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WHO WE ARE

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

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Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.
- We've become the 4th largest State Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the country (IN & IL are 1&2, we regularly switch for 3rd & 4th with PA).
- We got the handlebar heights law modified.
- We successfully fought a bill that would forbid our children from riding on our bikes.
- We successfully fought the bill that would confiscate motorcycles for going 30MPH over the speed limit.
- We developed an effective MSAP program that has raised motorist's perceptions and awareness of motorcycles, and have received funding from the State of FL totaling over \$750,000 to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.
- We successfully fought the bill against vertical tags that had over \$1,100 in fines for a first offense.
- Supported and fought for a texting-while-driving ban for the last few years.
- Our 2009-2010 Stiffer Penalties Bill made it through five of the FL House & Senate's committees; this is the farthest it has gone in the number of years we have tried. On the last day of session, a committee member strenuously attempted to attach a revival of the helmet law to our Bill. To avoid a new helmet law in Florida, we had to kill the Bill.
- We publish monthly Press Releases and/or Articles of Interest in many online & print publications, including Florida Full Throttle.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. has been asked to be on and currently sits as a member of The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C. The Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation may appoint a representative from only two State MROs throughout the entire U.S.A. to be on this council.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. sits as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Collation of Motorcyclists (NCOM). NCOM has over 1000 member organizations.

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings once again brothers and sisters! As always, thank you for picking up and reading our newsletter. I hope that everyone had a joyous and fulfilling Thanksgiving!

We have a few events coming up such as SFPC Toys in the Sun Run, and the 11th Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show. I hope that the membership will come out and show/give your support in whatever capacity you choose to provide.

I look forward to seeing everyone there and with that, I thank everyone for their continued support to our chapter and our state organization! I would also like to wish everyone and their families a happy and healthy holiday season, and a prosperous new year!

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

With Honor and Respect,
William G. "Ratchet" Prewitt, President
ABATE of Florida, Inc., Southeast Chapter





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Dave “CUZN DAVE” Stephens
Fran “Francy pants” Cocchi-Maynard
Aaron Honeycutt
Leslie L “Wise Les” Jensen
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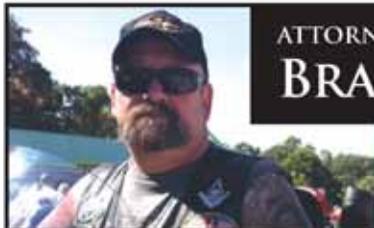
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You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership,
or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any changes.



**Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at the Cooper City American Legion
November 20, 2016**

Vice President Poppie called the meeting to order at 10:25 am. There were 25 members and 2 guests. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and a prayer by Prime.

President's Report: Ratchet started the meeting by thanking everyone for coming. He then spoke about his passion for the Chapter and why he is so dedicated to the cause that ABATE stands for. He spoke about the Helmet Law being brought back and the fight we are going to have on our hands again. He spoke about the postcards and how we can now send them out as a congratulation to all who won an elected position.

Vice-President's Report: Poppie welcomed everyone and the new members present. He thanked everyone for helping at our event at Mickey's. He spoke on the City of Davie Veteran's Day Event and that

ABATE was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the City of Davie.

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

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

Sergeant at Arm's Report: Steve was not present to report.

Road Captain's Report: John "Wavy" spoke on the ride to the Leathernecks MC and that we need more people to join in on the rides. He still wants to plan a ride to the Navy Seal Museum in Port St. Lucie. He spoke on the importance of a reciprocal community and to support one another.

Safety Director's Report: Prime spoke on

brotherhood and sisterhood and that we need to support one another.

Products Report: John “Wavy” spoke about our new shirts, the different colors and sizes we have and all the other products we have.

Events Coordinator: Jimmy Les was not present to report so Ratchet spoke. Toy Run meet at 84 Diner. KSU at 8:30 am or be at Park by 9:00 am - go in the back way but remember to wear an ABATE Shirt or something with our patch. We need help setting up and more importantly, we need people to stay and help breakdown.

State Representative’s Report: There was no state meeting this month. Next Sate Meeting is December 10, in Naples, hosted by Gator Alley. Critter spoke on the postcards and that we are going to be able to use them even with the misprint on them by using a sticker with a slogan on it.

Membership Report: George reported we had 10 new members and 4 renews, for a total of 523 members in the Chapter. A reminder, when submitting all membership forms PLEASE fill them out completely, send it in a timely manner, so that we can read it. Thank you very much for your support and membership to the Southeast Chapter.

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

Legislative Report: Brad spoke on the fact that there is not one bill in session that has the word motorcycle attached to it (so far). He then spoke about the medical marijuana issue. A question was raised regarding whether you can have a gun permit if you are approved to use medical marijuana. He will start tracking this issue and will report as time goes on.

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

Billing and Invoicing: Pixie was not present but has communicated with Ratchet on who is up to date and who is late.

