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President's Thoughts

I hope everyone got a belly full of bird and a chance to be with their loved ones. Be it friends or family.

Hope your Thanksgiving was safe and happy.

I want to take this chance to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season. May the New Year bring you Health, Love, Happiness and Success.

Hope to see everyone at this year's Toys in the Sun Run on December 11, 2011.

Not only do we get to help the kids, but we get to hang out and party! Good food, great music, and good company...that's what I'm talking about!

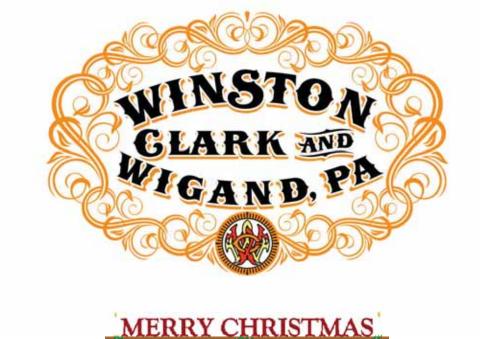
Be safe and be strong...

Peace, Johnny Rose









Membership Due

Thanks if you have already renewed

<u>December</u>

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* PLEASE NOTE *

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ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes, Nov. 20, 2011

President Johnny Rose called the meeting to order at 10:10 am with 42 members, no members at large and 5 guests. Total in attendance: 47 members. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Suzanne.

Presidents Report

Johnny thanked all for coming. Our semi-annual event was a huge success and thanked all of our members who came out to help. More than 30 members came out to work the event, which made for a smooth day. Our events coordinator Jackie Staley was given a plaque in appreciation for all her hard work to make this event such a success. Thanks to members of DerKreiger MC, Chrome Knights MC and El Coqui Motorcycle Assoc. for joining us today. Also Yosemite Sam was there. (You had to be there). In addition we were honored to have one of the founding members of our chapter join us. Trash has been in and out of the hospital but it was great to have him there. He asked the chapter to look into getting a copy of our charter that we can post for all members to see. His signature is on it. This is a document that needs to be shared and our members to be proud of. The chapter will also look into his Life Membership Status as a founding member, which is rightfully deserved.

Vice-Presidents Report

Old Hippy thanked all our members for their help at our event. We have a busy holiday time coming up. Please keep checking the hotline for updates.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Joe read the financial report for October. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurers report. We only have 4 books of drawing tickets left to sell for the \$10,000.00 First Prize at next years Bike Week.

Sergeant at Arms Report

Geo thanked our members for the nice turnout. We need to be thankful for the bond of brotherhood in which we have. On behalf of the Executive Board wishing all our members and their family's a very Safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Road Captain's Report

Frank reported with the weather not being the greatest it has been tough in setting up a ride. Having said that, on Fri the day after

Thanksgiving we will be holding our traditional Ride Up to the Lake. We will be meeting at 84 diner with KSU (Kick Stands Up) at 0900.

Please check the hotline for run updates and important information.

Safety Directors Report

Dave reported more than 7000 drivers licenses have been revoked by the State of Florida this past year for elderly drivers who cannot pass the test given by the state when you reach a certain age. Don't quote me but I believe the age for testing is 80, not sure but will let you know. We have a number of safety product give a ways; if you need any items please see him. There has been talk of a helmet law being re-introduced, this will be looked into

Products Report

Jackie reported we have products and you do not have to wait for our monthly meeting if you need something. Just stop by at Cycle lab on 441. A number of our products including shirts, hats, patches are available. If you cannot make it there, feel free to give her a call and make arrangements. Her number is listed in the newsletter.

Events Coordinator

Jackie reported our October event was a huge success. Plaques of appreciation were given to the members who came out to work, help and support the chapter. Due to circumstances, Jackie will stay on as Products Trustee but will be giving up the Events Coordinator Position. Any member interesting in the position, please see any board member.

State Reps Report

Chris reported there was no state meeting this month. Next month the state meeting will be in Palm Bay. This is only a ride of 2 to 2 ½ hours and is the closet state meeting to our chapter. Since we are the LARGEST chapter in the state a huge turnout would be great. The state legislature is starting up earlier than normal, next years Tallahassee run to the capitol will be held on the 2nd weekend in February. So dress warmly as the last time it was held in February the air temperature was 40 degrees. Bike week for 2012 starts on March 9, 2012. As in years past ABATE will be at the campground, but due to a decrease in attendance, the campground will be smaller than usual. Either way when you go to Bike Week the only place to stay is at the ABATE Campground.

The following bills will be introduced:

1. Stiffer Penalties.

2. Motorcycle parking in public parking garages

3. Vertical Tag issues.

Bike Week 2012- Each Chapter was requested to donate a bottle of liquor to the on-site bar to help defray costs. This way you can totally enjoy yourself and not worry about riding or driving while safely staying at the ABATE campground.

