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WHO WE ARE

- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non–profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.
- We promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness.
- We fund our work by holding a series of annual events at different locations within our service area and other motorcycle activities.
- We are your neighbors and friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community.
- We serve and support our country and believe in freedom.
- We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.
- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of Florida as a motorcycle rights organization or MRO. We are currently the only political MRO in Florida representing the interest of its members and the motorcycling public at-large.
- WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.

ABATE is open to all individuals age 18 and older interested in motorcycle rights, safety or education. It doesn't matter what you ride or even if you ride. Everyone is welcome to join ABATE of Florida, Inc., which ensures YOUR opinion and views on motorcycle laws will be heard.

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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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello brothers and sisters, and thank you once again for taking the time to pick up and read our newsletter!

First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to thank American Legion Post 222 for graciously allowing us to hold our meetings at their post, and also for putting out a fantastic and delicious menu for breakfast. I would also like to thank Alan Brownfeld for once again allowing us to have our Memorial Day event at the one and only, most awesome-est, Mickey's Tiki Bar!

I would also like to remind the membership that nominations will be held, as you may well know, during the April and May meetings. I encourage the membership to come out and attend not only these meetings, but the June one as well, to nominate, vote and show support for whomever you wish the next round of officers to be.

I also ask that you remain diligent in lieu of the pending House Bill 6009. Even though it has not yet gone to committee, we still need to keep watch and not let our efforts wane in our attempts at blocking it. Please inform myself or Critter if you need postcards to keep on top of the legislators in your area to let them know your viewpoint on this bill. On the other side of the challenge coin, we must not forget the 2 Vulnerable Road User Bills (HB 541 & SB 432) as supporting them is equally important, not only to our organization, but to everyone who rides a motorcycle in Florida.

The last thing I would like to convey, but most assuredly not least, goes to those who may pickup this newsletter to read it who are not members. If you are a motorcycle rider, no matter what make or model, or just a motorcycle enthusiast, or someone who is a family member of a rider or enthusiast, I would strongly urge you to consider becoming a member. I urge you to attend a meeting in order to get a firm grasp of how we do things and what we stand for.

So with that, I'd like to thank everyone for their continued support of our chapter and state organization!

May Saint Christopher, Holy Patron of Travelers, guide and protect you and your loved ones so that you may RIDE FREE AND RIDE SAFE my brothers and sisters!!!

With Honor and Respect,

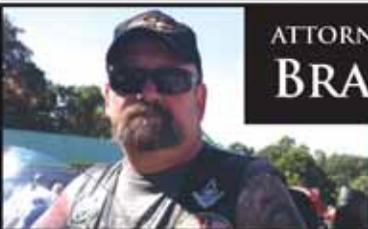
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If you have already renewed

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For Membership Renewals contact, George Torrence by either email:
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*** 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.



**Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at American Legion Post 222
March 19, 2017**

Magneto (Mr. President) called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM. There were 16 members present. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and a prayer by Poppie.

President's Report: Magneto spoke on our upcoming May event being held at Mickey's at night on Saturday May 27. We will need door prizes. He reported that our hotline is up and running and spoke on the upcoming nominations.

Vice-President's Report: Poppie thanked everyone for coming and asked everyone to please read his article on the subject of getting along.

Secretary's Report: Marie thanked Critter for filling in for her when

she was very ill. A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded, no discussion, all in favor; Motion was passed. Marie spoke briefly to the members about the importance of keeping this chapter alive, and the upcoming nominations.

Treasurer's Report: Critter read the financial report for February. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor. Motion was passed.

Sergeant at Arms' Report: Steve "Nighthawk" was excused.

Road Captain's Report: John "Wavy" was excused.

Safety Director's Report: This position is vacant.

Products Report: John "Wavy" was excused.

Events Coordinator: This position is open so there was no report.

State Representative's Report: There was no state meeting last month but Critter spoke on an issue that was tabled last month regarding the 2019 NCOM Meeting in Orlando. A vote was taken, all were in agreement that this chapter will support the meeting in Orlando. Critter spoke about the Tallahassee Freedom Run in April and urged the membership to attend. She also mention that the State meeting will be there and that she and Magneto will not be going. She reminded everyone about the postcards and we need to use them to contact our legislators.

Membership Report: George reported that we have a total of 505 members. There were 12 renewals and 2 new members last month. A reminder, when submitting all membership forms PLEASE fill them out completely, send it in a timely manner, and also legible so that we can read it. Thank you very much for your support and membership to the Southeast Chapter.

Newsletter Editor: Critter reported she needs the articles for the newsletter today. All photos are welcome. JR

thanked ABATE for putting the States MC's flyer on the front cover.

Legislative Report: Brad was excused.

Public Relations: Fern was excused. She is always out there promoting ABATE.

Billing and Invoicing: Pixie was excused.

Social Director Report: Patty brought the cake for the March birthdays to be enjoyed after the meeting. This month is George's birthday.

Newsletter Distribution: Poppie reported all is going well. He thanked Teddy Bear, Ace, Bars and Frank T for their help.

