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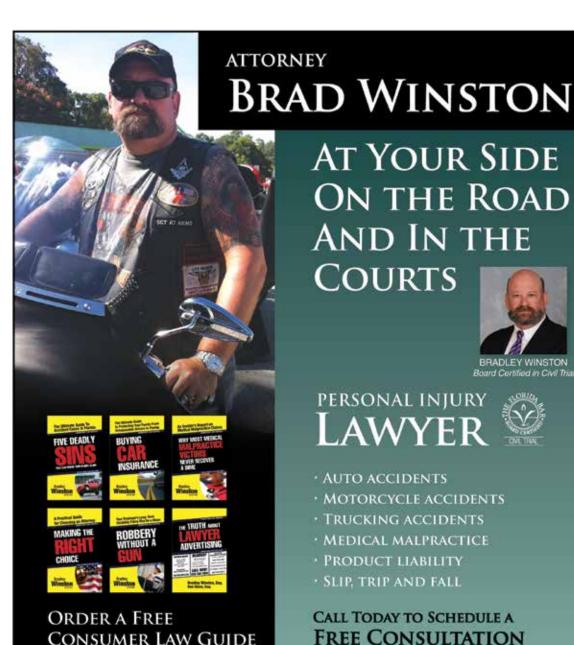
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- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation 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.

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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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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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"This page sponsored by Frank T. and Lisa"

From Your President

Man, I am so excited to have about the new Executive Board, the members that stepped up to take an active role in the Southeast Chapter. The best part about it is we didn't lose anybody, that was already active in the Chapter. All the Trustees stayed in their same positions. We have a kick-ass Board and active Trustees that re-



ally care about our Chapter. We also have a LOT of members, that may not be on the Board or a Trustee, but are also active and help make our Chapter great!

I am so excited to be working with my new Vice President, Troy. I have known him for quite a few years now, and also consider him a friend and brother. He is so into the motorcycle community, and he has jumped headfirst, or should I say boots first, into being the Vice President of Southeast Chapter. I have total confidence in him as my Vice President.

I know Hollie will do an outstanding job as our new Secretary. She has a LOT of experience with ABATE and served in several positions when she lived in Illinois. Even before becoming Secretary, she was active, helping us at our events, meetings, and Safety Booths. She's already taking a big interest in helping our Chapter and has a lot of great ideas on how to make it even better, how cool is that.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the help of my beautiful wife, Sheila. She is our Treasurer and Membership Trustee. All of our paperwork gets handed in to the State on time and correctly. And no one I know has more integrity than she does. The best part about it, is that she reminds me of all the appointments I have to go to as President. She takes notes about the things I want to talk about at our meetings, and then types them up for me, so I don't go too much off subject. She is one of the reasons that our Chapter is running so smoothly. I know I couldn't do my job as well, if she wasn't there to keep an eye on me and make sure I don't screw up, LOL. She says I am the lead singer, and she is my roadie. Thank you, Sheila and thank you for keeping your positions for another year.

Now I would like to thank my good friend, Wavy, for being my Vice President for these past few years. I know that he is very excited to be able to concentrate on the Safety part of his position, as our Safety Director. That is the most important part of ABATE, educating others about safety. He sets up Safety Booths 2 to 3 times a month. And bro, you did a great job as my Vice President, thank you! At our last Chapter meeting, I let him know how much he meant to our Chapter, and to the community, helping at the Toys in the Sun Run, three straight days, just because that is who he is. And he has helped many of our members with car and bike repairs, and even some things around the house. That is Wavy, always helping others.

At our meeting, I was talking about Wavy only having 2 jobs with our Chapter now, Safety Director and Distribution. But at the end of the meeting, I told him that I lied, that he still had a 3rd job to do, because he's been with been active with us for so long, and gives me great advice, and I need that,

I made him our Consigliere and I presented him with a fedora and an appreciation certificate. I guess you can tell I've seen The Godfather a few times, LOL! It's good to have his advice so we can keep this show rolling, or should I say riding?

And for all you people that always show up for our meetings and events and come to our Safety Booths, thank you all for giving up your free time. It's so nice to see ABATE developing a close brotherhood with everybody hanging out with each other on their own time.

Please keep an eye out in our newsletter for our Annual in October. It will be at Mickey's Tiki Bar. I really don't have anything else to say except I am looking forward to this next year and know we can make a difference in the biker community and have a larger impact in Tallahassee, so we can ride free and ride safe.

A shout-out to you newer members, who have shown up at our Chapter meetings, and to those who haven't, please come to one, check us out firsthand. We meet at the American Legion Post 142 on the third Sunday of the month, and they have an awesome breakfast for very reasonable price. And did I tell you it was really good. I want to thank the Commander and Legion for letting us have our Chapter meetings there and always making us feel so welcome.

Squeeze the clutch, crack the throttle, and head off down the road for another great year.

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

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

Anyone who rides should be a member of abate!!!!

God bless America!!!!

Peace,
Johnny Rose
President
Southeast Chapter







MEMBERSHIPS DUE FOR JULY

STEPHEN ANDREJAK

STEPHEN CHOMIAK

FRANK COCCHI ADAM GOULD MANUAL LUACES

BARRY O'NEIL

WELCOME NEW MEWBERS

Daniel "Danny Boy" Fuchs Elen Guedes Evandro "Rocky" Saramago Gary Farina Gentil Lira Ir. Jackie Stanley Jorge "G-Money" Reyes Ir. Russell "Gaptain" Westerlind

Correction from July, reported Roberta "Coutinho" de Agevedo as new member, but should be Roberta "Coutinho" S. De Azevedo

Memberships Due for August

Deborah Abbott

Penny Alterizio

Daniel McDonald Alfonza Mozell III Gaetan Kernizan Malachi Noble Jr Robert Connors Rashad Nichols Ronald Anania Kevin Deverow Levelle Gordon Rocco Monaco Doris Couture Arthur West Jr. Randy Dorce Terence Hoof Zane Kelleher Ronald Bond Jemol Tanner Jose Cabral Nigel James Frank Viger Jim Powers

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Riding South Florida,

What a great month of riding it has been. Even though it has rained a lot here in South Florida, its still one of the best places to ride in all the US. One of the rides deserves a special thanks which goes to Gideons MC. They held the Grand Opening of their new Club House and they could not have made everyone feel any more welcome. The Brazilian Grilled steak was absolutely outstanding. For those of you that missed it, every Friday night they hold an Open House where they cook and just have a good ol' family style gathering. Take a ride over and check it out.