Membership Report

George reported we have 626 members. We are still the largest chapter in the state.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

It is impossible to process a new or renewal membership application, send out your membership card and newsletter to your home, IF WE CAN"T READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION.

In addition our State Membership Trustee also needs the <u>plus 4 zip</u> <u>codes</u> on the application. At least leave a legible contact number whether home or cell, so we can contact you and confirm the correct information.

Newsletter Editor

Wildcat reported all articles; contributions, pictures etc are due by the $20^{\mbox{\tiny th}}$ of each month.

For this month, all articles are due by 900pm Tuesday 11/22/11.

Legislative Report

Jimmy Les discussed the possible change to the State of Michigan helmet laws. BARS reported on motorcycle thefts, which plague the industry. Top 5 manufactures stolen last year: 1. Honda, 2. Yamaha, #. Suzuki, 4. Kawasaki, 5. Harley-Davidson. The 5 brands accounted for 77.8 percent of the brands stolen.

Public Relations

Fern was excused. No report

Advertising

Hope reported with the exception of 1 or 2 advertisers. All advertising revenue is up to date.

Social Directors Report

Karen was out of town and excused. This month a combination birthday and biker appreciation party will be held this Sat. 11/26/11 at the VFW on Griffin Road. Come on out and enjoy.

Newsletter Distribution

Karin was out of town and excused. Just a reminder if for any reason at all where you cannot distribute the newsletter, it is extremely important to call her or any board member. We cannot let the newsletters sit and wait for distribution once it is ready. If you have an issue we will get someone to handle your route but you must communicate and let us know.

<u>Quartermaster's Report</u> Bob Anz was excused, no report

<u>Photographer's Report</u> Axman was excused, no report.

Web-Master's Report

Mike was excused. His Mom is recuperating from surgery. Please keep him and his mother in your prayers.

Legal Council

Chris reported there was no report.

Old Business

Chris reported on the Shriners Toy Run. Unfortunately weather did not help that day, but our products and safety booth were present and were very well received. Look for it next year; it will be the first toy Run of the Christmas Season.

New Business

Jackie has elected to step down due to personal and schedule issues. The Board of Directors say "Thank You" for all your hard work and efforts in making all of our events a huge success. So now need an Events Coordinator. If you want to step up, interested in helping out the chapter, please contact any board member or Jackie for information on the position. I.E. duties, hours, time needed.

Good of the Order

Reminder to check the Hotline @ 954-310-4636 for any and all updates

JR from El Coqui presented all our members with a great Christmas CD. Also they will be having a Toy Run on Dec. 18th in cooperation with 3 local churches where we will have the opportunity to actually give the presents to the children. We need 200 presents, toys, stuffed animals etc. Thank you JR. The 18th of Dec is going to be a great day. Our chapter meeting at 10:00am, Toy Run to support El Cogui and Christmas on the Beach where Joe (our treasurer) and Greta will be getting married. If any member is a Notary Public, please contact Joe.

New Years Eve at the American Legion. Prime Ribs, Salmon, Chicken, Open Bar and our very own Geo and his Hoodoo Blues Band providing the entertainment to bring in the New Year. Cost is only 40.00 per person with only 80 tickets available.

ABATE of Florida Palm Beach Event at Renegades on 12-4-11. Chrome Knights President-Mamalo wished all our members a very safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

The Memorial Plaques at Holiday Park will not be moved without notifying us.

We have the opportunity to purchase memorial bricks to be displayed at the Cooper City Memorial Park. Cost for an 8 x 8 brick engraved is 125.00. The cost includes engraving and all maintenance cost. We will keep you posted.

On Dec. 5 & 6, the Discovery Channel will be having a Biker Build Off between Jesse James and the Teutels. Well not sure if all the Teutels (Sr, Jr and their staffs) will be involved but whatever the case, there will be a live broadcast to determine the winner. Long time trustee of the Palm Beach Chapter " Slo Mo" has been under the weather; please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

