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10 AM Sunday April 21, 2013



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Welcomes You to Our

# "MEMORIAL DAY EVENT"

Sunday - May 26, 2013

Begins at Noon - Ends at 5:00 pm

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# Motorcycle Rights & Safety Dedicated to

# "Freedom of Choice, Freedom of the Road"

You may know us as the motorcycle organization that got the helmet law repealed in Florida or from our motorcycle rights and safety rally's throughout the year.

ABATE of Florida is not a club, we are a motorcycle rights & safety organization dedicated to promoting motorcycle safety while remaining ever vigilant of the legislative issues concerning motorcyclists' nationwide.

## We Are Not ANTI-HELMET, We are ANTI-HELMET Law!

One of the most popular misconceptions about ABATE is that we are anti-helmet. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are "anti-helmet law" if you choose to ride with or without a helmet it's your choice, it is your right to decide whether wearing a helmet is right for you. ABATE is an organization fighting to protect your rights.

# Pick up your Newsletters here!

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# President's Message

On Saturday, Feb. 23rd the Wheels of Man M.C. Deerfield Beach Chapter had their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at Mickey's in Pompano Beach. When I got there they had so many bikes that they had to park them across the street that's what a great turn out they had. The owner Lisa said it was the most people she ever had "packed inside and outside". Thanks' to Indian and the rest of the Wheels of Man for a great party. Later that evening I went to the Southeast Chapter Birthday Party at Shank's in Cooper City. When I got there it

was in full swing. We had about 20 people there and as usual our Social Director Patty had a cake for the party.

On Sunday Feb. the 24<sup>th</sup> we took a ride to Cowboys Saloon in Davie for the Keltics M.C. Annual Party. We met at the American Legion in Cooper City and it was the first time we had the whole board show up for a ride. Stretch led the ride, then me, Poppi, Paul, and Frank T. with Postal as the rear road captain. When we got to Cowboys the parking lot was just about half full and if you have ever been to Cowboys then you know how big that parking lot is. There were at least 400 bikes by my estimate. Our Safety Director Gimpy was there to try and get people to sign our petition to see if we can get back our safety money from the State of Florida. We got 125 people to sign, which means we have gotten over 600 signatures so far, let's see what happens. On Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> the Southeast Chapter of ABATE had our monthly birthday party at Mickey's in Pompano Beach. It was great to see Lisa and her daughter Chelsea both there. We had 15 people for the party even though we just had one three weeks ago. Lisa had a veggie platter and a cake for us. It was good to see all the people who showed up even Chris Sharpe our past president was there to celebrate his birthday. Mickey's held a raffle for a bar tab and who do you think won? It was Chris.

Here are a few things that they are working on in the State House and Senate. SB 52 Use of Wireless Communications Devices while driving. The bill would make texting while driving a secondary offense, meaning drivers would have to be pulled over for something else before they could get a secondary ticket for texting. SB 708 Use of Wireless Communication Devices while operating a motor vehicle. Drivers whose texting leads to a death could be charged with vehicular homicide, a second degree felony punishable by up to 15 years in jail. Florida is one of only a few states without restrictions against texting while driving even when death occurs as a result. We will keep you updated on the status of these bills.

Well, it's that time of year again for the Southeast Chapter of ABATE to hold its Annual Memorial Day Event at Café 27 on May 26th. If you have never been to one of our parties then you need to show up for this one. Last year we had so many bikers show up that we ran out of wrist bands and so many vendors that they had to close off some of the gas pumps to make room for them all. We had the Broward Chapter of the Christian Motorcycle Association bring out the Memorial Wall and the Military Vets MC's did a 21 gun salute and played Taps to honor our fallen brothers and sisters. We had special guests, the veterans from the Sandy Ninenger Nursing Home. I don't know about you, but, when I hear Taps being played on the bugle it always brings a tear to my eye. If you are a biker who rides by yourself or with a few friends then I suggest you come to our party and find out what ABATE is all about. We will have our Safety and Membership booths set up so you can join us right then and there.

Remember

HERE TODAY, GONE TODAY

Bars

Welcome New Memberes

Johnny "Volt" Atwood

Martin "UOI" Carla Jr

Lily Konen

Kirk "Mayday" Miller

J. R Locasio

# **Membership Due**

Stephen W "Postal" Acheson Elwin "Big Chief" Bernard John Cobb Marilyn De Martini Claude DeGrand Ir Kenneth Diedrick Stephen "Road Dog" Frushon **Garrett Gardner** Susan Michelle Jordan Julia "Sweet 2th" Kelleher Barry T "Travelin-Man" Little Sr Steven "War Dog" Mc Avoy Bill "Big Dick" McIntyre Carl W "Bingo" Salmeri Dr Sy Shribnik Joe "Tack" Swift David "Dave the Kid" Valeo Estelle "Stell" Valeo James "Dan" Willows

# Thanks if you have already renewed

For Membership Renewals contact, George Torrence by either email: membership@abatese.org or by phone: 954-385-2837

## \* PLEASE NOTE \*

You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership, or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any changes.