US Mil Vet's had their own gathering to watch the UFC. What a spread of food they had laid out for everyone and not to mention, the Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-off. That has to be some of the best Chili I've ever eaten. Maybe I can talk to someone to get some tips for my own next cooking experience. Soldiers for Jesus and Alternate MC also had a great turnout as well for their own events. Who ever said Bikers don't eat well! And how can you not mention Mickey's Tiki Hut. A South Florida staple for a Bikers hangout and a good time. Alan and the whole crew there are the best. It's also a great to meet on Sunday mornings for Biker Church where everyone is welcome and no one is every judged for just who they are.

Then there was the OUR Freedom Ride where fellow riders from all over the state came together for an outstanding ride which met at John Stretch Memorial Park to support their cause. If you're not familiar with Operation Underground Railroad take some time and Google it. It truly is something amazing they are doing.

Sure, we have great weather down here where it is summertime every day, but it's the Brotherhood that makes South Florida

the greatest place to Ride.

Troy







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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. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: On or by the 2nd Sunday of each month for articles, ads, flyers, etc.



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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Held at American Legion Post 142 171 SW 2nd St Pompano Beach Fl, 33060 July 18, 2021

Sargent of Arms Mike "Bubba" Travis called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., and there were 24 members present. Bubba led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and then a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, Barry "Bear" Crown.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, JOHNNY ROSE:

- •Update on Sean "Bugsy"
- o Doing good at home and going to rehab.
- o Morale is very high
- o Discussion about Chapter visiting him
- Annual Event, October 10, 2020
- o Annual will be at Mickey's Tiki Bar
- Safety Booths
- o Been doing good with people showing up and helping. Very thankful to all and please keep it up
- •Welcome!
- o Welcome and thank you to Troy and Hollie for stepping up to their new Board positions, and thank you to every one for continuing in their current positions
- •Thank you!
- o Thank you to Jon "Wavy" Viger for his service as Vice President.
 The amount of time, work, and energy he put into ABATE is priceless

o Presented Wavy with a Certificate of Ap preciation and a fedora

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT. TROY WAUGH:

- •June Birthday party
- Thank you to Mike & Hope for hosting the June birthday party
- Chapter Meetings
- o Need to keep meetings on point and con trolled. Sergeant at Arms will discuss further
- Thank you Wavy
- Thank you Wavy, for all you have done over the years
- Attendance
- o Thank you for all who came out to the meeting, appreciate everyone being there

SECRETARY'S REPORT, HOLLIE "DREAMER" SADOFF:

- •Minutes were in the newsletter.
- Motion made to accept the minutes, seconded, motion passed.

TREASURER, SHEILA ROSE:

- •Gave report of funds in checking and savings.
- Motion to accept the report, seconded, motion passed.

SERGEANT AT ARMS, MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS:

- •Chapter Meetings
- o Need to keep meetings in order and controlled. Recently have been letting things slip and people raising their hands, but speaking before being called on, which throws things off track

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- o Starting at today's meeting, if anyone wants to add thoughts to the topic, after the speaker is done, raise hand and wait to be called on
- o Doing this will keep things more on track and focused where it needs to be, allowing us to get through the meeting in a more timely manner
- •School, Summer, and Kids
- o School is out of session, but kids are out and about, be aware of them
- o In addition, some schools have summer school sessions, if lights for school zones are flashing, slow down

ROAD CAPTAIN, TROY WAUGH:

- •Gideons MC Grand Opening
- o Great ABATE showing
- o Gideons are great people and had great food
- •Freedom Ride by Operation Underground Rail road on July 24th
- o Ride starts at Alligator Alley Harley
 Davidson and ends at Rock Star Harley
 Davidson in Ft. Meyers
- o Ad is in Newsletter with QR code to sign
- •Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-off on July 24th
- o Starts at 4pm at their Clubhouse
- Calendar
- o Check the calendar in the Newsletter for upcoming events

SAFETY, JON "WAUY" VIGER:

- ABATE of Florida Freedom Rights Rally
- o Set for February 2022, ride to Tallahas see, to the State Capitol Building, meet face to face with legislators
- •Passed out motorcycle crash statistics (including fatalities)
- •Bills in State Congress
- o Safety Money bill died
- o Vulnerable Road Users bill died
- o No Fault Insurance bill died
- Reviewed bike safety check list, prior to riding

STATE BOARD REP REPORT MIKE "BUBBA"

TRAVIS:

- Next State Meeting is in August 14, 2021 in Lake County, reservations are book, still time for others to reserve a room to go
- •Gun Raffle: Tickets are available. \$5.00 each.

 Can check out a book to sell them.

PRODUCTS REPORT, LAUREL "LIL BIT" CONNER:

- Excused
- •Have products for sale after the meeting

MEMBERSHIP, SHEILA ROSE:

•Over 600 members currently, need to retain and get more renewals

EVENTS COORDINATOR, GABE CARRERA:

•Gabe was excused.

<u>NEWSLETTER EDITOR, ADA "ABBY NORMAL"</u> HIBBS:

- Articles are due today.
- Pictures
 - o If you have any, send them in to her, and to the Webmaster
- o No young children alone in photos, must be with an adult

DISTRIBUTION. JON "WAUY" VIGER:

Printing and distributing 850
newsletters a month, doing good with
that, good help with distribution

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, BRAD WINSTON:

•No report - Excused

LEGAL COUNSE, BRAD WINSTON:

•No report - Excused

PUBLIC RELATIONS, DAWN "THUNDER" KIRK WATERS:

No report - Excused

BILLING AND INVOICING HOPE TRAVIS:

•At the time of the meeting, all accounts caught up. $\frac{\text{Continued on next page}}{13}$

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SOCIAL DIRECTOR, BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:

•Brought brownies and cheesecake cupcakes, THANK YOU. BEAR!