A motion was made, seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:12am

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

Paul A. Melcer

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Secretary





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DEC. 10, 2011

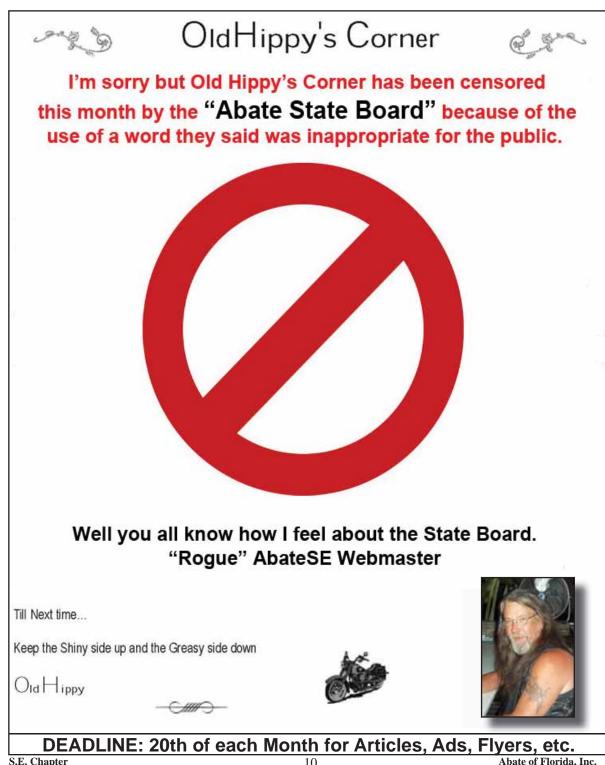
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Happy Birthday!

Hello Everyone,

November's party hasn't happened yet and was planned at the VFW 9697. I'm sorry to say the Post has been closed and it looks like permanently. Thanks to Lynn Hara our "Callgirl" for helping me out, she had our party switched to Luke's.

Luke's is always a great place to be and thanks to both Royce and Kathleen for being there for us on such short notice only four days before the party. The December Birthday Party will be the same day as the Christmas Party on the Beach on Dec 18th and will be riding down after the meeting. A little Birdie told me there would be a third celebration.... which will be a wedding! You'll have to be there to find out who the couple is J. Congratulations!



I hope to see some of you there and have a wonderful Birthday to everybody below!

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Remember if your name is not included, please contact me. Birthday information is not automatic when you register to be a member. Please see me at any meeting, or give me a call if your name is not on our list. Send info to *karin.rylands@att.net* or call 954-430-0487.

Till next month Ride Safe and Free,

Karin







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We will be set up again at the Toys in the Sun Run again in the same place as always next to the trailers where they collect the toys at the gate and hope to see everybody, at least stop by and say hi.

We are making plans for our January event and are looking at several venues to host it. Again we will need support in promoting and help in making this successful. Remember these events are the major fundraiser avenue for us to stay afloat and without them we cannot accomplish our goals of protecting our rights, with or Lobbyists and Safety Awareness Programs that we have.

That's all I have till next year!





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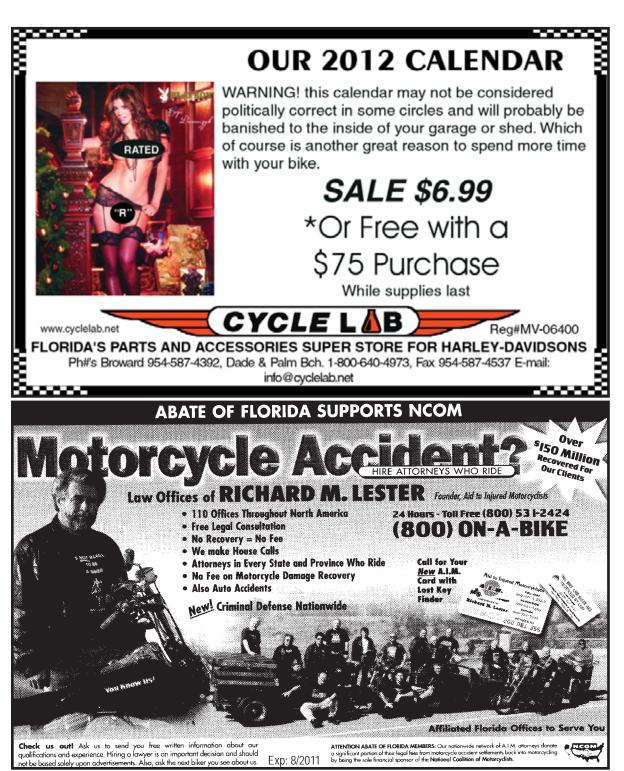
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2011		DI	ECEMB	ER		2011
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	2	3
4 ABATE W P B Annual	5	6	7 Mickey's Bike Night	8 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	9	10 ABATE STATE MEETING Palm Bay, FL
11 24th A nnual T oys in the S un Run	12	13	14 Mickey's Bike Night	15 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	16	17 SFLCOC Christmas Dinner Luke's Place Bike Night
18 ABATE Chapter Meeting Calvary Chapel's 12th Annual Christmas Service	19	20	21 Mickey's Bike Night	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Mickey's Bike Night	29	30	31
Additional Info						
December 10	- USMV MC Wre	eath's Across An	nerica Ceremony	/		
December 17	- Drawing for the	e Toy Run Bike a	at H-D of Miami			
December 18	- El Coqui Motor	cycle Group Toy	Drive at Bravo	Supermarket - S	ee page 27	
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Sometimes "Events" get missed or don't get listed in time for the Calendar.