Social Director’s Report: Patty brought the cake for the November Birthdays to be enjoyed after the meeting. There was attempt to have the Birthday Party at Johnny’s but only a few people showed. Next month after the meeting we will have our Christmas Party and celebrate the December Birthdays. There was discussion about discontinuing the hotline. There was motion made to once a month email out a link the newsletter. There was second, discussion followed, Motion passed. Please remember to bring

a covered dish for the Christmas Party. For all of you newcomers to the Chapter we had a phone tree before, that worked for a while and then fizzed out.

Newsletter Distribution: Poppie reported all is going good. He thanked everyone who has been helping him with the deliveries.

Quartermaster Report: Bob was present and reminded everyone he will be at Markham Park for the Toy Run to cook breakfast for all helping to set up and lunch for those who stay to breakdown.

Photographer's Report: This position is open. We are seeking volunteers.

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

Legal Council: Brad had nothing to report.

Old Business: Ratchet spoke on an idea involving the Palm Beach, Gator Alley and Southernmost Chapters – maybe getting a centrally located place for all to use. He will speak more about it to them at the State Meeting. He then touched on the Vintage Motorcycle Event in Dania, January 28, 2016. We will have our Safety Booth there again.

New Business: Our next meeting will at the American Legion Post 312, December

18. We need to find a place to hold our semi-annual in January.

Good of the Order: Ratchet presented Certificates of Appreciation to Toni Cocchi, Fran Maynard, Jeff Maynard and Michael Quiontana, for all of their help at our events. They go above and beyond for our chapter (they are Poppie's daughter and granddaughter and husband & boyfriend). Thank you all again and to Poppie's wife Joanne for all of her help. Sunday, December 4th is the SFPC Toy Run at Markham Park, December 10th is the State Meeting in Naples, Hermadad Toy Run is also December 10th, as well as the Peterson's drawing for the Bike and certificate presentation. December 18th, is the grand opening of the Miami Chapter of AOA.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is December 18, 2016, at the Cooper City American Legion.

Hope to see everyone there.

See you on the Road!

Marie Baxter,
Secretary
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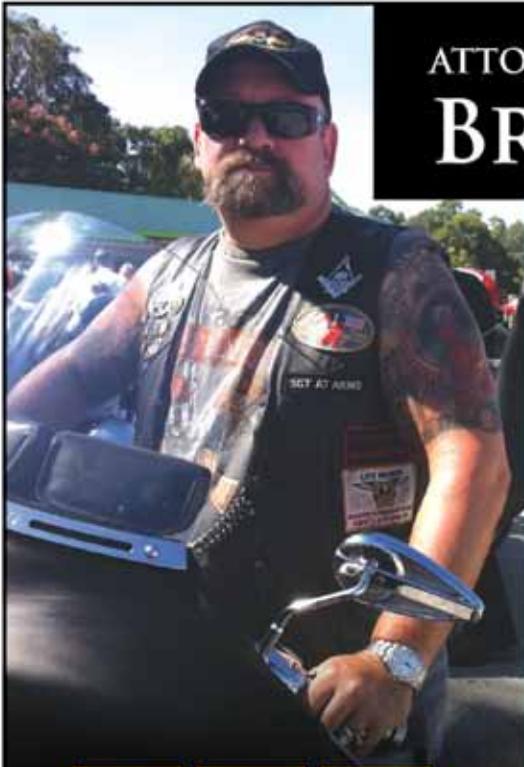
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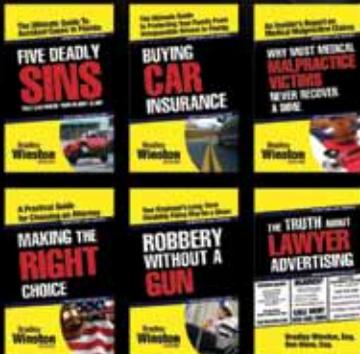


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Your VP
Poppie



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what I am talking about????

Yes, my biker brothers and sisters, with the Florida snowstorms comes your returning snowbirds. Not saying that cagers in South Florida don't normally drive crazy, but with the addition of the snowbirds there is a new element added to all the craziness.



Slow driving, turning without signaling, stopping very suddenly, and failing to yield are just a few of the things that we deal with so much more when the snowbirds come home to roost here in South Florida. The weather is great and the rides are even greater, but please take your time. Don't tailgate and be observant, so the ride on your bike will be safer. Have a Happy Holidays and see you on the road my brother and sister bikers.