Quartermaster Report: Bob was excused.

Photographer's Report: This position is open also. Critter is filling in and taking photos. Axman has also been helping out.

Web-Master's Report: Rogue was not present but everything is up and

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running.

Legal Council: No one was present to give a report.

Old Business: Magneto spoke on the May event.

New Business: There was no new business.

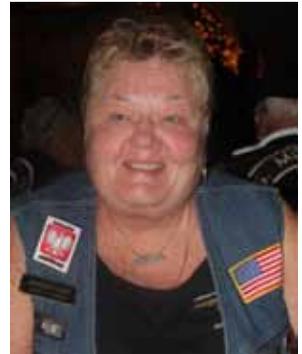
Good of the Order: April 2: States M/C; April 8-9: ABATE Tallahassee Run; April 27-30: Leesburg BikeFest, Lee County has the campground behind the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Full-size

flyers and mini-flyers for our May event are on the table, please take some to hand out.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is April 23, 2017 at the American Legion Post 222 in Oakland Park, FL.

Hope to see everyone there.

See you on the Road
Marie Baxter,
Secretary S. E



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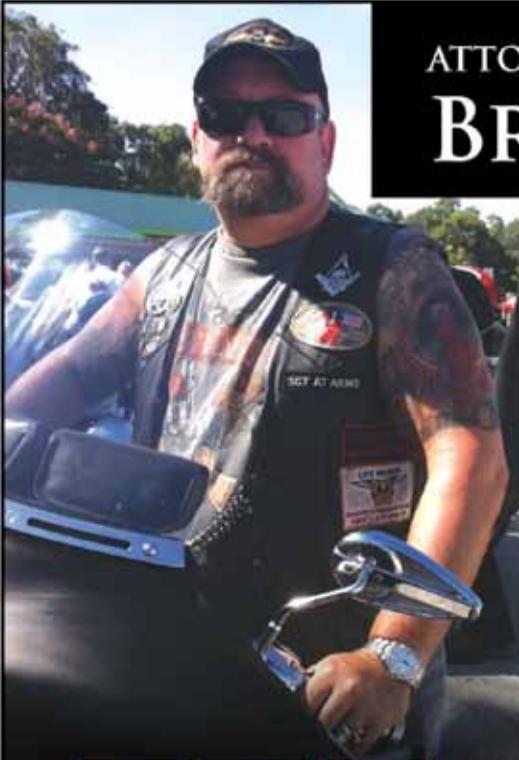
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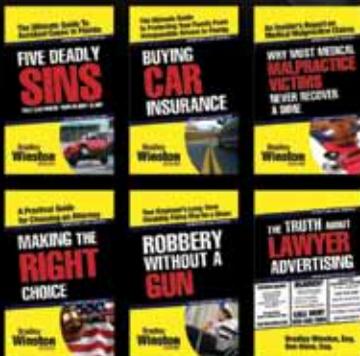


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A Message From Your Vice President

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WE NEED YOU



Think about nominating someone, or you can even nominate yourself if you would like to fill one of the positions. It's very important – I can't stress that enough!!!

With that being said, on a high note, we've had great riding weather so get out and enjoy it. Ride safe and always watch out for the cages we share the road with.

As Always,

Poppie

VP Southeast Chapter



NEWS from our State Legislative Rep - Darrin "Scribe" Brooks

Hey Everyone,

Here is a quick update on bills of interest:

Helmet Bill HB 6009

- There has been no movement in the Bill since it was introduced.
- There is still no Senate Companion Bill
- The Bill still has not been scheduled to be heard in it's first committee
- As we have seen in the past, nothing is ever completely dead... however, the buzzards are circling this Bill.
- Thanks to all the ABATE of Florida, Inc. members that have reached out to their legislators

Vulnerable Road User Bills (HB 541 & SB 432)

- Both of these Bills are waiting for committee hearing.

VRU Bill that REMOVES motorcycles from the list (SB 408)

- The sponsor cannot get a House member to sponsor the House companion Bill.
- It has not made it to the first committee... Again the buzzards are circling.
- ** Please note that ABATE of Florida, Inc. had no trouble finding a sponsor in both the House and Senate.

Safety money

- The request will be in both the House and Senate Budget Bills again this year.

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks
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HB 6009 Helmet Bill

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HB 6009 Helmet Bill

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SB 432 Vulnerable Road Users

- Transportation
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- Appropriations