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2012		J	ANUAR	RY		2012
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Mickey's Bike Night	5 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	6	7 Luke's Place Bike Night
8 States MC Pompano 17th Annual Blessing of the Bikes	9	10	11 Mickey's Bike Night	12 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	13	14 Luke's Place Bike Night
15 Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day	16	17	18 Mickey's Bike Night	19 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	20	21 WOMMC Indian River Party Luke's Place Bike Night
22 SE ABATE Semi-Annual Event	23	24	25 Mickey's Bike Night	26 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	27	28 Luke's Place Bike Night
29 Der Krieger MC Annual	30	31	Mickey's Bike Night	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music		Luke's Place Bike Night
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2012 CALENDA



MANDATORY ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD FOR CHANGES & ADDITIONS EMAIL:

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JANUARY

- 8 States MC 17th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
- 15 Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day
- 21 Wheels of Man MC Indian River Party
- 22 SE ABATE semi-annual event
- 29 Der Krieger MC Annual

FEBRUARY

- 4 Alternative WPB Party
- 5 Third Tradition Annual
- 11 USMVMC Homestead Party
- 12 AOA MC Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual
- 19 States MC Lake Worth Annual
- 25 Wheels of Man MC Deerfield 39th Annual

MARCH

4 - Der Krieger MC PSL Annual 10 - Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud Party 11 - Fiasco Brothers MC Annual 18 - Keltics MC Broward Annual 24 - USMV MC Chapter 1 Party 25 - Hermandad MC Annual 31 - Black Pistons MC T.C. Annual

APRIL

1 - States MC Pompano Annual 7 - Mystic 7 MC Party 8 - CMA Easter Party 14 - Outcast MC Annual 21 - USMVMC Martin Ctny Party 22 - AOA WPB Party 28 & 29 - Leesburg

MAY

6 - Southern MC Annual 12 - Wings of Gold MC P.S.L. Chili Cook Off 19 - USMVMC WPB Annual 20 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual 27 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE

3 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party 9 - New Attitudes MC Annual 10 - Wings of Gold WPB Annual 16 - AOA Jerry & Roger 1%er's Memorial 23 - ABATE Palm Beach Party 24 - Wings of Gold MC Ft. Laud Annual

JULY

- 1 USMVMC South Broward Party
- 7 Wheels of Man MC IRC Annual
- 8 AOA MC WPB Annual
- 14 Wheels of Man MC Deerfield Chili Cook-Off
- 15 States MC Lake Worth Party
- 22 Black Pistons Ft. Laud. Annual
- 29 Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual

AUGUST

- 4 Wings of Gold Miami Party
- 5-12 72nd Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 10-12, 17th South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 12 AOA MC 44th Anniversary Party
- 19 Wings of Gold MC PSL Annual

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Outcast MC Party
- 9 States Pompano MC 19th Key West Party
- 14-16 Peterson's 39th Key West Poker Run
- 23 Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party
- 30 Keltics MC Party

OCTOBER

- 6 Mystic Seven MC Annual
- 7 Rough Riders MC Annual
 - 13 New Attitudes MC Party
 - 14 SE ABATE Annual Party
 - 19-21 Biketoberfest
- 27 Wheels of Man Deerfield Halloween Party
- 28 Alternative Ft. Laud. Annual

NOVEMBER

- 4 AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual
- 10 USMVMC National Annual
- 11 CMA Memorial Event
- 17 Soldiers for Jesus WPB Party
- 18 Wings of Gold WPB Party
- 25 USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

DECEMBER

2 - ABATE Palm Beach Annual

9 - SFPC Toy Run

- 15 Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley
- 16 Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
- 22 SFLCOC Christmas Party
- 23 Calvery Chapel Christmas Service
- 23 Hermandad MC Alfred Pena Memorial Run