QUARTERMASTER, MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS:

•No report

PHOTOGRAPHER / ASST PHOTOGRAPHER, BARRY "BOATMAN" BLUNDELL / ADA "ABBY NORMAL" HIBBS:

•Has some pictures from the last few events, getting them to Ada

WEBMASTER, MIKE "ROGUE" HAGER:

Excused

CHAPLAIN / ASST CHAPLAIN, CHRISSY LEON-HARDT / BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:

•Chrissy Excused, writing wonderful articles for the Newsletter

OLD BUSINESS:

•State Gun Drawing tickets for sale.

- o \$5.00 each ticket, see Sheila after the meeting
- o Can check out a book to sell, see Sheila after the meeting
- o Drawing December 11, 2021

NEW BUSINESS:

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- •Flyers of events on the table
- o Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual at Mickey's after the meeting

Motion to adjourn, second. Meeting adjourned at 11:09am.

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff Secretary, Southeast Chapter









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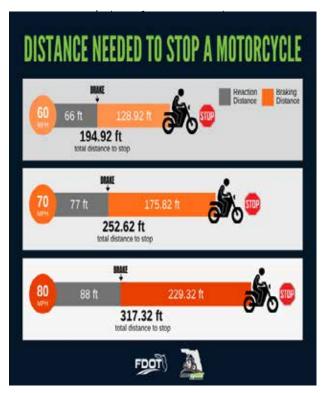


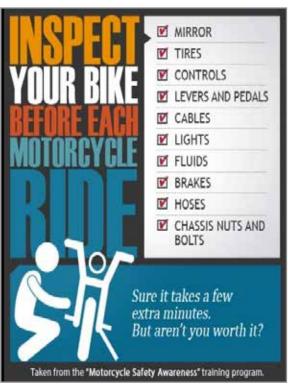
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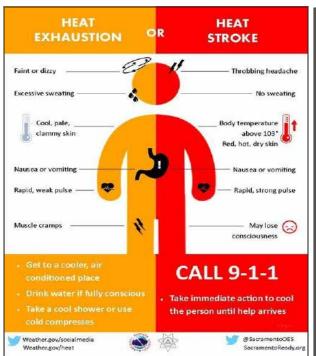


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From Our Road Captain

Ride Smart Florida

Ever hear two people talking about the motorcycle laws in Florida and wonder, is that really what the law says? Well, there is a great web site by FDOT that has some really great information. Go to ridesmartflorida.com and click the tab on Laws and Policies. It's a great resource for learning about the motorcycle laws in Florida so you don't have to Troy go by hearsay anymore.

Florida is a great place for motorcyclists. With great ocean views and even better hidden gems to explore, there is no shortage of sights and fantastic riding weather. Knowing Florida laws is essential to ensure compliance and safety.

This is just a few examples found on this very informative website:

Is eye protection required? Yes, eye protection is always required when riding (Florida Statues316.211(2)): A person may not operate a motorcycle unless the person is wearing an eye-protective device over his or her eyes of a type approved by the department.

What are the handlebar restrictions? In Florida, the handlebar's height cannot be higher than operator's shoulders (Florida Statues 316.2095(2)): No person shall operate any motorcycle with handlebars or with handgrips that are higher than the top of the shoulders of the person operating the motorcycle while properly seated upon the motorcycle.

Is Lane Splitting Legal in Florida? No. passing in the same lane is not legal (Florida Statues 316.209(2)): The operator of a motorcycle shall not overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.

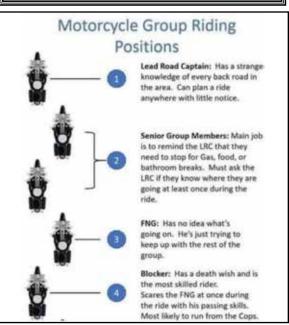
Riding between lanes (Florida Statues 316.209(3)): No person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows

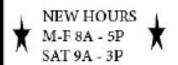
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Riding more than two abreast (Florida Statues 316.209(4)): Motorcycles shall not be operated more than two abreast in a single lane.

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HAVE YOU EVER LOVED SO HARD IT HURTS?



I'm writing this article from Kansas City, Missouri, where I've been since July 1st. My daughter just had her first child, a girl born on 7-14-21. She weighed in at 6lbs, 6oz and is gaining ounces as I write. Her delivery was not without complications, but after 39 hours of pure hard work on my daughter's part, we all rejoiced when we heard her sweet, small cry.

II was fortunate to arrive early and help my daughter set up the nursery, do laundry, and help her prepare in every way possible. Now that baby Theo Joan is settling into her world, I'm doing whatever I can to help my daughter and her husband adjust to their new schedule.

It's been my privilege and honor to help serve them, but more than anything, I've had endless hours of holding this precious princess while gazing into her eyes, and wondered if I could love any more than this.

I can't imagine leaving soon. My heart breaks to think about missing the morning snuggles, or watching her smile and roll her eyes as she slumbers. Those of you who parent or grandparent know the bond I'm speaking of... when your heart is so overflowing with love you can hardly contain it.

As I held her, I was reminded once again of the love our Father has for us. It's a love that's overflowing and yes, He can hardly contain it. He's thrilled when we need Him and cry out for His help. He takes care of us and gives us more than we could ever fathom. He dreams about our future and shows us how to be the best we can be. He longs for us to love Him the same way He loves us.

That's it. That's all He wants... for us to love Him back. That's it. The end.

It's so simple yet so deep. Who loves like this? No One I've ever known or ever will know loves like this. No one will love you like He does. Yes, He loves you so hard it hurts.

