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Educate, don't legislate

– stuff we thought you might like to know
-by: Sheila, Sandy, Little Bit, & Thunder

Did you ever wonder how ABATE started? Below is a great article, in its entirety, that tells it all.

Meeting of the Minds – by Ed Youngblood

American Motorcyclist – Journal of the AMA – February 1994, Volume 48, No. 2

All we ever wanted to do was just enjoy the freedom of riding our motorcycles. Unfortunately, it isn't always that easy. At least it hasn't been for the last couple of decades.

Many of us discovered that painful fact for the first time when Congress passed the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966. Among its many provisions, the law ordered individual states to enact mandatory helmet laws or lose substantial amounts of federal funds.

Motorcyclists across the nations were stunned and outraged. “You can't tell me how to dress!” they said. “You can't decide what level of protection is appropriate for me!”

Many participated in public protests. Some defied the helmet laws that sprang up all over the country. A few even challenged the laws in court, a process that was expensive, frustrating and ultimately unsuccessful.

It became evident that the only possibility of success lay in long-term efforts to overturn or modify existing laws. And we were painfully under-skilled and ill-equipped for the task. After all, we just wanted to be left alone to ride our motorcycles.

In case we didn't get the message in 1966, a second alarm was sounded when President Nixon issued Executive Order 11644 in 1972, with a stroke of his pen, Nixon started a federal planning process that would severely limit the use of motorized vehicles on public lands.

Dirt riders throughout the country were stunned and outraged. “You can't tell me when, where and how I can use my public land!” they said. But it turned out that the government could do precisely that.

If anything, this issue was even more difficult to confront than state helmet laws. For one thing, it was based on policy development in several federal agencies, not on a single law that could be overturned. For another, off-road riders had a harder time drawing attention to their position. Like their angry road-riding brothers, some tried public protests, but they proved largely ineffective. The public could see road-riders as they circled a courthouse or state capital building. But no one took much notice of demonstrations in remote off-road riding areas.

Off-roaders quickly discovered that they didn't have adequate means to deal with the issues affecting them. After all, they just wanted to...well, you know the rest.

These landmark events revolutionized the role of motorcycling organizations. From its inception in 1924, the AMA (American Motorcyclist Association) had had been primarily involved in organizing social and competitive motorcycling events. The Association had made sporadic attempts to defend the rights of motorcyclists, but these were mostly the result of voluntary actions undertaken by the AMA's Board of Trustees.

Faced with these new threats, however, the AMA set up a Government Relations Department in 1971. For the first time, the AMA hired a full-time professional staff to deal with the frightening changes that were coming out of Washington and various state capitals.

The AMA wasn't alone in confronting these issues. Concerned riders formed state and local-level motorcyclist rights organizations all over the nation. Some were affiliated with the AMA, others were not. Many adopted the moniker ABATE, standing for “A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments.”

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In spite of the emergence of many organizations sharing a common name, communications between these state groups was poor or non-existent. While all seemed to be focusing on the same issue – usually opposition to mandatory helmet laws – disputes over leadership, credit, tactics and style began to dominate the movement. This atmosphere damaged the ability of the AMA or any other entity to put together an effective national movement.

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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.
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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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By the early 1980's, some of these state organizations began to realize that a negative agenda and a confrontational style were not getting results with legislators or the public. We saw opposition to mandatory helmet law as an issue of constitutional rights. But opponents and the media depicted it as an anti-safety position.

The more progressive leaders in the movement changed the acronym ABATE to mean "American Bikers Aimed Toward Education", and adopted the slogan, "Educate, don't legislate". The conservative wing of the movement did not initially agree with these changes in message and style, and the communications gaps among various motorcycle rights organizations widened even further.

By 1985, at least one state leader realized that valuable energy was being lost to infighting among the many groups. Michael Farabaugh, head of ABATE of Indiana and a former president of AMA District 15, got on the phone and invited other leaders to what he called a Meeting of the Minds, centrally located in St. Louis.

Today the idea of a motorcyclist rights summit conference seems logical and necessary, but at the time it was a pretty gutsy concept. I attended that first Meeting of the Minds and I remember how strangely it began. Everyone there was unquestionably devoted to motorcycling and individual freedom, but not necessarily devoted to working together on behalf of those concepts. In fact, they mostly stood back and treated each other like visitors from another planet. Clearly, many of them were on hand to decide once and for all who the good guys and bad guys were.

But a funny thing happened as the conference progressed. By the end of the weekend everyone had come to realize there were no bad guys. Sure, there were some personality conflicts, but that's to be expected among energetic, committed and opinionated people. Most of those present quickly learned to look beyond their personal conflicts to the common cause of defending personal freedom.

Establishing lines of communication between these leaders would have been success enough, but something else happened at that conference. Through discussions on a wide range of topics, more and more state rights organization leaders began to see that they needed to adopt a positive

agenda. Instead of just opposing helmet laws, these leaders began to support programs that motorcyclists could offer as a more effective safety alternative to helmet laws. In particular, many of them got behind promotion of rider education and public awareness of motorcycling programs that appear to have contributed to a substantial reduction in motorcycling fatalities in the years since.

Now, the Meeting of the Minds is an annual institution, with various state rights groups volunteering to play host. In 1987, this ongoing communication resulted in the formation of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), and funding for a full-time lobbyist in Washington. Today the MRF's Wayne Curtain and the AMA's Washington representative, Jim Bensberg, meet regularly to compare notes and pool resources for dealing with regulations and legislation that could affect American motorcyclists.

I recently attended the ninth Meeting of the Minds, organized in Denver by ABATE of Colorado, and it gave me an opportunity to see how far we've come. I was impressed by the sophistication of the topics, the quality of the speakers and the energy of the movement as a whole. It's sometimes easy to find yourself focusing only on the seemingly insurmountable challenges that face us, and I needed this retrospective experience to remember that the challenges we faced in 1971 seemed at least as insurmountable then. Yet the past 23 have included plenty of victories to balance out the setbacks, and I'm sure we'll continue to win legislative battles as long as our leaders communicate and focus their energies upon a common agenda. Next year will mark the 10th anniversary of the Meeting of the Minds, and it will be held again in St. Louis, where it all began. I can't wait for this landmark event. It will be a great moment for American motorcycling.

As I observed the proceedings in Denver, listening to people sharing strategies for grassroots lobbying, voter registration campaigns, computer bulletin boards, electronic legislative reporting services, statistical analysis, media relations, direct mail fund-raising and political action committees, I couldn't help smiling. After all, I wasn't in the midst of highly paid lobbyists and politicians. These were men and women who really wanted to be left alone to ride their motorcycles.

