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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.

There are no requirements to join us and we respect and welcome all motorcycle clubs or any other motorcycle associations or organizations. We do not have any mandatory meetings or rides.

Paid Membership Includes:

- ABATE Voting Privileges
- Free \$4,000 Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance Policy from the American Income Life Insurance Company. As long as your membership is current, you are covered.
- Free classified advertising in the Southeast Chapter and State ABATE newsletters.
- Motorcycle Safety and Educational Updates.
- A full-time ABATE of Florida, Inc. lobbyist who fights for your rights at the state and national levels.



FREEDOM IS NEVER FREE, WE HAVE TO FIGHT TO KEEP IT

Stand up for your right to choose - join Florida's only Motorcycle Rights Organization that got the Helmet Law removed in 2000 **& stopped it AGAIN in 2017!**

Make your voice heard - ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s lobbyist is in Tallahassee working for or against, all legislation that affects your lives, your rights & your freedoms. Not just as Motorcycle Riders but as Free Americans.

Help make a difference - by supporting ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Program (MSAP). ABATE's Certified instructors bring the MSAP into our High School Drivers Education classes. This is the only program in the state that teaches Florida students to **WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES**. The first step in teaching drivers how to not run us over.

Become informed – ABATE of Florida, Inc. Southeast chapter publishes a monthly newsletter (online & in print) that provides first-hand knowledge of legislative updates, bills & regulations that are being proposed, introduced or up for vote in the Florida House and/or Senate, as well as some regulations coming out of the Federal Government that affect or could affect us as riders.

The more members and voters we have, the more pressure our lobbyist can put on Lawmakers to pass legislation that helps us and stop legislation that hurts us. Join us not only in our fight for our freedoms, but also in the camaraderie in the brotherhood/sisterhood of ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Isn't your freedom worth \$20.00 a year? Join us now.

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello brothers and sisters, and thank you for picking up and reading yet another issue of our newsletter!!!

I would like to give my most heartfelt condolences to the families of all the fallen brothers and sisters, which is why I am relinquishing my monthly jibber-jabber for the father of one of our fallen to say a few words.

The last thing I would like to convey, but most assuredly not least, goes to those who may pickup this newsletter to read it whom 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,

William G. "MAGNETO" Prewitt, President
ABATE of Florida, Inc., Southeast Chapter

Gone But Not Forgotten

To the many Friends of Anthony Guiliano,

I wondered at the time how I would be able to cope-did I have the strength and courage to face this loss and burial of my son, so soon after losing my wife. And then a community of bikers and friends surrounded my life with kindness and encouragement, love and sympathy, generosity and friendship.

I know that many of you have mourned the loss of a loved one. It gives me great comfort, when I think of my son, knowing that you all miss Anthony too.

I would like to give my heartfelt gratitude to all for your love and friendship to Anthony ... and to me. Thanks to Jody Swett, Freddie Jentz, VFW Post 1966, the band Soulicide and all of YOU!! Anthony's many friends - for such a loving memorial.



My deepest appreciation
-Victor Gonzalez
Anthony Guiliano's Father

STATE GRAPPLES WITH INCREASE IN CARD SKIMMERS

By LLOYD DUNKELBERGER
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, July 25, 2017....Credit-card skimming devices at Florida gas stations and stores are on a dramatic rise this year. State figures show 315 skimmers had been discovered at Florida gas pumps through July 18, compared to 120 skimmers discovered through the first seven months of 2016.



That represents a 160 percent increase in the illegal devices used to collect consumers' credit- or debit-card information. This year's seven-month total already far exceeds the 219 reported devices in all of 2016 and the 169 skimmers found in 2015, according to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

At a press conference in Orlando this month highlighting the problem, Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam noted that his inspectors and law-enforcement officers have documented a continued rise since 2015 in the devices, which are typically placed inside gas-pump cabinets.

"Since that time, we have seen a steady trend upward, an increase in the number of skimmers being found around the state on these gas pumps," Putnam said. If undetected, each skimmer is capable of collecting credit- or debit-card data from 100 consumers, with each losing an average of \$1,000 to electronic theft, according to Putnam's agency, which is responsible for gas-station inspections.

Palm Beach County has the most reported skimmer locations this year with 58, followed by Broward County with 57, Miami-Dade County with 26 and Pinellas and Volusia counties, each reporting 12 devices. Although there appeared to be a correlation between larger counties, with more cars and gas stations, and the detection of skimmers, that isn't always the case. Brevard County, with 11 skimmer locations, had more than the combined totals of Duval County, with five, and Hillsborough County, with four. In the majority of cases, one skimmer device was reported at each location. But some had multiple skimmers, including a New Smyrna Beach gas station where four skimmers were found on July 11, records show.

Putnam has been working with the Legislature, the Florida Retail Federation and the Florida Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association the past few years to curb the illegal activity. In 2016, the Legislature passed a law that toughened penalties for credit-card fraud and required security devices on gas pumps, including the use of security tape to alert store employees and consumers about pump tampering. This year, the Legislature passed another law making it illegal to possess skimmer-device equipment.

"As the third-largest state with 10,000 convenience stores and more than 100 million tourists visiting each year, Florida presents significantly more opportunities for skimming devices to be used," said Scott Shalley, president of the Florida Retail Federation, after Gov. Rick Scott signed the latest anti-skimming legislation (HB 343) last month. Putnam said the industry has taken steps to protect gas pumps from tampering, including moving away from a universal key system that allowed access to pumps in different locations. He said the newest stores and gas stations are deploying technology that will shut down pumps if they are opened without authorization.

But Putnam said skimmer criminals are growing more sophisticated, with some now using devices where credit-card data can be downloaded remotely, eliminating the need to retrieve skimmers from inside the pumps. "Unfortunately, like many forms of criminal activities, the bad guys continue to evolve just like the laws continue to evolve," Putnam said.

But Putnam also said "there are some very simple things that the traveling public can do during this summer traveling season to protect themselves." Among the recommendations are using cash to pay for gas; using credit cards, which typically have more consumer protections than debit cards if fraud occurs; using pumps closer to the stores, as skimmer criminals are more likely to target remote pumps; and avoiding pumps if the cabinets are open or if security tape is broken or appears altered. "This is not a crime limited to Florida, but unfortunately it is a crime that we are seeing growth in and an increasing number of these devices are being found," Putnam said. 🚲

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Frank Santino

Shannon Santos

Ben Stravato

Tim "T-Bone" Weber

Jane "Poohbear" Harap

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Robert A "Godfather" Silva

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If you have already renewed

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For Membership Renewals contact either Marie Baxter or Sheila Rose by either email: membership@abatese.us or by phone: 954-818-0735 (Marie) or 786-487-4810 (Sheila) See Page 47 for Membership Application

*** 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.



New Members

For July

Norman "Rooster" Williams

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**Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at American Legion Post 222
Oakland Park, FL
July 16, 2017**

Magneto (Mr. President) called the meeting to order at 10:25 am. There were 17 members present. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and a prayer by Poppie.