Ride on the wings of His love, Chrissy Leonhardt - Chaplain

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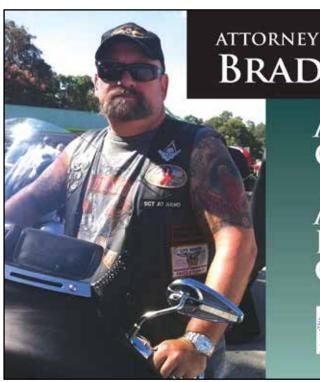
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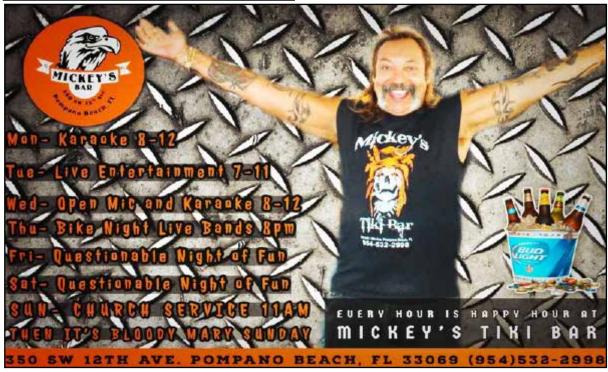
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Sturgis 81st Motorcycle Rally	9	10	11	12 E-Board Meeting	13	ABATE Of FL, Inc State Meeting
AOA FT. LAUD54th ANNIVERSARY PARTY ABATE SE Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21 ABATE Safety Booth At Lauder Ale Brewery
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			1	2	3	SOUTHERN MC TEDDY BEAR
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12 STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY	13	14	15	E-Board Meeting	17	ABATE Safety Booth At Lauder Ale Brewery
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NOVEMBER

6th-Sat **HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL**

11th-Wed Veterans Day

13th-Sat **USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL**

14th-Sun

20th-Sat LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL

26th-Thurs Thanksgiving Day

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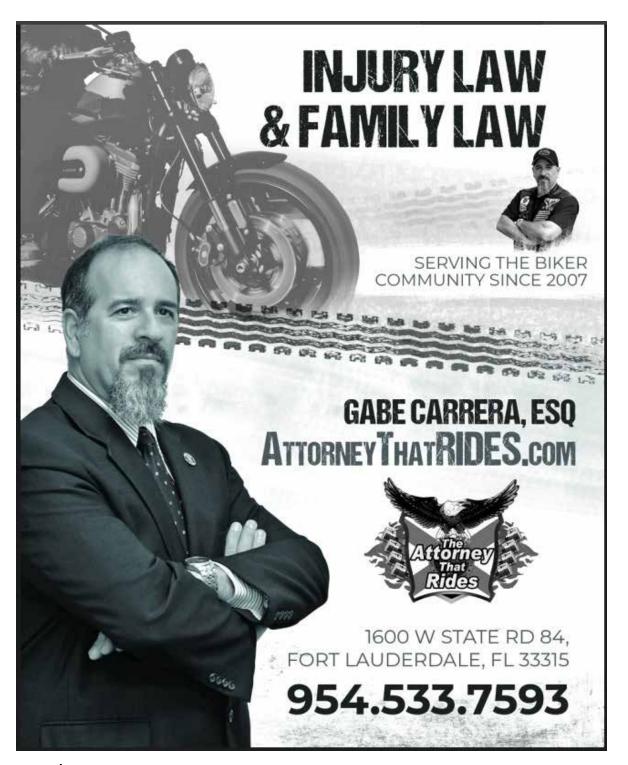
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Calvin Graham was the youngest of seven children on a poor Texas farm. Because of his abusive stepfather he and his oldest brother decided to leave the farm. He supported himself for a while by selling newspapers and delivering telegrams. He was only 11 years old when he decided to lie about his age to join the Navy. The world was in the midst of the second world war and some of his cousins had already died in battles. He had a friend forge his mothers signature of consent and told his mother he was leaving to go live with relatives. Graham recalled later that the day he showed up to inlist he was 5'2" and weighed 125 pounds. He wore his older brothers clothes and practiced talking in a deep voice. August 1942 he was sworn into the Navy and was 12 years. 4 months and 12 days old. He was the youngest to enlist in the US military since the Civil War and the youngest member of the military during World War II. He sailed on the USS South Dakota and soon became not only the youngest to serve but also the nations youngest decorated hero.

Born in Kokomo Indiana in 1879, Opha Mae Johnson was the first woman to join the Marine Corps. She joined the core in 1918 before she or any other woman was even allowed to vote.

John Lincoln Clem famously known as "Johnny Shiloh" was a US Army general who served as a drummer boy in the Union Army during the American Civil War. He gained fame for his bravery on the battlefield, and became the youngest noncommissioned officer in Army history. He joined the Army at age 12.

On March 21, 1917 Loretta P Walsh became America's first official enlisted woman of any service when she joined the Navy. Walsh was asked if she would consider a position as chief Yeoman in the Naval reserve. She agreed and continued to make history by being the first woman to officially enlist in the military and also the first female chief petty officer.

Youngest known soldier of World War II was Moncilo Gavric, who joined the 6th Artillary Division of the Serbian Army at the age of eight after his parents and siblings were killed by Astro Hungarian troops in 1914.

During the American Civil Way, the youngest soldier to fight was a boy named Edward Black. Edward was born in 1853 making him eight years old when he joined the Union Army as a volunteer drummer boy for the 21st Indiana Volunteers.

David Bailey Freeman joined the 6th Georgia Calvary at age 11. David's brother Madison Freeman was crippled with a disease called white swelling, known today as pleabytis. He was uncertain if he could serve his office as Lieutenant due to his disease. He asked his mother if he could bring his little brother David to camp with him as his aid. At Camp Felton, David was offered a position as a "marker" for the Calvary. He served two years with the 6th Georgia Calvary Company D. He has been proclaimed as the youngest Confederate soldier.

In 1861, Dr. Mary Walker applied to become a surgeon with the Union Army. She was 29 years old. Her application was rejected by the Army. She remained as a volunteer and two years later she finally received an appointment to serve as assistant surgeon in the US Army. Walker was captured by confederate forces and held as a POW enduring a long line of abuse due to her status as a woman. In 1865 she was awarded the Medal of Honor, which was later rescinded. President Carter restored the award in 1977. To this day, Dr. Mary Walker remains the only woman to have received the Medal of Honor in US history.