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From Your President



Well, I would first like to thank Alan from Mickey's Tiki for letting us have our meeting Outback. I would also like to thank the people that came out to our Chapter meeting. We all wore masks and stayed 6 feet apart. And to those of you who stayed home, and I know why you did, I want to thank you too, and we missed you guys.

We have a new advertiser, Viking Customs. They have a new shop in Pompano, off Dixie Highway. Welcome to the community. Thank you for supporting ABATE. You guys rock!

Hey, everybody, we need advertisers for the newsletter. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated. We are the only motorcycle rag in town. And we put out 850 printed newsletters, dropping them off at over 50 places, plus it is also online. And remember, you can also sponsor a page in our newsletter. We can put your name across the top of a page, "this page sponsored by..." so and so.

Be safe out there. Wear your mask (or your full-face helmet, haha). Wash your hands. But most of all, make sure to go out there and ride your bike. It's good for the soul and the spirit. I say, the more miles the better it is for you, lol.

I really miss all of my friends, from the old days and the old ways, you know, February 2020....

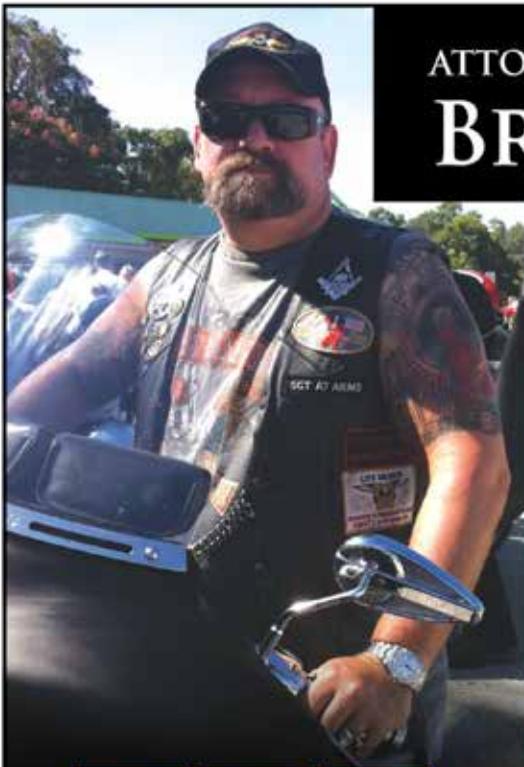
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*Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at Mickey's Tiki Bar (outside)
350 SW 12th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL
July 19, 2020*

Sgt. At Arms Mike called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. There were 17 members present. (Note: All wore masks and social distanced.) The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by our Bear.

President's Report:

Johnny opened the meeting by thanking everyone for showing up even in the Pandemic. He thanked Alan for letting us have our meeting at his place of business. He reminded everyone about the elections and this is our second round. He said we are keeping the meeting short today. He also reminded everyone to please support the advertisers.

Vice-President's Report:

Wavy also thanked everyone for coming due to the pandemic. There is a jar for newsletter publishing donations, to help pay for our newsletter.

Secretary's Report:

Marie thanked Zach (Sparkles) for taking the last month's Minutes and she commended him on his format. Marie is retiring and moving to Leesburg, FL and Zach is running to take her position. A motion was made to accept the Minutes as printed. Seconded, no discussion, all in favor; Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Sheila read the financial report. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor,

Motion was passed.

Sergeant at Arms Report:

Mike was present but due to short time we have to do the meeting there was nothing to report.

Road Captain's Report:

Troy is out of the country for work and Zach had nothing to report.

Safety Director Report:

Wavy had nothing to report.

Products Report:

Laurel (Little Bit) was not present so Sheila spoke. The shirt sale will be next month. If there is a specific item or order, please contact Laurel.

Events Coordinator:

Gabe was not present. There was no report.

State Representative Report:

Zach reported that the next state meeting is August 8th in Leesburg. He will be leaving around 4:00PM on Friday, so anyone wanting to go, hook up with him.

Membership Report:

Sheila read the membership report and reported we have over 600 members in our Chapter.

Newsletter Editor:

Ada (Abby Normal) mentioned things are going great, just keep getting her lots of pix's. If you need to correct something, email her, please. Don't forget to Like ABATE of Florida Facebook page, flyers on the front table, and subscribe to ABATE of Florida YouTube, flyers also on the front table.

Legislative Liaison:

Brad was out of town so there was no report.

Legal Counsel:

Brad out of town so no report.

Public Relations:

Fern was not present so there was no report.

Billing and Invoicing:

Sheila reported we lost one advertiser due to business closing, so keep in minds when you are out and about, we need advertisers.

Social Director Report:

Bear brought a beautiful cake for all the July BDay people.

Newsletter Distribution:

Wavy had nothing to report.

Quartermaster Report:

Bob was not present to report.

Photographer's Report:

Barry had nothing to report.

Webmaster's Report:

Rogue was not present, but the website is up and running.

Chaplain:

Chrissy was not present so there was no report.

Old Business:

Trash's Memorial Ride will be postponed till most likely October. There will be a ride around the lake and the memorial stones will be placed around the lake then. Barry (Boatman) has stones for all to sign.

Then there was pause in business to get ready for the second round of election nominations. Martin took over and read the script.

President:

John Rose (Johnny), accepted.
No other nominations, closed.

Vice President:

Jon Viger (Wavy), accepted.
Martin Nebojsic, accepted.
No other nominations, closed.

There will be a runoff for this position.

Secretary:

Zachary Storrs (Sparkles), accepted,
Robert Leavitt (Old Hippy), declined,
Laurel Conners (Little Bit), declined.
No other nominations, closed

Treasurer: Sheila Rose, accepted.

No other nominations, closed.

Sgt. At Arms:

Mike Travis (Bubba), accepted.
No other nominations, closed.

Membership:

Sheila Rose, accepted.
No other nominations, closed

State Reps:

Zachary Storrs (Sparkles), accepted.
Hope Travis, accepted.
Mike Travis (Bubba), accepted.
Marie Baxter, accepted.
Martin Nebojsic, accepted.
No other nominations.

We will have a runoff and top two will be State Reps, with next two being the alternate reps.

Newsletter Editor:

Ada (Abby Normal), accepted.
No other nominations, closed.

Legislative Liaison:

Brad Winston, accepted.
No other nominations, closed

Legal Counsel:

Brad Winston, accepted.
No other nominations, closed.

Public Relations:

Fern Cameron, accepted.
Dawne Kirk-Waters (Thunder), accepted.