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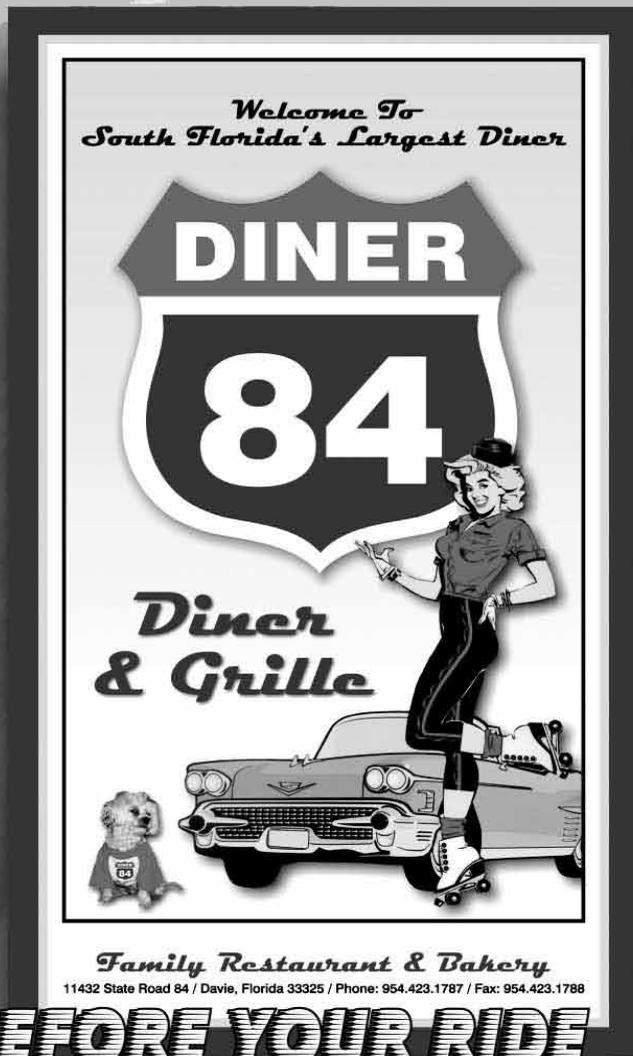
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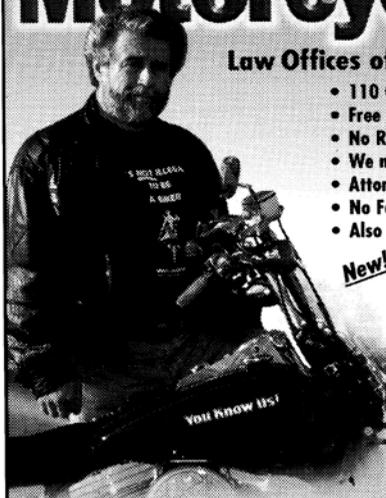
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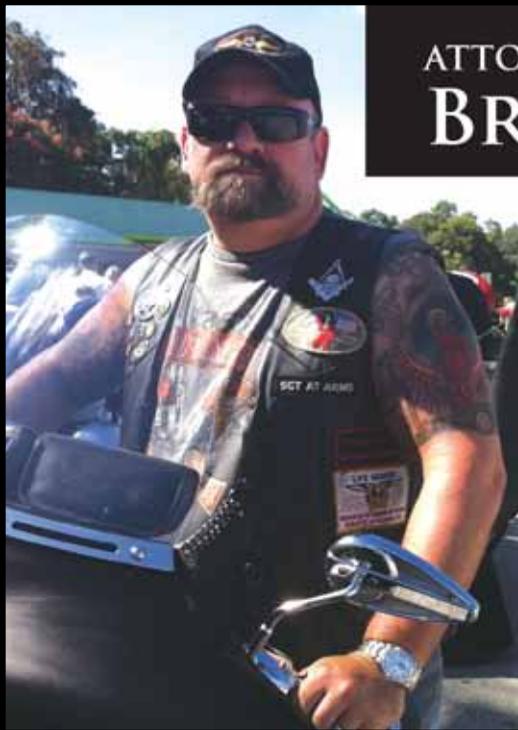
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TEN BIG ISSUES TO WATCH DURING 2017 SESSION

By JIM SAUNDERS
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, February 27, 2017..... Florida lawmakers are poised to return to Tallahassee for the March 7 start of the 2017 legislative session.

They will grapple with hundreds of bills during the 60-day session, while also trying to reach agreement on a state budget that will top \$80 billion. Here are 10 big issues to watch:

--- BUDGET: Gov. Rick Scott has proposed an \$83.5 billion budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1, up about \$1.2 billion from the current year. In the proposal, Scott called for \$618 million in tax cuts, increased education spending and cuts in hospital funding. But the proposal has met skepticism from some lawmakers, who are concerned about projected budget shortfalls in the coming years.

--- DEATH PENALTY: Florida's death penalty has been on hold since January 2016, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that part of the death-penalty sentencing system was unconstitutional because it gave too much power to judges, instead of juries. The Florida Supreme Court struck down part of a legislative attempt to fix the system because the changes did not require unanimous jury recommendations before people could be sentenced to death. The House and Senate, however, appear to be ready to quickly pass a bill during the 2017 session that would require such unanimous jury recommendations.

--- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Gov. Rick Scott and House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, have battled publicly for weeks about the economic-development agency Enterprise Florida and tourism-marketer Visit Florida. Scott wants to provide \$85 million to Enterprise Florida for business incentives and \$76 million to Visit Florida. But Corcoran opposes the funding and has gone so far as to back abolishing the public-private agencies.