Genevieve and Lucille were twin sisters and we're transferred from the Naval Coastal Defense Reserve to the Coast Guard during WWI. Women served the Coast Guard as far back as 1930s as civilian lighthouse keepers and it wasn't until World War I that they would wear the uniform of

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*Educate, don't legislate – stuff we thought you might like to know

-by: Sheila, Sandy, Little Bit, & Thunder



We were sitting around, talking about Sturgis Motorcycle Rally that is coming up soon. That is the granddaddy of all rallies, starting back in 1938. It's on almost everyone's bucket list that we know of. There is a saying that "people who ride to the rally, are there for the ride, the community of bikers, and people who trailer there, are there for vacation or to party". That's easier to say if you are closer to South Dakota than we are in Florida. One of our members is going this year, riding all the way, with another friend. We couldn't help but start dreaming, talking about how friggin' fun that would be, to ride there, stopping each night, wherever we were, just camping along the way. Another member went to North Carolina for Thanksgiving, and spent time with his dad, riding in the mountains and just stopping wherever, for the night, and walking into the woods, and making camp. Have you all heard about the Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge? That is even more hard core. It is an 8,500+ mile ride, mostly through "back roads", the country's greatest scenic, historic, and cultural spots. We don't know all the details, but it involves a lot of camping and endurance. Call Gabe Carrera, Attorney that Rides, who has an ad in our newsletter, and he can tell you all about it. (not an advertisement for Gabe). And women do that ride too, amazing.

So, what do we know about camping and motorcycles? We mean real camping, tents, sleeping bags, bugs (hahaha). Remember the campfire scene in Easy Rider, Jack Nicholson talking about individual freedom, so cool, and we do love Jack and Peter and Dennis. Here's some stuff we found out.

Preparation is key. A checklist is always good. You don't have a lot of room to pack stuff to bring, and you will, most

likely, be out in the weather at some point.

How long are you planning to be gone? This is the starting point, because it affects what you need to pack, how many changes of clothes do you need, or preparing to do laundry on the road. You also need to make sure all your licenses, inspections, and registrations are up to date, and won't expire while you are gone.

Where do you plan on staying? Whether you are planning on staying at a campground, or just out in the "wilderness", you need a tent, of course, but what size? A smaller tent, like a backpacking tent, may be ideal, small, and compact. Some people use a bivouac, which is a kind of temporary shelter that you "tent" between your bike and a tree. It's easy to pack but not much protection from the elements. You need a good sleeping bag too. This will depend on where you are going, but down here, in Florida, the synthetic fiber ones are better, as they are lighter and dry faster. Don't forget water and food if you are camping in the wilderness.

What resources will be available to you when you stop each night? If you are staying at a campground, make reservations ahead of time. Then find out what kinds of amenities they have. Is there a laundry, a grocery store near-by, a place to cook your food, or even a nearby restaurant? Many places offer grills, but check. There is SO much camping cookware out there, for all kinds of camping. Sheila was in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for many years (as a leader, not a scout, hah!) and she still loves walking down the camping aisle at Walmart, so much cool stuff, flashlights, first aid kits,

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How is your bike's maintenance? Really, no matter if you're riding a few miles, or a long ride, you should make sure your bike is up to date with maintenance, but ESPECIALLY for long rides, overnights. Change your oil and oil filter, at the very least. Check your tires. Bad tires will ruin any trip real quick. Take your bike to your favorite local bike shop, like On The Road Again, or Dynasty Cycles (not an advertisement, just great shops, and will take care of your bike).

Bet you didn't think of this one, check the local laws where you will be going. Not many bikes are original. It seems that the first thing someone does when they buy a bike, is change something. Custom modifications are almost the rule, from lighting to modified exhaust systems. Some states have laws against such modifications. In Florida, thanks to ABATE of Florida, we do not have to wear a helmet, but different states have different helmet laws. Check those out before you set out.

We covered laundry, but what about other riding gear? Even down here in South Florida, we know that most of the time, we don't need a jacket, but if you are riding up to Tallahassee, in February, for the ABATE of Florida Freedom Rights Ride to the Capitol, you will probably want to pack a heavy jacket, gloves, and even long johns. Check the weather before you leave. Almost everyone we know, has rain gear already on their bikes. You should check those anyway, make sure they are still in good shape. Even if you don't normally wear a helmet, you might want to bring one for a longer ride, and they do help keep your head warm, riding up north.

So, we know what to bring, where we are going, reservations are made, bike is checked out, and the last thing is packing. If you have side bags, that's good, and if you don't, fine too, just a little more planning, to make sure your stuff is covered in case of rain. You should always do a prepack, just to see where everything needs to go and make sure it all fits. Don't wait until the last day to do this, plan ahead. A low center of gravity is important, so make sure to pack heavier items closer to the bike's center of gravity. The lighter stuff, like your sleeping bag, can be put up higher. There are a lot of "tools" to help you pack. Saddles bags

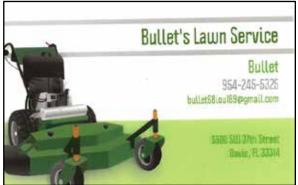
are great, and you can get a luggage rack. Just make sure that whatever you strap to your bike, does not block the air intake or is by the pipes. You might even want to take a trial run, around town, the day before, to make sure everything stays in place and that your ride is comfortable.

Thunder did a bit of motorcycle camping when she lived in upstate New York. She said that it's been her experience, camping on a motorcycle, that, number one, pack very lightly. If you're going to be gone for two weeks, pack six pairs of jeans, a pair sweatpants, a pair of shorts, five pairs of underwear, and three shirts. The reason she says only three shirts, is because when you're out and about, you are going to be buying t-shirts, when you stop at different places and shops. Remember, less is more. Waterproof boots are a must; rain gear is a must; and if you are going somewhere like the Dakotas, you're gonna wanna bring a very warm jacket and gloves! You can find laundromats almost everywhere, but when you can't, there is always a ladies room where you can wash your underwear and use the blow dryer dry your underwear, just sayin'. And socks, pack plenty of socks, and deodorant!

Sandy has done a bit of motorcycle camping herself, but in Florida. She wanted to share what she learned, so you can learn from her mistake. Make sure you have an extra bike key, and a list of emergency phone numbers in your wallet, and a disposable phone. If you lose your key, it is probably with your main phone, so you will need these. It's good to have an extra disposable phone, same reason. A tire repair kit is also good, as you may be sitting on the side of the road, if you are riding back roads in Florida, for a while, waiting in the hot sun, down here, for someone to come by and help. Make sure you always have water to drink. She said to remember items you may need for recreational desires, a collapsible fishing rod, some adult beverages to enjoy around a fire, etc.

Laurel shared her thoughts. Hotels are okay for short trips, but if you are going to be out for a while, the cost adds up, so maybe camp every other night. You meet a lot of cool people in camps, that you would never even see in a hotel. For camping, pack a single burner stove. You can make coffee, some eggs for breakfast, even a grilled cheese sandwich for lunch.