President's Report: Magneto thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He mentioned the Leadership Seminars that he, Marie, Critter & Teddy Bear attended. He spoke on the American Income Life Benefits we have as ABATE members and that we will be getting info cards from them. He also mentioned that he will be asking the American Life rep to come to one of our meetings to speak. He spoke on what Doc, our State President, said about going after the money that is

supposed to be ours from the State. The next state meeting will be August 12 in Lake County, Tavares, Florida. It is Lake County's 30th Anniversary. The Tattoo Expo is the same weekend and we will need help manning our safety booth.

Vice-President's Report: Teddy Bear reported on the seminar he attended at Leadership. He also mentioned the Tattoo Expo and that we will need help for the event. Free passes will only be handed out to those who come to work the event.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed, seconded, no discussion, all in favor. Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Critter read the financial report for June. A motion was made to accept the financial report,

seconded, all were in favor. Motion was passed.

Sergeant at Arm's Report: Steve spoke about the Tattoo Expo and also reminded everyone that schools are re-opening soon and to watch your speed in school zones.

Road Captain's Report: Jon thanked everyone that rode with us to Palm Beach Chapter's annual. It looks so nice when a group of us on bikes pull in to an event. Jon mentioned that American Legion Post 222 (where we have our meetings) is having a bike night July 22 starting at 3:00PM.; Wheels of Man Chili cook-off is July 29. He also spoke about a Broward Veterans Coalition event being held at Broward. American Legion Post 142 is hosting a bike night today starting at 1pm. We will be going to Soldiers for Jesus' Annual at Mickey's after the meeting.

Safety Director Report: This position is open so there was no report.

Products Report: Jon reported that we have a couple of new products from State. The products are here and they are for sale. His new displays make a

really nice presentation.

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

State Representative's Report: There wasn't a state meeting this month, but the next state meeting is the 2nd weekend in August. It will be hosted by Lake County in Tavares, Florida and it's also their 30th anniversary.

Membership Report: This position is open, but being handled by Marie & Sheila Rose until we have a permanent person. We have 2 renewals and one new member so far this month.

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

Legislative Report: Brad was excused.

Public Relations: Fern was excused.

Billing and Invoicing: Sheila reported she pretty much has everything up to date.

Social Director's Report: This position is open, however, Marie brought the

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monthly birthday cake. Be sure to stay for our chapter birthday party after the meeting.

Newsletter Distribution: Poppie thanked everyone for their help in stepping up to distribute the newsletters while he was ill. He thanked Jon, Teddy Bear, and Postal for all of their help.

Quartermaster Report: Bob was not present.

Photographer's Report: Barry was present but had nothing to report.

Web-Master's Report: Rogue was excused, but everything is up and running.

Legal Council: Brad was excused.

Old Business: Critter spoke about the rifle drawing tickets. Please see her if you want to purchase tickets or can help sell them. Tickets are available for the State Party at in Arcadia at the Peace River Campground Nov.3-5. The advance price is \$30 for the weekend, which includes entrance to the event and tent camping all 3 days. Tickets at the gate will be \$35. There are discounts for RV's if you mention ABATE. See

Critter for tickets.

New Business: There was discussion about the Peterson's Poker Run and an alternative event in Naples if doesn't happen.

Good of the Order: Monday night dinners at States MC. If you have never been there, you are missing out on good home cooked food. Please try and go and support States MC as the always support us. Jon mentioned the trailer cleanup August 5th. Please contact him for details if you can come out and help.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is August 20, 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
Chapter





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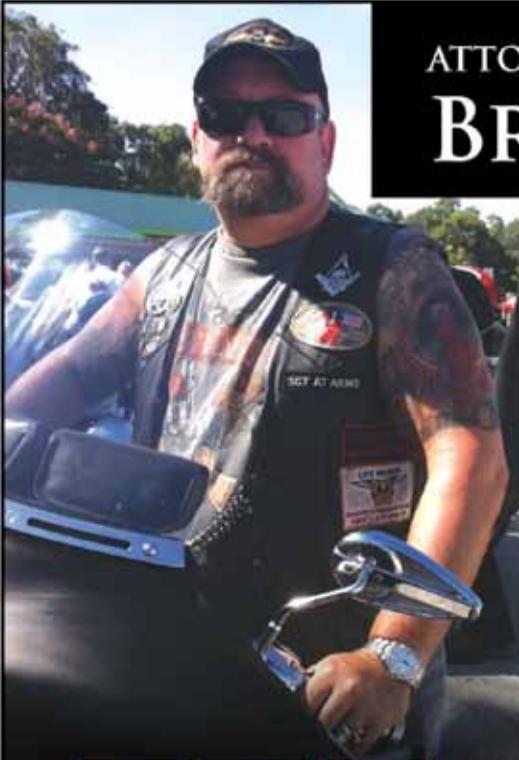
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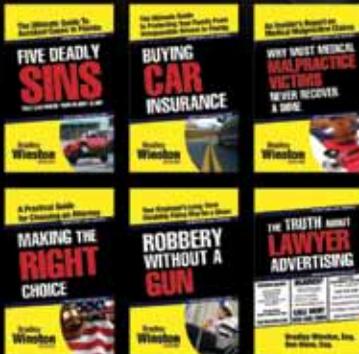


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A Message From Your Vice President

I hope everyone had a great 4th of July.

Well, I made it through the first month; starting with the General Meeting, E-Board Meeting and a trip to Ocala for the Leadership Seminar. I've been to some MC events and I had the pleasure of getting the newsletters from the printer.

I was very happy to see Poppie at the meeting. Glad to see him doing better. Since Wavy is taking on Poppie's route, I will be helping out by taking on some additional stops.

The Tattoo Expo is Aug. 11, 12 & 13th. Help is needed, please email or call me if you can help. Also, please join us and attend the upcoming rides and events as we need a good showing at the club events if we want them to come to ours.