Your Safety Director,
PRIME



NEWS from our State Legislative Rep - Darrin “Scribe” Brooks

DRONES SOUGHT TO HELP WITH TRAFFIC CRASHES

State highway officials want a Florida law changed so they can use drones to help manage traffic crashes. As part of its “legislative concepts” for the 2017 legislative session, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles wants to create a pilot program with the Department of Transportation to use drones in managing and clearing accident scenes. “That will enable us to clear the roads quicker and enable the public to travel during those blocked lanes, especially when we have those larger crashes,” Jennifer Langston, legislative affairs administrator for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, told Cabinet aides on Wednesday. The proposal, which will be discussed Tuesday at a meeting of Gov. Rick Scott and the Cabinet, is coming because of a 2013 state law that prohibits the use of unmanned aerial vehicles by law enforcement for surveillance and evidence gathering. “This prohibits the FHP (the Florida Highway Patrol) from collecting evidence from traffic crashes,” the agency’s “legislative concepts” said. “There is potential for drone use by the FHP for complex traffic crash scenes where aerial photos and aerial scene mapping can aid in clearing the roads more expeditiously.” The 2013 law, signed by Scott, limits the use of automated surveillance aircraft by law enforcement unless a judge issues a warrant, there is a “high risk of terrorist attack” or officials fear someone is in imminent danger. “This law will ensure the rights of Florida families are protected from the unwarranted use of drones and other unmanned aircraft,” Scott said in a statement

in 2013 that praised the measure’s sponsors, Rep. Ritch Workman, R-Melbourne and Sen. Joe Negron, R-Stuart.

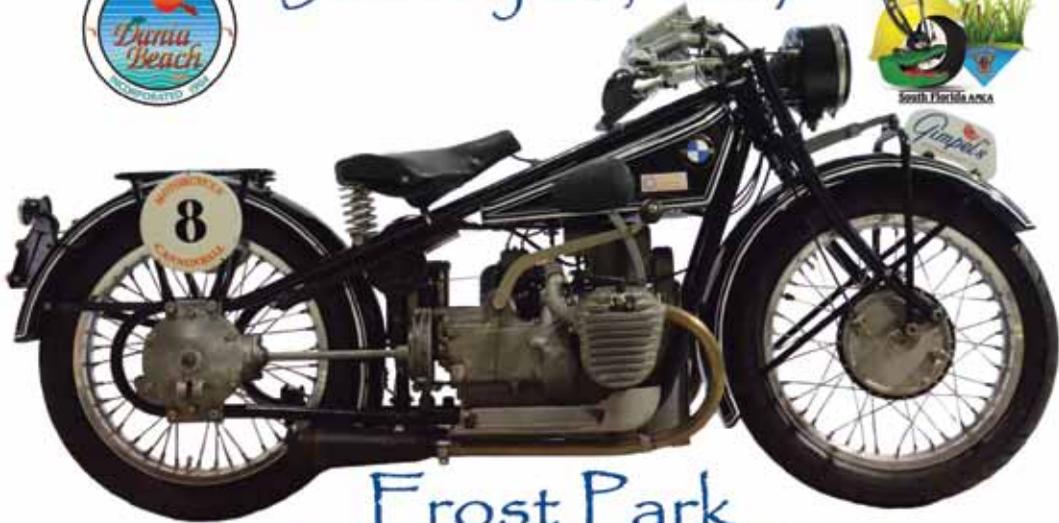
SURVEY POINTS TO SUPPORT FOR ARMING SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

A majority of Floridians believe “trained staff” should be able to carry firearms on school grounds, according to the latest data from the Sunshine State Survey conducted by the University of South Florida and The Nielsen Company. Among those polled, 56 percent favor some school employees having guns, while 40 percent oppose it.

AIRPORT GUN MEASURE RETURNS FOR 2017

Rep. Jake Raburn, R-Lithia, has relaunched an effort to allow people to bring guns into airport terminals. Raburn filed a bill (HB 6001) on Wednesday that would change the areas of airports where people are prohibited from carrying weapons or firearms. State law currently bans guns from being brought into the passenger terminal of any airport. The proposal, filed for the 2017 legislative session, wouldn’t allow guns to be carried into parts of airports prohibited by federal law. A similar measure was filed during this year’s session, but it did not pass. Raburn’s proposal is among several gun-related proposals expected to resurface during the 2017 session, which begins in March. Lawmakers have already indicated plans to revive a measure that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns on college and university campuses, as well as a separate proposal that would let license holders openly display sidearms in public.