There will be a runoff for this position.

This concludes nominations.

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There will be an election, by ballot, at the next Chapter meeting, for Vice President, State Reps, and Public Relations

Good of the Order:

Uncle Fuzz from Wheels of Man MC has passed; he will be missed. There will be a memorial. There is a jar out collecting donations for Minnie because of her injuries.

A Motion to Adjourn was called for and seconded. Please check the Hot line for the time and place for the next meeting because of the pandemic.

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 Marie Baxter
 Secretary, Southeast Chapter



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About ten years ago, I faced a serious crossroads in my life. It seemed like I had conflict on every side. I'm usually pretty resourceful and creative when it comes to solutions and ideas for problem solving, but at that point, I was at a loss. My list of complaints regarding life in general was extremely long and I didn't know what to do. I truly hit a wall.

Needing answers, especially for some of the more personal problems which held me captive, I decided to take a trip to a place where I could tuck away and be quiet. I knew I needed to pray and more than anything, just listen. Not everything is everyone else's fault and the first order of business was finding out how much of my predicament was ME related. So, I went to Kansas City, Missouri, to a place called the International House of Prayer (IHOPKC). It's a place where 24-hour prayer and worship takes place 365 days of the year. You can go into the House of Prayer any time of the day or night and find solace with God. (This has been going on since 2000 and still does!) No one will ever touch you or talk to you; it's deliberately a quiet place to meet with the One who created you.

While there, I told the Lord, "I'm not leaving this place until You speak to me. I need answers!" You might say that sounds a bit demanding. You're right. But I felt like my circumstances required persistence. I knew He had all the answers and felt like in this instance, it was appropriate.

I had a place to stay but for the most part, spent most of my time at IHOPKC. Days went by, even a week and still, not even a whisper. My return flight was flexible but I knew I couldn't stay forever as I had responsibilities at home. Just when I had almost given up, I felt a holy tap on the shoulder and these soft words, "I want you to pick something you said you'd never do... something even others would say you'd never do and DO IT."

I I knew immediately what that 'something' was. Riding a motorcycle! OH NO! NOT THAT!!!

He spoke further. "I want to teach you courage."

With that instruction, I booked my flight and returned home. The first thing I did was attend a Confidence Course taught by a woman in Daytona Beach who not only rode, but also had a Bike Shop called The Roar. We never road a bike on the road during the class, but only talked about why we wanted to ride, what we would encounter and what our expectations were in riding a motorcycle. I then found the perfect used bike on Craig's List and not long after that, booked my endorsement class, passing with flying colors.

I'll never forget my maiden journey. The wind on my face was exhilarating and I just couldn't stop smiling ☺ The first time an oncoming biker flipped me two fingers down, I felt a true sense of belonging. And almost every physical obstacle the instructor said we would encounter, I experienced on my journey home.

It was on that ride home that I realized what God had done. He had completely sidestepped me, not addressing one of the problems I took to Him back in Kansas City! In fact, by the time I took the class, got my endorsement and bought a bike, I forgot about my mile-long list of grievances!

Courage... that's what I needed. I needed it then, and I need it now. I needed it for the hard times that I faced in the days following that object lesson; I need it now for the turmoil our society, even our world encounters. I learned not how to escape, but how to endure. And when I look down at my ruby-red gas tank, I say to myself, "If I can do this, I can do anything!"

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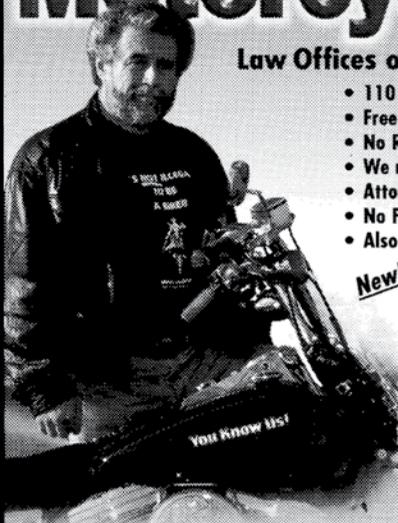
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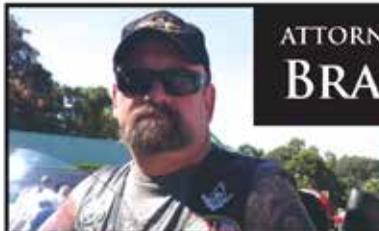
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Vice- President Good Day

Well I would like to say thank you to all the showed up to our chapter meeting in July.
A special thanks to Alan at Mickey's for allowing us to have the meeting there.

This month in August is our Abate S.E. Chapter elections. If at all possible, please come to the August 16, 2020 chapter meeting. You can vote if you are a member in good standing of this chapter. So please come and cast your vote. It's important that we keep this chapter going.

So that's all for now
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Jon "Wavy" Viger
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News from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation

July 1, 2020

BIKERS WIN BIG IN THE HOUSE, PREPARING FOR SENATE VERSION

Today the full House of Representatives passed H.R. 2, INVEST in America Act (Moving Forward Act), also known as the highway bill. The bill is over 2,000 pages and includes five beneficial provisions for motorcyclists.

At every step along the way, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), our State Motorcyclist Rights Organizations (SMRO) partners, and individual members have fought for the inclusion of these policy changes. The original bill included an increase in motorcycle safety funding; however, this was the only specific mention of motorcycles or motorcyclists. During the Transportation Committee markup of the bill, protections related to profiling, autonomous vehicles and the Motorcyclist Advisory Council were added via amendment. Finally, during the final vote on the House floor, an additional amendment was added that helps collect data on motorcycle profiling.

With the passage of this bill in the House of Representatives, focus will now turn to the Senate. The Senate will likely roll out its own version of a "highway bill" in the coming weeks. The House and Senate will then have to negotiate and compromise to develop a bill that can pass both chambers and be signed into law. Remember, the current legislation expires on September 30, 2020, so Congress must act to ensure important transportation programs are funded.

After the final vote, MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard stated, "I am pleased that in this massive 2,300 page piece of legislation passed today, the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists were not ignored. Let's now take the same enthusiasm and passion that won us these victories to the Senate. Our work is not done, we must remain vigilant in the defense of these hard fought priorities."

We at the MRF will fight to ensure that these hard-fought victories in the House of Representatives are included in the

Senate's bill. Thank you to everyone who reached out to their Representative over the past few months. These victories for motorcyclists would be impossible without the grassroots efforts of our members. Let's celebrate our successes and get to work on making sure the Senate follows suit.