We need your help. When you receive your renewal it is in your best interest if you fill out the renewal portion. I know this sounds stupid, but it does happen, more often than not, so please fill in the information SO WE CAN READ IT. You cannot believe the renewals we receive which are not filled out at all. So PLEASE take the time to fill out the renewal. Also make sure you renew in the month you joined and before the 30 day grace period ends.

# **ATTENTION**

Yearly membership pins are available for purchase when you renew your membership.

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Call Bob "Bars" Calabrese at:

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# **Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes**

Asst. Sgt @ Arms, Jimmy "Les" Lesniak called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. There were 47 members, 2 guests. Total in attendance: 49. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and a prayer for our troops and members by Suzanne

### **Presidents Report**

BARS thanked all members for coming especially the show of support from our brother MC's and Associations with representation today from the Brothers of the Third Wheel, Keltics MC, American Legion Riders and The Scurvy Few MC. On a sad note, Dave Gregory's mom passed away and West Coast Chapter President Wayne Cerra suffered a major heart attack and is in ICU. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. We are all set for our Memorial Day Event. Information will be covered under the Event Coordinators Report

Vice-Presidents Report Poppi was home sick and excused. No report

## Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of February's meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion seconded all in favor motion passed

#### Treasurer's Report

Frank read the financial report for February. A motion was made to accept the financial report for February, seconded, all in favor motion passed

## Sergeant at Arms Report

Geo was excused. No report. Jimmy Les wished all members a Happy St. Paddy's Day

#### Road Captain's Report

Wrench reported participation has been very low on Friday night rides. Discussion followed on how to increase participation. Special thanks to Jimmy Les who assisted the group ride we had. It is very important we need to learn to ride as a group. If you get the chance, the Advance Riders Ultimate Bike Bonding is a course, which you will love. You learn a lot, I know I just took it.

Safety Directors Report
Dave reported the Sun Sentinel is finally publishing

motorcycle statistics, which are fairly accurate. 60% of collisions between bikes and cages were the fault of the cagers turning in front of the rider. 34% of single bike accidents are our own fault by riding too fast. So slow down out there.

## **Products Report**

Cathy and Joel have products. If you need anything, fell free to give them a call at 954-818-4481. Joel was asked for some items, which need to be ordered, he will be getting with BARS on the ordering process. Credit cards are now accepted with a small service charge.

#### **Events Coordinator**

Princess Sharon reported we are all set for our Memorial Day, which will be held at Café 27. We will have a planning meeting Tuesday night March 26 at 7:30 PM here at the American Legion all members are asked to attend.

#### State Reps Report

There was no state meeting. Next month the state meeting will be held in Tallahassee. Thr April state meeting is the most important one we have during the year. On Monday, April 15th you have the opportunity to ride to the capital to meet with your legislators. Those wishing to attend please contact any board member.

#### Membership Report

George reported we have 676 members on the books. Our newest member who enjoy today is Maverick. We are still #1 in the state. Reminder: when you get your renewal in the mail, PLEASE take the time to fill out completely, send it in timely and when you fill it out, please do it in a way that we can read it.

#### Newsletter Editor

Old Hippy reminded all members that all articles etc are due the day of the chapter meeting. If the articles are not turned in on time, they will not be printed. The only exception will be the minutes taken by our chapter secretary.

#### Legislative Report

Old Hippy reported legislation has started on a

texting while driving law. It will be looked at as a secondary offense not a primary offense, in other words a police officer will not stop you for texting but can issue a ticket for texting if you are caught speeding, running a red light, etc. Also we will have a new Lt. Gov. for the state and a new Transportation Secretary. Ethanol 15 will not be mandated. The State of Florida has changed the law requiring international visitors to have a special permit to drive in Florida. A special permit is no longer required. Last but not least, they are trying to pass a law that you must take and pass an anger management course before you can purchase ammunition of any type. This also pertains if you have a Concealed Weapons Permit. Go figure.

#### **Public Relations**

Fern Was Excused. You Can Always Find Her At An Event Promoting Abate.

#### Advertising

Pixie reported all advertising was up-to-date. Bruce reported for those who are uncomfortable asking for advertising if you know of anyone interested to place an ad please contact Bruce or Pixie and they will make the necessary arrangements.

Please Use Her Email Address For Any Advertising Questions Or Issues: Pixie33@Comcast.Net.
Support our advertisers, they support us.

#### Social Directors Report

Patty was excused. Ace reported next month's birthday party will be held right after the Chapter Meeting At Café 27. All are welcome.

#### **Newsletter Distribution**

Charlie reported all is going well. He wanted to say a special thank you to all our members to deliver the newsletters for us

Quartermaster's Report Bob Reported There Was No Report

#### Photographer's Report

Ada Hibbs will be taking over the photographer's duties from Wildcat until the June elections. A vote of confidence was called for, all in favor.