--- EDUCATION: Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, has made a top priority of revamping the higher-education system. The Senate is expected to quickly pass a bill that, in part, would expand the use of Bright Futures scholarships and tighten graduation standards for universities and state colleges. In the kindergarten- through 12th-grade system, Corcoran has called for expanding school-choice programs, and lawmakers are expected to look at proposals to reduce the amount of time public-school students spend on standardized tests.

--- GAMBLING: The House and Senate have taken dramatically different positions in heavily lobbied bills that would make changes in the gambling industry. The House proposal focuses on reaching agreement on a gambling deal with the Seminole Tribe of Florida that could lead to money going to the education system. The Senate, however, wants to take steps that could expand gambling, including allowing slot machines in eight counties where voters have approved the machines in referendums.

--- GUNS: The House and Senate could be moving toward passing a measure that would shift a key burden of proof from defendants to prosecutors in "stand your ground" self-defense cases, a change

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TEN BIG ISSUES TO WATCH DURING 2017 SESSION

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backed by the National Rifle Association. Several other high-profile gun bills have been filed, such as a proposal that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns on college and university campuses. The fate of such proposals likely will hinge on whether they can pass the Senate.

--- **HEALTH CARE:** As it has done in recent years, the House is pushing a series of bills that would scale back regulations in the health-care industry. A heavily lobbied issue focuses on whether to eliminate the “certificate of need” process, which requires approval from the Agency for Health Care Administration before new hospitals, nursing homes and hospice facilities can be built. Among other issues in the Legislature is a proposal that would help clear the way for “direct primary care” agreements, which involve patients contracting directly with doctors for care, cutting out the role of insurers.

--- **MEDICAL MARIJUANA:** Lawmakers will try to agree on a plan to carry out a voter-approved ballot initiative that broadly legalized medical marijuana in the state. The Legislature in recent years approved medical cannabis for limited types of patients, but the November ballot initiative will allow doctors to order medical marijuana for an array of conditions such as cancer, epilepsy, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, post-traumatic stress disorder, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Crohn’s disease, Parkinson’s disease and multiple sclerosis. A closely watched legislative issue involves how many nurseries will be able to get licenses to grow, process and dispense medical marijuana.

--- **WATER:** Negron has proposed a controversial \$2.4 billion plan that includes buying land south of Lake Okeechobee to try to ease polluted discharges from the lake into waterways on the east and west coasts of the state. The proposal, which involves creating a reservoir to store water moved south from the lake, is opposed by the powerful sugar industry and has received a cool reception in the House. Negron, however, represents parts of the state’s Treasure Coast that have been hit hard by polluted discharges from the lake.

--- **WORKERS’ COMPENSATION INSURANCE:** After the Florida Supreme Court last spring ruled that two parts of the workers’ compensation insurance system were unconstitutional, regulators approved a 14.5 percent rate increase that started hitting businesses in December. Business groups are lobbying for changes that could help hold down rates. But the workers’ compensation system is highly complex, and a major debate will focus on whether to limit fees paid to attorneys who represent injured workers.



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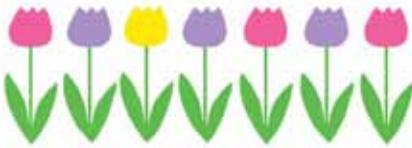


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States M/C Annual ²	States MC Pompano Dinner ³	⁴	⁵	⁶	⁷	Mystic Seven M/C Party Freedom Ride (Tallahassee) ⁸
ABATE State Meeting (Tallahassee) ⁹	States MC Pompano Dinner ¹⁰ 	¹¹	¹²	¹³	¹⁴	Outcast M/C Annual ¹⁵
EASTER ¹⁶ CMA Easter Service	States MC Pompano Dinner ¹⁷	¹⁸	¹⁹	²⁰	²¹	²²
Alternative M/C Annual ²³ CHAPTER MEETING	States MC Pompano Dinner ²⁴	²⁵	²⁶	Leesburg Bikefest Apr. 27- Apr. 30 ²⁷	²⁸	²⁹
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MEMORIAL DAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 States MC Pompano Dinner	2	3	4	5	6
7 Southern M/C Annual	8 States MC Pompano Dinner	9	10	11	12	13 Scurvy Few M/C Annual
14  HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	15 States MC Pompano Dinner	16	17	18	19	20 Wings of Gold M/C (Miami) Annual
21 CHAPTER MEETING	22 States MC Pompano Dinner	23	24	25	26	27 SE CHAPTER ABATE Memorial Day Event
28 Los Coquis M/C Annual	29  Memorial Day	30	31			

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2017 CALENDAR

MANDATORY CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD



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APRIL

- 2: STATES MC - ANNUAL
- 8: MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
- 15: **OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL**
- 16: EASTER
- 16: CMA EASTER SERVICE
- 23: **ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL**
- 28: LEESBURG BIKEFEST

MAY

- 7: **SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL**
- 13: **SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL**
- 14: Mothers day
- 20: **WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL**
- 27: S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
- 28: **LOS COQUIS MC - ANNUAL**
- 30: Memorial Day

