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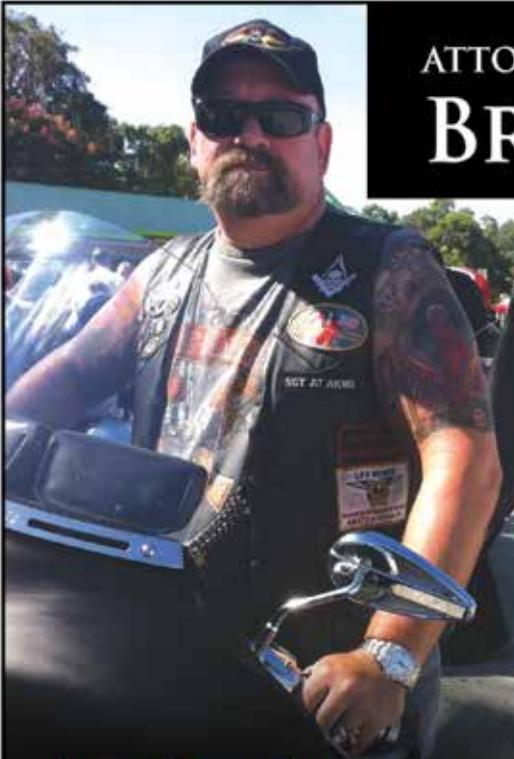
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- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving 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.
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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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2020 was our 20th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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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PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Please remember, we have a lot of out-of-towners down here from up north celebrating the warmth of South Florida. They don't always know where they're going. And remember, I did say celebrating, so when you're out riding your bike, keep an eye on your rear-view mirrors, and see who's behind you, not paying attention. And always make sure you have an “out” if you need it, like if some cager locks them up in front of you, or cuts you off, you know which way you can go, right or left, to help keep you from getting into an accident.

On a sad note, I just found out today that we lost a long time ABATE member, Poppie. He was Vice President for a few years and our Chaplain. He also used to deliver our newsletters in his Corvette. He did a lot for ABATE and for anyone who knew him. He was also a big influence on me and someone I looked up to. He even married my wife, Sheila, and me, among many others. A blessing from Poppie was a blessing that stays with you, all your life. I'm blessed to have known him. I'm sure gonna miss him. May you ride in peace, my brother!

Last month was busy. We rode all the way down to Islamorada for the Heathens MC Annual. We took Card Sound Road. It was awesome! I forgot how scenic and beautiful that ride is. Oh yeah, and very little traffic. My shifter broke in Florida City, so I had to ride my motorcycle down to Islamorada and then all the way back home in fourth and fifth gear only. That was fun, not! But I made it home then jumped in my car and rode over to the Military Vets MC Annual and I got to hang out with my friends and brothers. I love those guys, they're awesome, thank you for your service. Then the weekend after that, we went to the Leathernecks MC Annual. It was another great party and I got to see everybody again, thank you

for your service.

We're gonna have a lot of good events coming up this month. On Saturday, December 2nd, ABATE's Palm Beach Chapter is having a Motorcycle and Safety Awareness Event at Dug-gans Pub and Grill in West Palm Beach. On the 9th of December, we have the Miami Dade Presidents Council Alfredo Pena Fallen Brothers Toy Run. All of the proceeds for that go to the CAHSD House in Florida City, to help 100 kids in low-income families have a Merry Christmas. On the 10th of December, we have the South Florida Presidents Council Toys in the Sun Run at Rick Case Honda. All the proceeds from that go to Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital and the Boys & Girls Clubs. And check this out, the HOG (Harley Owners Group) members from Alligator Alley Harley Davidson are collecting toys for the Salah Foundation Childrens Hospital at Broward Medical Center in downtown Ft Lauderdale. Please go out and support these events, after all it's about the kids at Christmas time. Bikers are some of the most generous people I know, as you can see by all these events just for the kids.



I want to wish everybody a happy and safe holiday season. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, and happy, happy anything else. May this holiday season be peaceful and safe for all.

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

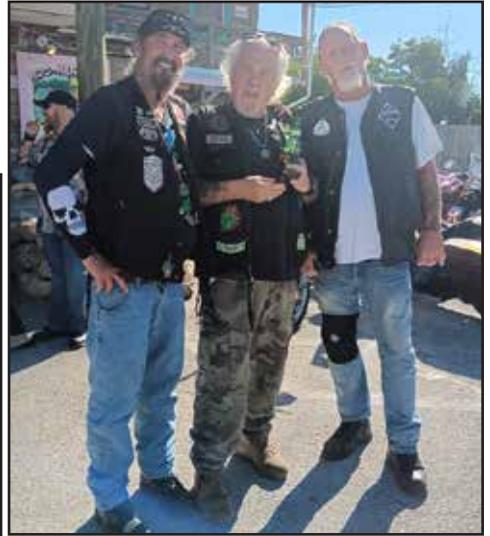
And to the younger people out there, you have the chance to inherit an organization that stands up and fights for biker rights and safety. Help us

make a difference, now, and for the future!

ANYONE WHO RIDES SHOULD
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God bless America!!!!