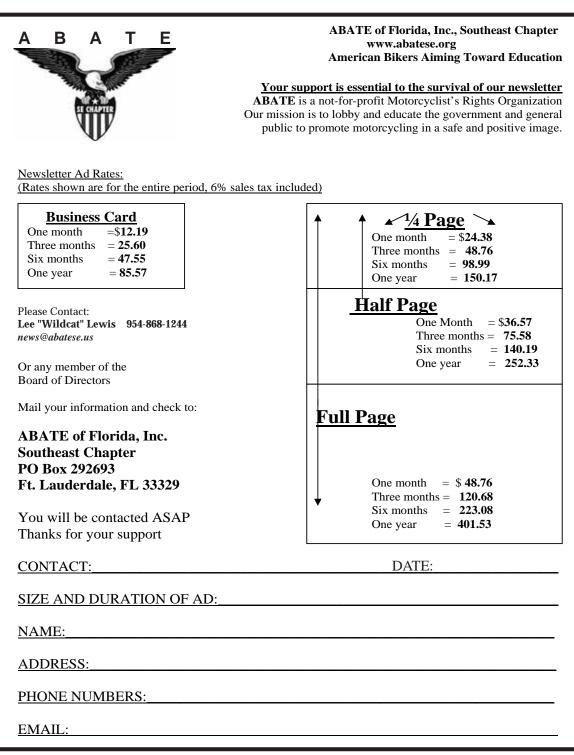






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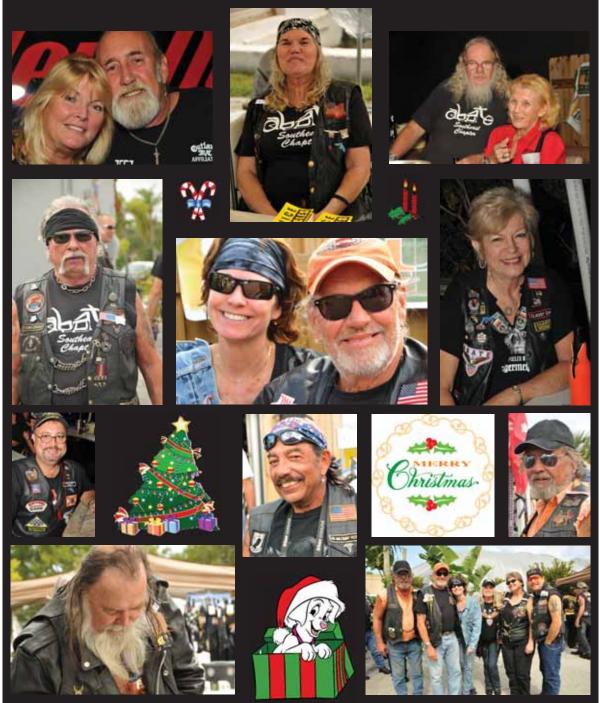
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Happy and Blessed Holiday

First I'd like to say I hope all my brothers and sisters and their families had a very blessed Thanksgiving.

I was thinking about what I would write in my December article and I had a few thoughts.

Who got the credit?

I thought about my very own Merry Christmas's I had when I was a kid, my parents always made sure my brothers and I had a great Christmas, but Santa got the credit.

When I grew up and had children of my own, my wife and I always tried our best to make sure that our kids had a great Christmas also, but again Santa got the credit.

When my children grew up they had children of their own they always tried to make sure my grandchildren always had a great Christmas, and once again Santa got the credit.

I'm not saying we didn't know what Christmas was really about, meaning the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but it seems that we all were guilty not remembering that at one time or another, I think that's because of the commercial way the world looks at the Holiday season. We kind of get caught up in the shopping, the gift giving, the partying, once again Santa gets the credit!!!!

We must try not to get caught up in that for the wrong reasons.

All of us must remember that all the things I mentioned, are Blessings that are given to us through what the season is really all about.

Our Father in Heaven, through the birth of His only son Jesus Christ, not only gave us all the things I mentioned, but gave us forgiveness of our sins, and offers us eternal life in His kingdom of Heaven. We can all have that just by asking.

So when we celebrate Christmas this year let's try to remember the true meaning of Christmas. The Birth of His Son, and give Almighty God the credit.

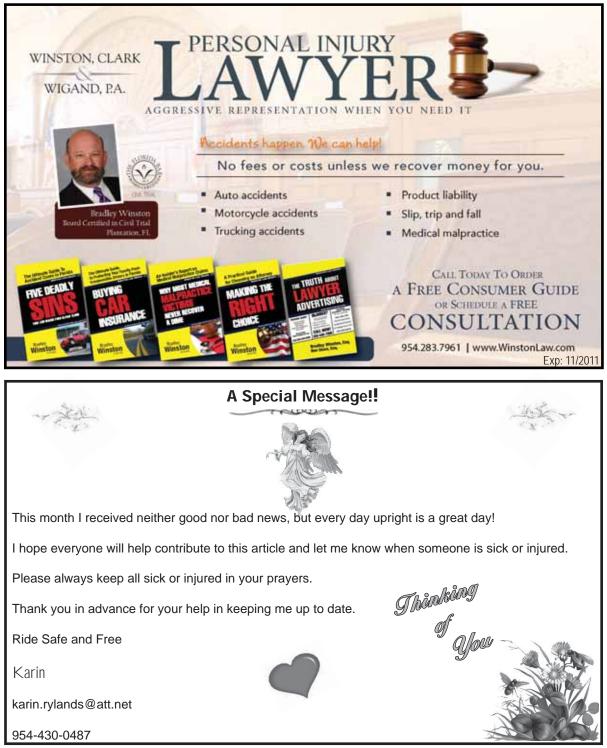
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, to all my brothers and sisters. God Bless you all.