#### Web-Master's Report

Mike reported the web site is up and running. Our site was down for a couple of days as we were hacked. Protocols are in place to prevent any reoccurrence.

## Legal Council

Demetrious was excused.

### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

With cost's rising faster than ever and income not keeping pace with cost's a lengthy discussion followed on the subject to find different ways to raise capital for our chapter.

Nominations for the 2013-2014 Board of Directors and Trustees.

Steve Chomak volunteered to be Supervisor of Elections

See page 8 for 1st round Nominees.

Good of the Order

3/23/13 - Fly in Wheels Event @ Mickeys

4/7/13 - States MC 47th Annual Event. Meeting at the Legion @ 1100am. KSU 1230pm

4/13/13 - Mystic 7 Mc Event @ Mickeys

4/13-14-15 – ABATE State Meeting in Tallahassee with Ride to the Capitol on Mon 4-15-13.

4/14/13 - Okeechobee Bike Fest

4/20/13 – Legion Riders Post 180 Block Party Please check the hotline for updated ride and event information.

All Southeast Chapter Group Rides start at our American Legion Post 321.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned 12:00n

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

# Paul A. Melcer

Secretary



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# From the Vice President



# Smoking/A Second Rate Citizen

Smoking does not make me a second rate citizen. I realize that smoking is a habit that some people think should be outlawed, or so it seems sometimes. I understand that smoking is not healthy for me, but I can think of many other habits that are just as unhealthy as smoking. I choose to smoke.

Did you non smokers ever think about what will happen if smoking is made illegal.

- First all the tax money's that tobacco generates, will have to be made up buy YOU.
- All the jobs that will be lost, the unemployment benefits that will be needed will be paid by YOU.
- Small and big business will have to be closed, guess what YOU will be responsible for those jobs too.

I think us smokers are a very considerate group of people. Most of us live by the rules you set for us to live buy. Smoking only areas are usually not the best of areas. Our areas are also being used by non smokers and you expect us not to smoke in our own areas.

I guess I'm just venting because I just came back from a trip here in Florida, the Orlando area. Not only are we discriminated in the attraction, I pay the same room rates as anyone else, but if I choose to have a smoke I have to leave my room, sometimes go to smoking areas, where we are not treated well. You get where I'm coming from, at least I hope so.

There are many habits that people indulge in that I don't, agree with, but I try to give them the courtesy they deserve, I would like you non smokers to give those same courtesies to us smokers. Don't take away public sidewalks.

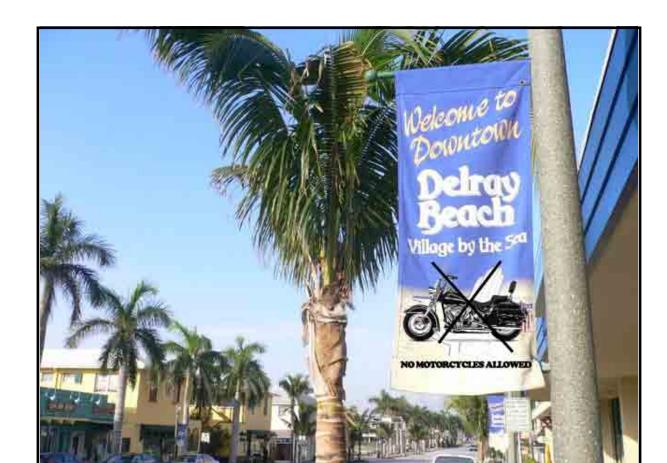
Give us equal areas to smoke. As tax payers we should have equal rights.

Just like share the road with motorcycles. Share the world with us.

The article above is my own opinion no one else's. If you don' agree with me that's your right. If you do that's our right.

V.P. Poppie

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# THIS COULD HAVE HAPPENED

In 2007 a proposed ordinance in Delray Beach, Florida, would ban ALL motorcycles from a five-block section of Atlantic Avenue, between Swinton Avenue and U.S. 1, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 p.m.

# ABATE lawyers stopped them this time! But it can show up again in other places

ABATE, Enforcers, Black Pistons, Big Twin Riders, Six Point Riders and all the others that showed up at the City Commission meeting to help support the effort to stop this injustice which also made a large impression.

This is one good example why we ALL need to support ABATE Everybody needs to join if your not a member already, to help protect our freedoms

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# OLDHIPPY'S CORNER

Its that time of year again..Chapter Elections and my annual don't care . ( besides, it gives me a break)

In most groups of people in organizations, their main objective is to promote a CAUSE. Whether it is for a charity or a political action, they are made up of people who care, unless of course they happen to be some of the high executives that are using it as a career and are also being well compensated for it.

Motorcycle Rights Organizations like ABATE and MRF, plain and simple fight for the rights of motorcycle riders. You as a member may have different reasons for fighting, whether it is the Freedom to Choose, or gain your Freedom of Choice. Maybe it keeps them from taking your ride because your pipes are not EPA approved. In fact you might be fighting in some cases just to have the privilege to ride at all. We all know there is countless reasons and causes for which, unfortunately we have to fight for.

