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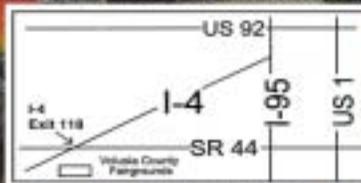
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# *President's Message*

## *Jimbo Sherrow*

For the past couple of years, the motorcycling community of South Florida has been lucky in that there have only been a few attempts to limit our freedom of the road, most notably in Delray Beach a few years back, which tried to pass an unconstitutional local noise ordinance that was defeated through the efforts of ABATE and other local motorcycle groups. This was not the first attempt by a city to keep us off their streets, and a recent press release from ABATE of Florida dated January 14, 2010 shows that the anti-biker crowd is nothing if not creative when it comes to trying to discriminate against us. Much of the following is taken from the press release, which was written by our excellent State PR Director, Dave “Lockdown” Rich, and is posted online at [www.abateflorida.com](http://www.abateflorida.com).

The City of St. Augustine Florida is one of the oldest cities in the country and a beautiful place to visit and live. It is also within an hour or so ride from Daytona Beach and many people enjoying riding up A1A to visit the City during Bike Week and Biketoberfest, which no doubt produces lots of income for the local businesses there.

If you have ever been to St. Augustine, parking downtown can be very difficult when it is crowded. To address this issue, in 2005 the city built a parking garage downtown so residents and visitors had an available parking area to safely park their vehicles. Unless you were riding a motorcycle of course. Motorcycles were not welcome in the new garage and a large, bright, reflective yellow “NO MOTORCYCLES” sign was prominently installed at the entrance. If you rode into town on any motorcycle or scooter, you were banned from safely parking in this \$20 million taxpayer-funded garage. I don’t know about you, but this sort of thing would not give me a “welcome feeling” if I was on a motorcycle and looking to spend money in their town.

In an interview with one of the local papers up there, St. Augustine’s City Manager claimed that the problem was with the gates that allow ingress/egress from the parking garage, and that no one intended to discriminate against bikers. He stated in that the engineers who designed the garage’s entryways somehow advised against designing gates that would allow motorcycles to pass through. Yeah right. Although many options offered over the years to reverse this decision, the momentum for the change in policy only came after ABATE of Florida’s Vintage Chapter began this fight in earnest back in November 2009.



After speaking at the St. Augustine December 14, 2009 City Commissioners' Meeting – just as our attorney Demetrios Kirkiles did at the Delray Beach meeting a few years ago – ABATE of Florida Vintage Chapter's Public Relation Trustee, J.D. Long, found that two of the City Commissioners agreed with ABATE of Florida. These Commissioners felt that the publicly-funded garage should be allowing motorcycles in, but there were two more Commissioners and the Mayor that still needed convincing.

As part of the discussions, ABATE pointed out that modifying the existing gates was the least expensive and seemed to be the most logical method to correct the discrimination. The additional revenue from the motorcycles would also pay off the modifications in short time, and then help the city by providing new income. The problem at hand was accurately summed up by J.D. Long, when he said that "if they can't use common sense, then we have to use the law." ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Legal Council, Larry Crow of Tampa, was already preparing a case should the City Commissioners vote to continue the ban.

Luckily, the lawsuit was not necessary. On January 11, 2010, members from ABATE of Florida's Vintage, Duval County, Black Creek & Putnam County Chapters, as well as members of other motorcycle organizations, filled the St. Augustine City Commissioner's meeting chamber to show their discontent with the four-year-old discriminatory ban on motorcycles. The St. Augustine City Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of removing the ban and establishing a dedicated entrance to the garage and a shortened gate at the existing manned exit, so that motorcyclists may now park their bikes safely in downtown St. Augustine. In addition, Chief Operations Officer John Regan suggested in The St. Augustine Report that the city's advertising should now begin promoting St. Augustine as being a motorcycle-friendly city.