Below is a brief recap of the five provisions that the House of Representatives has now passed and included in this major piece of legislation:

Profiling: An amendment by Congressman Troy Balderson (OH-R) during the committee process changes federal law to prevent state and local governments from using funds from the Department of Transportation to "profile and stop motorcycle operators or motorcycle passengers using as a factor the clothing or mode of transportation of such operators or passengers."

A second amendment by Congressman Tim Walberg (MI-R) and Congressman Michael Burgess (TX-R) added the term "mode of transportation" to a newly created grant program for racial and ethnic profiling. The program allows states to use federal money to collect data on traffic stops. Originally the only information that states were required to record was the driver's racial and ethnic makeup. With this added language, states will be required to collect the "mode of transportation" of the person being stopped as well. Motorcyclists will now be able to review state data on traffic stops and determine if motorcyclists are stopped disproportionately by law enforcement. This amendment was a joint effort by the Co-Chairmen of the House Motorcycle Caucus and was added just hours before the final bill was passed.

Motorcyclist Advisory Council: Congressman Mike Gallagher (WI-R) used the committee amendment process to re-establish the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) and make needed changes. The MAC has existed for over a decade and allows federal policymakers, state highway officials, and motorcyclists to discuss the unique demands of riding a motorcycle and how roads, bridges, and other infrastructure can be built to better account for motorcyclists' needs.

Congressman Gallagher's addition to the bill creates dedicated seats at the table for motorcyclists' rights groups and manufacturers. It also requires a report every two years to be made to the Secretary of Transportation and Congress.

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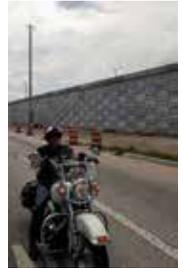
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**Jon "Wavy" Viger
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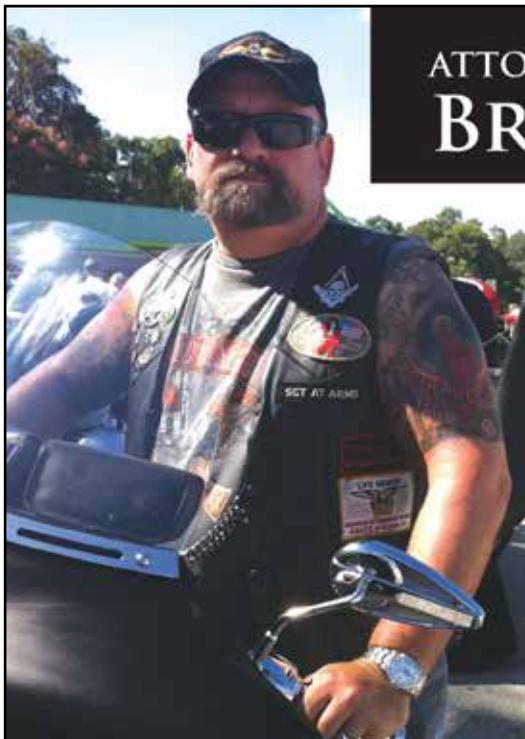
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SUNDAY

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> Wind Rider Church Services at Mickey's

MONDAY

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WEDNESDAY

> Blues Nite at Mickey's

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FRIDAY

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9 80th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY	10 →	11	12	13	14	15 →
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SEPTEMBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7  Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13 STATES MC – ANNUAL KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 ABATE SE Chapter Meeting	21	22	23	24	25	26 KINGDOM OF BROTHERS MC - ANNUAL
27	28	29	30			

SEE PAGE 28 FOR OTHER WEEKLY EVENTS

ADDITIONAL INFO, EVENTS OR PARTIES ARE LISTED HERE

TUESDAY

Wings of Gold MC Open House Ft. Lauderdale 7PM
States MC Taco Tuesday 6:30-9PM

FRIDAY

Der Krieger MC Open House - 8PM
Mystic Seven MC- Open House - 8PM
Scurvy Few MC Open House at 7:30PM
States MC - Fri Night Pizza 6-8PM
1st & 3rd Fri - Kingdom of Brothers MC Open House
2nd Fri- US Military Vets Dirty Dozen MC Open
4th Fri - Fly in Wheels Open House 9PM
Every other Friday - Fearless MC Open House 8PM-1AM

THURSDAY

1st & 3rd Thurs - Leathernecks MC Open House 8-11pm
Hermudad MC Open House, 8PM-2AM
Scurvy Few MC Texas Holdem/Karaoke -7:30PM

SATURDAY

1st & 3rd Sat - AOA MC Dania Open House 8PM
2nd & 4th Sat - Kingdom of Brothers MC Open House
2nd Sat - Scurvy Few Monthly Birthday Party
2nd Sat - Fly-in Wheels Open House 9PM
Last Sat - Leatherneck MC Charity Poker

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- 7th-16th 80th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
- 16th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. -52nd ANNIVERSARY
PARTY-
- MOLDY'S B-DAY PARTY
- 23rd-Sun ~~SGURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL~~
- 30th-Sun SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN

SEPTEMBER

- 7th-Mon Labor Day
- 13th-Sun STATES MC – ANNUAL KEY WEST TUNE
UP PARTY
- 26th-Sat KINGDOM OF BROTHERS MC - ANNUAL

OCTOBER

- 4th-Sun MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL
- 10th-Sat OUTCAST - PARTY
- 11th-Sun ABATE SOUTHEAST CHAPTER – ANNUAL
- 12th-Mon Columbus Day
- 15th-18th DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
- 24th-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY
- 25th-Sun CMA - MEMORIAL
- 31st-Sat HALLOWEEN

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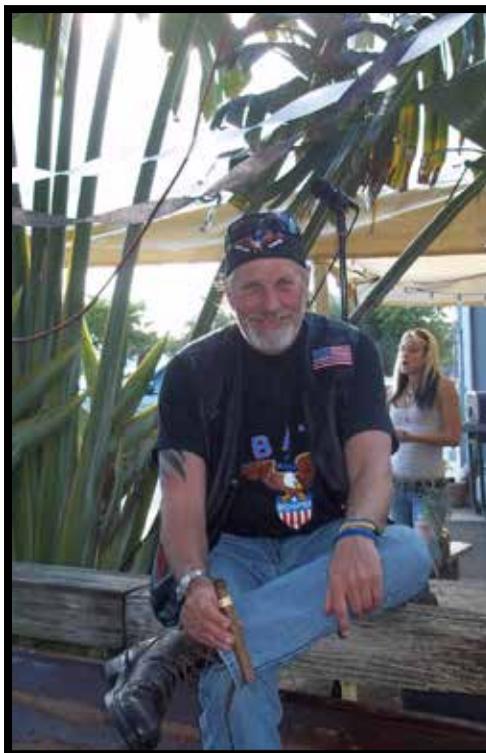
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DON'T FOLLOW TOO CLOSE- behind a motorcycle – a motorcycle needs more room than a car or truck to stop. Keep a good distance behind a motorcycle, leaving enough room for you to stop.