Peace,
Johnny Rose
President
Southeast Chapter



*Season's Greetings
& best wishes for the New Year*



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HUNTER'S RANT



I need a truck to pull my boat. The sad fact is when I looked at truck reliability, the top-rated pickups are not made in the US which is disappointing. What ticks me off even more is that all truck prices almost doubled recently which is really aggravating since I'm

in the market. \$70,000 out the door for a pickup, are you guys nutz I said to the salesman and the sales manager... You can buy a house in Pennsylvania for that.

Now with the UAW workers asking for a 4-day work week, increased salary and pension, I don't see truck prices for US made pickups coming down by any appreciable amount in the near future. Any used trucks out there that don't have ridiculous prices have over 100,000 miles on them which means the best years of that truck are behind them.

How did auto makers get away with jacking up pickup truck prices, Simple... American consumers kept buying them so the car makers kept raising prices. Those price increases went straight to the car company bottom lines and the CEO's got hefty bonuses as a result. With the UAW wanting their cut, it seems that truck prices may end up going even higher if US consumers keep buying them. To add insult to injury, most vehicles produced today have a shorter useful life than vehicles produced 20 years ago. The brand truck I currently own was a 2000 model year diesel 4x4. It was reasonably expected to have a trouble-free useful life of about 400K if maintained properly. That same truck model produced this year is considered by experts

to last only 250K without major engine repair. Why is that you ask... Simple... Planned obsolescence.

US manufacturers are not building things to last anymore. Everything from your home appliances like your refrigerator to your pickup truck is expected to need replacement sooner than ever in years past. Heck even your windshield wipers are now recommended to be replaced every 6-12 months. I remember getting a Die-Hard auto battery here in Florida that lasted over 8 years. Now you are lucky if you get 2-3 years on a car battery.

WE AS CONSUMERS NEED TO REQUIRE MORE from products and walk away from those that cost more and give us less. I walked out of the dealership and told them point blank, there was no way I was paying that much money for a pickup truck. I suspect many others feel the same way. We deserve more value for our hard-earned dollars and big corporate America isn't going to get the message if we keep buying the crap they are putting out. Tell vendors that you are not buying products that doesn't last. If enough people do that, the manufacturers will eventually get the message.

I feel better getting that out. Let me know what you think we should be doing about this problem in America, because it is a big problem..

Again... as always Rubber Side Down Martin (Hunter) Nebojsic, Vice President Abate of Florida, Inc.



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HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 142
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NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JOHNNY ROSE:

Johnny welcomed everyone. He let us all know that this will be Wavy's last meeting, as he is moving upstate. Johnny presented him with a card and a Welcome mat for his new home. He will be greatly missed by all. Johnny gave us the Troy update. He is still fighting the good fight and very positive. Please keep him in your prayers. Johnny talked about our Annual, that we had at the Boars Nest Saloon. It went great, the weather was perfect. They have a covered porch area with tables at the front, so we set up our tents and tables for our guests to use. We only had one gate, which made it easier. Dan, the owner, also a member of our Chapter, was very gracious. Johnny talked about the upcoming Toys in the Sun Run. We will need volunteers to collect toys at Alligator Alley and at Rick Case Honda. A sign-up sheet was passed around. And our favorite event, the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show is coming up in January. Johnny will give us more details at upcoming meetings.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT –

MARTIN "HUNTER" NEBOJSIC:

Hunter spoke about the State Motorcycle Safety money. He is on the committee that is helping with ideas on how to spend the money. This is Senate Bill 838, which takes the \$2.50 motorcycle registration fee to promote motorcycle awareness and safety. ABATE is one of 3 organizations that will be getting the revenue, to be used for things like billboards, etc.

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 a recap of our event profit. She then read the Treasurer's Report for the checking and savings account, motioned, seconded, approved.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT –

LOUIS "OB" RUSSO:

OB is excused.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT –

KRIS "THAT GUY" KEYZER-ANDRE:

That Guy said that not a lot was coming up for December, except the Toys in the Sun Run. He said that some friends rode down to the Keys for the Heathens MC party, which was good, the party and the ride, but there was a fire during the day that shut down the U.S. 1 for a while. Then some went to the Leathernecks MC party, which was good.

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

KRIS "THAT GUY" KEYZER-ANDRE:

That Guy spoke about some recent accidents, people we know, DJ from Mystic Seven MC, who is getting better, and Julio, from Wings of Gold MC, that was in a hit and run, a really bad wreck, but he's a tough guy and on the mend. Be careful of rainy days, which makes the roads slick. Lookout for the tourists coming down,

some have local tags, so you may not recognize that they are tourists. Watch everyone this time of year, especially left turners, when cars turn left, not seeing a motorcycle coming the other way. Be safe.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT-

MARTIN "HUNTER" NEBOJSIC & JOHNNY ROSE:

Johnny spoke. We have State Gun Tickets for sale, and this is the last meeting for them. The December State meeting will be in Ocala, on December 9th. Johnny, Hunter, and Ross are going up for the day, but then coming back, as the Toys in the Sun Run is that Sunday.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad spoke about the newly formed ACMA, American Council of Motorcycle Attorneys. Rich Newsome (also the ABATE Central Florida Chapter President) and a group of others recently met in Las Vegas to form this not-for-profit group, to help get national support, and will also help support MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation). They have just started but are looking forward to building this up. Someone asked if Gabe was a part of this new organization, but they are trying to get attorneys from all over the country. He said that Gabe Carrera is awesome, always helping. January 9th is the beginning of the legislative session in Tallahassee. There is one proposed bill, to make it so everyone who works on a roadway, will be considered a "agent of the state" and therefore, can't be sued. This takes away part of their incentive to maintain safety on the roads. Many roadway lawsuit cases look at roadway hazards, which can be caused by the company that maintains the road, the engineers who designed them, etc. As many know, even changes in the road level, when roads are being repaired, can be a hazard, especially to a motorcyclist. There is another bill looking to revamp insurance. Brad will be watching both of these closely, as they relate to motorcyclists.

LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON:

Nothing to report.

PRODUCTS REPORT – ROSS HAERTTER:

Ross is excused.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

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

EVENTS COORDINATOR – GABE CARRERA:

Gabe was excused. Our next event, our Semi-Annual, will be at the Boars Nest Saloon on January 21st.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – ADA HIBBS:

Ada spoke about some changes to the newsletter. We now have a page with the Miami Florida Presidents Council events and have added them the Weekly/Monthly Events page. Ada then gave kudos to Sheila, saying that it was because of her, that these pages were updated, and how much she does for the Chapter. Articles for the newsletter are due today. Send articles to news.abatase@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 November was a very smooth month.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

DAWNE "THUNDER" KIRK-WATERS:

Thunder was excused. Sheila spoke on her behalf, that Alligator Alley Harley Davidson needs volunteers to wrap gifts, from Black Friday up to Christmas, every weekend, from 10am-4pm, and the volunteers get to keep their tips, so if you need some extra money, reach out to Kristy at AAHD.

BILLING AND INVOICING –

HOLLIE "DREAMER" SADOFF:

Dreamer said all advertisers are up to date. Social Director's Report – Barry "Bear" Crown: Bear brought a great variety of delicious sweets for after the meeting, always
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homemade, always good.

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**QUARTERMASTER REPORT – LOUIS “OB” RUS-
SO:**

OB was excused. There was some discussion about purchasing a grill in the future.

PHOTOGRAPHER’S REPORT – ADA HIBBS”:

Take photos at events, and EMAIL, not text them to news.abatese@gmail.com. Reminder that no alcoholic beverages should be in the pictures and no photos of children without explicit consent of the parent or guardian.

WEBMASTER’S REPORT – ERIK SADOFF:

Erik reported that everything is going smoothly. Once his current college semester ends, his next project is to add the photos section to the website

CHAPLAIN – CHRISSEY LEONHARDT:

Chrissy was excused.

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN – BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:

Bear wished all a blessed Thanksgiving.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Wavy spoke, thanked everyone for all the support he has gotten over the years, said he appreciates us all. He is moving to Brookville in mid-December. This is west of Gainesville.

Event flyers on the tables.

Motion to adjourn at 11:15am, seconded, approved. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on December 17, 2023.

SHEILA ROSE,

standing in for Ross Haertter
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Hello again everyone and thank you for taking the time to read my article. This month I'd like to talk about one of the most important pieces of safety equipment that we almost never think about, brakes and braking. It's something we all use, and don't really think about until it becomes an issue. My front brakes recently went out on me, and it brought this subject to my attention. When I spoke to a couple of people about it, I was actually surprised at how many different techniques people use to stop their bikes. I'll go over a few here.

I'm going to start off with the method that I use since it's the one I'm most familiar with. When I'm traveling at higher speeds or in the top part of my gears, I tend to engine brake more than anything, it's very effective, and I don't have to worry about the back wheel locking up. At lower speeds, and when coming to a complete stop, I use a lot more front brake than rear. I do it this way because I have anti-lock in the front and a drum in the back that locks up fairly easily. One of the more tense moments I've had on this bike was the first time I locked that rear brake up and the back of the bike tried to swing around to the front. I used to do this deliberately on dirt bikes when I was a kid, but these heavier cruisers aren't so forgiving.

One of the people that I spoke to had just recently switched from a racing bike to a cruiser. They told me that these days, on the cruiser they were more reliant on the front brakes than the rear. He made a great point in saying the weight of the bike has a lot to do with that. I remember when I had my Kawasaki, if I used only the front brake, the back would lift off the ground a little. That doesn't seem to be of much concern with the cruisers.

A couple of the people that I spoke to very religiously use the engine brake method to slow down most of the way and then feather the front brake and press heavy on the back ones to come to a complete stop. The point here is, there is no wrong way to use your brakes as long as you effectively stop the bike before it hits something. I just found it interesting that people had so many different takes on how to do it.