JUNE

- 4: NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY
- 10: AOA SOUTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers
- 11: **WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
- 18: Fathers Day
- 24: LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY

JULY

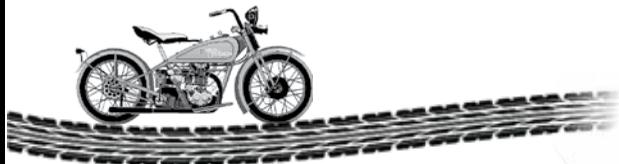
- 1: **US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL**
- 4: Independence Day
- 16: **SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD - ANNUAL**
- 29: WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

AUGUST

- 6: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
- 7: 77th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
- 11-13: S. FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION
- 13: AOA FT. LAUD. 50th ANNIV. & MOLDY'S B-DAY PARTY
- 19: LOS COQUIS MC - SMOKEY & DIESEL B-DAY
- 26: OUTCAST MC PARTY

SEPTEMBER

- 3: SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
- 4: Labor Day
- 10: STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
- 15-17: PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
- 24: KELTICS MC - PARTY



MONTHLY EVENTS

FRIDAY

- Outlaws MC WPB Open House at 7PM
- USMV MC Ch 2 Open house at 8PM (Dania Beach)
- Der Krieger MC Open House at 8PM
- Mystic 7 MC Open House... Ladies drink FREE!
- Keltics MC Open House
- Los Coquis MC Open House at 8:30PM til ??
- 1st Fri - Soldiers for Jesus Open House 7-10PM
- 1st Fri - Enforcers MC First Friday of Month Party
- 1st & 3rd Fri - Kingdom of Brothers Open House
- 2nd & 4th Fri - Los Coquis MC Open house
- 3rd Fri - Wings of Gold MC Open House Davie
- 4th Fri - American Legion Post 36 Bike Night

SATURDAY

- 1st & 3rd Sat - AOA MC Dania Open House
- 2nd Sat - USMV MC Ft. Laud. Open House
- 2nd & 4th Sat - Mystic 7 Open House
- 2nd & 4th Sat - Kingdom of Brothers Open House

SUNDAY

- Free pool at Sharkey's Lounge Margate
- Wind Rider Church Services at Mickeys

WEEK DAYS

- Mon - States MC Pompano Dinner Nite 6:30pm start
- Mon - Ladies nite at Sharkey's 9-2, 241 beverages
- Tues - Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House
- Last Tues - USMVMC Palm Bch Open House
- Wed - Scurvy Few MC Open House 954-325-6838
- Wed - Blues Nite at Mickey's
- Thurs - Leathernecks MC Open House 8-mid
- Thurs - Hermandad MC Open House, 8-2am
- 3rd Thurs - Peterson's Harley South Bike nite 6-10PM

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hey Everyone,

Well, I hope all who went to Daytona Bike Week had a great time and came back safe.

I would like to thank the few who rode with me to the M/C's events last month. Hope to see more people at our future rides. Thank you to all that showed up at the March meeting. Sorry I missed it, but I was out of town.

Abate SE Road Captain
Jon "Wavy" Viger



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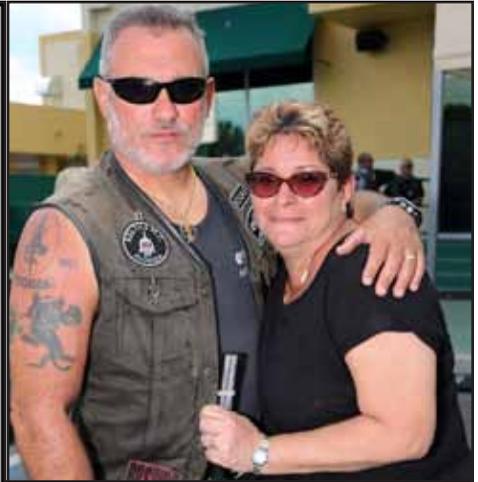
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HOUSE APPROVES PULLING PLUG ON RED-LIGHT CAMERAS

The House voted overwhelmingly Thursday to eliminate the use of red-light cameras in Florida, sending the issue to the Senate, where a repeal proposal stalled in its first committee. House members voted 91-22 to approve a repeal bill (HB 6007), sponsored by Rep. Bryan Avila, R-Hialeah, and Rep. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill. Avila said red-light cameras might have been well-intentioned initially but have been used by local governments as a way to generate money. “It has become less about public safety and more about revenue,” Avila said. But opponents of the bill argued that local governments should be able to decide whether to use the cameras to ticket motorists who run red lights and that the cameras have changed drivers’ behavior. While the repeal has broad support in the House, a Senate version of the bill (SB 178) failed to get through the Senate Transportation Committee last month because of a 2-2 tie. The Senate could put the House bill through the committee process. Also, Sen. Daphne Campbell, D-Miami, has filed an additional repeal bill (SB 630).