**Jimbo**  
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## **ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**Jan. 10, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 10:20am by Sgt @ Arms BARS with 44 members, 1 guest, no At-Large members in attendance. Total in attendance: 44. Followed by the Pledge of Alliance the meeting started with a prayer given by our chaplain; Poppi.

### **President's Report**

Jimbo thanked all members for coming especially with the cold temperatures and welcomed our new member David. On a sad note, Vinnie from Vin EZ Cycles a long time advertiser is in home hospice. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Our Road Captain Chris is progressing. He is awake and eating solid food. Please stop by to see him and say Hello. He is in Broward General Medical Center Room 5027. We attended the Blessing of the Bikes and right after the meeting we will be headed to Biker Appreciation Party in thanks for all the hard work at this year's Toy Run. Next Sunday 1/17/10 is our Semi-Annual Rights Rally which is being held at Mickey's. Please come on out and help. We only do 3 events a year for ourselves and the moneys raised support our chapter. Jimbo introduced Clive Taylor who spoke on the upcoming Vintage Motorcycle Club event which will be held on 1/30/10 at Frost Park in Dania. There will be an Antique Bike Show for all classes including a Rat Class. This is a great event where you will see the largest gathering of Antique Motorcycles in one event. They even have the full support of the Dania Beach Commission for this. They have also provided us with an area to set up our Products, Membership Booth and our Safety Program. So please come on out. They are supporting our chapter and we need to support them. It is a family event so bring the kids. There will be plenty of food and drink, prices will be reasonable and yes there will be draft beer. Need I say any more?

### **Vice-President's Report**

Old Hippie was excused as he was called in to work. No report

### **Secretary's Report**

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

Alice read December's report. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurers report. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Sergeant at Arms Report**

BARS reported whenever we go to any MC clubhouse to remember we are invited guests and must abide by their rules. Please show respect to our hosts and act accordingly. On Sat. 1/16/10 we will be loading the trailer for our event at 10:00 at the warehouse. Please stop by and lend a hand. This should take no more than 30-45 minutes to take care of. A special Thank you to Jimmy Les who has volunteered his truck to pull the trailer.

### **Road Captain's Report**

Newcomer reported all is quiet because of the cold weather. We will be heading to the Biker appreciation party after today's meeting most likely in cages.

**PLEASE CHECK THE HOTLINE 943-310-4636 FOR MEETING PLACE AND TIMES FOR ALL EVENTS.**

### **Safety Director's Report**

Geo reported this years Toy Run exhausted our supply of safety products and we are having an issue with getting safety product giveaways from the state. They are totally out of everything that says ABATE on it. No bumper stickers, key chains, wristbands etc. The bumper stickers that are left say Watch for Motorcycles but are brought to you by. FRTP which stands for Florida Riders Training Program not by ABATE of Florida. There are some chapters sitting on inventory. An inventory was requested by the State Safety Director so those who need safety giveaways can get them. There are chapters who are purchasing their own safety giveaways. Who do we blame? Well the economy. The money from the State of Florida

which was to go towards motorcycle safety is now in the general fund. Getting money for motorcycle safety products is now very tough. Bumper stickers and magnetic signs are a worthwhile campaign. Everybody wants one. We will look into the cost of these items and report back next month with our findings. In addition, if we pay to have bumper stickers or magnetic signs made up, they will say ABATE SE Chapter on them not FRTP.

### **State Reps' Report**

There was no state meeting this month. Next month's state meeting will be hosted by Lake County the weekend of 2/12 to 14 where there is always a good time. Chris reported that there was no talk on a possible change to the helmet law. However there are a number of bills submitted with no content. This means there is a possibility a change can be proposed at the last minute. The state meeting in April is in Tallahassee. This is the most important state meeting you can attend as we ride to the capitol on Monday morning and meet with our elected officials. The date has been changed to the weekend of 4/17, 18, 19 as not to conflict with Easter Sunday. We need to have a major showing of our members. The Masterlink is now available online on the states web-site: [www.abateflorida.com](http://www.abateflorida.com)

### **Products Report**

Susan was not present due to a death in the family. Lynn Hara has brought over products for sale. Long sleeve shirts and pins. Thank you Lynn Hara.