Ride safe out there,

That guy



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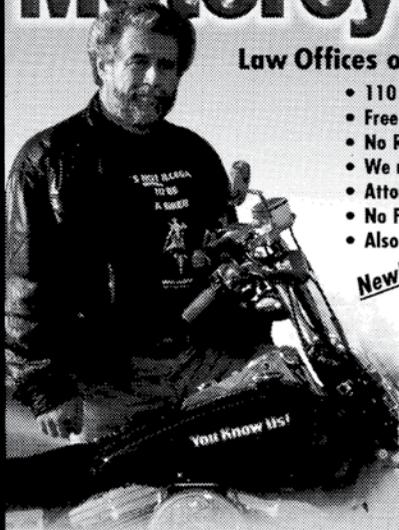
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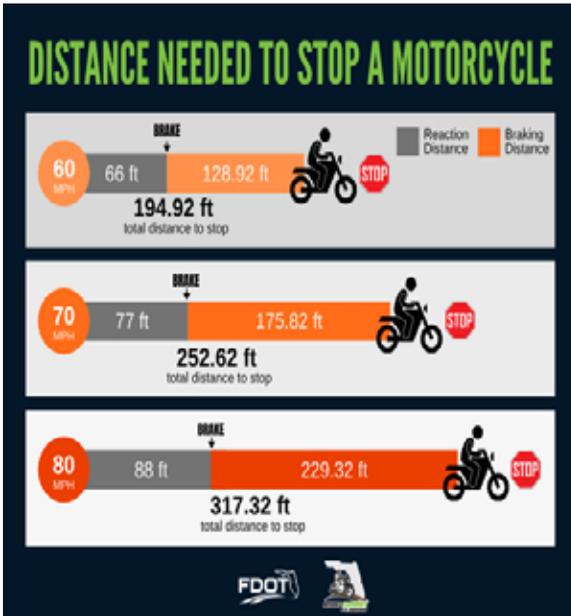
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On the 3rd day of Christmas
My true love gave to me,
Three pairs of goggles,
Two leather gloves,
And a brand-new, shiny Har-ley.

On the 4th day of Christmas
My true love gave to me,
Four quarts of oil,
Three pares of goggles,
Two leather gloves,
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On the 5th day of Christmas
My true love gave to me,
Five Harley shirts!
Four quarts of oil,
Three pares of goggles,
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On the 6th day of Christmas
My true love gave to me,
Six pack of beverage,

Five Harley shirts!

Four quarts of oil,
Three pares of goggles,
Two leather gloves,
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On the 7th day of Christmas
My true love gave to me,
Seven buffing cloths,
Six pack of beverage,

Five Harley shirts!

Four quarts of oil,
Three pares of goggles,
Two leather gloves,
And a brand-new, shiny Har-ley.

On the 8th day of Christmas
My true love gave to me,
Eight durags,
Seven buffing cloths,
Six pack of beverage,

Five Harley shirts!

Four quarts of oil,
Three pares of goggles,
Two leather gloves,
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On the 9th day of Christmas
My true love gave to me,
Nine bungee cords
Eight durags,
Seven buffing cloths,
Six pack of beverage,

Five Harley shirts!

Four quarts of oil,
Three pairs of goggles,
Two leather gloves,
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On the 10th day of Christmas
My true love gave to me,
Ten cable ties
Nine bungee cords
Eight durags,
Seven buffing cloths,
Six pack of beverage,

Five Harley shirts!

Four quarts of oil,
Three pairs of goggles,

Two leather gloves,
And a brand-new, shiny Har-ley.

On the 11th day of Christmas
My true love gave to me,
Eleven-piece repair kit,
Ten cable ties
Nine bungee cords
Eight durags,
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Six pack of beverage,

Five Harley shirts!

Four quarts of oil,
Three pairs of goggles,
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On the 12th day of Christmas
My true love gave to me,
Twelve LED lights,
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Ten cable ties
Nine bungee cords
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Seven buffing cloths,
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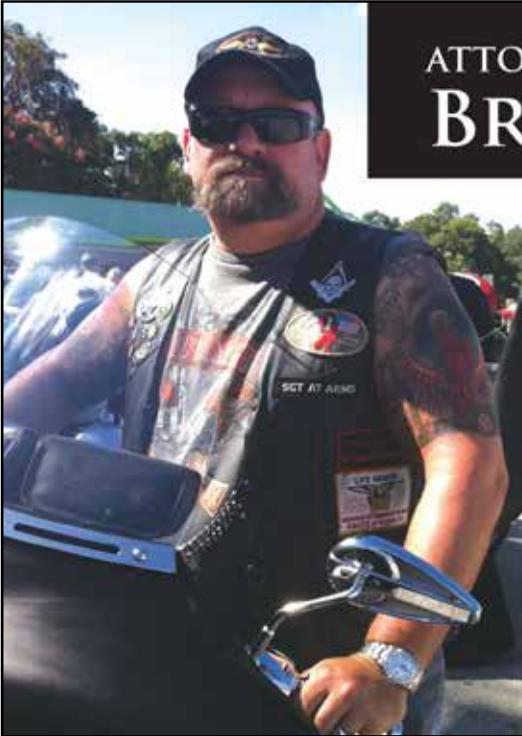
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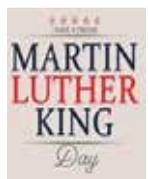
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 MFPC - ALFREDO MEMORIAL AND TOY RUN ABATE OF FL, INC. STATE MEETING
10 36th SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN	11	12	13	14 EBOARD MEETING	15	16
17 ABATE SE CHAPTER MEETING	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25 	26 	27	28	29	30

2024

JANUARY

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3	4	5	6
7 STATES MC BLESSING OF THE BIKES	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 WINGS OF GOLD MC ANNUAL	15 	16	17	18 EBOARD MEETING	19	20
21 ABATE SE Annual	22	23	24	25	26	27
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DECEMBER

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



2024

JANUARY

- Sun. 7th
 - Sun. 14th
 - Sun. 21st
 - Sun. 28th
- States MC Blessing of the Bikes
WINGS OF GOLD MC ANNUAL
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February

- Sat. 3rd
 - Sun. 11th
 - Sat. 17th
 - Sat. 24th
- Gideons MC ANNUAL**
AOA Ft. Lauderdale ANNUAL
Wheels of Man MC ANNUAL
Scurvy Few MC Party