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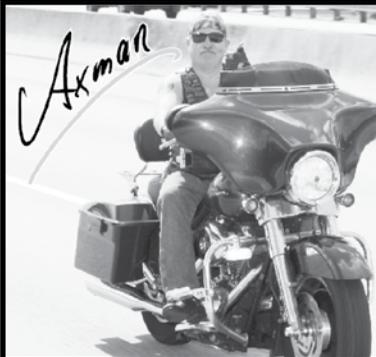
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> WE ALL NEED SOMETHING TO CHUCKLE ABOUT.....

> I believe most of us have run out of gas at one time or another. It's a dumb move and no one brags about it! So... riding across Arizona the roads were great and the scenery amazing. My greatest fear was getting a sunburn, because man was it hot ! but again it's all about the ride. At one point I found myself on a four-lane highway. Speed limit was 75 but everyone was doing at least 90. It seemed like it was the hottest part of the day so I decided to take a side road, find a place to stop for a cold one. Well just when I saw a sign that said I was 100 miles to Phoenix my bike begin to stutter. No worries I thought to myself as I switched to reserve and begin reading signs in earnest, hoping to see a gas station sign. I knew I had almost 30 miles on my reserve so at this point I wasn't stressing.

> Before I knew it I was coasting to a stop ...Yep ...you guessed it ...out of gas ...in the middle of freaking nowhere. !! Well I hitched a ride (This was back in the day when a girl could safely hitch hike) bought a gas can and some gas and hitched another ride back to my bike with just enough daylight left to ride for few miles and find a hotel.

> Why did I run out of gas? Who the hell knows. I just wasn't watching my gas gauge or my odometer or maybe I just didn't fill the gas tank all the way.

> Or and I'm sure this is it, it was so damn hot out there on that desert road ...maybe the gas just evaporated ...yeah that's it ...the gas evaporated. Well that's my story and I'm sticking to it!

> Working bike week in Daytona we were set up at the Broken Spoke. . One evening I overheard some guys talking about a contest to win 500 bucks ! my ears perked up..who couldn't use that kinda dough? Seems like they had a few biker games planned, you know like the weeny bite and slow ride. Anyway the one I was interested in was all about the bikes idle.. Kind of crazy I know. They were going to judge

your bikes idle on how slow you could idle without killing it.. And how much the crowd liked the rumble. Sounded like a joke but guys were lining up, and what the hell, I could use 500 bucks !

> So, 12 bikes lined up in front of the stage including me and my Peace Girl !

> The crowd were the judges ! One by one bikes were eliminated. It was down to me and a really sweet FXR. Some of you know how my fat boy sounds but this crowd hadn't heard it before. So they bring the microphone off the stage down to each bike and we let our bikes idle for the recommended two minutes. Naturally old Peace Girl purred like a gentle lion.

> Didn't take long to burn through that 500 bucks after buying drinks for everybody !!

> Several years ago, Sunday afternoons were spent at Flossie's, socializing , eating and drinking, and admiring all the beautiful bikes that rolled in to the parking lot. Back then a couple of really rough spots were on the edge of the road as you entered the parking lot... of course cones were put there for the riders protection.

> I'm setting the stage here....

> So on this particular Sunday I was being obnoxious and begging Roger to let me ride a sweet Independant Chopper down to Flossie's! This bike was long and sleek and had a black cherry paint job and was fast too ! After a couple hours he finally relented and said if I could ride the bike around the block then I could take it down to Flossie's.

> Keep in mind that I am a bit vertically challenged and this bike was long with forward controls. But I hop right on revved it up and off I went.

> First stop sign came to complete stop both feet on the ground no problem and around the corner I go...

> second stop sign... No problems everything just as smooth as the first stop. I take another right and only have two blocks to go.

> The third stop sign Puts me on the homestretch. Put my feet down check the traffic no problem..I pick my foot up ready to go...

> WTH??? I look down and see that my pant leg is caught on this big ugly eagle claw kickstand, pointed talons and all. So

my foot is up in the air but I can't reach the pedal to shift... I can't reach the key to shut off the bike and I can't reach over and unhook my pant leg....WTH ?? Nothing I could do would release me from that claw!...

> I only have about 250 feet to..I can see Roger standing in the driveway, chomping on his cigar...

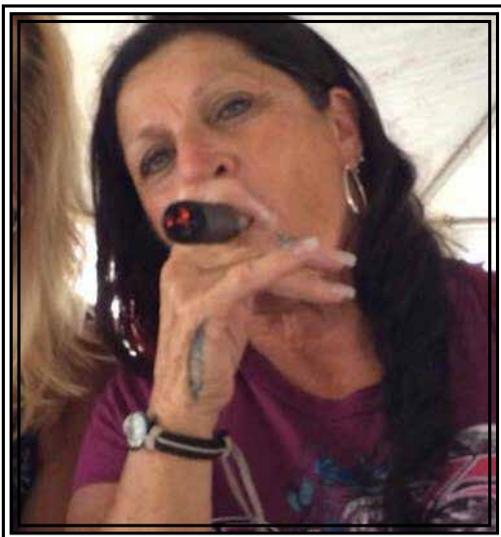
> I only have one choice....my foot is dangling off the kick stand...so I give it some gas and ride the last block in first gear... Of course that chopper wants to go faster.

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> As I pulled in the driveway Roger walked toward me with a look of disbelief As I got right in front of him and said grab this bike which he did and saved me from falling over ! I said get my pant leg loose and let me off this monster of a bike...he chuckled and chomped his cigar!

Now I'm.ticked at myself because I couldn't ride that beautiful chopper to Flossie's and show off a bit...but we decide to head that way. Rog on the chopper and me on my Fatboy.....he pulls into Flossie's parking lot and as I'm waiting on a car to pass, I hear people cheering and running over to see this beautiful chopper.

I goose it and pull into the parking lot, hit an orange cone and drag it up next to the chopper. I got a few cheers and comments unprintable...but all in fun !

>
> Needless to say I never rode that chopper again And vowed to never sell that eagle claw kickstand to anyone. Those things are dangerous ...LOL



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OLDHIPPY'S CORNER

(throw-back August 2013)

I was going over some of my "old" college history stuff and came upon a lecture that was done on the 12th Amendment to the Constitution.