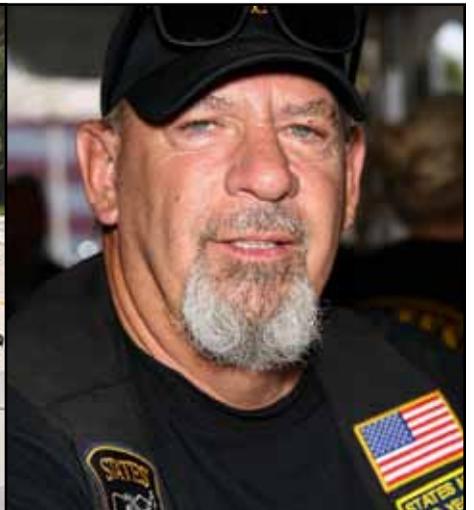
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Teddy Bear,

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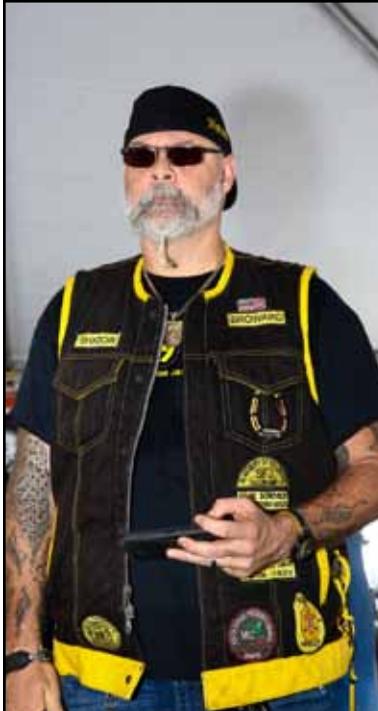


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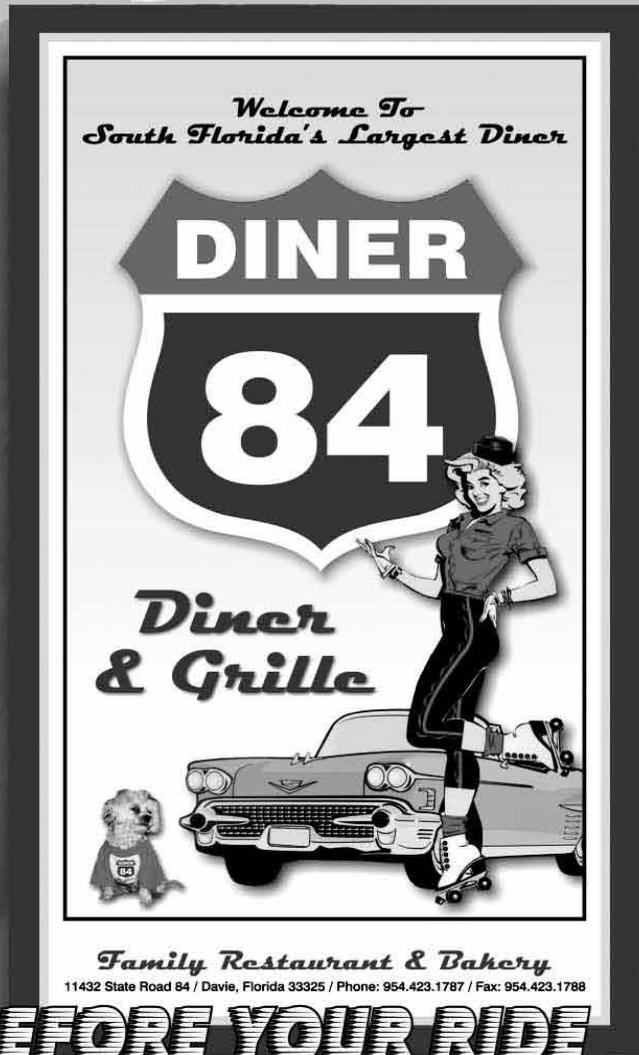
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AMA clears blender pump confusion

With the summer riding season in full-swing, the American Motorcyclist Association wants you to be informed when it comes to selecting safe fuel for your motorcycle.

E15 - which is 15 percent ethanol by volume and is not safe for motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle engines -- and fuels with higher ethanol content must adhere to federal labeling rules. Pump labeling is important, because it is illegal to operate motorcycles and ATVs on fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol by volume (E10). Using higher ethanol blends in motorcycles or ATVs may cause fuel system or engine damage and could void the manufacturer's warranty.

The rules governing fuel labels are:

E10: No federal label is required.

E15: Blender pumps must use the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved label for fuel containing more than 10 percent and up to 15 percent ethanol by volume.



E16-E50: Fuel containing between 16 percent and 50 percent ethanol by volume fall under one of two options from the Federal Trade Commission: 1) Retailers may label dispensers indicating the exact percentage of ethanol contained in the blend, or; 2) The percentage indicated on the label may be rounded to the nearest multiple of 10.

E51-E83 (Ethanol Flex Fuels): For fuel blends containing 51 percent to 83 percent ethanol by volume, the FTC offers three options: 1) Dispenser labels must disclose exact ethanol content; 2) The ethanol content may be rounded to the nearest multiple of 10; or 3) the ethanol content must be expressed as a range of 51 percent to 83 percent.



HERE ARE PHOTOS OF IMPROPER LABELING OR NO LABELING



In this example, the retailer conflates the EPA-approved E15 label with the FTC-approved label. There is only one approved label for E15. This label incorrectly refers to E15 as a "Flex Fuel." This label circumvents the Reid Vapor Pressure restrictions that prohibit the sale of E15 fuel in certain parts of the country during the summer months.



This blender pump in Ohio has none of the required labeling. It should have the EPA-approved E15 label and the FTC-approved label for the flex fuel. In fact, the retailer renames E15 as "Unleaded15" and uses a blue color.

The AMA wants to thank our members for sending these photos! If you see anything other than the federally-approved labels for ethanol-blended fuels, please take a photo and note the address of the retailer. Then forward the photo and information to the AMA at grassroots@ama-cycle.org.

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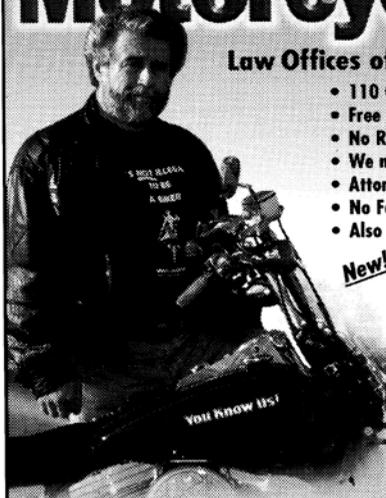
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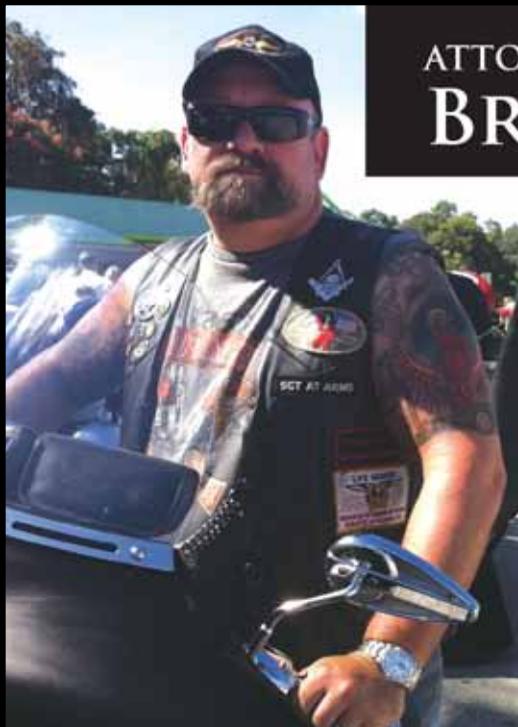
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SLOSBERG SEEKS TOUGHER LAW ON TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

By NATHALIE SCZUBLEWSKI
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA



BOCA RATON, July 26, 2017..... State Rep. Emily Slosberg appeared Tuesday night at a Boca Raton City Council meeting as she tries to build local-government support for the Legislature to make texting while driving a primary offense.