MARCH

- 1st – 10th
 - Sat. 3
- 83rd Daytona Bike Week
1st CMA Easter Service

APRIL

- Sun.
 - Sun. 21st
 - 26th – 28th
- 7th Mystic Seven MC Party
States MC ANNUAL
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MAY

- Sat. 18th
 - Sat. 25th
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- 12-09- MFPC ALFREDO MEMORIAL AND TOY RUN (12 – 5PM)
- 12-10 36 TH SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN (ALL DAY)



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JANUARY - 2024

- 01-05- LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:PM - ?)
 OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:PM - 01-
- 01-12- LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
 OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8PM - ?)
- 01-13- OUTLAWS OPEN HOUSE MIAMI (8:PM - ?)
- 01-18- THE CREW OPEN HOUSE (8:PM - ?)
- 01-19- LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:0PM - ?)
 OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:PM - ?)
- 01-21- BAKERACT CUTOMS ANNIVERSARY (ALL DAY)

FEBRUARY 2024

- 02-02 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
 OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 02-09 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
 OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 02-10 OUTLAWS MC. OPEN HOUSE MIAMI (8:PM- ?)
- 02-15 THE CREW OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 02-16 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
 OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
 KOB MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM – 12)
- 02-17 CACIQUE RC – CARNIVAL OF HOPE /
 CANCER RIDE (11:30AM - ?)
 OUTLAWS MC. OPEN HOUSE FORT LAU
 DERDALE (8:00PM - ?)
- 02-23 LIBERTY MA. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
 OUTCAST MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM - ?)
- 02-24 KOB MC. OPEN HOUSE (8:00PM – 12)
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SUNDAY

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Mickey's Tiki Bar – Wind Rider Church Services Church – 11am
Sharkey's Lounge – free pool

MONDAY

Mickey's Tiki Bar – Karaoke – 8pm-12am
Sharkey's Lounge – Ladies' night 9pm-2am – 2 for 1 drinks

TUESDAY

States MC – Taco Tuesday – 6:30pm
Wings of Gold MC – Open House – 7pm

WEDNESDAY

Mickey's Tiki Bar – Open Mic & Karaoke – 8pm-12am

THURSDAY

ABATE Southeast Chapter EBoard meeting – 6:30pm -
Thursday before the Chapter meeting
Scurvy Few MC – Poker Night – 7pm
The Crew MC – Open House – 8pm – **3rd Thursday**
Mickey's Tiki Bar – Bike Night & Live bands – 8pm

FRIDAY

Fearless MC – Open House – 8pm – **every other Friday**
Gideons MC – Open House – 8pm
Heathens MC – Open House – 8pm – **3rd Friday**
Outcast MC – Open House – 8pm
Scurvy Few MC – Open House – 8pm
States MC – Open House – 7-10pm
Wheels of Man MC – Open House – 8pm
Kingdom of Brothers MC – Open House – 8pm – **3rd Friday**
Liberty MA – Open House – 8pm

SATURDAY

AOA MC (Broward) – Open House – 8pm – **1st & 3rd Saturday**
AOA MC (Miami) – Open House – 8pm – **2nd Saturday**
Fly-In Wheels MC – Open House – 9pm – **2nd and last Saturday**
Leathernecks MC – Open House & Poker Night – 8pm –
last Saturday
Scurvy Few MC – Birthday celebrations – 7pm
Kingdom of Brothers MC – Open House – 8pm – **4th Saturday**

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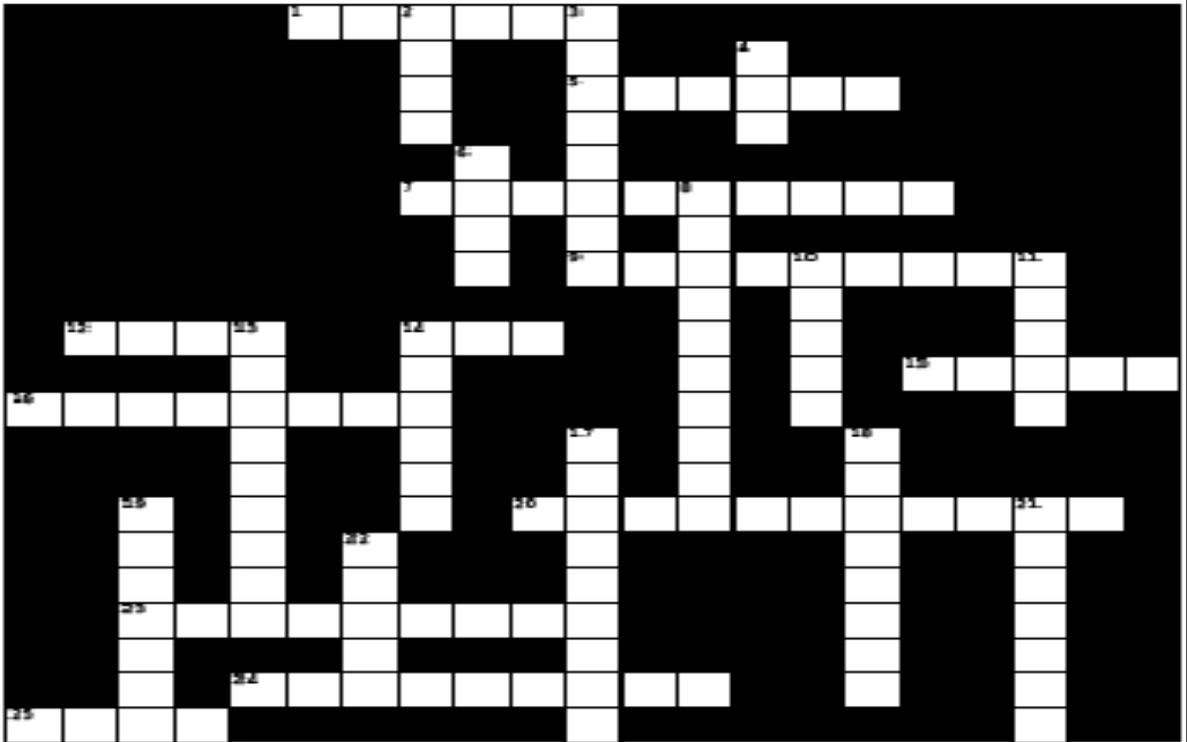