### **Membership Report**

George reported we now have 605 members. We received Life Members Cards for Richard Sacks and Chris Little. We sent out a lot of renewals this month, if you know of anyone on the list in the newsletter who has not renewed, please get them to renew. Reminder, when filling out the application form, PLEASE WRITE OR PRINT LEGIBLY.

### **Newsletter Editor**

Suzanne reported we tried a different printer this month. They provided a decent turn around and the quality of the newsletter looks great. They were a

little more money but we felt it was worth it as our advertisers are paying for a top quality product and our newsletter is a top quality product. If you have any articles of interest please get them to her no later than Friday 1-15-10 as we want to go to press no later than Monday. Reminder, classified ads are free to all our members. Suzanne apologized to our VP Old Hippy as he had submitted 3 articles but only one was printed. Please patronize our advertisers and let them know you saw their ad in our newsletter. If you have anyone wanting to put an ad in the newsletter, please make sure their ad is print ready and the ad is exactly what they want. This can either be a hard or electronic copy. With costs skyrocketing, we can save some money, you can either pick up a newsletter at any establishment which we deliver to or better yet it is available on-line. Please send our membership trustee George an e-mail at [membershipabatase@gmail.com](mailto:membershipabatase@gmail.com) to have your name removed from the mailing list. Every little bit helps.

### **Legislative Report**

Jimmy Les reported there is a lot coming up and we need to be concerned by the no content/filler bills. These are bills that have numbers assigned to them but have no content. We need to keep a close eye on them as they might try to sneak something in. Jimmy reported on the following bills, full content of the bills are available on the web. HB71 & HB99 - Decreasing fees, HB41 & SB 244 - Cell Phone Usage and Texting, HB 137 & SB 298 - Sound making devices, SB 930 & HB 247 - Drunk boating, SB 482 - Slow drivers, HB21 & SB 98 - Firearms regulation. We will keep our members updated as information is received.

### **Public Relations**

Marjorie reported they went to Tattoos' house for Christmas this was very special and an honor for her to be there. We are continuing to forge ties with the Sport Bike Associations. We are growing and getting the word out on who we are and what we do. She is also very proud to be a member of the First All Female Motorcycle Club in Florida, the Chrome Angels.

### **Advertising**

Hope reported there was no report. We need advertisers. No matter where you ask them to take out an ad. Business card ads are very reasonable. We have a distribution over 1600 copies per month. A great job has been done by all in the distribution of our newsletter. Our Social Director Karen has taken on the distribution of the newsletter. If you distribute the newsletter and cannot make your deliveries, PLEASE CALL HER so she can make other arrangements. Her number is **954-430-0487**

### **Events Coordinator**

Shaky Bob reported we are all set to go. We will have our final and quick event planning meeting right after our meeting. We will load the trailer at 10:00 on Sat. 1/16/10. Please be at Mickey's at 900am on Sun. 1/17/10 for set-up. Please come out to help and support your chapter. A special thanks to Jim from Hermedad MC for the flyers

### **Social Director's Report**

Karin reported this month's birthday's party will be at "Lukes". Remember "It's on the way home" Party starts at 700pm on Sat. 1/23/10. Please come out and celebrate January's birthday babies. If you want your birthday recognized, please give her a call. She will add you to the list.

### **Quartermaster's Report**

Bob Anz was not present. No report.

### **Photographer's Report**

Brett reported there are a number of pictures that were taken by members are now on Face book. Check it out. If you have any pictures please send them to him or Fern.