Florida is one of four states where texting while driving is a secondary offense, meaning that law enforcement cannot pull over motorists for texting at the wheel. Other states are Nebraska, Ohio and South Dakota. Motorists in Florida can only be cited for texting while driving if they are stopped for other reasons such as speeding or failing to wear seat belts.

The change to a primary offense would allow police to pull over motorists for violating the state's ban on texting while driving. "Currently, they can see a 17-year-old looking on Google Maps, texting, Snapchatting or Instagramming, and they cannot pull that driver over," Slosberg, D-Boca Raton, said. "Every other state in the country enforces this as a primary offense. Distracted driving fatalities and distracted driving injuries are increasing. This is preventable. Our law should be addressing this."

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers in the United States. In 2015, 2,333 people ages 16 to 19 were killed and 221,313 were treated in emergency departments for motor vehicle injuries, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Traffic fatalities in Florida increased nearly 18 percent in 2015, while teenage driver fatalities increased close to 30 percent.

Slosberg fought in the past to make texting while driving a primary offense for drivers under 18 and in school zones, but the Legislature did not approve the bills. She is now seeking local-government support for a resolution urging lawmakers to make texting while driving a primary offense, which she hopes would save lives and end distracted driving.

While discussing Slosberg's proposal, Boca Raton City Council member Scott Singer implored the audience to not text and drive. "Please don't drive distracted," Singer said. "Put your phone away. That one text message? It can wait."

Slosberg's persistence for safer roadways is personal. On Feb. 23, 1996, Slosberg and her twin sister Dori, got into a car with friends. The driver, 19, was speeding 90 mph in a 50 mph zone when the car struck a median and crashed into a car heading east. Emily Slosberg survived the crash with a punctured lung and several broken bones. Dori was killed along with four other teenagers. Slosberg's father, former Rep. Irv Slosberg, D-Boca Raton, also spent years urging lawmakers to improve Florida's roadways and traffic laws.

"I don't want anybody else to go through what I've been through," she said. "That is why I'm here." Tuesday evening ended in a victory for Slosberg as Boca Raton became the first city to pass Slosberg's resolution in a 5-0 vote. "I have a lot of emotion with it because this is my hometown," she said. "My twin sister was killed in Boca Raton, so it really means a lot to me that the city supports public safety."

Slosberg plans to try to get all 67 counties to pass resolutions supporting the proposal to make texting while driving a primary offense. She hopes the change will pass in the House and the Senate and be approved by Gov. Rick Scott. "I've written letters and called every single county commissioner," Slosberg said. "I'm not going to stop."



JUDGE STRIKES DOWN “STAND YOUR GROUND” CHANGES

By JIM TURNER
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, July 3, 2017 A Miami judge on Monday ruled that a change to the state’s “stand your ground” self-defense law signed nearly a month ago by Gov. Rick Scott, intended to better protect the rights of defendants, is unconstitutional. Supporters of the controversial law, approved by the GOP-dominated Legislature earlier this year, called the ruling “a notable setback” and predicted an appeal.

“I’d be surprised if this decision wasn’t overturned by the appellate court,” Fleming Island Republican Sen. Rob Bradley, a former prosecutor who sponsored the legislation, said after Monday’s ruling by Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Milton Hirsch.

In a 14-page order, Hirsch wrote that the Legislature overstepped its authority with the change, which involves pre-trial burden-of-proof. The statutory change violates Florida’s separation of powers doctrine because it amounts to a “procedural” revision, something that must be handled by the Florida Supreme Court, Hirsch wrote. While the Legislature makes “substantive” law, the judiciary is in charge of procedural matters, the judge wrote.

The constitutional separation of powers bars the legislative, judicial and executive branches from exercising powers consigned to another branch, Hirsch explained. “It applies whether the purposes of the overreaching branch of government are benign or otherwise. It applies even when its application prevents a seemingly salutary change in law from becoming law. It applies in such cases because experience with government has shown that any momentary benefit expected from a change in law is usually outweighed by the lasting detriment resulting from a change in our constitutional system of checks and balances,” he wrote.

The new law, the only major gun-related measure to advance this year, shifted the burden of proof from defendants to prosecutors in the pre-trial hearings.

In “stand your ground” cases, pre-trial evidentiary hearings are held to determine whether defendants should be immune from prosecution.

Critics argued, in part, that the change would lead to cases ending before all the facts are revealed. Proponents of the bill, supported by groups such as the National Rifle Association, said shifting the burden of proof would better protect the rights of defendants.

NRA lobbyist Marion Hammer, a former president of the national organization, said it was difficult to comment on the ruling. “It is so bad I’m at a loss for words,” she said.

Bradley, who backed the change the past two sessions, said the law simply cleared up an ambiguity found in the original 2005 “stand your ground” law, the first of its kind in the

nation. Bradley said the legislation (SB 128) was drafted as a response to “clarify” what he called a misinterpretation of “stand your ground” by the state Supreme Court, in a case known as *Bretherick v. State*.

The Florida Supreme Court ruled in July 2015 that people who use the defense have the burden of showing they should be shielded from prosecution. In “stand your ground” cases, pre-trial evidentiary hearings are held to determine whether defendants are immune from prosecution. Under the new law, which applies retroactively, the burden of proof is on prosecutors.

“Once the Legislature filled in the blanks, which is what we did, that certainly was an action that was within the appropriate purview of the Legislature,” Bradley said.

House Speaker Richard Corcoran, a lawyer, also predicted that the circuit judge’s ruling would be overturned. “It is the role of the Legislature to write the laws that govern how Floridians may exercise their statutory and constitutional rights,” Corcoran, R-Land O’ Lakes, said in a statement. “The Florida House will continue to stand with ordinary citizens who exercise their right to self-defense. We look forward to this decision being reversed on appeal.” Scott spokeswoman Kerri Wyland said Monday that the governor’s office was reviewing the decision.