There is us who care, and then there are all the others who don't care.

We know that the general public could care less, they don't ride. They see us as a nuisance and thugs, and they don't care, or would rather ignore us. These people are too busy racing here, racing there and talking on their cell phones! It is obvious they don't care. Our lawmakers claim they care but they are too busy justifying their own existence and so called "doing their job"! Do they really give a crap? I must be fair; there are a few that do. I also understand these are hard times, with people out of work, everything costing more with people having to do more with less free time. And resources are at a premium that we all must only give away to the most deserving causes. This is the life we live in now and reality as it stands.

You might say; OldHippy that should cover it all, but all the other ones out there are the other ones that I have concerns with. I am not saying these are bad people; they are just caught up in their own objectives and needs. Corporations and companies are caught up in making their bottom line larger are also the ones that don't care. Face it; they are just out there to make money! Why else would they make and sell a bike that does 225 mph out of the box to some 18 year old (first time rider) on a promise he would get his endorsement sometime in the future?

Then there is the largest group that I call "Free Riders". Just look on a Sunday at Café 27. You'll see a vast majority of riders there that are oblivious to the fact that they are in danger of losing their ability to travel the road on their mode of transportation and without MRO's like ABATE, things would be a whole lot different. You might ask why I call them "Free Riders". Well, they are the ones that ride on the freedom that so many over the years have fought to protect the rights we have or have made changes, and many of these individuals have no clue of the where's, when or how's. Unfortunately many of them just don't care.

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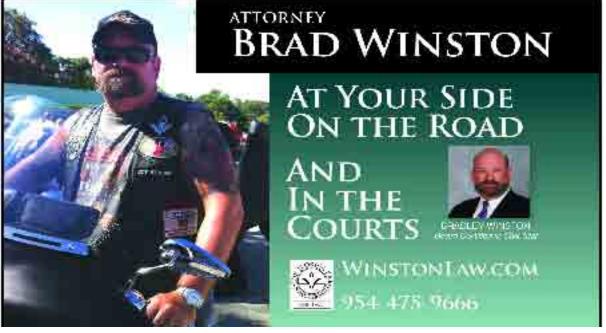
# From the desk of the Editor

This month is a very busy and important time for all of us.

First off, May 3rd ends the regular session for the Florida Lawmakers and its means it is up in the air which bills make it out of committee or if they do, what little changes where made along the way before going for a vote.

The Chapter this month will have it's second round of nominations for the Board of Directors and even though this will be only the half way point leading up to the election, it is important to nominate members who are focused on why we are here, which is to promote safety, keep all riders informed and to look out for our rights.

We are also working out the logistics of our largest fundraiser we have all year, which is our Memorial Event in May. Without this Event success, which is the prime financial source for this newsletter, we would be forced to drastically modify this little monthly rag. What funds are brought in from ads do not fully obsorb the cost to print and mail. You can help a little by just contact George in membership and tell him to take you off the mailing list, face it, you can get it on line and from places listed on page 3.



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Now the one that seems to be the norm in most volunteer organizations; they are the people inside the motorcycle rights movement that went ahead and signed and joined a SMRO like ABATE. They all had good intentions when they joined, to protect their rights, to work for motorcycle safety, to help in the fund raising efforts for the organization, or community charities. Or there are some who just join to get some kind of compensation or notoriety out of it. Some of these people even rise to leadership, but get caught up in all the day to day activities and politics of the job, or their own agenda, that they've somehow got side-tracked on the reason for joining. We have others that just join for the rides, the parties, and all the events, but do they really care? Hum, they somehow have tons of reasons why they "can't".....like right a letter, make phone calls to their rep, help out in a task, they somehow are too busy, or it is not there area of expertise, or even their gold fish is ecpecting and they don't want to miss it! Then, there are the ones...and we all have witnessed in some form, they are out, thinking that if by being a leader will instantly transform them somehow.. They are out for some kind of self promotion and want to feel like the big fish in a small pond, even though in real life they were just a small fish in a big pond. Then we have the ones that just figured "I paid my dues, I did my part, and I don't have to do it anymore, there are plenty of people that can do it". Do they really care? And how many of the same plenty of people are going to keep on doing

The last group is the one that is the most disheartening; they are the ones who cared the most, but for some reason or another, like internal politics or other reasons, they seem to not care anymore. These individuals, who put aside all the BS parts that goes on and they gave and gave to a point they got burned out; in their hearts. I'm sure they still care. The lead, they followed, they worked until there wasn't anything left to give and now they have faded to something of a distant past. Some of them are remembered and some of them are just ignored once they are no longer useful. And some of them we didn't even know. They were there till they were gone and sometimes were only noticed when

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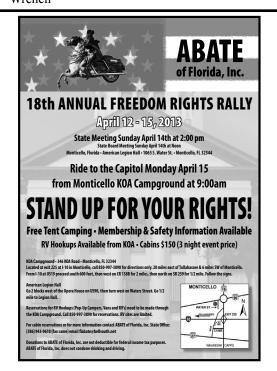


# From the Road Captain

To the members and supporters and as Road Captain with only a few years of experience in South Florida area, I can say the traffic here is dangerous at best. With regret, I missed the ABATE ride to the Keltics MC last month because I was attending the Motorcycle Training Institute's (MTI) advanced skills course to sharpen my riding skills at the North Miami College Campus. The course was the ultimate bike bonding class. The course was very challenging even for a veteran rider with 30+ years like me. The instructors were very good and helpful. I would invite anyone to test your skills and take advantage of this course. It was a very good experience on a Road King.