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 - 15 Helmeted riders are _____ times more likely to survive head injuries than if not wearing helmets.
 - 16 The best protection you can have from other vehicles on a motorcycle is _____.
 - 20 For the beginning or experienced _____ nearest you call (800) 446-9227. (2 words no space)
 - 23 As a rider you can't be sure that other _____ will see you.
 - 24 Alcohol will slow and impair bodily _____.
 - 25 More than _____ of all crashes occur on motorcycles ridden by motorcycle operators in the first 6 months.
- Down
- 2 Use four steps for better turning control: Slow, Look, Lean, _____.
 - 3 A variety of other factors may influence the level of alcohol _____ in your body.
 - 4 Experienced riders seldom ride more than _____ hours a day.
 - 6 Use _____ brakes every time you slow or stop.
 - 8 Alcohol may still _____ even if you drink one drink an hour.
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 - 11 Most crashes happen on _____ trips.
 - 13 Accelerating gradually through a turn will _____ a motorcycles suspension.
 - 14 Scan your path of travel _____ seconds ahead.
 - 17 Ride through the _____ as quickly as possible. (2 words no space)
 - 18 To "be visible" wear proper _____.
 - 19 No one is immune to the effects of _____.
 - 21 _____ the brake lever and never grab.
 - 22 Within minutes of being consumed alcohol reaches the _____.

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write and publish two
books. She loved spending
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actively involved with
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41 years. Laureen is survived
by her husband, Shayne,
daughter Tara and her
husband Jeff Ricci of Lehigh
Acres FL. Her son, Matthew
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of Knoxville
Pa. Grandchildren Viktor
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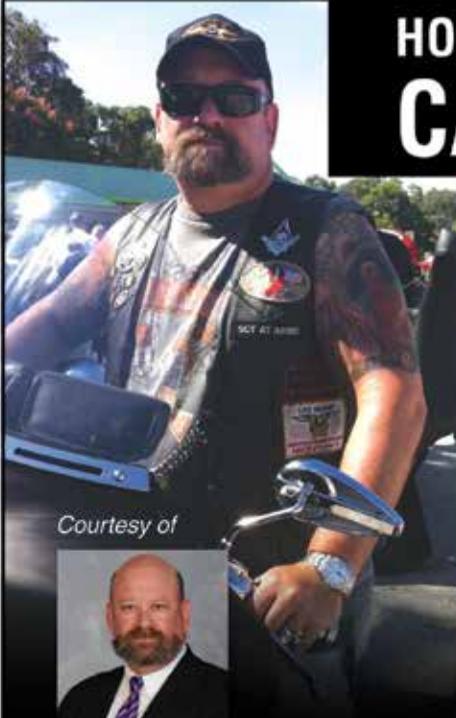
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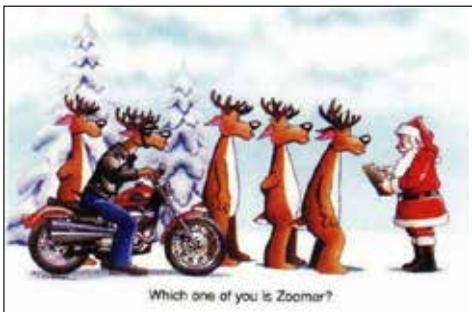
I'm just sitting here thinking about my past, these holiday times seem to have a lot of us pulling out our old memories, most good, but some, just sad, missing people who should be here with us. I was remembering, 51 years ago, that I lost one of my close buddies Johnny Genter, when we were 14 and 15 years old. We weren't even old enough to drive, we used to ride our little dirt bikes up and down the country roads of upstate New York. He had a Hodaka, and I had a Honda SL 350 on and off road. We always used to ride on the rural country roads. It was great, no vehicles, and very few police. The only thing we had to worry about was the town constable and that was mostly when we skipped school. The area was very rural at time. If the police did try and chase us, we had trails everywhere.

Anyway, I wasn't with him at the time when he lost his life, thank goodness, but he was playing chicken with some other kid on their bikes, and neither one was "chicken", and needless to say, they both lost their young lives that day. I had forgotten this memory until I was looking at my bedroom wall and I have a picture of Dave Carter, God, how I miss him, you know him, from Mickey's. And Johnny Genter just popped into my head. I remember how cool he was even if he was younger than me.