‘STAND YOUR GROUND’ SHIFT GETS SENATE APPROVAL

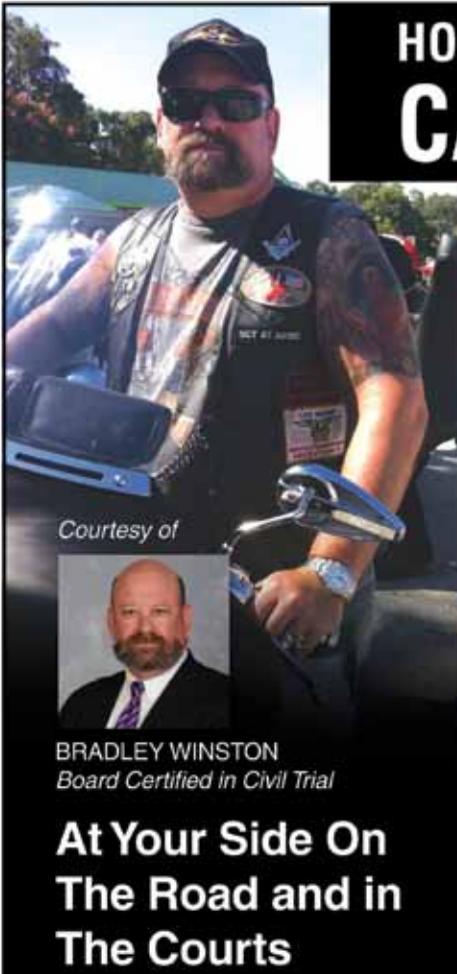
A move to shift a key burden of proof in “stand your ground” self-defense cases was approved Wednesday [3/15/17] by the Senate, as other key bills backed by Second Amendment advocates remain jammed in the Legislature’s upper chamber. With Democrats labeling the self-defense proposal “a shoot to kill” and “how to get away with murder” bill, the National Rifle Association-backed measure (SB 128) was approved in a 23-15 vote, with Sen. Anitere Flores, R-Miami, joining Democrats in opposition. Flores, a top lieutenant to Senate President Joe Negron, has become a roadblock to other high-profile bills backed by gun-rights groups, including a measure that would allow people with concealed weapons to openly carry firearms (SB 644) and to carry on university and college campuses (SB 622). Those bills have not made it through the Senate Judiciary Committee, which includes Flores. Flores said her vote on the “stand your ground” bill was swayed after talking to state attorneys from her South Florida district, which covers Monroe County and parts of Miami-Dade County. “There’s going to be a cost to the state attorneys, and now I have

two state attorneys who are calling and concerned, and you just have to take those things into account,” Flores said. Flores had voted for the proposal Feb. 9 when it was before the Rules Committee and Jan. 24 in the Judiciary Committee. Sen. Rob Bradley, a Fleming Island Republican who is sponsoring the measure, said the potential for increased costs shouldn’t be what drives lawmakers on the issue. “We should be focused on what is the right thing for our criminal justice system, not dollars and cents when it comes to fundamental principles,” Bradley said. A House version of the bill (HB 245) needs to clear the House Judiciary Committee before it could go to the House floor. A similar proposal failed to advance last year in the House after getting Senate approval. The proposal, backed by the Florida Public Defender Association, stems from a Florida Supreme Court ruling in 2015 that said defendants have the burden of proof to show they should be shielded from prosecution under the “stand your ground” law. In “stand your ground” cases, pre-trial evidentiary hearings are held to determine whether defendants should be immune from prosecution. The bill would shift the burden from defendants to prosecutors in the pre-trial hearings.

PRO-GUN MEASURES PASS HOUSE PANEL

The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Wednesday supported, in near party-line votes, two proposals backed by gun-rights supporters. One measure (HB 779) would reduce the penalty from a second-degree misdemeanor to a \$25 civil fine for people with concealed-weapons licenses who expose their handguns. The fine would grow to \$500 for a second offense and go back to a second-degree misdemeanor on the third offense. The second measure (HB 849) would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry at private religious schools. Rep. Neil Combee, an Auburndale Republican who is sponsoring both measures, called them compromises that “do not go as far as I would like.” Rep. Gayle Harrell, R-Stuart, called HB 779 a “common sense solution” for often-heard complaints that people inadvertently expose firearms they are legally allowed to carry. “Things happen, you take your jacket off or you know you may move a certain way,” Harrell said. But Democrats expressed concern the proposal is a “toe in the door” to allowing people to openly carry guns in the state.

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CONGRESSIONAL BILLS REINTRODUCED TO CURB ETHANOL

Calling the Federal Ethanol Mandate “a Flop,” a bipartisan group of lawmakers have re-introduced two bills in the U.S. House of Representatives to cap the ethanol content of commercial gasoline and decrease the total volume of renewable fuel that must be contained in gasoline on the American market.

“It’s time the ethanol mandate became a thing of the past. While well-intentioned from the start, after a decade of this policy it couldn’t be more obvious that the RFS is a flop,” announced Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) on March 2, 2017 after introducing two bills to alter the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), the RFS Elimination Act (H.R. 1314) and the RFS Reform Act (H.R. 1315).