Riding a motorcycle anytime is a test of real patience and restraint. This fact underlines the need for constant practice, training, and focus, and as a single rider even more important in group riding. Without proper training, planning and execution, group riding can be very dangerous. Proper formation, distance, and ability to react quickly with control can be the difference between life and death. So when in a group riding situation be alert and watch your fellow riders' front, back and side to side. Communicate your intentions, avoid any confusion, and arrive safe. Arriving safe either solo or in a group is your best reward

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something didn't get done. But most of them just slip into obscurity.

With that said, you need to ask yourself this...What group do you fall into?? And do you really care?

Till next time Keep the shiny side UP and the Greasy side Down

Oh by the way, how the little fish doing?



OldHippy











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2013			APRIL			2013
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2	3	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	5	6 Luke's Place Bike Night
Cafe' 27 7 Biker Bash States MC Annual	8	9	10	Cafe' 27 11 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	12	Mystic 7 13 Party  Luke's Place
Cafe' 27 Biker Bash State Meeting	Ride to the Capitol Tax Day	16	17	Cafe' 27 18 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	19	Bike Night  BOD 20  Meeting  Post 180  BBQ  OUTCAST  ANNUAL
Chapter 21 Meeting Monthly BD Party Cafe' 27	22 Earth Day	23	24	Cafe' 27 25 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	26 Leesburg	Leesburg  Luke's Place Bike Night
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Mother's Day Cafe' 27 Biker Bash	13	14	15	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	- -	BOD Meeting Armed Forces Day
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3 - HERMANDAD MC Annual 8th-17 - Daytona Bike Week
30 - BLACK PISTONS MC Annual

31 - CMA Easter Service

7 - STATES MC Pompano Annual 13 - Mystic 7 MC party 20 - OUTCAST MC Annual

27 & 28 - Leesburg

5 - SOUTHERN MC Annual 19 - WINGS OF GOLD MC Miami Annual 26 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

8 - NEW ATTITUDES MC Annual 15 - AOA Jerry & Roger 1%er's Memorial 23 - WINGS OF GOLD MC Ft. Laud Annual 30 - USMV MC Broward party

20 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook off 28 - SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC Annual

## AUGUST

3 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Party 8-18 73rd Annual Sturgis Bike Week 9-11, The 17th South Florida Tattoo Expo 11 - AOA MC 45th Anniversary Party

# SEPTEMBER

7 - Outcast MC Party

8 - States Pompano MC 20th Key West Party 15 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party 19-22 Peterson's 40th Key West Poker Run 29 - Keltics MC Party

# OCTOBER

5 - MYSTIC SEVEN MC Annual

12 - New Attitudes MC Party

13 - SE ABATE Annual Party

18-20 Biketoberfest

26 - Wheels of Man Deerfield Halloween Party

#### NOVEMBER

9 - USMVMC CH 1 Annual

9 - CMA Memorial Event

16 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Party

### DECEMBER

8 - SFPC Toys in the Sun Run

14 - Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley 14 - Hermandad MC Alfredo Pena Memorial Run 15 - Wings of Gold MC Mia Wild Santa Toy Run

21 - SFLCOC Christmas Party

22 - Calvary Chapel Christmas Service





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# In GOD WE TRUST Easter



We just celebrated the Crucifixion ,Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the one and only son of God. Now realize the Father in Heaven, creator of everything allowed His Son to be crucified on the cross, to suffer a horrible death, then be risen from the dead on the third day,to sit at His side in Heaven. Why would He do that?

To sacrifice His Son for our Salvation He took away all the sins that where ever committed and ever will be committed, so that we can have everlasting life in the Kingdom of God.

Now I ask you, do you know how we take advantage of His sacrifice? All you have to do is ask Jesus Christ into your life. Now how do you do that? Confess to God that you are a sinner, believe in your heart that Christ died for our sins and that He rose from the dead on the third day.

Repeat these words believing in your heart and soul, knowing God always knows whats in your heart:

Lord Jesus, I am a sinner and need Your salvation. I believe You died for me and rose from the dead. I now call upon Your name and ask You to save me!

It says in John 11:25 "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live for ever".

Now you have salvation, it can never be taken from you, by anyone or anything. Let Jesus do His work in you I guarantee you will see change in your life. He will take care of all your needs, He knows them all.