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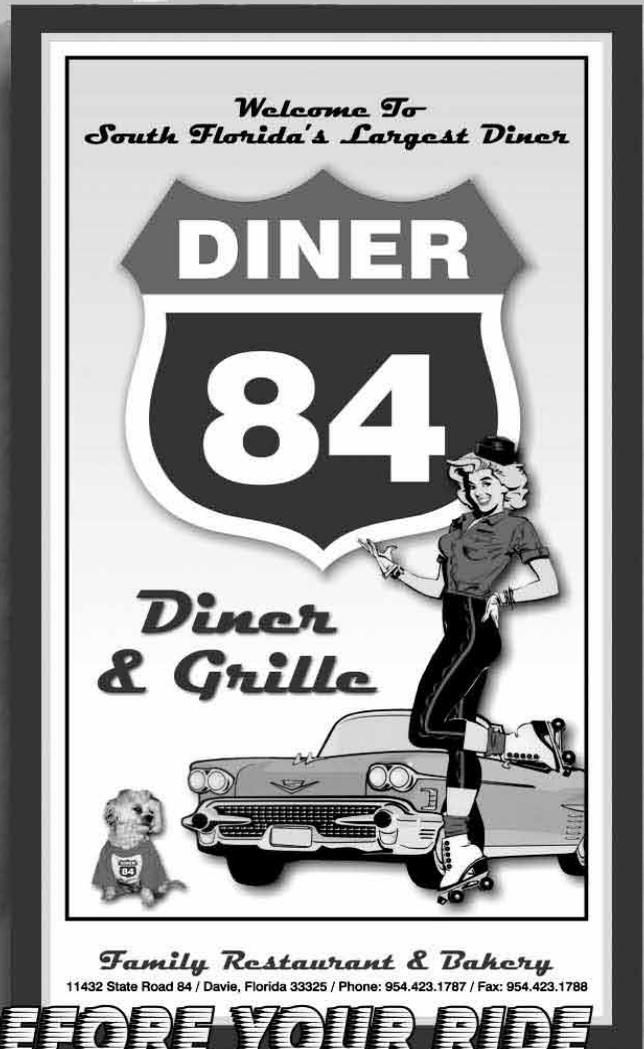
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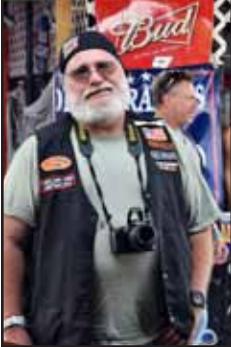
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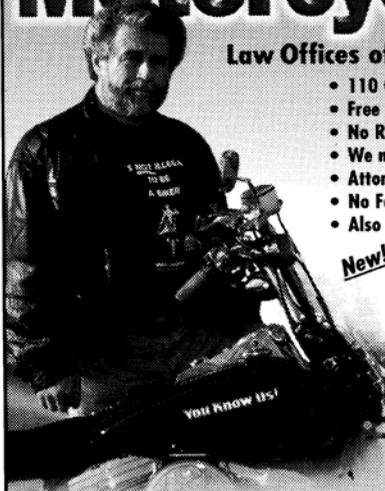
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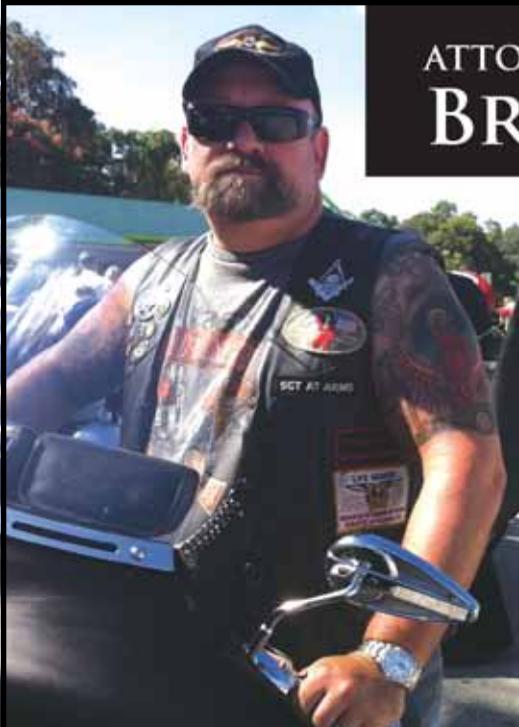
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MORE NEWS from our State Legislative Rep Darrin “Scribe” Brooks

CORCORAN NAMES HOUSE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Ready to formally take charge of the Florida House this month, incoming Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O’ Lakes, on Wednesday [November 9] named 11 lawmakers to his leadership team.

The announcement came after Tuesday’s elections ensured that all of Corcoran’s choices, including the chairmen of nine committees, would return to the House for the next two years.

Corcoran named Rep. Carlos Trujillo, R-Miami, to lead the powerful appropriations committee. Trujillo, who fended off a challenge Tuesday from Democrat Patricio Moreno, was one of five Miami-Dade County Republicans named by Corcoran to leadership positions.

Among the others, Corcoran named Rep. Jeanette Nunez, R-Miami, to serve as speaker pro tempore, one of his top lieutenants. Also, Rep. Jose Oliva, a Miami Lakes Republican who is slated to become speaker in 2018, will chair the Rules & Policy Committee.

The House and Senate will hold an organization session Nov. 22 that will include installing new leaders and swearing in members. Corcoran has long been preparing to serve as speaker, replacing outgoing Speaker Steve Crisafulli, R-Merritt Island.