During debate on the measure earlier this year, Democrats labeled the self-defense proposal “a shoot to kill” and “how to get away with murder” bill. The proposal was approved along party lines on the final day of the regular legislative session that ended early in May.

“Yet another ill-conceived law rammed thru the legislature by GOP is ruled unconstitutional,” Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith, an Orlando Democrat, tweeted shortly after Hirsch’s Monday ruling.

The “stand your ground” law has long been controversial. It says people can use deadly force and do not have a duty to retreat if they think it is necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm.

Lucy McBath, faith and outreach leader for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, on Monday called the ruling “a notable setback in the dangerous expansion of ‘stand your ground’ laws.”

“Florida is one of the few states to expand or enact a Stand Your Ground law since the senseless killings of my son, Jordan Davis, and Trayvon Martin,” said McBath, who attended a number of committee hearings on the bill this year. “We must continue to fight for the safety of our communities, and we must continue to fight for justice.”

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AUGUST 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Wings of Gold MC Party (Miami)	7 States MC Pompano Dinner	8	9	10	11 22 nd S. Florida Tattoo Expo Aug 11-13	12 ABATE State Meeting
13 AOA 50th Anniv. & Moldy's B-day Party	14 States MC Pompano Dinner	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 States MC Pompano Dinner	22	23	24	25	26 Outcast MC Party
CHAPTER MEETING	28 States MC Pompano Dinner	29	30	31		
27	28 States MC Pompano Dinner	29	30	31		

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SEPTEMBER 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Southern MC Teddy Bear Run	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10 States MC Key West Tune Up Party	11 States MC Pompano Dinner	12	13	14	15 Petersons 45 th Key West Poker Run Sept. 15-17	16
17 CHAPTER MEETING	18 States MC Pompano Dinner	19	20	21	22	23
24 Keltics MC Party	25 States MC Pompano Dinner	26	27	28	29	30

2017 CALENDAR

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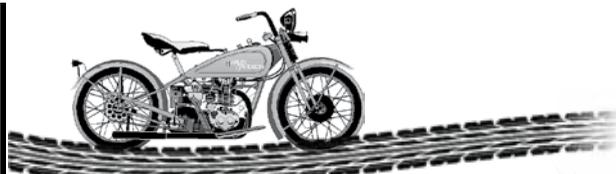
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AUGUST

- 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
- 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

OCTOBER

- 1: **MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL**
- 7: **NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL**
- 8: **S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL**
- 19-22: DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
- 21: WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY
- 28: ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY
- 29: CMA - MEMORIAL

NOVEMBER

- 4: **HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL**
- 11: Veterans Day
- 11: **USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL**
- 18: **LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL**
- 23: Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

- 10: **SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN**
- 16: PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
- 16: HERMANDAD MC-ALFREDO MEMORIAL & TOY RUN
- 17: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN
- 25: Christmas Day

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
- 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
- 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 Miceys

WEEK DAYS

- Mon - States MC Pompano Dinner Nite 6:30pm start
- Mon - Ladies nite at Sharkey's 9-2, 241 beverages
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- Last Tues - USMVMC Palm Bch Open House
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- 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!

Another article from the ABATE Road Captain that doesn't suck!

To all that are going to the Sturgis Rally, have a safe trip and good time.

In July, ABATE had a few good group rides. Thank you to all that rode together, it is nice to see a group. Let's keep up the good work.



On a bad note, we did not have a very good turn-out for our July ABATE meeting. Remember if you are a member and can make the meetings, PLEASE ATTEND. See what is going on and it also shows support of the organization. If you are reading this and you are not a member you should think about becoming a member. Remember this, United ABATE stands, divided it falls. ABATE needs your support!

***To be included in texts
about these and/or
other events
Contact Wavy
at 954-261-9242***

Now on to the trivia –

1. The first motorbike was built where and in what year?
2. Who built the first motorbike?
3. What kind of motorcycle did Marlon Brando ride in the movie The Wild One?

Also don't forget about the Tattoo Expo, August 11th thru the 13th and AOA's 50th Anniversary Party on Aug 13th.

Hope to see you at both. Until then—Ride Safe and try to stay dry (good luck with that one—LOL).

Till next time - ride free and ride safe,

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We should ask ourselves how we treat people we encounter on a daily basis:

1. How often do you have a smile on your face when you make eye contact with someone?
2. When was the last time you let someone into traffic?
3. How often do you say thank you?
4. Do you hold a door open for someone when entering someplace?
5. When someone asks you how are you doing, do you answer "great," or do you really tell them how you are feeling? Your answer should be great no matter how you are feeling.

I could go on forever.

My point being that we all could and should be aware of how we treat other people in our daily lives, and by doing so, those we treat better might do the same for the people they encounter. Just a hello, or a thank you, that's all it might take to make a person's day, and you'd be surprised it might make you have a better day too!

There is a saying you probably heard already, it's WWJD. What it stands for is, "What Would Jesus Do"? When you know Jesus you know exactly what He would do in any given situation.

Remember two wrongs don't make a right. If someone doesn't treat you the way they should, don't get angry, try treating them the way they should have treated you, you'll see, it will make you feel like a better person and maybe it will be contagious and rub off on them.

So let's try being a little more caring about other people's feelings as we go through our daily life. I think we can all make a difference.

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FORMER JUDGE TO RUN FOR ROS-LEHTINEN SEAT The race to replace retiring Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen continues to get more crowded. Democrat Mary Barzee Flores, a former Miami-Dade County circuit judge, announced Wednesday she will run for the Congressional District 27 seat next year. Barzee Flores was nominated by former President Barack Obama to become a federal judge, but the nomination was blocked by U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla. Barzee Flores, a Coral Gables resident, alluded to the scuttled nomination in a campaign announcement Wednesday, saying "petty partisan politics" prevented her from becoming a federal judge but that she remains "committed to serving this community and this country." Ros-Lehtinen, a Republican, announced in April she would not run again in 2018. The move has led to Republicans and Democrats lining up to try to succeed her in the Miami-Dade district. Along with Barzee Flores, other Democrats seeking the seat include state Sen. Jose Javier Rodriguez of Miami and state Rep. David Richardson of Miami Beach.