Reps. Goodlatte, Jim Costa (D-CA), Steve Womack (R-AR), and Peter Welch (D-VT) issued a joint statement after reintroducing H.R. 1315; “The Renewable Fuel Standard is a well-intentioned flop...it’s clearer than ever that the federal government’s creation of an artificial market for the ethanol industry has resulted in a domino effect that is hurting people across the country.”

The RFS Elimination Act (H.R. 1314) has the support of 60 bipartisan cosponsors and would repeal the Renewable Fuel Standard which mandates that 36 billion gallons of renewable fuels (primarily corn ethanol) be part of our nation’s fuel supply by 2022. The RFS Reform Act (H.R. 1315), which has the support of 42 cosponsors, “eliminates corn-based ethanol requirements, caps the amount of ethanol that can be blended into conventional gasoline at 10 percent, requires the EPA to set cellulosic biofuels levels at production levels, and decreases the total volume of

renewable fuel that must be contained in gasoline sold or introduced into commerce for years 2017-2022.”

BLACK BOX PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

H.R.736, the “Black Box Privacy Protection Act”, was introduced in the House on January 30, 2017 by Rep. Michael Capuano (D-MA). This bill amends the Automobile Information Disclosure Act to require manufacturers of new automobiles to disclose on the information label affixed to the window of the automobile: (1) the presence and location of an event data recorder (commonly referred to as a “black box”), (2) the type of information recorded and how such information is recorded, and (3) that the recording may be used in a law enforcement proceeding.

The bill sets forth similar requirements for motorcycle manufacturers.

An “event data recorder” is any device or means of technology installed in an automobile that records information such as automobile or motorcycle speed, seatbelt use, application of brakes, or other information pertinent to the operation of the automobile or motorcycle. The bill prohibits the manufacture, sale, offering for sale, or import into the United States of an automobile manufactured after model year of 2016 that is equipped with an event data recorder, unless the consumer can control the recording of information.

Violators are liable to the U.S. government for a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for each violation with a maximum penalty of \$35 million for a related series of violations. The event data recorder in an automobile or motorcycle, and any data recorded, shall be considered the property of the owner of the automobile or motorcycle. Retrieval or downloading of recorded data by any other person is unlawful, except: (1) with the owner’s consent, (2) in response to a court order, or (3) by a dealer or automotive technician to service the vehicle. Certain violations are to be treated as unfair or deceptive acts or practices under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

IDAHO SENATE KILLS ANTI-PROFILING BILL THAT HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED

Idaho senators killed a proposal outlawing motorcycling profiling, which had passed the House unanimously, defeating H.B.123 on the Senate floor by a vote of 22-13 on March 15.

Several senators said they'd spoken with their local sheriffs or other law enforcement and learned there had been no complaints of motorcycle profiling, that law enforcement opposed the bill, and one senator testified that his local sheriff said if the bill became law a motorcycle gang member wearing colors who was stopped for probable cause would get a plausible defense.

The bill would have banned motorcycle profiling by state or local law enforcement, which it defines as "the arbitrary use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related paraphernalia as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest or search a person or vehicle."

In 2011, the state of Washington passed a further-reaching law, which also included requirements for training for law enforcement. Advocates reported that complaints about motorcycle profiling there dropped 90 percent after the anti-profiling law took effect. In 2016, Maryland became the second state to enforce such anti-profiling measures.

"This bill is consistent with good police practices, which relies on conduct for making a stop," said Senator Jeff Agenbrood (R-Nampa), the bill's Senate sponsor in an interview with The Spokesman-Review newspaper.

WASHINGTON ACTIVISTS RALLY FOR LANE-SPLITTING Motorcycle advocates rallied in Olympia on Friday, March 17 in support of state Senate Bill 5378, which would allow motorcycles to go in-between cars stuck in traffic, or "split lanes."

Some motorcyclists are demanding a public hearing. The bill has passed in the Senate with a bipartisan majority but has since been stuck in a House committee for weeks. Motorcyclists want a vote on it, and before that can happen, it needs a public hearing.

The issue has created a firestorm on social media, pitting many drivers against motorcycle riders who want to see the legislation pass in Washington State.

"In most cases we can split a lane and not interfere with anybody or not hit anybody, and we can move on right down the road," Andy McAfee, a member of Spanaway ABATE, told CBS-affiliate KREM-2 news.

Basically, the law would allow motorcyclists to ride between lanes of cars in heavy traffic. They would have to keep their speeds below 35 mph and go no more than 10 mph above flow of traffic.

If passed, the legislation would also make vehicle drivers guilty of an infraction if they intentionally block a motorcycle from splitting lanes.

Currently, lane splitting is only legal in California, though similar measures have recently been introduced in Texas (S.B.288), Oregon (S.B.385) and Hawaii (H.B.727).