Corcoran has made changes in the House’s committee structure, and the 120 members are expected to receive their committee assignments in mid-December, according to a memo issued Wednesday. Also still to be appointed are subcommittee chairmen, including the leaders of appropriations subcommittees that play a key

role in drawing up the annual state budget.

Along with announcing the appointment of Nunez and committee chairmen, Corcoran named Rep. Ray Rodrigues, R-Estero, as House majority leader. In that role, Rodrigues will help ensure that Republican members support Corcoran’s agenda.

In the other appointments announced Wednesday:

--- Rep. Jose Felix Diaz, R-Miami, will serve as chairman of the Commerce Committee, which will oversee a wide range of issues such as agriculture, utilities and insurance.

--- Rep. Michael Bileca, R-Miami, will serve as chairman of the Education Committee.

--- Rep. Rep. Matt Caldwell, R-North Fort Myers, will serve as chairman of the Government Accountability Committee, which will oversee issues such as local and federal affairs, natural resources and transportation.

--- Rep. Travis Cummings, R-Orange Park, will serve as chairman of the Health & Human Services Committee.

--- Rep. Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, will serve as chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

--- Rep. Larry Metz, R-Yalaha, will serve as chairman of the Public Integrity & Ethics Committee.

--- Rep. Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton, will serve as chairman of the Ways & Means Committee.

The House will hold training meetings for members the week of Dec. 5 before holding five weeks of committee meetings in January and February. The 2017 legislative session will start March 7.



DECEMBER 2016



Happy Hanukkah

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 SFPC Toy Run	5 States MC Pompano Dinner	6	7	8	9	10 ABATE State Meeting Hermandad MC Toy Run Peterson's Toy Run Drawing
11 WOG MC Miami Toy Run	12 States MC Pompano Dinner	13	14	15	16	17 SFLCOC Christmas Party
18 CHAPTER MEETING & Holiday Party	19 States MC Pompano Dinner	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Hanukkah Starts
25 Christmas Day	26 States MC Pompano Dinner	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve

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JANUARY 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NEW YEARS DAY 2017	2 States MC Pompano Dinner	3	4	5	6	7
8 State MC Blessing of the Bikes	9 States MC Pompano Dinner	10	11	12	13	14
15 WOG Biker Appreciation Day CHAPTER MEETING	16 States MC Pompano Dinner	17	18	19	20	21
22 ABATE SE Chapter Semi Annual	23 States MC Pompano Dinner	24	25	26	27	28 Dania Beach Vintage Bike Show
29 DER KRIEGER ANNUAL	30 States MC Pompano Dinner	31				

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DECEMBER 2016

- 4: SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN**
- 10: PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
- 10: HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO PINO TOY RUN
- 11: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN
- 17: SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY
- 25: Christmas

JANUARY 2017

- 8: STATES MC - BLESSING OF THE BIKES
- 15: WOF FT. LAUD. - BIKER APPRECIATION DAY
- 22: S.E. ABATE - SEMI ANNUAL
- 29: DER KRIEGER MC - ANNUAL**

FEBRUARY 2017

- 4: US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD - ANNUAL**
- 12: AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
- 14: Valentines Day
- 18: SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY
- 25: WHEELS OF MAN MC - 44th ANNUAL**

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- Der Krieger MC Open House at 8PM
- Mystic 7 MC Open House... Ladies drink FREE!
- Keltics MC Open House
- 1st Fri - Soldiers for Jesus Open House 7-10PM
- 1st Fri - Enforcers MC First Friday of Month Party
- 2nd & 4th Fri - Los Coquis MC Open house
- 3rd Fri - Wings of Gold MC Open House Davie
- 4th Fri - American Legion Post 36 Bike Night

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

WEEK DAYS

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

ROAD CAPTAIN REPORT



Well, the Christmas is right around the corner. I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

I have been very luck for 25 years. I wake up Christmas morning and my wife, Anna, is there and not a pile of coal and a stick. Believe me this is an awesome gift.



I would like to say Thank You to the Abate members who took over the product job for me at the Abate Annual October event. I was traveling in Michigan and Illinois visiting our sons.

Also, thank you all that came to Abate's Annual held at Mickey's Tiki Bar and a big thank you to Alan for letting us have it at his place.

Please remember the Snow Birds are here along with lots of tourists for the Holiday Season. Take extra precaution when riding. People are in a hurry and most don't know where they are going. It will only get worse as it gets closer to that Magical Christmas Day. Be watchful!

Just a couple fun facts:

Donald Trump will be the oldest President to ever be sworn in at the age of 70.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television. Wow!! I should be really skinny, LOL.

And most of all, remember those that sacrificed and those that are sacrificing this Holiday Season so we can enjoy it. Just take a moment and give thanks, we all owe it to them.