PEREZ TOPS MALLEA IN HOUSE GOP PRIMARY Political newcomer Daniel Perez handily won a Republican primary Tuesday for a Miami-Dade County state House seat, overcoming an opponent who had support from top-flight GOP names including former Gov. Jeb Bush. With 45 of 47 precincts reporting, Perez had 54.8 percent of the vote in the special primary in House District 116, to 45.2 percent for Jose Mallea. The difference between the two was a little more than 600 votes, but it was virtually certain that the outstanding ballots would not put Mallea over the top. Perez will face Gabriela Mayaudon, a Democrat and former Venezuelan legislator, in the Sept. 26 special general election. House Republicans leaders were already lining up behind Perez, whose win was something of an upset given Mallea's endorsements and fundraising advantage. "Congrats Daniel Perez on your hard fought victory tonight," tweeted Rep. Chris Spowls, a Palm Harbor Republican slated to become House speaker after the 2020 elections. "FL House Republicans stand ready to see you across the finish line. On to victory." Mallea raised nearly \$265,000 in the race, compared to \$168,000 for Perez. Mallea also had the endorsements of Bush, former House Speaker Will Weatherford and some business groups. Perez, for his part, won the backing of the Florida Medical Association Political Action Committee. His website touts his support for President Donald Trump --- a divisive figure in Miami-Dade --- and Perez accused Mallea of disloyalty to U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, whose first Senate campaign Mallea managed. Mallea's campaign was also tough, attacking Perez for photographs featuring the candidate and his fiancée in Cuba and filing a lawsuit alleging Perez had been misleading about his residency in campaign filings. Perez enters the general election as the favorite; former Rep. Jose Felix Diaz, a Republican, carried District 116 by almost 24 points in November.

DIAZ, TADDEO CRUISE TO SENATE PRIMARY WINS Republican Jose Felix Diaz and Democrat Annette Taddeo handily defeated their opponents Tuesday in a Miami-Dade County special primary election as they seek to replace a GOP senator who resigned after a profanity-laced tirade this spring. Diaz, who stepped down from his House seat to pursue the open Senate post, cruised to victory over former state Sen. Alex Diaz de la Portilla, a member of a Miami-Dade political dynasty who once served as Senate majority leader and who spent more than 16 years as a legislator before leaving the Capitol due to term limits. In the Democratic primary, Taddeo, who was Congressman Charlie Crist's running mate in his unsuccessful 2014 bid for governor, defeated Ana Rivas Logan, a Republican-turned Democrat and former Miami-Dade County School Board member. The conclusion of Tuesday's

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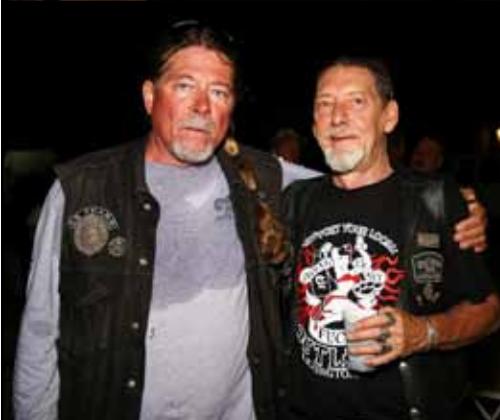
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fierce primary contests in Senate District 40 set the stage for what could be an even more brutal general election on Sept. 26. With nearly all of the ballots tallied by 8 p.m. Tuesday, Diaz, known as “Pepi” throughout the Capitol, garnered more than 57 percent of the vote, compared to Diaz de la Portilla’s 26 percent. Republican lawyer Lorenzo Palomares finished a distant third, with less than 17 percent of the vote. “Thank you to all my friends, family, and constituents for their support. Congrats to @AlexDLP40 and @palolaw2 on a hard fought race #SD40,” Diaz tweeted about 45 minutes after the polls closed at 7 p.m. In a statement, Taddeo --- who nailed more than 70 percent of the vote --- set the stage for what will certainly be a heated general election contest against Diaz, an early supporter of President Donald Trump who appeared on Trump’s television show, “The Apprentice.” **Sen. Jeff Clemens, a Lake Worth Democrat who will become his party’s Senate leader after the 2018 elections** [emphasis added], sent out a fundraising email after the polls closed describing the Taddeo-Diaz general election as a “huge race” and saying Democrats “have the right candidate with the right policies at the right time.” “If we win this election --- and we certainly can --- we will take an important step to securing the Senate and making sure that a Democratic agenda is represented in our state’s governing,” Clemens said in the email.

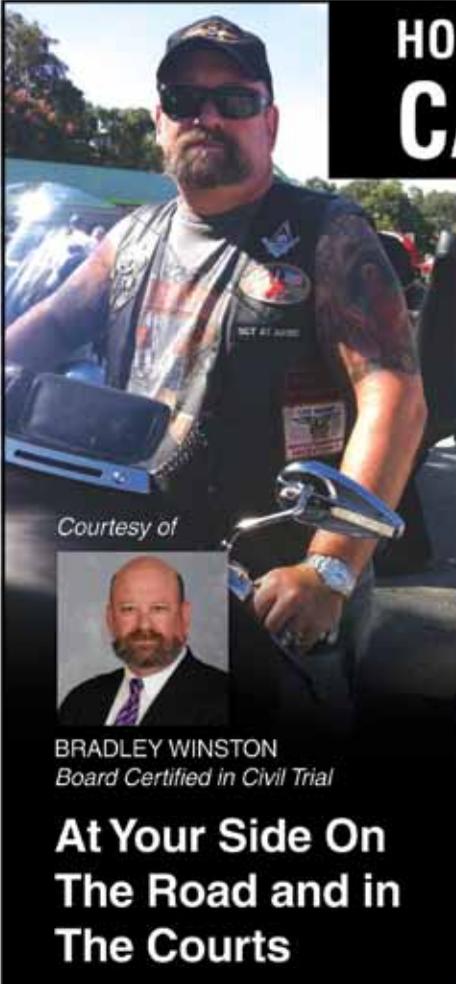
RAULERSON TO RESIGN FROM HOUSE State Rep. Dan Raulerson, a Plant City Republican who has battled a painful back condition, plans to resign from the House on Aug. 15, the Tampa Bay Times reported Tuesday. Raulerson, who represents Hillsborough County’s House District 58, was first elected to the Legislature in 2012. He opened a campaign account to run again in 2018 but had raised only \$2,000 as of June 30, state records show. Raulerson, a certified public accountant, tweeted early Tuesday evening, “Thank you to my District 58 constituents for allowing me to serve you. It was a great honor.” Raulerson has a condition known as spinal stenosis and plans to have back surgery soon, the Times reported. “I need to focus on my health and my business,” he said. The Times also reported that Raulerson expects to send a formal resignation letter this week to House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O’ Lakes.