The Twelfth Amendment (Amendment XII) to the United States Constitution provides the procedure for electing the President and Vice President. It replaced Article II, Section 1, Clause 3, which provided the original procedure by which the Electoral College functioned. Problems with the original procedure arose in the elections of 1796 and 1800. The Twelfth Amendment was proposed by the Congress on December 9, 1803 and was ratified by the required number of state legislatures on June 15, 1804. Under the original procedure for the Electoral College, each elector could vote for two persons. The two people chosen by the elector could not both inhabit the same state as the elector. This prohibition was designed to keep electors from voting for two "favorite sons" of their respective states. The person receiving the greatest number of votes, provided that number equaled a majority of the electors, was elected President.

Selecting the Vice President was a simpler process. Whichever candidate received the greatest number of votes, except for the one elected President, became Vice President. The Vice President, unlike the President, did not require the votes of a majority of electors. In the event of a tie for second place among multiple candidates, the Senate would choose one of them to be Vice President, with each Senator casting one vote. It was not specified in the Constitution whether the sitting Vice President could cast a tie-breaking vote for Vice President under the original formula.

The First Two Vice Presidents: Adams and Jefferson were men of extraordinary ability. Both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson gained the office as runners-up in Presidential contests, with the support of those who believed they were amply qualified to hold the top office. Each recognized, in assuming this new and as yet loosely defined position, that his actions would set precedents for future Vice Presidents. But one precedent established by

Adams and Jefferson would not be repeated for over three decades; although both men won election as President immediately following their terms as Vice President, no sitting Vice President would repeat this pattern until 1836, when Martin Van Buren succeeded Andrew Jackson. The gap thereafter was even longer. More than 150 years elapsed before George H.W. Bush won the presidency in 1988 at the conclusion of his eight years as Ronald Reagan's Vice President. In the election of 1800, however, the constitutional system for electing Presidents broke down, as both Jefferson and Aaron Burr received the same number of electoral votes. This impasse threw the contest into the House of Representatives, where for thirty-five separate ballots; neither candidate was able to gain a majority. When the stalemate was finally broken, the House elected Jefferson President, thus making Aaron Burr our third Vice President. Within four years of this deadlocked election, Congress had passed, and the necessary number of states had ratified, the Twelfth Amendment to the Constitution, instituting the present system wherein electors cast separate ballots for President and for Vice President.

Well, I'm out of time, and in closing... Can you imagine what we would have had in the White House if this wasn't passed?

Keep the Shiny Side up and the Greasy side down

Old Hippy



**In Loving Memory of
Richard 'Uncle Fuzz' Lane
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always there for me.'

Richard suffered a massive heart attack that he never recovered from. He passed peacefully, quietly, and free from Covid19 on Thursday, July 16th. He is survived by his sister Claudia Lane Piranio and her husband Bob and one niece that he adored, Allison Piranio Young and her husband Jonathan Young. His dog and best friend Trip also survives him. May Uncle Fuzz now rest in eternal peace. WIDE...OPEN; FOREVER THE WHEELS!

*Chrissy Leonhardt
Chaplain*

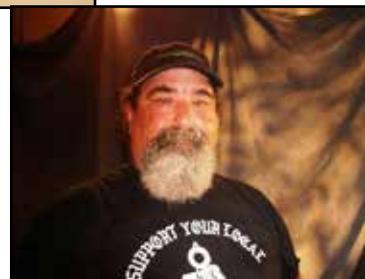
You can't judge a book by its cover... at least you shouldn't. That's what people said about Uncle Fuzz. He had a rough, mean-looking exterior, yet he was a sweetheart and good friend to many.

Richard was born and raised in Miami, Florida. After high school, he earned an Associates Degree at Miami-Dade College. Eventually, he met and married Gloria Hasbany (Lane) until her untimely death in 2005.

Rick worked for many years as a videographer for WLRN until he became a free-lance cameraman. Throughout his video career, he had many opportunities, including working for the Florida Marlins from their inception at Joe Robbie Stadium, a cameraman for the Florida Panthers, Miami Heat, Telemundo as well as concerts and many other events. He was hired by the Rolling Stones and had a relationship with David Crosby of Crosby, Stills, and Nash. He even traveled to Haiti to film the Pope.

Rick's career was his passion. At the same time, he was a strong supporter of the 2nd amendment. He was an avid shooter and collected guns, often practicing at the range. He also had a passion for dogs. He loved his dog Trip and if you had a dog, he loved your dog too!

Many were acquainted with Uncle Fuzz through various motorcycle events in South Florida. He was a lifetime member (12 years) of the Wheels of Man, Deerfield Beach Chapter, often holding the position of Sergeant of Arms. He was a devoted club member until he sustained a back injury on the job and became disabled, along with several other health problems. As one club member said, 'He could either be scary or be a teddy bear' often appearing to be unapproachable. But the fact was he was tender, loving, talkative and huggable if he wanted to be. Another person said his friendship was unexpected. 'I'm so glad I became his friend... my memories of him will always be treasured.' And with deep emotion, a very dear friend expressed, 'He was





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Johnny's Rant

Well, here we go again, shut down and cryin' the blues that we can't go to our favorite sporting events or our favorite bars and clubs. Hell, we can't even go to the girly bars. We can't even sit right next to our dates, because we're not 6 feet apart. WTF!

I know this is best for everyone, but I don't have to like it. Thanks China!!

But, then, on a good note, we can still ride our bikes every day, we just don't have a lot of places to stop. I'd rather crack the throttle anyway!

I just want all my brothers and sisters out there to know that I really miss everyone. I can't wait to get this crap behind us, but until then, everyone be safe.

And damn, I just found out the other day that I lost another brother, Uncle Fuzz, from the Wheels of Man MC. I got a great story though. About 10 years ago, I had just gotten my dog, Diddles. (She is a long-haired Chihuahua, for those few who don't know her.) She was a puppy and so small, she could fit in the palm of your hand. We were at a WOM party and Uncle Fuzz wanted to hold her, so I gave her to him. As he is holding her in one hand, he brings her up to his mouth, and I'm thinkin', he's so big, he could just pop her in like a Tic Tac and swallow her. But what does he do? He starts kissing on her and it was so sweet cuz he's such a big man with a big burly beard. Anyway, I'm really gonna miss him. Ride in Peace, bro!

God bless America!