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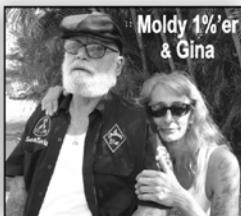
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Twas the night before Christmas, he all lived alone,
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and to see just who in this home did live.
I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
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No stocking by mantel, just boots filled with sand,
and on the wall pictures of far distant lands.
With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,
a sobering thought came to my mind.
For this house was different, so dark and so dreary,
the home of a soldier, now I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,
curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.
The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,
not how I pictured a United States soldier.
Was this the hero of whom I just read?
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night,
owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.
Soon round the world, the children would play,

and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,
on a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.
The very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
my life is my God, my country, my corps."
The soldier rolled over and soon drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
I kept watch for hours, so silent and still,
and we both shivered from the cold evening's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark, night,
this guardian of honor so willing to fight.
Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,
whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas Day, all is secure."
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right.
"Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."

By Lance Corporal James M. Schmidt



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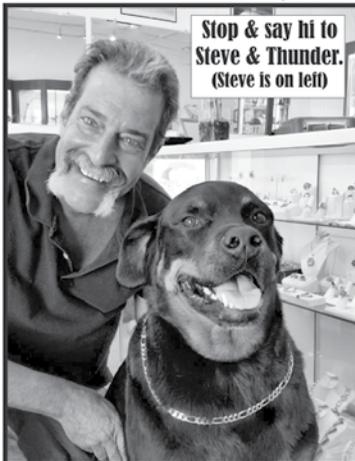
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Our natural birthdays are numbered, some of us get to celebrate more than others, and when these birthdays stop your life is over. The life you started with your first natural birth will end. The good news is that when God sent His only begotten Son to be born, live and die for our sins - and I mean all of our sins - we got to start a new life. In other words, we got a new birthday. Now this birthday will not be numbered, because you start living an eternal life with Christ, and numbers don't matter in eternity. Life expectancy is about 80 years - eternity is forever. Which would you rather have?

Now the way I look at the Christmas Season, it's probably the happiest, most joyful and important observance we can celebrate. We all have the opportunity to get that new eternal birthday by accepting the fact that Jesus Christ was born, died, and rose from the dead for our sins. We can have that birthday that is offered through faith that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.



So know that we must make sure we keep Christ in Christmas, because we are not only celebrating the birthday of Jesus Christ, we are celebrating what Father God offered to each and every one of us "Eternal Life"

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Good day brother and sister bikers. A few months ago I was tasked by Ratchet and Critter to write about food. Everyone that truly knows me also knows that I LOVE food and I know that most of you do as well. First and foremost I would like to thank you for reading our newsletter and hope that you guys and gals love what you are reading. This article will introduce to you restaurants and venues that we have rode to near and far. Bear in mind that I take food very seriously and if I or someone that has rode with me has not given the food their seal of approval, it will not make it into this newsletter.

This month's venue is located at 15980 SW 248th St, Homestead, FL 33031. The name is Knaus Berry Farm and the venue belongs to the Knaus brothers who originally started farming strawberries in the Redland area of Miami in the mid 1950's. A wife of one of those brothers had a hand for baking and baked goods were added to the menu. Knaus Berry Farm has an assortment of baked goods as well a milkshakes, ice cream sundaes, and fresh produce. Of all the goods they are known for, the cinnamon rolls and pecan rolls are a favorite of the locals and known all over Miami.



Ratchet, Critter, and I took a ride down there and waited for just about 3 hours for those cinnamon rolls and I can tell you, it was well worth the wait!!! They sell for a dollar a roll but who in their right mind would wait for just one piece of that ooey gooey goodness!!!! About 5 dollars buys you a half a dozen and about 10 dollars will buy you a dozen. My suggestion to you if you are going to take the ride is to buy a few dozen and bring some home for the family.

A Part of the reason the wait is long is because the owners are snowbirds. Knaus Berry Farm season starts the first of November and ends in Mid-April. The hours of operation are 8a.m. to 5:30p.m. Monday thru Saturday, they are closed on Sundays. Oh, and one last important detail.....Cash Only!!!!!! Can't let you guys go down there and wait in line to find that out the hard way.You can view their link here: www.knausberryfarm.com

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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
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ELECTION CYCLE “We love the bikers,” exclaimed presumptive Presidential GOP nominee Donald Trump in remarks made during the 29th annual Rolling Thunder POW/MIA motorcycle run held Memorial Day weekend in Washington, D.C., months before the general election.

Wearing a red “Make America Great Again” hat, the blunt-spoken New York real estate mogul and television celebrity told the crowd about seeing large numbers of bikers at his campaign events, including a group called “Bikers For Trump” (www.BikersForTrump2016.com). Chris Cox, a biker from South Carolina who founded BFT, had met with The Donald who told him “we’re his favorite demographic.”