God Bless all my brothers and sisters, keep you all safe.

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# From Your Safety Director



## **BECOMING A BETTER RIDER**

## What makes a good rider?

Good riders have a quiet efficiency in their actions and this derives from:

- · A good level of concentration.
- Accurate observation.
- · Matching the machine's speed and direction to the situation.
- · Awareness of the risks inherent in particular road and traffic situations.
- · Acting to keep identified risks to a minimum.
- · Awareness of their own limitations and those of the machine and the road.
- · Skillful use of machine controls.
- · Attitudes that contribute to road safety.

It is not simply the speed of your reactions that determines whether you are a safe rider. It is your ability to identify and respond to hazards. Having an ability to respond quickly to stimuli such as noise and light does not in itself reduce accident risks.

Young inexperienced riders may have fast reactions to simple stimuli but typically have slow reactions to traffic hazards. Most riders think they are both safer and more skillful than average- but we cannot all be right.

In more than 90% of traffic accidents, human error is the cause. Motorcycle accidents don't just happen by chance; they are more often than not, the consequence of unsafe riding practices. Riding safety cannot be thought of as an add-on extra; it has to be built in to the way you ride!

#### Attitudes to other road users:

Studies show that riders' attitudes to other road users, speed and risk taking are a good guide to the likelihood of them having an accident. Good riding depends on having a constructive attitude and showing consideration for other road users. Selfish or aggressive behavior on the road increases the stress levels of other road users and will increase the risk of an accident.

Even behavior such as filtering which may seem perfectly reasonable to the motorcyclist may cause irritation to the car driver making slow progress in traffic and lead to an angry reaction. You can reduce the risks of accidents for yourself and everyone else by being more tolerant and by avoiding actions which create unnecessary stress

Riders who show consideration for other road users are less likely to become involved in accidents.

#### **DEVELOP POSITIVE ATTITUDES BY:**

- · Tolerance and consideration for other road users.
- · Realistic awareness and appraisal of your own abilities.
- · Being aware of your vulnerability as a motorcyclist.
- · Have a high degree of care for your own safety and that of other road users.

David "Gimpy" Gregory Safety Director Abate Southeast Chapter



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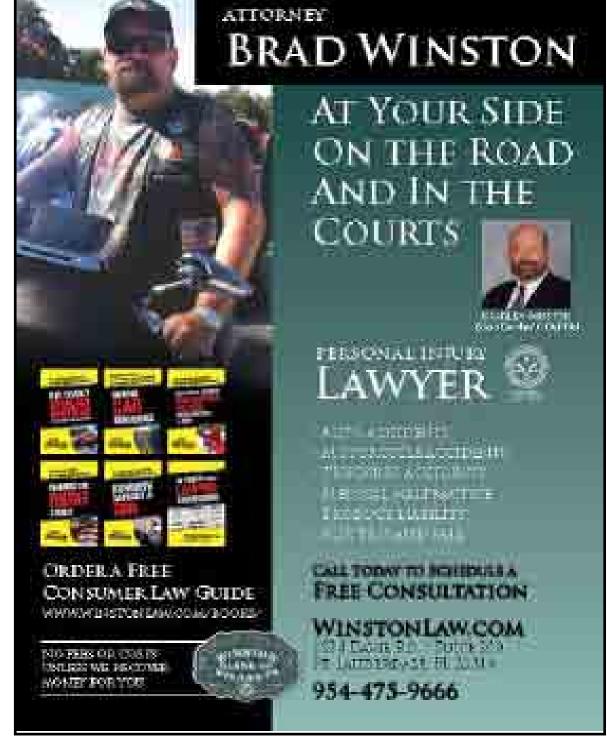
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# LEGISLATION WOULD PROHIBIT E15 GAS PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION

Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has introduced H.R. 875, which would require the Environmental Protection Agency to stop the use of gasoline containing 15% ethanol (E15) until its harmful effects are investigated further.

H.R. 875, introduced on February 28, would repeal the EPA's waiver decision approving the use of E15 and the authority of the agency to grant further decisions until the EPA seeks an independent scientific analysis of the effects of the E15 blend.

"There have been several tests and warnings highlighting E15's harmful effects on engines and their components, but they have all been dismissed by the EPA. Therefore, we must force the EPA to stop the use of E15 fuel until the serious safety, durability, performance and environmental concerns have been addressed," announced Rep. Sensenbrenner.

Sensenbrenner has introduced several bills to address the risks associated with E15, and his latest legislation to halt the sale of the 15% alcohol blended fuel until further studies are completed, came less than a week after witnesses from automobile and motorcycle industry and consumer groups testified before the Science, Space and Technology Committee that more testing is needed.

"We have a responsibility to ensure that Americans using gas-powered machinery – whether it be cars and boats or chainsaws and lawnmowers – are not put at risk due to faulty fuel that has not been adequately vetted," Sensenbrenner said.