Peace,
Johnny Rose



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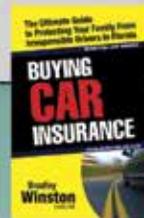
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MISSOURI REPEALS HELMET LAW FOR MANY ADULT RIDERS

Missouri has become the 32nd state to repeal their all-rider helmet law when Governor Mike Parson (R) signed House Bill 1963 into law on July 14; a massive transportation bill that includes a provision to allow adults to ride a motorcycle or trike without a helmet, provided they are at least 26 years old and have appropriate health insurance.

The new rules, which will go into effect August 28, also restrict police from pulling over helmetless riders to check if they have the required health insurance.

Sponsored by GOP Representative Travis Fitzwater, H.B. 1963 states in part:

“Currently, every person operating or riding a motorcycle or motortricycle is required to wear protective headgear (Sections 302.020 and 302.026). This bill provides that persons under the age of 26 who are operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle or motortricycle shall wear a helmet when the vehicle is in motion. Similarly, a person who is 26 or older, is operating a motorcycle or motortricycle, and who has been issued an instruction permit shall wear a helmet when the vehicle is in motion. No political subdivision of the state shall impose a protective headgear requirement on the operator or passenger of a motorcycle or motortricycle. No person shall be stopped, inspected, or detained solely to determine compliance with these provisions (Section 302.020.2). The bill also provides that qualified operators who are 26 or older may operate a motorcycle or motortricycle without a helmet if he or she is covered by a health insurance policy or other form of insurance which will provide the person

with medical benefits for injuries incurred as a result of a motorcycle or motortricycle accident. Proof of such coverage shall be provided on request of law enforcement by showing a copy of the qualified operator's insurance card. No person shall be stopped, inspected, or detained solely to determine compliance with these provisions (Section 302.026).”

“We really feel everything in this bill has been well vetted,” Tony Shepherd, who lobbied in support of repealing the helmet law for a motorcycle rights group, ABATE for Missouri, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Other organizations supporting the measure were the Missouri Confederation of Clubs & Independents (CoC), and Freedom of the Road Riders of Missouri (FORR-MO), which has been lobbying to repeal the “Show Me” state's helmet law for decades, successfully getting a bill on their governor's desk four times since 1999 only to be vetoed.

Last year, Gov. Parson vetoed a similar measure that would have allowed anyone older than 18 to ride without a helmet, though his veto was centered on a separate provision in that legislation.

SWEEPING INFRASTRUCTURE BILL PASSED THE HOUSE. GOES TO THE SENATE

On July 1, 2020 the House of Representatives passed by a vote of 233-188 its signature infrastructure legislation, the Moving Forward Act, H.R.2 (previously the INVEST in America Act); providing over \$1.5 trillion in federal spending across a wide range of infrastructure areas including surface transportation, water, aviation, broadband, healthcare, and energy.

Included in the massive 2,213-page plan to rebuild and expand America's transportation infrastructure like highways, vehicle safety and public transit, the new 5-year federal funding measure also addresses several concerns voiced by motorcyclists.

As originally introduced in June, the INVEST in America Act included a provision to increase Motorcycle Safety Funds to states by 25%, to \$5.8 million. Added by unanimous consent during markup of H.R. 2 by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee were three amendments to: Extend the prohibition against using federal funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints and also prohibits using federal funds to

profile and stop motorcyclists based on of their mode of transportation or style of dress; Require the Department of Transportation to consider motorcycles in safety studies on autonomous vehicles and includes a motorcycle safety group in the DOT working group on autonomous vehicle deployment; An extension of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council including a seat on the council for motorcyclists' rights groups and manufacturers.

An additional motorcyclist-friendly amendment was approved during the final floor vote in the House to provide federal monies to collect state profiling data regarding traffic stops based on "mode of transportation."

H.R.2 now goes over to the Senate for further action, where Republicans have expressed opposition to the bill as written by the Democrat-controlled House, as well as a veto threat from the Administration, citing the Act's spending levels, regulatory changes, and climate change-related provisions.

'ANTIQUÉ MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIAST DAY'

A Congressional Resolution, H.Res.1041 was introduced in the House to recognize July 11, 2020 as "Antique Motorcycle Enthusiast Day" to recognize "the preservation, restoration, and operation of old-time motorcycles in the United States."

Sponsored by Representative Troy Balderson (R-OH) and co-sponsored by GOP Reps Michael Burgess (TX), and Tim Walberg (MI), House Resolution 1041 states;

Whereas many people in the United States own, restore, preserve, study, or admire motorcycles that fall into the antique category, meaning they are at least 35-years old;

Whereas the collection, restoration, and preservation of motorcycles is an activity shared across generations and across all segments of society;

Whereas thousands of local motorcycle clubs and related businesses have been instrumental in preserving a historic part of the heritage of the United States by encouraging the restoration and exhibition of such historic works of art;

Whereas the restoration of motorcycles provides well-paying, highly skilled jobs for people in all 50 States; and

Whereas, for over a century, motorcycles have been a source of family enjoyment, photographs, songs, movies, and an iconic fashion statement in the United States: Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives

(1) supports the designation of "Antique Motorcycle Enthusiast Day";

(2) recognizes the effect of the more than 120-year history of the American motorcycle and the economic surge that celebrated over 120 American brands in the United States in the first half of the 20th Century;

(3) recognizes that the collection and restoration of vintage and classic motorcycles is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to engage in events and commemorations of "Antique Motorcycle Enthusiast Day" in accordance with public health guidelines that create opportunities for antique motorcycle owners to educate young people about the importance of preserving the cultural heritage of the United States, including through the preservation of antique motorcycles.

GLOBAL MOTORCYCLE SALES BOUNCE BACK AFTER PANDEMIC SLUMP

After a strong start to 2020, motorcycle sales plummeted in March when the Coronavirus forced most of the world's population into lockdown, but with life gradually resuming, sales are bouncing back better than expected despite -- or perhaps because of -- the pandemic.

An increasing number of pundits and publications predict that the pandemic will encourage more people to turn to motorcycles and scooters for transportation -- the perfect type of commuter for social distancing. Although the first quarter of motorcycle sales are down 10.6%, they're selling better than cars which are down 12%.

In the U.S., according to rideapart.com, Honda, BMW, Suzuki, and Yamaha's North American branches reported that sales are thriving since the beginning of the year, particularly in the off-road segment.

The European market is showing a similar, positive trend; Italian sales numbers for June 2020 show a 37% increase over June 2019, while sales in the U.K. surpassed June 2019 levels by 14.3%. The market is also on the mend in hard-hit India where local branches report sales are on the rise after the May slump. In the Land Down Under, according to the Australian Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries, sales for the second quarter were also up year over year.



In spite of a rocky Q1, the global motorcycle industry is faring far better than most expected.