### **Web-Master's Report**

Ricky Mouse reported our web is up and running. If you have pictures that you wanted posted on our web-site, please make sure you indicate the event. If you have any issues, please contact him at: webmasterabatese@gmail.com. Don't forget our web address is: **www.abatese.org**

### **Trash master's Report**

Commander Louis was not present. No report.

### **Legal Council**

Demetrious was not present. No report this month.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Good of the order**

Marti reported the Ladies Auxiliary will be having a Chili Cook Off on Feb. 20, 2010. If you want to enter please contact her. Gordon, the Post Commander addresses the floor. Per Florida State Law the Post is a non profit organization. In order to be served at the bar, you must be a member of the post or a guest of a member present and sign the book. Any veteran can join as a member. If you were not in the service but have had an immediate family member serve you can join as a SAL (Sons of the Legion). Either way, please join this post as they have been our supporter for a long time and we need to support them. Feb. 14, 2010- Abate of Florida Southernmost Chapter is having a Pan, Shovel, Knucklehead bike contest in Key Largo. This should be a great time and will show our support for our sister chapters.

A motion was called for and seconded to adjourn, all is favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06pm

These minutes are summarized and respectfully submitted

*Paul A. Melcer*

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Secretary



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## *OldHippy's Corner*

It never fails to astound me how much our lovely lawmakers in their infinite aspiration to supposable make our lives easier, have managed to introduce new and to transmute existing laws into a large disarray of rules and regulations over the years.

When they take time off from deciding which projects or what special interest group gets our tax money that we have sweated so hard just to pay, they focus on things to help and protect use from ourselves, but unfortunately they manage to either miss the mark by either making it a “maybe” thing by having so many clauses that lawyers have a field day with all the loop holes or that there are so many “gray” area’s that it gives enforcement the ability to infringe on our rights and freedom.

Case in point is the amendment to the code of Virginia (this also can happen here too) that came into effect this year relating to alcoholic beverage licenses. They are trying to combat the “street gang’ issues that has plagued the state by amending the code so that they can revoke their license to sell booze if the place is deemed to be a meeting place or rendezvous for members of a criminal street gang, as defined :

“Criminal street gang” means any ongoing **organization, association, or group of three or more persons**, whether formal or informal, (i) which has as one of its primary objectives or **activities the commission of one or more criminal activities**; (ii) which has an **identifiable name or identifying sign or symbol**; and (iii) **whose members individually** or collectively have engaged in the commission of, attempt to commit, conspiracy to commit, or solicitation of two or more predicate criminal acts, at least one of which

is an act of violence, provided such acts were not part of a common act or transaction.

Tell me this is not wide open for interpretation and abuse of power!!

This threat, has the managers of establishments thinking twice and nervous when bikers or even dudes with tattoos come into their place because they could lose their livelihood and from what I’ve read some of them are thinking of banning any kind of patch being worn because of the consequences that could arise if the customers are deemed part of a “street gang”.

Who determines if it is a street gang or is “one of their primary objectives”????

Now let’s take this a few steps further on how “gray” I feel this amendment was written:

Does this mean with the History Channel’s “Gangland show”, that any member of any of the MC’s shown can not go in a place to eat or sit in bar in Virginia showing any kind of identifying signs or symbols like a patch, tat, hat, or even a necklace or keychain that has a logo on it without the chance the poor place might loose their license??

How about anybody that wears a Harley shirt or jacket? All it takes is three people some where that had robbed a place and maybe hit a store clerk to fall into the definition of a gang.

Does this also mean, under the definitions given, that any member of the Miami Police Department wearing uniforms can also be treated the same as those MC’s because the problems they had awhile back. (Remember the Miami River Cops)??

How about all the corrupt people in city government recently?? Does this mean a city workers, in uniform can not go there?? The list can go on, Military and so on; all it takes is three

with a back ground and someone's interpretation to make like happen.

“Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is force; like fire, a troublesome servant and a fearful master. Never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action.”