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(Throwback September 2009)

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Let's see... where to begin??

There's a lot of talk about with the changes coming up and some of them that will have an effect on all of us, as far as our freedoms are concerned and we all need to keep up on them.

You can bet your ass that after the primary seat belt law was passed, they are taking aim at the helmet law in the up-coming session.

There were some local people that helped the seat belt law along, like State Sen. Nan Rich, D-Sunrise. This bill was dubbed the Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt Law, for two teens who were not wearing seat belts when they died in traffic crashes. Marchetti, of Brandon, died in March 2006, in a crash along Interstate 75. She was 16.

Interesting that after former Rep. Irv Slosberg of Boca Raton (father of Dori) has tried in the past years to have it passed, it really gained momentum this past session because this is the last year Florida is eligible to draw \$35.5 million in federal highway safety funds by passing a stricter seat belt law.

See where I'm going with this??

All it would take, is for the Feds to dangle a carrot in front of them to get this going. We need to keep our lines open with all our elected officials to let them know that money is not a good reason to take away our freedom of choice, especially after the percentage of fatalities per riders / miles driven has gone down according to a Florida Transportation study dated March 2009, since the helmet laws were changed in 2000.

A lot of my philosophy is logic-based and I try to use this on why things are the way they are. When things are said or are proposed to me, one of things that has bugged the crap out of me for some time is, the logic behind tolls that has

basically been unfair to motorcycle riders. Tolls are supposed to supplement the gas tax for maintenance and road projects, right?

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We pay the same amount for tolls as a 6,000lb pick-up that has more weight and that has more surface area with one tire on the asphalt than both mine put together. This also applies if you also haul a trailer with you bike. This just doesn't make any sense to me at all! I rode out to the ABATE 5-star event in North Ft. Myers a while back, across the alley, and my bike was in a groove that was dug into the pavement, definitely not put there by a motorcycle, and I swear it was over 20 miles long! The way I see it, we, as riders are cutting down on the wear and tear of the surface and paying more than our share of the maintenance cost for the roads. IT'S JUST NOT FAIR!!

Next thing that is coming up is the gas tax. The lawmakers have already has figured out that with the move for better fuel economy for vehicles, like we have enjoyed on our rides, that they will be getting less money from the gas tax. They will make less money per mile than before and because, in these times, the public outcry over additional tax to make up the difference would not go very well when election time comes around. They are testing a system where you would be charged by how many miles you drive, and this will be done by way of a contraption hooked up in your vehicle that will record mileage driven; paying tax on that instead of being taxed by the gallon of fuel you burn. Sounds logical right? I have a couple of problems with this concept: a) It is supposed to remove the gas per gallon tax, but do we all trust the Government to eliminate the tax and not bring it back in some form later, right? (Not me), b) with this so called device installed in the vehicle: they stated that it is NOT a tracking device. Again, I somehow have reservations on that statement.

Speaking of tracking.....The technology is already there and I heard it has been demonstrated to a point at a bike rally where each ticket had a strip embedded

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in it, where anywhere you walked in the event, you can have you picture taken (if you like) without you knowing it. They had the ability to track anybody by something a small as an onion peel embedded in the ticket, and towers where set up around the property with guys with cameras that can track you and take your picture anywhere you went at the event. Now who is to say that is not already being done, like in your current or next license plate sticker, plus with all the anti-terrorist and anti-organized crime acts that are out there who's to say if it is not in place and in use right now. Makes you think!

Till next time.....keep the Shiny side up and the

greasy side down Ride Safe and Free!! Old Hippy

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I would like start by saying, to all the riders that enjoy riding around without having to wear a helmet, you should know that the only reason you are able to do this, is because ABATE fought for this right in Tallahassee for 21 years, to get this law finally passed, and we were able to do it in the year 2000. And with another swipe of the pen, that right could be gone again... just sayin', you know.

And in 2000, they tried to pass a law that everybody on a motorcycle would have to wear a bright orange vest, but ABATE was able to get that law squashed. Can you imagine if that law passed? Then none of the clubs or riding groups or riding associations or MROs, like ABATE, even the independents, for that matter would be able to have their vest (or shirt) seen while they were on their motorcycles. It would only be when they parked their bikes and took off their reflective vests, that you would be able to distinguish them from everybody else and know who they were associated with, or even what rock band they liked. ABATE was on top of that, and got it squashed. Oh yeah, but with the swipe of a pen, that could all be lost too.

You know there are so many more motorcyclists on the road now, compared to 21 years ago when ABATE was able to accomplish all this. In 2000, when all of this was occurring, and we had our yearly Ride to the Capitol, we had over 2,000 motorcyclists riding, because they wanted to get these laws changed. In 2019-BC (before Covid), we had a little over a hundred motorcyclists, what the F---?. In that same year, there were almost 590,000 registered motorcycles just in the State of Florida. When people wanted to make medical marijuana legal, thousands of people showed up at the Capitol, and same thing for gay marriage.... just sayin', you know.

Then we, bikers, turn around and only get a little over a hundred bikes. I know this doesn't mean that bikers don't care about their rights, and I was the first to say, in the past, "I can't go, I have to work", but that was an excuse. I know now, I was there! We can make an impact and make our voices heard, be present to these politicians, and let them know who we are.

This is important. We have so many more riders now, and we could make a big impact in Tallahassee. We need to get

those numbers up again, for the next Ride to the Capitol. We need to let the politicians know that bikers are here to stay. We need to let them know that we want to keep all of our rights. You will get to talk to the politicians when you are there, so please, MARK your calendars for February 12-14, 2022. The Ride will be Monday, February 14th. Try to schedule some time off work. It is something you will never forget, and you will be part of something important, helping to change the future for the younger riders out there. Keep reading our Newsletter as the date gets closer, for more info.

I'm always sayin', in Tallahassee, it's a numbers game. ABATE has a paid lobbyist in Tallahassee, who makes sure the politicians know who we are, but that's not good enough, not for me, and not for ABATE. One of the reasons we don't have a lot of people riding to the Capitol, is because a lot of motorcyclists do not know who ABATE is and what we do for the motorcycle community. Please go out and tell everybody who rides, about ABATE and help us make bikers important to the politicians in Tallahassee.