STURGIS STILL ON, AS OFFICIALS SEND COVID-TESTERS TO HELP OUT

South Dakota health officials are sending 20 COVID-19 testing machines capable of producing tests in minutes to help carry out the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally amid the Coronavirus pandemic.

The 80th edition of the annual rally is expected to attract thousands of people to western South Dakota for the iconic biker rally, running August 7-16. The Rapid City Journal reports that the city council decided to cautiously proceed with the 10-day rally after realizing motorcycle enthusiasts were going to show up regardless.

Likewise, the Horry County City Council realized that there was no stopping the Myrtle Beach Spring Rally, which has gone on for 81 years, despite being postponed from May to July due to the virus. The 97th Laconia Motorcycle Week has been similarly rescheduled from June to August 22-30, with their City Council's consent.

ABATE of Iowa reportedly held an "Amazing Weekend" 36th annual Freedom Rally in Algona over July Fourth, and even county officials were "pleasantly surprised" by the responsible behavior exhibited by thousands of motorcyclists in attendance.

Unfortunately, though, an estimated twenty-two major rallies have been canceled so far this year, including the National H.O.G. Rally on the Gold Coast, Americade, Hog Wild, Mountainfest, Panama Beach Spring Rally, Roar on the Shore, Rolling Thunder, ROT Rally, Smoke Out, Thunder in the Smokies, Thunder in the Valley, Quail Motorcycle Gathering, Wauseon, Wing Ding 42, and INTERMOT, the motorcycle industry's big show in Germany, was canceled, while America's AIMExpo was "postponed" to next year.

Many races have also been canceled or postponed; World Superbike and MotoGP races, American Flat Track, Isle of Man TT, Pikes Peak, as well as Motocross and Supercross. Easyriders has canceled their Bike Shows and Rodeos.

But as of now Arizona Bike Week is still on, October 7-11 in Scottsdale, as is the Four Corners Rally over Labor Day in Durango, CO, Reno's Street Vibrations' Spring Rally was postponed but their Fall Rally, Sept 24-27 is still "scheduled to happen," Daytona's Biketoberfest Oct 15-18 is currently proceeding, Golden Aspen canceled their May Aspen Cash Rally but reports their Golden Aspen Rally September 16-20 in Ruidoso, N.M. is still on, the Lone Star Rally in Galveston, TX has been "postponed" until November 4-7, 2021, Harley Rendezvous postponed, Mama Tried postponed, and AMA Vintage Days postponed, with new dates TBA.

NEARLY 200,000 PROTEST MOTORCYCLE BANS

Thousands of motorcyclists joined forces across central Europe to protest against motorcycle bans on certain Alpine roads, as demonstrations took place in a number of German cities and coincided with the launch of an online petition that garnered 199,663 supporters.

Protesters oppose unfair and largely unjust bans on motorcycles from certain roads, citing exhaust noise as the reason for the bans, although loud cars are not prohibited.

NCOM CONVENTION TO HONOR FALLEN RIDERS: INVITES NAMES FOR TRIBUTE

With the 35th Annual NCOM Convention in Indianapolis now just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and bikers' rights activists who have died since last May's Convention, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional "Ring of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders. Dedications can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board, or e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish, NCOM Public Relations Liaison, at NCOMBish@aol.com.

This year's NCOM Convention, rescheduled from Mother's Day weekend to October 16-17, 2020, will be held at the Marriott Indianapolis East (7202 East 21st Street in Indianapolis).

Meetings, seminars and group discussions will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and Freedom of the Road.

Pre-register by calling the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com. For more info, click on <http://onabike.com/national-coalition-of-motorcyclists/convention.html>

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Before God we are all equally wise and equally foolish."

~ Albert Einstein (1879-1955) German-born Nobel Prize-winning physicist

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Autonomous Vehicles: During the committee process, Congressman Troy Balderson (OH-R) won protections for motorcyclists in the rollout of autonomous vehicle technology. The bill now includes specific language requiring that when the Department of Transportation conducts safety studies on autonomous vehicles, motorcycles must be considered as unique roadway users. Additionally, a newly formed working group on autonomous vehicles must include a motorcyclist safety group as part of its membership. As with the MAC, motorcyclists need a seat at the table when our safety and freedoms are being debated.

Motorcyclist Safety Funds: The bill, as first introduced, would increase the 405 safety funds made available to states for motorcyclist safety by \$1,473,285 for the next fiscal year with increases through 2025. This is an increase in the program of roughly 34% over current funding levels. Under this bill, the total amount available to states in the next fiscal year would be \$5,761,785.

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Correction for the following

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It Should read as follow

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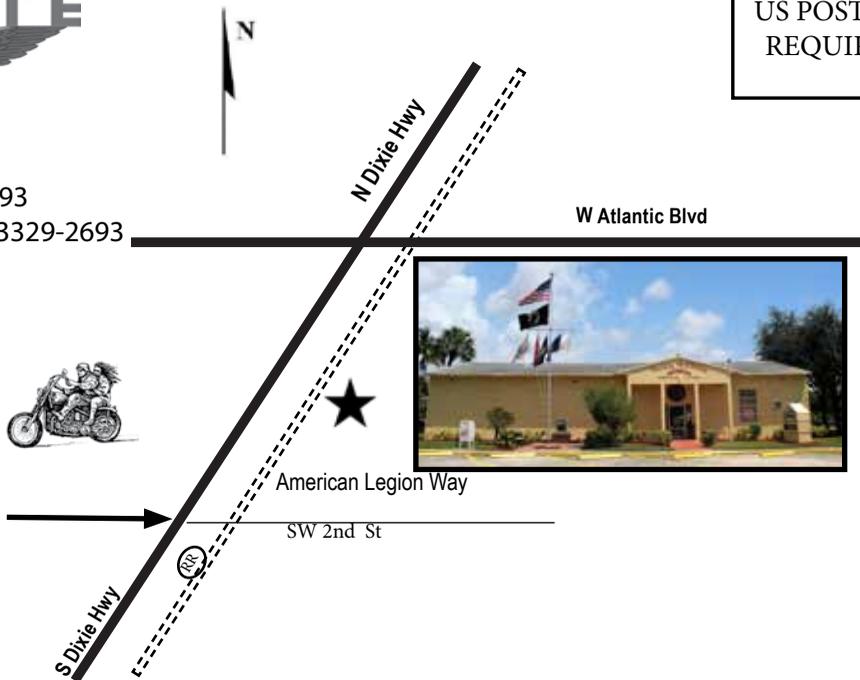
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To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

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

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

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