# BILL INTRODUCED IN CALIFORNIA TO REGULATE LANE SHARING

No sooner had the California Highway Patrol published guidelines on how to safely maneuver your motorcycle between lanes of slow-moving traffic, than SB 350 was introduced by State Senator Jim Beall (D-San Jose) to codify the rules into law.

California is the only state that allows "lane sharing" or "lane splitting," precisely because there are no laws against it; though officers have a variety of charges they can levy against a reckless rider such as unsafe lane change or too fast for conditions.

Beall's bill would restrict the practice by prohibiting motorcycles from splitting lanes unless specifically allowed;

"...when a highway has been divided into three or more clearly marked lanes for traffic traveling in the same direction, a person operating a motorcycle shall not pass another vehicle in a portion of a lane occupied by that vehicle unless the following conditions are met:

- (1) The passing occurs during traffic congestion.
- (2) The passing occurs at a safe speed."

Following furious feedback from motorcyclists opposed to over-regulating an act that 87% report doing almost daily during crowded commutes, Sen. Beall soon pulled his proposal and turned it into a two-year bill for future reconsideration.

In the meantime, although ABATE of California did not initiate the measure, the group will work with Beall to amend the language, and vows "...our goal is to ultimately submit a bill that addresses the concerns of the motorcycle community; a bill that can be supported and endorsed by the ABATE membership. If the final bill doesn't meet ABATE's requirements, ABATE will vigorously oppose the bill and try to kill it."

## DRIVERS CAUSE MOST CRASHES WITH MOTORCY-CLES, RESEARCH SHOWS

For motorcycle riders, people in «cages» bear a disproportionate share of the blame for the high number of motorcycle crashes, while car drivers feel careless motorcyclists careening in and out of traffic are putting their own lives at risk.

So who's mostly to blame when four-wheel and two-wheel vehicles collide? According to a recent Florida Department of Transportation study, bikers are right. Motorists driving cars and trucks are mostly at fault, often failing to yield the right of way to the smaller vehicles.

In analyzing 10 years of Florida motorcycle crashes, Chanyoung Lee, a senior researcher at the University of South Florida's Center for Urban Transportation Research, found that 60% of the time motorists in other vehicles are at fault when they collide with motorcycles.

But the study uncovered more: When looking at all motorcycle crashes, motorcycle operators bear a lot of responsibility as well. They have a significantly higher number of single-vehicle crashes than other drivers. Some 34% of motorcycle crashes involve one vehicle, according to the study, compared to only 19% of car crashes involving one vehicle. When looking at really severe and fatal motorcycle crashes, 50% involve just the motorcycle and no other vehicle, but when multiple vehicles are involved, greater blame falls on four-wheeled drivers. And most motorcycle crashes involve other vehicles.

But it's also a matter of awareness, according to Lee, who is part of FDOT's Motorcycle Safety Coalition. In driver surveys, FDOT has asked people how often they see motorcycles. Those with motorcycle endorsements on their driver's licenses report seeing motorcycles all the time, while those without endorsements who live in the same area report occasionally seeing motorcycles.

Due to minimal levels of protection to their riders, approximately 80% of motorcycle crashes result in injury or fatality, according to the Network of Employees for Traffic Safety, while only 20% of passenger car crashes injure or kill the vehicle occupants.

## MMA HELPS DEFEAT SOUND WARRANT IN YAR-MOUTH. MA

The Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (MMA) is pleased to report that a town bylaw proposal has been successfully defeated in Yarmouth. With short notice, the MMA in concert with the Yarmouth Chief-of-Police and Deputy Chief attended a recent Board-of-Selectmen meeting and were successful in convincing the board that such a Bylaw would be unsuccessful.

Armed with prior testimony used successfully around the state, including used to overturn a similar bylaw passed in Falmouth and subsequently struck down by the Commonwealth Attorney General, MMA Legislative Director Rick Gleason joined the Chief and Deputy Chief of the Yarmouth Police Department in their argument that Town Bylaws cannot exceed State Law, and that such a measure would essentially be meaningless.

The MMA has long held strong opposition to the use of the OEM EPA Stamp on stock exhausts as an enforcement tool, because it is a consumer protection mechanism and not meant to be used against the consumer. It is also hard to locate on many models of motorcycle, hidden under seats on sport bikes, under saddle bags of cruisers, or simply facing the wrong way for aesthetic reasons. Most critically, per the very regulation that entitles it, it expires in one year or 3,729 miles, whichever comes first!!

Instead, the MMA (<a href="www.MassMotorcycle.org">www.MassMotorcycle.org</a>) continues to hold a firm belief that the existing laws on the books are sufficient if properly implemented and enforced, specifically that simple test procedures do exist for muffled exhaust, whether replaced with after-market or not, with a reasonable sound level.

# AUSTRALIA BANS BROTHERS BEHIND BARS Since last Nov 19. the Austra-

lian State of Queensland in Northeastern Australia has banned the distribution of the monthly newsletter "Brothers Behind Bars" in its prisons. Brothers Behind Bars is a digest of biker club and motorcycle news edited by retired



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Sons of Silence patch holder Iron Mike Davis, and is an outreach program supported by the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM). BBB is specifically aimed at motorcycle club members and is stubbornly non-partisan.

