clothing that contain PFAS

FIGHT FOR YOUR “RIGHT TO REPAIR”

If you want to continue to be able to work on your own motorcycle, with guaranteed access to the parts, tools and service information needed to modify, service and maintain it yourself, then you need to contact your member of the House of Representatives and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 906; the “Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair” Act, or better known in Congress as the “REPAIR Act”.

“The REPAIR Act ensures that vehicle owners or repair shops are not denied access to the information, software or tools needed to work on vehicles,” reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation in an MRF alert. “The proposed law also establishes rules regarding vehicle data access. This commonsense law will help preserve consumer choice and a fair marketplace.”

The MRF invites motorcycling constituents to communicate with your federal lawmakers via this link;

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HELP TO PRESERVE VEHICLE CHOICE

“Congress must act now to pass the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act and avoid forcing consumers to purchase electric vehicles that fail to meet their needs,” claimed Congressman John Joyce, M.D. (R-PA), the lead sponsor of House bill H.R. 1435; “Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act” introduced in March.

Now, several Senators are taking up the cause of Vehicle Choice by introducing a companion bill in the United States Senate; the “Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act” (S. 2090).

NCOM Legislative Task Force chairman Ed Schetter (ABATE of Ohio) forwarded an alert from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation with the note: “I think we need to send this info out in the next NCOM Biker Newsbytes newsletter,” and we agree.

According to the MRF; “The bill would limit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from issuing Clean Air Act waivers for state policies seeking to ban or otherwise limit the sale of internal combustion engines. This legislation would preserve consumer choice and maintain competition in the automotive markets by ensuring Americans have access to reliable and affordable vehicles.”

Senator Roger Marshall of Kansas, a co-sponsor of the bill, stated, “Our legislation is all about protecting consumer choice and, ultimately, free market competition that drives down costs.”

“The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is pleased to see lawmakers taking the threat to freedom of vehicle choice and the survival of the internal combustion engine seriously,” reported the MRF, adding that “Preservation of the internal combustion engine and ensuring availability of the fuel needed to run our bikes is a key part of the MRF’s legislative agenda.”

**U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE PASSES BILL
PROTECTING 'MULTIPLE-USE' LAND**

According to a report from SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association; SEMA.org), the House Natural Resources Committee has passed legislation that would direct the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to withdraw the agency's proposed "Conservation and Landscape Health" rule (H.R. 3397).

The bill was introduced in response to the agency's proposed rule that could potentially lock-up public lands and reduce recreation. The bill also prevents the BLM from issuing a substantially similar rule in the future.

SEMA says it opposes BLM's current proposed rule, which would allow the agency to lease lands under new and vaguely defined terms. "BLM's proposed rule undermines the Federal Land Policy and Management Act's multiple-use requirement for BLM lands as it would hinder access to public lands for recreation, forest management, energy and critical mineral development, and grazing."

**NATIONAL FUNDING FOR OUTDOOR
RECREATION**

The Motorcycle Industry Council has announced that the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior have proposed \$2.8 billion in funding for fiscal year 2024, authorized by the "Great American Outdoors Act," to improve infrastructure, recreation facilities, federal lands access, and land and water conservation.

"For OHV enthusiasts, this would mean that we will see improvements to many of the trails and riding and driving areas we love to enjoy," says Mario Mairena, of the MIC's Government Relations Office. "There is a lot of overdue maintenance at numerous OHV sites, and with improvements we'd see better access to a lot of them. It would be good news for powersports people across the country."

The budget allocates \$900 million for Land and Water Conservation Fund projects and programs managed by Interior and the Forest Service, as well as \$430 million for federal land acquisition, and \$470 million for state and local grants.

**VERMONT CLOSSES "BASKET CASE"
REGISTRATION LOOPHOLE**

Sorry Basket Case lovers, but Vermont has closed a registration loophole allowing vehicles with difficult titles to be legally registered in that state, marking the end of an era for home-build aficionados.

If you meet the above descriptor then you're probably already acquainted with a thing that was previously and widely referred to as "the Vermont loophole," making it a popular state for folks with barn finds and/or other difficult vintage vehicle title situations, where they could legally register their new purchases, "until the past couple of weeks" according to RideApart.com.