CHALLENGE TO OPEN-CARRY LAW GOES TO U.S. SUPREME COURT Attorneys for a man arrested in 2012 in St. Lucie County asked the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday to take up a challenge to the constitutionality of a Florida law that bars people from openly carrying firearms in public. The petition to the U.S. Supreme Court came slightly more than four months after the Florida Supreme Court, in a 4-2 decision, upheld the longstanding law. Monday’s 35-page petition contends the law violates the Second Amendment and conflicts with U.S. Supreme Court rulings about gun rights. “The issue is whether a prohibition on peaceably and openly carrying a lawfully-owned handgun infringes on ‘the right of the people to . . . bear arms’ protected by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution,” said the petition, posted on the website of the group Florida Carry, which has helped represent Dale Norman, the man arrested in St. Lucie County. A majority of the Florida Supreme Court, however, upheld a 4th District Court of Appeal ruling against Norman. “(We) agree with the 4th District and are satisfied that the state’s prohibition on openly carrying firearms in public with specified exceptions --- such as authorizing the open carrying of guns to and from and during lawful recreational activities --- while still permitting those guns to be carried, albeit in a concealed manner, reasonably fits the state’s important government interests of public safety and reducing gun-related violence,” the March 2 majority opinion said. Norman, who had a concealed-weapons license, was arrested for carrying a gun openly in a holster. A jury found Norman guilty of a second-degree misdemeanor, and a trial judge imposed a \$300 fine and court costs.

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MILLENNIALS ARE NEGATIVELY IMPACTING MOTORCYCLING

U.S. motorcycle sales for Harley-Davidson, which represents about half of America's big-bike market, were down 3.9% last year, and investment management firm Alliance Bernstein recently downgraded the Motor Company's rating while citing the millennial generation as a key contributor in the brand's downturn.

"Our data suggests the younger Gen Y population is adopting motorcycling at a far lower rate than prior generations," AB analyst David Beckel told AOL's Business Insider. "Gen Y's are aging into the important 'pre-family' cohort of riders and Boomers are increasingly handing over their keys to the smaller Gen X population."

Millennials have surpassed Baby Boomers in numbers to become the largest generation pool in the United States, and these 18 to 35-year-olds grew up during a recession, which has impacted their spending habits.

"I think we have got a very significant psychological scar from this great recession," according to Morgan Stanley analyst Kimberly Greenberger. "One in every five households at the time were severely negatively impacted by that event. And, if you think about the children in that house and how the length and depth of that recession really impacted people, I think you have an entire generation with permanently changed spending habits."

BIKE-TO-VEHICLE (B2V) TECHNOLOGY TO PREVENT MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS

Drivers involved in an accident with a motorcycle often claim they didn't see the bike. Their smaller size, quickness and maneuverability makes motorcycles more difficult to identify in traffic. Autotalks, the world leader in V2X (Vehicle-to-Everything)

communication solutions, is launching its bike-to-vehicle (B2V) solution, a technology for the prevention of motorcycle accidents. The solution is based on the B2X (Bike-to-Everything) chipset developed by the Israeli company.

Research conducted by Bosch, a leading global supplier of technology and services, finds that motorcycle-to-car communication could prevent almost one third of motorcycle related accidents, which has encouraged the German company to develop what they call a "digital protective shield" for riders. Digital visibility would warn the driver of a car about a motorcycle's close presence, even when it's not visible to the human eye.

The goal of the new technology is to prevent accidents from occurring, by providing warning notices on dashboards. The data would be exchanged by vehicle transmitters through public WLAN and ITS-G5. Potential hazards and nearby motorcycles would then show up on satellite navigation, including direction of travel, position, speed, acceleration, and vehicle type.

Advantages of the Autotalks' B2V solution include simple integration, low power consumption, the smallest form factor, highest range of operating temperature and smallest physical size, which results in its resistance to the strong vibration and challenging environmental conditions of motorcycles.

OREGON ENACTS R-O-W LAW TO PROTECT MOTORCYCLISTS

A "Right-of-Way" or R-O-W law has been enacted in Oregon, as House Bill 2598 was signed by Governor Kate Brown on June 20, 2017. The bill also known as the "Milkman Mike Act" or the "Driver Responsibility Bill" will become law on January 1, 2018 and expands the offense of vehicular assault to include contact with motorcycle, motorcycle operator or motorcycle passenger that causes physical injury.

"This means that if a reckless driver injures a motorcycle rider or their passenger, the driver can be charged with vehicular assault and will be a Class A Misdemeanor," reports the Oregon Confederation of Clubs. The punishment can be doing time up to one year in prison and a maximum fine up to a \$6,250.

"This is a great win for Oregon riders!," states the Oregon COC on their website (www.oregoncoc.org). "Now we have something that has some teeth in it to punish drivers who are determined to be 'reckless'. We have had too many brothers and sisters run down by car drivers getting

a ticket for nominal money or no ticket at all. At best they get a slight bump in their insurance rates. And in the case of no ticket, their insurance company never really has a clue they have a high risk client on their hands.

“All it took was a sharp attorney (Oregon A.I.M. Attorney Christopher Slater) to do a very simple thing. He had the great idea to look to see if there is existing legislation. He found legislation that covered bicyclists and pedestrians (ORS 811.060). From there it was easy to add a few words...‘motorcycle rider and passenger.’ It was so simple it was brilliant. Much thanks to Christopher and his efforts. Many thanks to BikePac of Oregon and ABATE of Oregon who also worked hard to make this bill a reality. “And may Milkman Mike rest in peace forever. This legislation is something he worked hard to achieve for many years. He was unable to see it done due to a health issue and we lost him several years ago. Mike was constantly working within the motorcycle rights community. He also worked as the coordinator for the Coalition of Independent Riders (COIR). He spent a great amount of time adding non affiliated and independent riders to his communication roster.”

NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE DRIVER INSTRUCTION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STOPS

Similar to a measure recently adopted in Louisiana to teach new licensees how to interact with police during traffic stops, House Bill 21 “Driver Instruction/Law Enforcement Stops” has been approved unanimously by the North Carolina legislature and signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper on July 12, 2017.

HB 21 provides that “The Division, in consultation with the State Highway Patrol, the North Carolina Sheriff’s Association, and the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, shall include in the driver license handbook a description of law enforcement procedures during traffic stops and the actions that a motorist should take during a traffic stop, including appropriate interactions with law enforcement officers.”

OHIO ‘DEAD RED’ LAW AMENDED FOR BICYCLES

ONLY During a lame-duck legislative session ending last December, the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 154, commonly referred to as a “Dead Red” law, allowing all vehicles and bicycles to treat a malfunctioning traffic signal as a stop sign and to proceed through a red light after a reasonable time has elapsed, as long as the intersection is clear and you must yield to oncoming traffic with the right of way. Signed by the governor, the new

law was to take effect in March, but an amendment was introduced and fast-tracked as an emergency measure to remove all motor vehicles (cars, trucks and motorcycles) from the law, and House Bill 9 amended the red light section to apply to bicycles only.