**George Washington**

The flip side of this: Did you know, in Canada recently, a H.A. won a lawsuit over not being able to wear his patch in a place and in fact he won so well that the law was deemed unconstitutional, by violating his right to free speech. Interesting!

We have laws written and then amended, amended again and again so much because they either leave out something, worded wrong or just plain garbage its no wonder that it takes a Lawyer to make any sense out of it and also why we have had duplicate, overlapping laws like the vertical license issue like last year that got everybody up in arms.

“The United States is a nation of laws: badly written and randomly enforced.”

**Frank Zappa**

*US musician, singer, & songwriter (1940 - 1993)*

The reference to the word “Gang” has got me a little perturbed to say the least.

I can't tell you how many people tell me that they were thinking of going to the toy run and in the same breath asked me if any “Motorcycle Gangs” would be there and I informed them in so many words that there will be no “Gangs” there and explained this was put on by the clubs, which will be present.

There is MC in a town in Illinois that, because it is listed as a prospect affiliate on AOA web site, the Police Chief panicked and calls a town

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meeting to discuss it without a member of the MC being allowed to be there.

Just shows the general public relies too much on a fictitious HBO show about bikers and small group of people in events that happen a long time ago to influence them.

The Motorcycle riders that are here are as diverse as Miami is diverse in nationalities.

Believe it or not, from my observation it seems now that at the most, adding up all the MC's, organizations and riding clubs might make up 1/4 of the riders out there, but the stigma is still in the public mind that they need to be leery of bikers.

Take a sold out Dolphin game with all those people there, I'm sure that there is groups in those seats that are a far worse behaved and are far more of a threat to society than a group of Bikers at an event.

We have already lost a lot of rights and freedoms and we need to stand up and defend our rights against any invasive types of legislative actions, like up north, no matter how small or insignificant to others it might seem, we still must not let another, or even let the possibility of a freedom or right be taken from us

“Most people assume the fights are going to be the left versus the right, but it always is the reasonable versus the jerks.”

**Jimmy Wales**, *Keynote Speech, SXSW 2006*  
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I want to start out by giving a big thanks to all the members that helped with our Semi-Annual event, especially our even team lead by Shokie Bob! It took a lot of effort to set it up and with the weather, it turned out to be more of a challenge just pulling it off, or should I say keeping the tents from blowing away then we had hope it would. I also would like to thank all the clubs that showed up to give us the much appreciated and needed support.

I would have liked to see more independents there, but was not too surprised with the low show given the weather conditions

This is a big election year and it has already started. District 19 is/had a special congressional election being held the first week of Feb. for United States Representative. There are a lot of good people running and now is the time to start working on making sure the right person gets elected.

You can find more about them at: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/candidate/CanList.asp> I have additional resources for information on legislation and elections on my blog at <http://oldhippy-2010elections.blogspot.com/>. There is tons of links to help you keep informed.

We need to try to increase our efforts in getting more of the independent riders involved with cause. They far outnumber the clubs and organizations that have are also more than familiar with rights and freedoms that we have been trying to save. We need to let them know that they are needed to stand up and be counted just like the members of the COC and organizations have done to help keep at least what left of our rights/ freedoms that we still have.

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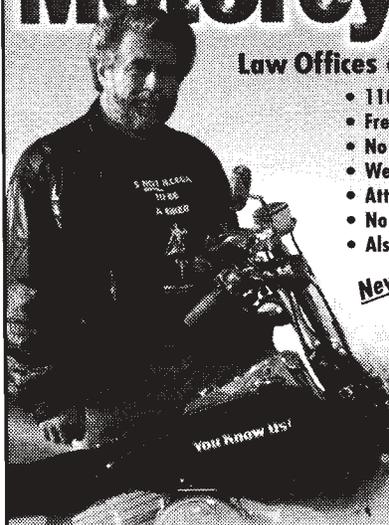
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We have missed our Road Captain Chris and his Lady Diana at our party's a few month now please keep both of them in your prayers.