And if you don't know that much about ABATE, give me a call, I am also happy to help educate you and anyone else about this organization that I am so passionate about (954) 868-4390.

Just sayin'.....Ride free and ride safe

Peace, Johnny Rose



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HIGHWAY BILL PASSES HOUSE INCLUDING MOTOR-CYCLIST-SUPPORTED PROVISIONS

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the "Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America" or INVEST in America Act (H.R. 3684) on July 1, 2021 by a mostly partisan vote of 221-201. The five-year \$715 billion surface transportation and water infrastructure bill directs federal investments in roads, bridges, transit, rail, and clean water programs, and also contains several key provisions benefiting motorcycle riders;

SEC. 3005: GRANT PROGRAM TO PROHIBIT RACIAL PROFILING was amended to include grant funding to include "the costs of collecting, maintaining, and evaluating data on the driver's mode of transportation at traffic stops" to help determine biker profiling by law enforcement.

SEC. 3011: STOP MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINT FUND-ING, not only expands prohibitions on motorcycle-only checkpoints, but also prohibits law enforcement activities that "otherwise profile and stop motorcycle operators or motorcycle passengers using as a factor the clothing or mode of transportation of such operators or passengers."

SEC. 3013: MOTORCYCLIST ADVISORY COUNCIL, reauthorizes the MAC to "advise the Secretary, the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration on transportation issues of concern to motorcyclists," including "barrier design, road design, construction, and maintenance practices, and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation systems technologies."

H.R. 3684 specifies that motorcycles must be taken into consideration when the Department of Transportation (DOT) conducts safety studies on autonomous vehicles.

Additionally, the Highway Bill earmarks \$5,760,000 in 405 safety funds to states for motorcyclist safety in the next fiscal year, and increases program funding by more than a third annually through 2025.

Once the Senate passes their own version of the highway bill, both chambers will come together in a Conference Committee to iron out any differences before sending the bill to the President for his signature.

Time is of the essence, as the current surface transportation bill expires on September 30.

RIGHT TO REPAIR MAKES HEADWAY

Consumers may soon have more choice over where to take products, from vehicles to smartphones, to be repaired following a new Biden Administration executive order intended to promote right-to-repair protections.

In a broad-ranging executive order aimed at increasing competition in the marketplace, President Biden has asked the Federal Trade Commission to draft regulations that would prevent manufacturers from stipulating that these and other devices can be repaired only by authorized personnel.

Tucked into the executive order that covered 72 initiatives to promote competition in the U.S. economy, Biden specifically asked the FTC to crack down on "unfair anticompetitive restrictions on third-party repair or self-repair of items."

The new directive to the FTC comes a couple of months after the commission delivered a 54-page report to Congress that concluded "there is scant evidence to support manufacturers' justifications for repair restrictions."

The order is a significant win for the right to repair advocates who have long championed a consumer's choice to have their technology fixed either by third parties or on their own, rather than solely by the manufacturer. Right to repair argues that anyone should have access to the OEM parts, manuals, and software needed to perform those repairs.

MIC 'RIDE WITH US' INITIATIVE AIMS TO GET "NEW RIDERS, RIDING MORE"

"Ride With Us" -- the powersports industry's multifaceted market expansion program -- has been officially launched by the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC).

"In late 2019 at MIC's Communication Symposium, we shared the MIC's vision for growing ridership – more riders, riding more," said Paul Vitrano, chairman of the MIC Board of Directors and senior vice president/senior assistant general counsel of Polaris, in the announcement. "We were excited to begin operationalizing the plan in early 2020, but the pandemic caused us to pause and refocus our efforts on helping powersports businesses remain open."

"While we were navigating the coronavirus, we also were working hard to prepare for the post-pandemic environment," said Erik Pritchard, president and CEO of the MIC. "Our preparation included a number of initiatives tied to each phase of the new rider journey -- Inspire, Explore, Engage, and Integrate -- as well supporting new-rider education initiatives."

The MIC is leading a task force composed of industry-leading marketing talent to help develop the program. As a part of the 'Ride With Us' program, the MIC is also delivering new 45-minute first-ride experiences for people who have never ridden a motorcycle before.

"Our industry has needed a unifying market expansion effort targeting potential and returning riders, and the MIC is delivering it with Ride With Us," said Vitrano. "We urge all industry stakeholders to rally around this initiative as it rolls out to support people at every stage of their journey to becoming a lifelong rider."

EMISSION-FREE MOTORCYCLES PLAY KEY ROLE IN U.K. TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The British government plans to ban the sale of gasoline-powered motorcycles, and from 2035 all new motorcycles must be zero emission, with powered two-wheelers (PTW) set to play a key role in a new Government Transport Decarbonisation Plan following years of behind the scenes campaigning from the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA).

The Department for Transport announced the radical new

plan earlier this month, which pledges to end the sale of all new, non-zero emission road vehicles by 2040 at the latest, as well as phasing out the sale of all new non-zero emission heavy goods vehicles in that timeframe.

The 220-page DfT plan states that the government will "consult this year on a phase out date of 2035, or earlier if a faster transition appears feasible, for the sale of new non-zero emission powered two and three wheelers."

Unlike in some previous transport announcements, motorcycles and scooters have been considered from the outset, thanks to consultations between the MCIA and government ministers spanning the past three years.

"Motorcycles, scooters and other forms of Powered Light Vehicles will play a key role and we are extremely happy this has now been recognized," said MCIA chief executive Tony Campbell, adding that "Only a fool would think that the motorcycling sector could be treated separately from everything else going on in the world."

<u>U.S. AND E.U. LEADERS REACH TRUCE IN RETALIA-</u> TORY TARIFFS WAR

The current European and U.S. trade dispute dates back to 2004 when both parties accused one another of unfairly subsidizing aircraft giants Boeing and Airbus. In 2018, the World Trade Organization declared both sides guilty, allowing the U.S. to implement \$7.5 billion in tariffs and the E.U. to retaliate with \$4 billion in duties.

Over the years, the retributive approach on both sides extended the tariffs beyond the aircraft manufacturers, and from French wine to American whiskey to Harley-Davidson motorcycles, the tax rates ballooned. In 2018, the dispute intensified into an all-out trade war when former President Donald Trump imposed new steel and aluminum tariffs on several NATO allies.