Mike Davis was notified that the words he publishes were illegal in Oz with a peremptory, unsigned form letter from the government of Queensland that read in full: "On 7th of November 2012 Queensland Corrective Services issued a directive from head office that all correspondence between prisoners who are members of an Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMCG) & OMCG members & associates was to cease immediately. As a result the author of this letter has been identified to be either a member or associate of an OMCG as such your mail has been returned to you."

Iron Mike recently told The Aging Rebel (<a href="www.agingrebel.com">www.agingrebel.com</a>), "Something I've said for years: 'Australia today, Canada tomorrow, and the U.S.A. the day after.' I truly believe countries likeCanada, Germany, U.S.A., and others are watching to see what works in Australia to outlaw motorcycle clubs – starting with the 1%er ones."

The Aging Rebel article went on to describe "Anti-Bikie Laws" down under: "Queensland has been trying to outlaw motorcycle clubs since 2009 when the state passed legislation formally called the Criminal Organisation Act of 2009. These anti-bikie laws give police the power to declare which organizations are criminal & which are not. Similar sets of laws have been passed in the Australian states of New South Wales & South Australia, and have been challenged in the courts by the Hells Angels, Finks & Rebels MCs. Australia's strategy has been difficult to implement in the United States because the U.S. Constitution specifically guarantees citizens' & visitors' rights to move freely, assemble peaceably, to keep & bear arms & to express themselves freely in numerous ways including the right to wear a patch on your back. Various Fed police forces in Americaincluding the FBI, the ATF & increasingly the Dept of Homeland Security have attempted to subvert these Constitutional guarantees using the Racketeer Influenced And Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) & in several recent cases trademark law."

# CANADIAN RIDERS BALK AT HEFTY INSURANCE HIKES

Premier Brad Wall says "maybe mistakes were made" and the Saskatchewan government will revisit motorcycle insurance rate hikes proposed recently by Saskatchewan Government Insurance. "Our MLAs are reporting a lot of feedback on the issue, not just from those who are riders or have motorcycles, but others in general who note that these increases seem to be very high," Wall told reporters

When the legislature reconvenes for its spring session next week, the Saskatchewan Party caucus will discuss its next steps, Wall said. He said he's not convinced SGI has exhausted all of its options to help eliminate a \$9-million deficit between crash injury payouts and fees charged to motorcyclists. "Obviously, what's being proposed by SGI for the rate rebalancing means huge increases and immediate increases, if approved, for riders," Wall said.

SGI's proposal to the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel would mean a sudden 73% jump in insurance costs for the average motorcycle owner, compared to an overall vehicle insurance rate increase of 1.03%. The move prompted a backlash from bike enthusiasts and business owners, who fear a big blow to new and used bike sales which could devastate the motorcycle industry.

If approved, the rate increases would take effect in August, but Wall said the chance is "slim" the proposal will stay as is. He wants the government and SGI to look at other creative options, such as using better price incentives to reward motorcyclists who have taken training courses.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions."

Stephen R. Covey (1932-2012) author, one of Time magazines 25 most influential Americans







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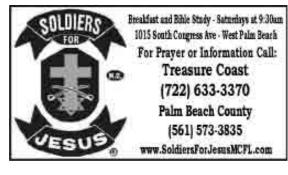
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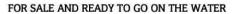








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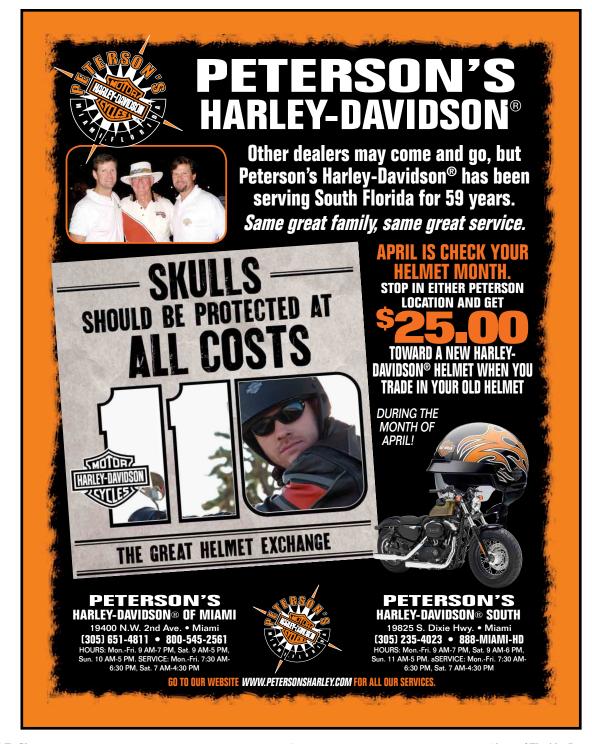
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To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

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