Stressing his desire to strengthen the military and improve how veterans are treated, the Presidential-hopeful found a receptive audience. “I’m not a huge biker, I have to be honest with you, O.K.?” lamented Trump to the throng of motorcyclists gathered at the Lincoln Memorial last May, “I always liked the limo better.”

“I don’t ride motorcycles,” the candidate told another biker at a Trump Rally in Ohio, “but if I’m elected, I’ll fix all the potholes”; and he’ll soon get the opportunity to make good on his campaign promise.

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016 America voted Donald J. Trump to be the 45th President of the United States, and although he’s not a quintessential “motorcycle guy”, his running mate is. Vice President-elect Mike Pence is a motorcyclist himself and has participated in numerous charity rides in his home state of Indiana, where as governor he supported bikers’ rights and worked closely with ABATE of Indiana.

DISTRACTED DRIVING LEADS TO BIGGEST SPIKE IN TRAFFIC DEATHS IN 50 YEARS When distracted driving entered the national consciousness a decade ago, the problem was mainly people who made calls or sent texts from their cell phones. The solution then was to introduce new technologies to keep drivers’ hands on the wheel. Innovations since then, such as car Wi-Fi and a host of new apps, have since led to a boom in internet usage in vehicles that safety experts now say is contributing to a surge in highway deaths.

After steady declines over the last four decades, highway fatalities last year recorded the largest annual percentage increase in 50 years, rising to the highest level since 2009, and the numbers so far this year are even worse. In just the first six months of 2016, highway deaths have already jumped 10.4%, to 17,775, from the comparable period of 2015, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The fatality rate for the first half of 2016 increased to 1.12 deaths per 100 million miles driven, up from 1.05 for the same period last year; but the number of miles travelled have only increased 3.5%. NHTSA says recent reports suggest this uptick in fatalities is due in part to increasing use of electronic devices leading to more distracted driving.

Alarmed by these statistics, the New York Times reports that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has outlined a plan to work with the National Safety Council (NSC) and other advocacy groups to devise a “Road to Zero” strategy, with the ambitious goal of eliminating roadway fatalities within 30 years.

A second, related effort would speed up the introduction of autonomous-driving technologies that many safety experts believe can potentially prevent accidents by removing distracted humans from the driving equation.

A TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTION TO ETHANOL DEBATE None of the estimated 22 million motorcycles or ATVs in the United States are approved by the EPA to operate on ethanol blends higher than 10% (E-10), which can damage smaller engines when E-15 gas remaining in the fueling line at the pump is inadvertently introduced into the customer’s fuel system, so NHTSA’s resolution to this unwanted mixing is to require a 4-gallon minimum fuel purchase at blender pumps to adequately dilute the higher ethanol fuel.

But a more technological solution was suggested recently during a podcast involving a representative of the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA), a group that represents the Ethanol industry and advises the EPA on policies which decide how much of the different types of gasoline are made available at gas stations around the United States.

During a discussion of ethanol-blended fuels on Clutch and Chrome's 'Another Motorcycle Podcast' (www.clutchandchrome.podbean.com), "we learned (from Robert White of the RFA, a longtime motorcyclist) of a mechanical solution being developed that would prevent the accidental mixing of fuel by the very blender pumps at the heart of the minimum fuel purchase proposal."

The new solution, which is reportedly being developed outside of the ethanol industry and is currently in the patent process, would prevent any fuel from being stored in the fueling hose. This would allow for users to only pump the fuel they want, and prevent accidental misfueling.

"Obviously, the product needs to come to market and make its way onto pumps at the different gas stations," reports Clutch and Chrome, "but this opportunity appears to be the best solution for a difficult problem."

"BAD BIKER" GUN TARGETS Motorcycle riders are being portrayed as "Bad Bikers" worth shooting at and aiming to kill by police and others in firearms training, as Baker Targets markets a target bearing the image of an outlaw on a motorcycle.

"Bad bikers need to be terminated!," advertises Baker Targets to the general public, highlighting red dots printed on the practice target that indicate "high value" shots to cause maximum damage to the bike and rider when shooting.

The Florida-based target company quickly responded to an outcry from concerned motorcyclists by taking the "Bad Biker Targets" off their website and discontinued offering them for sale.

MICHIGAN BILL INCREASES PENALTY FOR RIDING WITHOUT PROPER ENDORSEMENT Unlicensed riders in Michigan will face higher fines under legislation signed by Governor Rick Snyder on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

"This bill stiffens the penalty for operating a motorcycle without the proper endorsement, helping to ensure both motorists and motorcyclists stay safer on Michigan's roads," Gov. Snyder said.

House Bill 4651, sponsored by the late state Rep. Julie Plawecki (D-Dearborn Heights), increases the penalty for operating a motorcycle without a motorcycle endorsement on the operator's driver's license from \$100 to \$500. This is the first Public Act to bear the name of Rep. Plawecki, 54, who passed away in June from an apparent heart attack while hiking. The measure is now Public Act 318 of 2016.