Under the language of HB 154, if drivers think they have waited long enough at a red light, they can go through it, explained Representative Kyle Koehler (R-Springfield), primary sponsor of the amendment bill HB 9 “To amend section 4511.132 of the Revised Code to specify that the alternative protocol for proceeding into an intersection with malfunctioning traffic lights due to a failure of a vehicle detector applies only to bicycles, and to declare an emergency.”

Unlike when a stoplight is out or blinking because of a mechanical failure, there is no way for a driver to know for sure if an otherwise functioning light has been signaled to change, so legislators worried that the law would allow motor vehicle drivers to treat intersections like stop signs. Lawmakers rushed to fix the law, and HB 154 passed both chambers unanimously and was signed into law as an emergency measure by Gov. John Kasich, taking effect right away.

While ABATE of Ohio maintains that all Traffic Control Devices should be in good working order at all times and is working with the Ohio Department of Transportation to report/repair malfunctioning devices (Red Light Hotline (614) 387-0722 or biker.report@dot.state.oh.us), the organization reports that “Legislation granting motorcycles the ability to treat a malfunctioning traffic signal as a stop sign is planned for the future.”

Basically, “Dead Red” laws allow a motorcyclist stopped at an intersection who has not been detected by a traffic signal sensor to run the light legally, when done so safely. Currently, 20 states have enacted such laws, varying in specificity from 45 seconds to 3 minutes, or 1-2 cycles of the light, or “when safe”: AR, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, MN, MO, NV, NC, OK, OR, NJ, PA, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WY.

NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES VETERAN RIDERS

On Thursday, June 22, 2017 the New Jersey Senate and the Assembly voted unanimously to pass Senate Bill No. 1750, and Assembly Bill No. 2729, to create a Veteran license plate for motorcycles.

This establishes “U.S. VET” plates for any honorably discharged Veteran. There will be an annual \$10 charge

for these plates and all monies collected will be deposited in a fund to be used by the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for the support of programs benefiting New Jersey military veterans.

"When the Governor signs this legislation, it will end an over eight year campaign by ABATE for these plates," announced Frank C. Maimone of ABATE of the Garden State.

HAWAII GOVERNOR VETOES BILL FOR MOTORCYCLISTS TO USE SHOULDER LANES

Legislation to allow motorcyclists to travel on shoulder lanes in congested traffic passed through the Hawaii legislature but was vetoed by Governor David Ige on July 11.

House Bill 727, introduced by Representative Henry J.C. Aquino (D-Waipahu), passed both the House and Senate with only two 'No' votes, and would "authorize the operator of a motorcycle or motor scooter to proceed cautiously upon the shoulder of the roadway, in the same direction at a reduced rate of speed of no more than ten miles per hour" until the adjacent lane cleared.

The intent of the measure was to alleviate congestion and reduce the risk of injury or loss of life, but in his veto message, Gov. Ige countered that "There is concern that this will compromise road safety. The shoulder lane is designed to accommodate stopped vehicles and emergency vehicles on highways, and bicycles on arterial roadways. While the intent of the bill is to reduce risk or injury or loss of life, there is concern that allowing shoulder lane use to these types of vehicles will instead create more danger for the operators of these vehicles."

VIETNAM TO BAN MOTORCYCLES IN CAPITAL CITY

The city of Hanoi, capital of Vietnam, has over 7.5 million inhabitants, and between them these citizens own more than 5 million motorcycles and half a million cars. In addition to the city progressively developing public transportation and banning certain vehicles from certain locations at certain times to combat congestion and pollution, Hanoi has stated intentions to ban all motorcycles in 2030.

INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE BANS COMING FROM EUROPE, ASIA

A growing list of countries plan to ban conventional vehicles running on gasoline, diesel or other fossil fuels. Several European and Asian countries have already laid out ambitious plans to eliminate fossil

fuel-powered vehicles:

- Norway & The Netherlands have designed the most aggressive plans, wanting to switch to electric vehicles by 2025.
- India wants to get all of its vehicles switched to battery power by 2030, not only ending the sale of internal combustion vehicles, but will convert or replace all vehicles on the road.
- France announced plans coinciding with the G20 summit to have 80% of its fleet electrified by 2023.
- Germany is pushing to end sales of gas and diesel cars by 2030.
- China is increasing sales of so-called New Energy Vehicles by putting strict limits on the number of new vehicles that can be registered in major cities, exempting NEV models.

Sales of all battery-based vehicles dipped globally in 2016, and in the U.S. sales of hybrids, plug-ins, and BEVs (Battery Electric Vehicles) collectively accounted for barely 3% of the overall new vehicle market.

WHAT IF 10% OF DRIVERS SWITCHED TO MOTORCYCLES?

In recognition of Ride to Work Day in June, the Motorcycle Industry Association in the U.K. released figures highlighting the benefits for everyone if just 10% of car drivers made the switch to two wheels -- including a 20% increase in parking spaces, a 40% reduction in road congestion and financial savings from less cars on the road.

The figures come from a Belgian study, which modeled traffic for one of Europe's congested roads and found that if 10% of car drivers swapped four wheels for two, congestion for all road users went down by 40%. If 25% of drivers rode, congestion was completely eliminated.

The INRIX Global Traffic Scorecard calculated the cost of congestion to the economy at around £30 billion a year (\$39 billion USD) – a figure that would reduce if more people switched to two wheels. Drivers could gain up to the equivalent of four days (32 hours) annually stuck in traffic.

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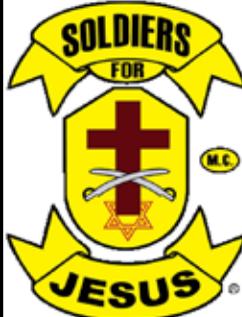


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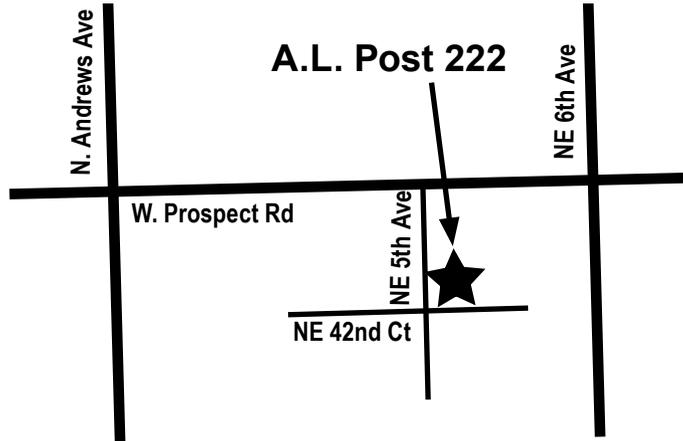
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