The Birthday Party for Feb. 2010 will be @ the American Legion Post 321 on the 27th and as always we'll meet between 7-8 pm, the Ringerz have offered to play for us and the cake will be provided.

Happy Birthday to all those below and I hope to see you at your party!

**Todd "Hoss"**

**Allen Ryant "Ace"**

**Marty "Tank"**

**Barbara J. Ferry**

**Jose Juarbe "Hoser"**

**Hans Lankutis**

**Tom Knox**

**Jeff Mendham**

**Mike Porter "Digger"**

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**Remember if you name is not included please contact me. Send info to [karin.rylands@att.net](mailto:karin.rylands@att.net) or call 954-430-0487**



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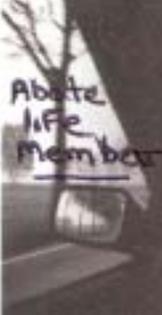


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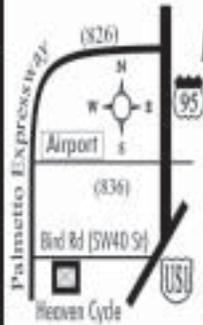
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21 ABATE Chapter Meeting States Lake Worth	22	23	24	25	26	27 Abate Bday Party
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## Mar-10

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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The person who occupies the back seat of a motorcycle has always been called the passenger. I prefer to call them co-riders and it isn't simply to be politically correct. The word passenger suggests a person who has no responsibilities for the operation of the machine; one who is simply along for the ride. A co-rider, on the other hand, shares some of the responsibilities for the safe operation of the motorcycle.

Sitting in the back seat means a lot more freedom to enjoy the scenery without worrying about the technical part of the ride. But with the freedom comes the responsibility. A co-rider does not have the right to bury herself in a book or to take a nap. A blanked out person on the back seat is of absolutely no help and may even be an additional danger if the rider has to brake or swerve suddenly. Her reflexive actions (such as to grab the rider wherever she can or to lean away) will probably be exactly the wrong ones.

The co-rider should ride as exactly that, a co-rider. Not a passenger, but a second rider. While it is always preferable that the co-rider has had a motorcycle safety course, even the normal street skills used in everyday driving will help in spotting hazards. Being an extra pair of eyes for the rider doesn't mean being a back-seat nag. It means spotting hazards and knowing how the rider normally reacts and being ready to help in that effort. If the rider does not show that reaction, the co-rider should speak up. An experienced co-rider knows how hard her rider brakes during normal braking, and whether hard-line braking will be necessary. She prepares herself by holding the grab rails and bracing her feet. She does not slide forward, banging helmets and pushing the rider onto the tank. When she spots a pot hole or a large piece of rubber, she knows her rider will soon swerve, and she is prepared to let the bike move under her. She knows when it's OK to move around, and lets her rider know when she will make a move, such as scratching her ankle, which will affect the balance of the bike.

The rider also has the responsibility to communicate with his co-rider. He should let her know when a nasty bump is coming or if he wants to counterweight a turn. He shouldn't play “surprise” just because he finds her reactions funny.

Two-up riding is a team sport. And that means working together to make the ride fun and safe for both.

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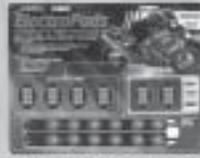
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## JANUARY

- 3 - States MC 15th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
- \*10 - *Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day*
- 17 - SE ABATE Semi-Annual Rights Rally
- \*24 - *Third Tradition Annual*
- \*31 - *Der Krieger MC Annual*

## FEBRUARY

- 7 - Alternative WPB Party
- \*14 - *AOA MC Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual*
- \*20 - *Wheels of Man MC Deerfield 37th Annual (4PM)*
- \*21 - *States Lake Worth Annual*
- 20 & 21 Harley-Davidson of Miami's 56th Anniversary
- 27 - *USMV MC Homestead Annual*