As always Your Chaplain Poppie





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From Your Safety Director



WATCH OUT, The continuous left turn signals are back. You know those four wheel sleighs that look like they are being driven by Santa's little helpers. The ones with the white cotton puffs on top of the steering wheels, going about 20 miles an hour down the road. They are not giving out candy canes. They can barely see over the steering wheels, so you know they are NOT looking out for you. The best you can do is to be looking out for them. If the left turn signal is on for awhile, be alert for a right turn. If you are anywhere near a restaurant area that is having an early bird dinner, be on high alert for their changing lanes turns, as well as them pulling out after a meal. Most just had dinner and now getting sleepy and are ready for bed. Those Santa's helpers will be pulling out onto the roads without thinking about anything except on where they are going. Check your brakes out. How are the pads? Less than 30 percent left? You may have stop more now. Maybe it is a good time to change them. How is the tire? Got plenty of tread left? Properly inflated? You may have to swerve to avoid a car changing lanes. Have you checked your cables lately? You do not want to pull in on the clutch or the front brake and have the cable snap. It is starting to get a little cooler, have you checked and changed your oil lately?

With the cooler weather, we are getting out to ride more. Check ALL Nuts and Bolts. DON'T just think they are tight, KNOW that they are tight. Check your air filter. When was the last time that was changed? How are your lights? Does your left turn signal stay on as you are going down the road? Now that it is getting darker earlier, you will need your lights more. Do not assume that they are going to see you, make sure that they see you. Here's hoping that all of you get your stockings filled with the things you enjoy

the most. To all my friends, I am wishing you all a HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON!!!!

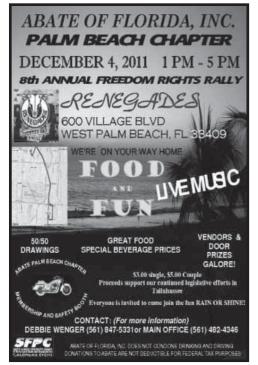
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David "Gimpy" Gregory



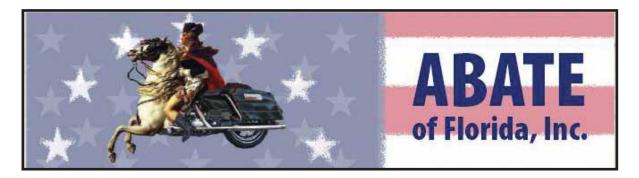


Safety Director, South East Chapter





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Road Captain's Report

Went to States MC benefit for Wrench and it was quite a turn out. Sad to see the tree go, but they put up a nice covered bar. There have been numerous events for Wrench and it's good to see our community supporting those who have suffered misfortune as he has. Keep it up guys.

I hope all have a great and safe Holiday Season. Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the men and women in the armed forces. Also their families as they celebrate the Holidays and cope with the daily challenges in the absence of their loved ones.

Have been working on a ride to the East side of the Lake and on to Fort Pierce Beach. I hope you can join us as it should be a great ride. Don't forget to check the Hot Line for any info on rides and events.

If anyone wants to ride somewhere please let me know. We will plan it and do it.

Even if it's just a few of us, "Let's Ride "

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Frank Tomasek

Road Captain, Southeast Chapter





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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

COURT ALLOWS RAID ON RIDER ED FUNDS

The Illinois Supreme Court may have opened the door for states to reallocate hundreds of millions of dollars from dedicated funding to balance their budgets.

In a recent 6-to-1 decision, the state's high court upheld a prior circuit court ruling that backed the governor and Legislature's ability to take money from hundreds of special state funds to offset budgetary deficits, a practice commonly referred to as "sweeping". Motorcycle riders sued former Gov. Rod Blagojevich after he swept \$1.2 million from the Cycle Riders Safety Training Fund (CRSTF) to pay general state bills after a 2004 law passed by lawmakers allowed him to do so. A portion of the fee for an Illinois motorcycle license goes into the CRSTF, which ABATE of Illinois argued was only to be spent on motorcycle safety education.