So, I guess what I'm saying is, you guys gotta be super safe out there because none of us are invincible like we thought we were when we were kids. I've been cracking the throttle since I was 10 years old, and I never plan on stopping until my ride is over. I am glad that I am not a 15-year-old kid today. Nowadays there are just too many cages on the roads. I worry about all those crazy kids riding their dirt bikes in a pack on the South Florida roads. They just don't realize how easy it is to be taken out by a cage or just trying to get a thrill, and miss seeing something, and then they are down, and gone, forever.

Another friend, my best friend of more than 30 years, Frankie Battaglio, was tragically hit and killed by a cage making a turn. He raced dirt bikes, even qualifying for a professional Daytona race. He was one of the best riders I have ever seen. His death weighed heavy on me, and it ultimately led me to step up for ABATE. We have to, all of us, do everything we can to educate the cagers, to WATCH for us.

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-BY: SHEILA, SANDY, LITTLE BIT, & THUNDER

"Throwback article, to December 2020"

This year is the 33rd Annual SFPC Toys in the Sun Run. Wow!! That is amazing!! Almost everyone in South Florida knows about this event, even if they don't participate. Many spectators line the run routes to wave and cheer the riders on. We were sitting around and talking about all the Toy Runs we have been on, and it got us thinking about the history of our Toys in the Sun Run, and Toy Runs, in general.

Here's what we found out...

Toys for Tots began in 1947 as the brainchild of Marine Corps Reserve Major Bill Hendricks. Actually, it was his wife, Diane, who was the real inspiration. She had a few handcrafted dolls and asked Bill to deliver them to an agency that supports children in need. When Bill reported back to his wife that he could not find such an organization, she instructed him to "start one!". Maj Hendricks and the Marines in his reserve unit in LA collected and distributed 5,000 toys in 1947. Seeing such successful community engagement in 1947, the Commandant directed all Marine Reserve Sites to implement a TFT campaign transforming it into a national community action program in 1948. Bill Hendrick's civilian job was Director of Public Relations at Warner Brothers Studios. He was friends with many celebrities who he asked to help support the newly creat-

ed Marine Toys for Tots Program. As a personal friend and as a favor to Bill, Walt Disney designed the first Toys for Tots poster which included a miniature three-car train that was subsequently adopted as the Toys for Tots logo. Presently, the Marine Toys for Tots Program distributes an average of 18 million toys to 7 million less fortunate children annually. (www.toysfortots.org)



But when did motorcycles get involved?

1976: in Sacramento, CA, the Modified Motorcycle Association held its 1st annual Toys for Tots ride. The run benefits the largest Toys for Tots Foundation in the state.

1977: In Pueblo, CO, the Pueblo Bikers United started the Pueblo Toy Run. This Run also compliments the October Toy Bowl, generating money and gifts for children and adolescents throughout the county.

1979: in Tulsa, OK, ABATE of Tulsa held its first Toy Run with the US Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" and have helped raise thousands of toys for children in Northeast Oklahoma.

1980: in Wichita, KS, the Wichita Toy Run was initiated by members of the Kansas Modified Bike Association (KMBA), an association of local motorcycle riders.

1984: in Brighton, England, in June 1984, the first Toy Run at the International Harley-Davidson Super Rally was held. The parade was a loop from one end of Brighton Beach to the other and was attended by notables such as Willie G. Davidson (grandson of Harley-Davidson co-founder William A. Davidson) himself!

1987: in Los Angeles, CA, the annual L.A. Toy Run benefiting the Ronald McDonald House Charities began. This Toy Run benefits homeless children and is hosted by Harley Davidson of Glendale and ABATE Local #1.

We could go on and on.....It's a National Biker Tradition!

Listing every toy run nationally would be nearly impossible. There are Toy Runs in every single state, usually starting in late November and running through mid-December.

Some Toy Runs are small, and others are of epic proportions. So, let's bring it local now...

In 1987, the Toy Run had its start and at that time everyone was doing a toy drive, Veterans, Police, Motorcycle Clubs, Kiwanis, etc. Bob Amchir, being President of Wings of Gold Motorcycle Club, got everyone together to have one big toy drive. The first year netted \$965 cash and a little over 500 toys. There were about 700 motorcycles participating in the first event. It has grown over the years to epic proportions, with 30+ motorcycle clubs and organizations helping. Over the years, the SFPC Toys in the Sun Run has raised over \$20 million in toys and \$10 million in cash for Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital Foundation. Also in the past 25 years it has not only given millions of dollars in toys to needy children and money to the Hospital, but has also donated over \$200,000 to COPS Kids (Concerns of Police Survivors), \$10,000 to Shott Memorial, \$124,00 to the Boys & Girls Clubs, and so on. Not only does this yearly Toy Run help thousands of children, but adults as well. Part of the donations also benefit Cystic Fibrosis, Juvenile Diabetes, Cancer, Pre-Natal and much more. Because of the commitment to the community it is a huge undertaking, and not only for the health and well-being of people, but also has reached wonderful and humane goals.

Then we really got to reminiscing about past Toy Runs we have attended.