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## MARCH

- Feb 26-March 7, 69th Annual Daytona Bike Week
- \*14 - *Keltics MC Broward Annual*
- \*21 - *Fiasco Brothers Annual*
- 21 - BBRA 3rd Annual Smiles Charity Ride
- \*27 - *Outcast MC Annual*
- \*28 - *States MC Pompano Annual*

## APRIL

- \*4 - *CMA Annual Easter Service*
- 3 & 4 - Peterson's South Anniversary Weekend
- \*11 - *AOA West Palm Beach Annual*
- 17 - Mystic Seven MC & Mojo's Birthday Party
- \*18 - *Hermanidad MC Annual*
- 24 - USMV Martin County party
- \*25 *Wings of Gold MC Ft. Laud Stars & Stripes Annual*
- 23, 24, 25 - Leesberg Bikefest

## MAY

- \*2 - *Southern MC Annual*
- 8 & 9 - National COC Convention Orlando
- \*15 - *USMVMC West Palm Annual*
- \*16 - *Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual*
- 22 - Wings of Gold MC Pt St. Lucie party
- \*23 - *Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach Annual*
- 30 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

## JUNE

- \*6 - *AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual*
- \*12 - *New Attitudes MC Annual*
- \*13 - *Wings of Gold MC West Palm Annual*
- 20 - Peterson's North Store Fathers Day Event
- 26 - Palm Beach ABATE Annual Event
- 27 - Wings of Gold MC Miami party

## JULY

- 3 - USMVMC South Broward Party
- 11 - AOA MC West Palm Beach party
- 17 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off & Party
- 18 - States MC Lake Worth party
- \*25 - *Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud. Annual*

## AUGUST

- 9-15 70th Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 13 to 15, - 15th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 15 - AOA MC 43rd Anniversary Party
- \*22 - *Wings of Gold MC Port Saint Lucie Annual*
- 29 - US Military Vets MC Pompano Party

## SEPTEMBER

- 11 - Outcast MC Party
- 12 - States Pompano MC 17th Key West Tuneup Party
- 16-19 Phil Peterson's 37th Annual Key West Poker Run
- 26 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & Party

## OCTOBER

- \*3 - *Mystic Seven MC Annual*
- 9 - BBRA Art Auction & Comedy Night
- 10 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
- 14 to 17 - Daytona Biketoberfest
- 17 - Keltics MC Miami party
- 23 - USMV MC Homestead benefit party
- 24 - SE ABATE 30th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally
- 30 - Wheels of Man MC 37th Annual Halloween Party
- \*31 - *Alternative Ft. Laud Annual*

## NOVEMBER

- \*7 - *USMVMC National 23rd Annual*
- 13 - Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach Party
- 14 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach Party
- 21 - CMA Memorial Event
- 28 - Heaven Cycles 33rd Anniversary Party
- 28 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

## DECEMBER

- \*5 - *23rd Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run*
- 11 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami
- 12 - ABATE West Palm Beach Party
- 18 - SFLCOC Christmas Dinner Party
- 18 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
- 19 - Calvary Chapel 11th Annual Christmas Service



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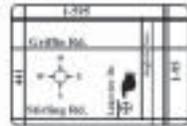
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### Rain Tape



We were up in Bonafay, that's in the Panhandle. We were attending the backwoods bash- that is one of Abate's State meetings. It's about a ten hour ride, and it was in August.

We stayed the weekend and it was Sunday morning and we were heading home. We just had breakfast at the local Waffle House, and we were getting ready to leave.

It was Chuck Widle, me, Big Ed, Big Wheel, and Val, and a few more I can't remember everybody off hand.

Chuck mentioned to me, on the radio was nothing but country music, and he was tired of listening to it. So I offered him one of my cassettes I had a few with me, I gave him what I thought was a rock & roll cassette, but when it started playing I heard it was one of my praise & worship cassettes, and offered to give him another one. He said "No" that he would listen to it, it was ok, and we headed out.