GEORGIA BILL WOULD ALLOW MOTORCYCLES TO FILTER FORWARD AT SIGNALS

Introduced February 27, House Bill 490 in Georgia would allow the operator of a motorcycle to "overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken under certain conditions":

- (1) The vehicle being overtaken is stationary in traffic awaiting the change of a traffic-control signal;
- (2) The motorcycle is not traveling more than ten miles per hour; and
- (3) The motorcycle is being maneuvered to be placed in front of stationary traffic or to gain access to an adjacent turning lane.

UTAH LEGISLATURE VOTES TO REQUIRE HELMETS FOR RIDERS UP TO AGE 21

A bill to newly require motorcyclists ages 18, 19 and 20 to wear helmets has passed the Utah legislature and is on its way to Governor Gary Herbert for his signature or veto. Under current Utah law, motorcyclists under 18 years old are required to wear helmets.

The Utah House voted 43-30 on Wednesday, March 8 to approve S.B.159. The Senate previously approved it 17-12. The bill is sponsored by Senator Brian Shiozawa (R-Cottonwood Heights), an emergency room doctor who says he has seen far too many traumatic head injuries from motorcycle crashes among young adults.

But several lawmakers argued against the proposal, questioning the value of restricting personal freedoms in the name of safety and describing the bill as "legislative creep."

ARIZONA HELMET LAW DECISIVELY DEFEATED "In Arizona, you don't mess with regulations on who can

ride in the back of a pickup truck, and you don't force a helmet on a motorcyclists' head," stated the Arizona Republic newspaper in reporting the demise of a Pay-to-Play helmet law proposal in committee. "That was made clear Wednesday (Jan 18), when a bill to mandate helmets got its first public consideration in years and promptly died."

Even the Democratic colleagues of the bill's sponsor, Rep. Randy Friese (D-Tucson), voted against House Bill 2046.

"Although no one could immediately pinpoint the last time the issue came before a committee, the prior proposal inspired bikers to circle the Capitol mall, longtime staffers said. The rumble from the engines was so loud it was heard inside House and Senate chambers and shook office partitions."

Bikers decked out in leather and bandanas told lawmakers the greater peril came from cars and trucks and said more education for all drivers is the better solution. The eight members of the House Transportation Committee sided with the bikers, voting unanimously to reject the bill.

H.B.2046 would have imposed a fine of \$500 on violators, with \$300 of the fine going directly to a fund for head trauma patients, and in a twist, proposed that riders could pay a fee when registering their motorcycle allowing them to purchase an exemption to the law.

DRIVERLESS BIG RIGS NEARLY ROAD READY

Self-driving big rigs that improve logistics, cost savings and road safety, could be on freeways even sooner than autonomous passenger cars, which have been hogging most of the limelight.

The process of automating long-haul freight trucks -- the behemoths that deliver food and goods, often to places airplanes, boats and trains can't or won't go -- is actually easier than it is for cars. This is because these trucks spend most of their road time on open highways, where there is less stopping and fewer traffic rules than in areas with pedestrians, according to Anthony Levandowski, CEO of Otto, an autonomous-trucking company he co-founded early last year. Speaking at the annual Mobile World Congress in Barcelona this week, Levandowski, a former software engineer on Google's self-driving car project, added that despite racking up only 5.6 percent of all the miles driven in the

U.S., trucks are found to be at fault for nearly 9.5 percent of the country's driving fatalities. Many proponents of self-driving technology believe it can reduce human error, often brought on by fatigue.

Otto, which Uber bought in August 2016, also wants to enable driverless commercial trucks to operate in carefully synchronized fleets. "Truck Platooning," explains Jim Elgin, Chairman of ABATE of Ohio, "is a fast track issue" using radar and vehicle-vehicle (V2V) technologies to form and maintain close-headway formation between two or more in-lane vehicles. Smart tailgating, but "The big question," asks Elgin, "is it Motorcycle-Friendly or not?"

Truck convoys are nothing new, of course, but a computerized driving system could theoretically let them safely drive even closer together, reducing the wind drag that makes engines work harder and burn more gas. For obvious reasons these trucks could also stay on the road for longer stretches, giving drivers some much-needed downtime rather than keeping them at the wheel well past exhaustion.

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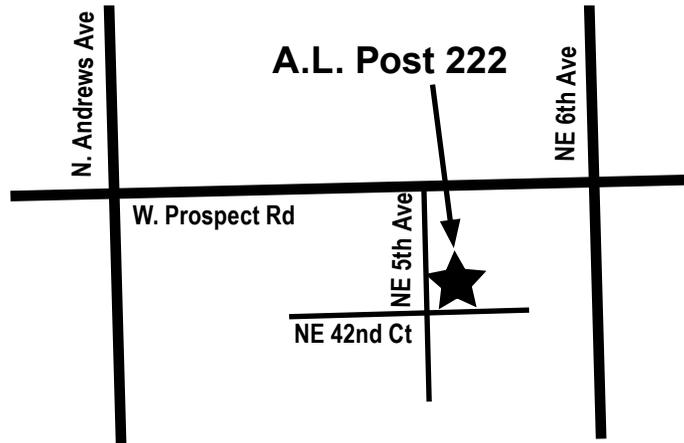
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