"HAVE A GOOD RIDE III" TO HELP REDUCE MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS IN CALIFORNIA As more Californians choose motorcycles for work, weekend getaways, and entertainment, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is increasing its focus to keep motorcyclists safe.

The number of victims from motorcycle-involved collisions in CHP jurisdiction has increased every year since 2013, and to address this problem the CHP has implemented the "Have A Good Ride III" (HAGR III) program to promote motorcycle safety and awareness. From October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017, the goal of the HAGR III grant is to reduce the number of motorcycle-involved fatal and injury collisions, and the number of victims of these collisions.

"With a combination of grant-funded education and enforcement efforts, we strive to raise awareness and reinforce the concept of sharing the road in order to save lives," CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow said.

"In regions with higher numbers of motorcycle incidents, CHP officers will increase motorcycle safety enforcement operations. Motorcycle traffic safety education campaigns, including the "May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month" and a summer safety campaign by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), will be conducted at appropriate venues. The campaigns will promote the use of properly approved helmets for all riders, raise motorists' awareness of sharing the road with motorcyclists, and urge riders to refrain from actions most commonly identified in motorcycle-involved collisions, such as speeding, improper turning, and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs."

Throughout the HAGR III campaign, the CHP will work with the California Department of Transportation to display “Share the Road – Look Twice for Motorcyclists” on changeable message signs on state highways.

FIRST TRIAL SET FOR WACO TRAVESTY During the recent National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) board of directors meeting and Regional Meeting held November 12 in Irvine, California, NCOM Executive Coordinator Sarge Matthews presented an update on the Waco shootout that left nine dead and dozens injured at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Texas Confederation of Clubs and Independents (COC&I), the statewide biker club coalition involved in political issues regarding the rights of motorcyclists.

Almost 18 months after nearly two hundred bikers were arrested, although little has been made public due to gag orders and non-association, and with most still incarcerated, the first of 154 bikers indicted in the May 17, 2015 incident has received a trial date.

Judge Matt Johnson of Waco’s 54th State District Court set James Rosas’ trial on first-degree felony engaging in organized criminal activity charges to begin January 23, 2017 after his attorney Tom Clarke announced he was ready for trial and asked for a trial setting.

The request comes as the McLennan County District Attorney’s Office continues to inundate bikers’ defense attorneys with hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of pages of discovery materials, including copies of police reports, hundreds of hours of audio and video recordings of the incident and subsequent interviews with bikers, 700,000 pages of cell phone records, tens of thousands of photographs and Facebook posts.

“I think they have gotten into a circle-the-wagons mentality over there in the DA’s office because of all the civil lawsuits being filed and the attempt to disqualify the DA from handling the cases,” Clarke told the Waco Tribune. “There has been a lot of discovery released, and I slog through it and I don’t see anything on my client at all.”

In the meantime, county officials are contemplating how to fund the huge expense of prosecution as the cases drag on and as the 70 to 80 court-appointed attorneys continue to review the mountain of discovery at \$75-80 an hour. As more bikers go to trial, their attorneys likely will hire experts in a number of subjects, including

ballistics, crime scene analysis, DNA and others, which also will increase the costs to the county.

As the first “Twin Peaks cases” are tried in McLennan County, the potential also remains for changes of venue for remaining defendants, and trying the cases away from Waco would double or triple the cost to the county, officials say.

WELCOME TO NCOM - UNITY IN THE BIKER

COMMUNITY The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) proudly welcomes the following motorcycle organizations approved by the NCOM Board of Directors 11/12/16 as our newest NCOM Member Groups, joining in unity with over 2,000 other rider groups, clubs and associations, including motorcyclists’ rights organizations from nearly 40 states and over 60 Confederations of Clubs from 37 states and three Canadian Provinces:

- Confederation of Clubs - South Dakota
- Messiah’s Road Warriors MC

NCOM serves as a nationwide umbrella organization that provides legislative assistance, information network and legal resources; and also reaches out to various segments of the motorcycle community such as the Christian Motorcycling community, women riders, sportbikers, independent motorcycle shops, touring associations, clean & sober groups and minority motorcyclists – helping to form coalitions and foster cooperation between all segments of motorcycle riders.

Also, the NCOM Board of Directors wishes to welcome the following new NCOM Region Directors:

- Ed Schetter, Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio as co-director for Region IV, replacing retiring director Haskell Combs, Jr.
- Randy Postlethwait, President of ABATE of Louisiana as co-director for Region V, replacing retiring director Ollie “Laddie” Elkins.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “Conformity may give you a quiet life; it may even bring you to a University Chair. But all change in history, all advance, comes from the nonconformists. If there had been no trouble-makers, no dissenters, we should still be living in caves.”

~ A.J.P. Taylor (1906-1990), British historian and journalist



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