For decades prior it was a tailor-made solution for project bike and car enthusiasts from much of the country -- exact rules vary by state -- but unfortunately the laxity of rules allowed thieves an equally easy route to obtain titles for stolen vehicles or fraudulent ownership documents "which was obviously and unsurprisingly a problem."

Therefore, effective July 1, 2023, out-of-state residents will now have additional steps to go through to get a vehicle titled in Vermont, and now requires the DMV in your home state to verify that you're not required to register the vehicle in question there.

"Will more old bikes end up scrapped because people who would previously have been interested in trying to save them decide that it's not worth all the hoop-jumping?," suggests RideApart, "It's truly the end of an era for project bike fans."

NEW STOP SIGN CAMERAS IN SPAIN

We can all agree that traffic rules are there for a reason, and with today's technology there's always someone, or some thing, watching. For example, the Directorate-General for Traffic (DGT) in Spain has installed and begun testing new cameras that can detect whether or not a vehicle has come to a complete stop at a stop sign.

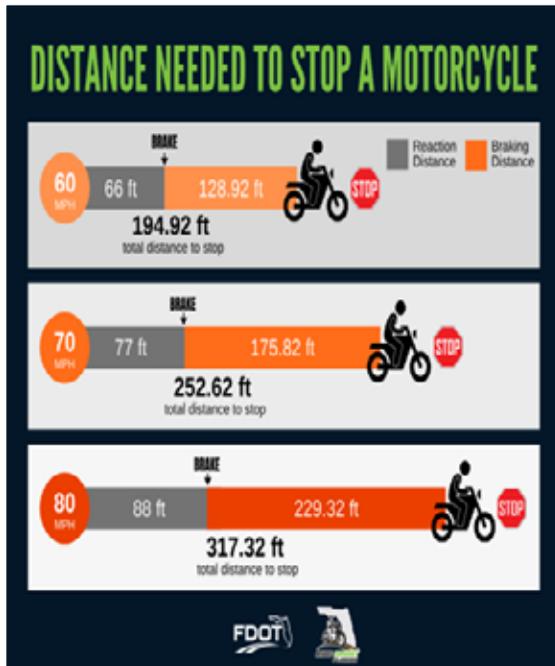
Cameras on the roadway are nothing new, while red light cameras and speed cameras have been around for decades. Stop sign cameras, on the other hand, are a fairly new thing, and in Spain they are now designed to immediately detect whenever a driver (or motorcycle rider) doesn't come to a complete stop and may result in a hefty fine of 200 Euros (\$220 USD).

"By 'complete stop,' the DGT means a COMPLETE STOP – and not a rolling stop," according to Ride-Apart.com, explaining that "for car drivers this means stopping completely before proceeding. For motorcyclists, it's suggested to put a foot down to demonstrate for the cameras that you have indeed come to a complete stop."

In Spain, failing to obey a stop sign has become a common infraction, drastically increasing the risk of accidents. According to DGT data, approximately 1,100 drivers involved in fatal traffic incidents disregarded the Stop sign.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Politics is war without bloodshed while war is politics with bloodshed."
 ~ Mao Tse-Tung (1893-1976) founding chairman of the Chinese Communist Party

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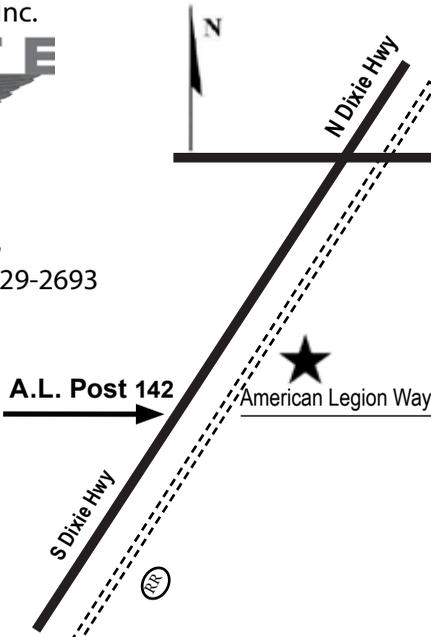
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