From Little Bit:

My first Toys for Tots Run was in 1993 or 1994 in Southern Florida. It was such a beautiful, exciting feeling, riding with so many thousands of bikes. One year, I'll never forget, we were all riding, and all of a sudden, a big ole biker had to pull over to relieve himself. He had a humungous white bear on his back and all you could see was this bear running. So many beautiful memories and such a great cause for the kids to have beautiful memories.

From Sandy:

The Annual Toy Run brings together thousands of bikers who share the same goal, through the gift of a new toy, to help bring joy to America's less fortunate children. I have had so much fun at all the Toy Runs that I have attended, but beneath that fun is also a sense of being there for something bigger, helping children

From Dawne:

What the Toy Run means to me, is the children waking up in the hospital with gifts that were all donated from brothers and sisters from all walks of life, volunteering their time, coming together as one united, with one goal in common, to raise as much money and gifts for these children as we possibly can. We've got people that come in from all different states to come support Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital, that we get to see every year during this time. We've been doing it even with the elements, whether it be cold, piping hot, pouring rain, nothing has gotten in the way of raising money and gifts for these children

From Sheila:

I have been going to the SFPC Toys in the Sun Run for over 10 years now. I have loved each one for different reasons. In the first few years, I rode in the parade, with my grown daughter on the back of my bike. Then, when I joined ABATE, I worked the event at our booth/tent. That was really great, because I always ran into friends that I hadn't seen all year, but they were there for the same cause as me, the children. I also have

some friends who really work the event, for the SFPC, and have seen how much work these guys and gals put into putting it all together. It is really amazing. They give their hearts for the kids.

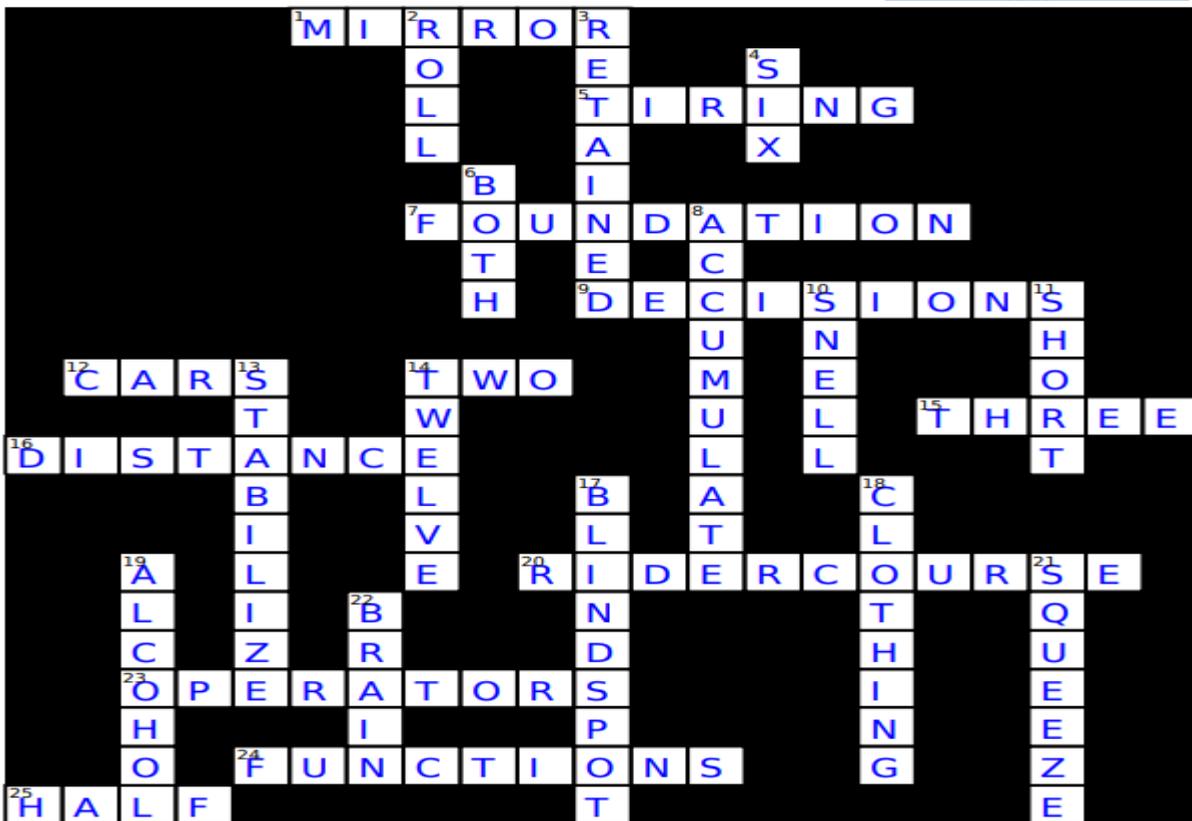
In closing, always remember, Toy Runs are for charity! Sadly, sometimes people look at bikers with prejudice, but the Toy Runs help buck those old stereotypes of mean, grizzled bikers. The people that participate in the Toy Runs, those “bikers” are by and large some of the most thoughtful, kind, giving people you could ever hope to run across. And these aren’t usually people with a lot of money, but they give their time and the little extra money they have, for the kids. They raise millions of dollars for needy families across America. Bikers and motorcycle clubs have organized and participated in Toy Runs for decades. The motivation is the sense of duty towards community that is ingrained into the biker lifestyle. It also speaks to the sense of protection towards children that exists in almost every biker and club member. Children are truly innocent.

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