That decision spurred the E.U. to hit back with a series of tax hikes that would have levied a 56-percent tariff on American motorcycles over 500cc. Luckily, the E.U. relented, delaying the measures until December, 2021. However, that didn't solve the impending trade crisis for brands like Harley-Davidson.

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At the European Union-United States Summit in Brussels, Belgium, on June 15, 2021, U.S. President Joe Biden and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen reached a truce in the 17-year Boeing-Airbus spat. The agreement will go into effect on July 11, 2021, and will suspend the tariffs for the next five years. The truce not only mends trans-Atlantic trade relations, but also lays the groundwork for both parties to unite against a common threat in the aircraft industry: China, a major threat due to its overproduction of steel and aluminum.

MORE COUNTRIES BANNING GAS-POWERED MOTOR-CYCLES

It seems that more and more nations are beginning to adopt a policy of allowing only brand new electric-powered vehicles to be sold in their jurisdictions in the near future, and now Indonesia, Southeast Asia's largest motorcycle market with more than 112-million motorcycles on its busy streets, has declared that no more new internal combustion engine (ICE) motorcycles should be sold in the country by 2050.

Singapore also adopted a similar policy by banning motorcycles they consider "old" from their streets by 2028. India, as well as some European nations, had already enacted similar measures earlier. Now, Canada is the newest country that's taking on drastic measures to significantly cut greenhouse gas emissions.

In a recent announcement from the Canadian government agency, Transport Canada (TC), they are accelerating the complete eradication of ICE-powered vehicles by outlawing them by 2035 -- which is 5-years earlier than the original 2040 plan.

"Today, we take another important step on the road to net zero by accelerating our zero-emission vehicle targets to 2035," said Seamus O'Regan Jr., the Canadian minister of natural resources. "Achieving this target will require all Canadians, and businesses big and small, to embrace the change and go electric."

Like other countries initiating combustion vehicle sales bans, the plan is to end new vehicle sales, and does not mention plans for older vehicles. Most such plans rely on older vehicles eventually phasing themselves out as they become impractical to repair and own over time.

MANDATORY MOTORCYCLE INSPECTIONS MAY HIT EUROPE IN 2023

The idea of mandatory periodic technical inspections (PTI) for motorcycles in Europe has been looming for some time now, since 2104, but new information indicates this legislation could be coming sooner than expected.

In fact, the Ministry of Transport (MOT) has confirmed it is preparing a decree in the Council of State to establish a date and basic parameters for inspections starting in 2023.

European Parliament wants mandatory inspections for motorized two-wheelers in every state of the European Union, while the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Association (FEMA) argues that such a Europe-wide law is unnecessary, citing existing inspection regulations, a low risk of accidents due to technical defects, and possible collusion with inspection companies.

A typical PTI is expected to include a visual inspection of running gear (lights, tires, brakes, etc.), as well as a sound inspection and pollution test, to be performed at a certified inspection station. However, at this time, it is unclear how often these checks will happen and what the exact details will be.

EASYRIDERS ON THE COMEBACK TRAIL

Easyriders magazine was known as the "biker's bible" for over 50 years, before ceasing production in 2019, but now Classic Easyriders will kickstart a new era beginning this December, drawing on its rich heritage as an integral part of the biker lifestyle.

"Our industry needs a paper magazine as well as a digital presence now more than ever before, to capture and promote the American motorcycle culture," says editor-in-chief Dave Nichols.

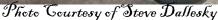
While there will be no nudity as in the original Easyriders, Classic Easyriders (www.ClassicEasyriders.com) will bring readers the look and feel of biker magazines of the 1970s and '80s, with fresh new choppers, bobbers, classic motorcycles and the latest builds by today's top builders. The monthly magazine will also include interviews with biker legends and showcase motorcycle-related parts, products and accessories.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "A page of history is worth a volume of logic."

~ Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. (1841-1935), U.S. Supreme Court Justice

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Sheila was in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for almost 10 years. She did a lot of camping with them, even going to Seattle one summer. She has done some long rides with her husband too, but never camping, definitely something she wants to do. If you are going to see relatives, you don't need to carry everything on your bike, you can send some stuff ahead. Since we started with Sturgis, just passing this on, the Sturgis Postmaster had this to say "Are you riding to the Sturgis Rally, and not sure how to haul all the gear and supplies you need? The U.S. Postal Service has an easy solution. Tents, sleeping bags and other items can be heavy and cumbersome. So, take the hassle out of your ride by mailing your gear ahead and it will be there when you arrive. Pack your belongings in a sturdy box. Call your local Post Office or visit usps. com for more information". I would love to go motorcycle camping with my husband, but it will have to wait until we both retire. Right now, between, work, ABATE, and grandkids, I just don't have 2 or 3 weeks (or even a weekend, most times) to just take off into the wild. When we do, I am going to invest in a motorcycle camper trailer. I know they are a little pricey, starting at \$2,000, but that works out to less than \$100 a day, for a three-week trip, and that is better than a hotel. And I would want to be outside, outdoors, I mean, isn't that part of the joy of riding a motorcycle, to be in the wind. A hotel is just another cage, in a way.

Finally, whatever you do, camping on a motorcycle, in a hotel, or just riding around the block, ride safe, and ride free!

"Risk is good. Not managing your risk is a dangerous leap." Evel Knievel







their service. The 19-year-old twins were the first women to join the Coast Guard.

While the oldest military service in America, the Army, does not officially state who the first woman to join its ranks were, most historians agree that it was Deborah Sampson. Sampson was an indentured servant who joined the Continental Army in the spring of 1781. Because women were not permitted to serve in the military she disguised herself as a man by the name of Robert Shurtleft. Sampson was injured several times including a saber wound to her head and a gunshot wound to her thigh. According to sources she allowed a doctor to look at her head wound but removed the bullet in her thigh herself for fear she would be discovered as a woman. At one time she was gravely ill and her attending physician discovered her gender but kept it a secret. Her ruse was later discovered and General George Washington authorized her honorable discharge.

Interesting enough, her tombstone reads:

Deborah wife of Benjamin Gannett died April 29, 1827 aged 68 years.

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