"Clearly, the fee charged by the state for motorcycle registration and licensing is state revenue, and therefore the portion of this state revenue which the General Assembly has allocated to the CRSTF is also public money," wrote Justice Anne Burke in the majority opinion. Burke rejected the ABATE lawyers' argument that the special fund was tantamount to a special trust fund. The state Supreme Court concluded that the legislature cannot create an irrevocable trust with public money because this would place an unconstitutional restraint upon the legislature's plenary power.

Sweeping special funds was a controversial way to deal with budget deficits during the Blagojevich administration, and although the court's ruling opens the door to more such sweeps, current Illinois Governor Pat Quinn opposes fund sweeps and has worked to end the practice.

MICHIGAN REQUESTS YOUR SUPPORT FOR HELMET FREEDOM

Michigan may be on the verge of repealing their mandatory helmet law as Senate Bill 291 appears destined for the governor's desk, and ABATE of Michigan has issued a "Call to Action" requesting the help of all motorcyclists in their freedom of choice efforts. SB291 passed the Michigan Senate 24-14 in late June, and is now back for a "concurrence vote" after passing the House 69-39 on Nov 2nd, so a favorable vote will put ABATE's hopes in the hands of Governor Rick Snyder who has not indicated whether he will sign or veto the measure. Two previous repeal bills were vetoed by then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"Governor Snyder prides himself on being all about business and helping business," said Vince Consiglio, President of ABATE of MI, adding; "A letter from a 'FREE' State may help him realize Michigan loses motorcycle money every day of the summer with a mandatory helmet law." Under the bill, motorcyclists 21 and older would have the option of riding helmet-free if they have two years of experience or have taken a safety course, and if they buy at least \$20,000 in medical insurance.

"Please urge Governor Snyder to support adult choice," requests Consiglio on behalf of ABATE, by contacting Governor Rick Snyder, State Capital, P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI 48909 or call (517) 373-3400 or e-mail <u>Rick.Snyder@michigan.gov</u>.

BIKERS RALLY TO RESCIND UN-FAIR POLICY

"The State Fair of Louisiana, for a minute, mind you, adopted a discriminatory position toward bikers by posting signs that would not allow them to attend the fair in their traditional biker gear, some of which is protective gear," said Mary Baker in an article in the Examiner newspaper, adding that "...bikers everywhere contribute to charity in a way that not many other segments of the population do... And, they definitely make an impact on the local community, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars at local establishments including restaurants, theaters, bars, parks, and small businesses. That is why it is disheartening to hear of discrimination based solely on appearance."

Upon being alerted of the fair's new anti-biker policy, Facebook exploded with messages like this: "ALERT/INFO: The State Fair of La. has adopted the policy: NO COLORS... Signs are now being posted at all gates. NO BIKER COLORS of ANY KIND. Please pass this on to ALL BIKER friends and family. MC's are being Discriminated against. To Complain:::: Call State Fair of La. Let Your VOICES be heard.... Repost!!! Don't support the fair..." You can imagine that bikers, their friends and family were livid. They began to complain about the discrimination with phone calls to the Director of the State Fair, and his offices. The result: Before the end of the day, this message by the representative for Independent Riders, Northwest Louisiana, was posted on Facebook: "UPDATE...UPDATE... WE HAVE WON !!!!! Just received a call... And the State Fair of Louisiana has now changed their policy. THE SIGNS HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND ALL BIK-ERS ARE WELCOME AT THE FAIR !!!!!! Never, never, NEVER underestimate the power of a close knit FAMILY !!! Thanks to all who made calls and helped !!!"

Louisiana State COIR (Coalition Of Independent Riders) Commander Lionel "Nite Train" Bailey reported that the US Defenders and COIR conducted a phone campaign and not only have the Louisiana State Fair officials rescinded their No Colors policy, but even offered to organize a Bike Night to a Blue Oyster Cult concert.

LAWMAKERS OVERRIDE GOVERNOR'S VETO OF RED LIGHT BILL

The Illinois House voted 94-21 and the Senate voted 45-6 to override Gov. Pat Quinn's veto of the "Dead Red" bill supported by ABATE of Illinois that would allow motorcyclists to proceed through

malfunctioning red lights.

As written, House Bill 2860 sponsored by Senator Gary Forby (D-Benton) and Representative Daniel Beiser (D-Alton), specifies that a motorcyclist would be permitted to legally run a red light "after a reasonable period of time," but Quinn vetoed the legislation with the request that a two minute wait time be amended to it. The law will now go into effect on January 1, 2012, and according to Sen. Forby; "A measure I sponsored (HB 2860) will now become law after I was successful in overriding the governor's amendatory veto. The bill allows motorcyclists to go through a red light if it fails to change to green because the switch hasn't been tripped, or didn't recognize the motorcycle. To alleviate a few of the concerns some of my colleagues raised, I introduced a "trailer bill" that requires motorcyclists to wait 120 seconds before proceeding through the red light. For those of us who have been stuck at a light without it ever changing to green, we know how reasonable this legislation is. This situation happens more than many people think and is a growing concern for bikers at outdated intersections. In fact, 360 rear end collisions occurred with motorcycles that were slowed or stopped in traffic in 2010. If bikers are trapped at a light, this bill gives them an opportunity to safely proceed through that signal, because otherwise they don't really have much of a choice. 11 other states already have laws like this in place, none of which have tried to rescind it."

INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SAFETY REPORTS RE-LEASED

Headlight configurations that make motorcycles more noticeable, why drivers fail to give way to motorcycles at T-intersections, and how mirror use influences car-motorcycle conflicts are among the topics researched and reported on in the new January issue of Accident Analysis & Prevention (AA&P), a journal primarily focused on causes and impacts of transportation accidents.

The themed AA&P edition is titled "Safety and Mobility of Vulnerable Road Users: Pedestrians, Bicyclists, and Motorcyclists" and consists of a selection of papers presented at an international conference organized by Israel's National Road Safety Authority. In a report entitled "Recognizability of different configurations of front lights on motorcycles," the researchers say that "Results of a laboratory experiment have shown that motorcycles with a T-shaped light configuration are more quickly identified, particularly when the motorcycles are in visual competition with other motorized road users."

In "Why do car drivers fail to give way to motorcycles at t-junctions?," researchers studied differences between novice drivers, experienced drivers, and "dual drivers," i.e., drivers who also ride motorcycles. They found that dual drivers were better at recognizing motorcycles than either of the other two groups. While the results are inconclusive, the researchers state that "We argue that this is potential evidence for an oculomotor basis for Look But Fail To See errors." The report "Attention and search conspicuity of motorcycles as a function of their visual context" says that multi-colored, reflective, and white rider outfits consistently made the riders more noticeable than a black outfit.

Cars changing lanes without recognizing that a motorcycle is in that lane is a common experience for motorcyclists, and that topic is addressed in "Attending overtaking cars and motorcycles through the mirrors before changing lanes." Not surprisingly, the researchers found that "Risky maneuvers were less likely to occur in those cases where more time was spent gazing at the mirrors." Other reports in this issue address other motorcycle-related issues, and can be accessed on a for-pay basis, but abstracts of the reports are available on the journal's website at <u>www.journals.</u> <u>elsevier.com</u>.

MOTORCYCLISTS BEWARE: STATES WITH THE WORST DRIVERS

You might believe that your state has the worst drivers in the country, but a newly released report from Carinsurancecomparison.com ranked states according to their safety record to determine where the bad drivers live.

Five factors were considered when determining the rankings; fatalities per million miles traveled, drunken driving, the number of tickets issued, failure to obey traffic signals and carelessness, utilizing data compiled from the National Highway and Transportation Safety Administration (driving fatalities), the National Motorist's Association (traffic tickets), and MADD (drunk drivers).

Here is their list of the 10 states with the worst drivers:

#10) South Carolina - Ranked 48th for fatalities and 45th for obeying road signs.

#9) Alabama - 46th for tickets. 42nd for fatalities. 41st for obeying road signs.

#8) Montana - Highest ticket rate in the country. Also ranked 40th for carelessness.

#7) Kentucky - 42nd for carelessness and 48th for drunk driving.

#6) Arizona - Arizona ranked poorly across the board.

#5) Oklahoma - Lots of DUIs, fatal accidents, and traffic tickets.

#4) Florida – Not as many drunk drivers... But Florida has more tickets than any other state.

#3) Texas - Texas ranked pretty poor in all categories.

#2) Missouri - Ranked in the bottom 10 for carelessness and DUIs.#1) Louisiana - In the bottom 10 in all categories except failure to obey signs.

The safest driving state was Rhode Island, followed by Connecticut, Massachusetts, Virginia, and New Hampshire.

WEIRD NEWS: SPAIN FINES OVER HELMETLESS TOM HANKS POSTER

The Spanish distributor for the movie "Larry Crowne" was fined for a poster showing stars Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts riding a motorcycle without a helmet. Tripictures was given a traffic fine of 30,000 euros (\$41,500) for using the film's U.S. poster to promote the movie's overseas premiere because the government claimed it promoted reckless drivina.

The distributor initially thought the ticket was a joke, but in 1985 Spain instituted a law that banned advertisements from promoting reckless driving. Fines are also given to celebrities if they promote the image of poor driving. One example came last year, when singer Shakira drove through Barcelona on a motorcycle without a helmet in one of her music videos.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act."

~ George Orwell (1903-1950) author of "1984"



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

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