So we headed east on I 75. The weather wasn't bad but it was cloudy, looked like it might rain, but it didn't. As we headed east it started to look more like rain but it still didn't. We got all the way to Sebring still no rain but it really looked like it would rain any time. I was thinking about my rain gear but Chuck turned up the volume of that praise and worship tape NO RAIN.

We stopped at the Wild Turkey bar it had rained while we were in there but we didn't get wet when we left, NO RAIN on us!!!

We headed south on US 27 and we could see rain on both sides of us, and in front of us and it was raining behind us the road was wet but NO RAIN on us.

At one time we could see a rain storm in front of us, looking like we were going to ride right into it, Chuck turned up the Volume on that praise and worship cassette, raised his arm and waved it, and guess what, NO RAIN on us!!!! We stayed dry. We made it all the way to Holiday Park where they had a memorial for Keith earlier that day and we wanted to have a drink in his honor. Still NO RAIN on us,

We got to the park, wouldn't you know there was a beautiful rainbow waiting for us when we got there.

We called some friends around FT Lauderdale and it was raining everywhere around town but needless to say NO RAIN on us!!!!!!!!. We rode about 1200 to 1500 more miles in the next few months and as long as we played that praise & worship cassette, that only worked in Chuck's radio, and for all those miles we rode and had NO RAIN on us.

It stopped working when Chuck's cassette player ate it and I couldn't replace it. And that's the truth. That's why I always referred to it as the **REIGN TAPE**

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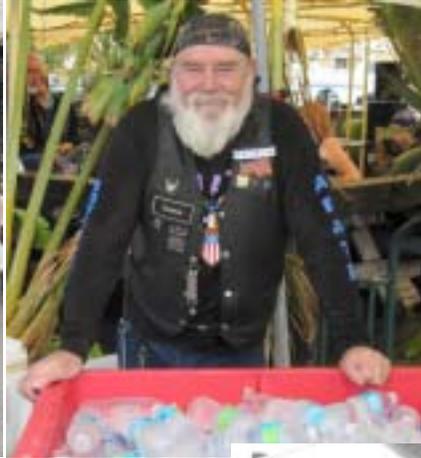


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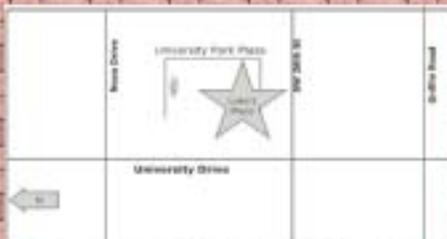
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coffee and doughnuts! UGGGh! Oh, well...there’s those sweets again! But that’s okay, we will be able to knock off a few ounces walking west and east of the VFW looking for trash and maybe even treasure. I found a crumpled wet one-dollar bill one time and an old torn up hunting boot...what will you find this time???

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## **THE AIM/NCOM MOTORCYCLE NEWS NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES**

### **Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) MOTORCYCLE BUYERS ARE HAPPIER THAN EVER**

Motorcycle manufacturers are trying harder than ever to please customers, and the result is higher quality bikes and happier owners.

Overall satisfaction with the motorcycle ownership experience has increased for a seventh consecutive year to a record-high level, according to the J.D. Power and Associates 2009 Motorcycle Competitive Information Study, and each of the study's five criteria — product, quality, cost of ownership, sales, and service — have improved, with sales and service showing the biggest improvements.

“The result of increased competition is that the quality and performance of bikes is at an all-time high,” Power's Todd Markusic explains, “and dealers are paying much more attention to their customers' sales and service experiences.”

First-time buyers comprise 22% of all new motorcycle purchases, and with the average age of owners increasing from 40 to 47 since 2001, it is important for manufacturers to focus on younger Gen X and Y demographics to ensure continued growth in the market.

Now in its 12th year, the annual survey measures owner satisfaction with new motorcycles and fielded responses from nearly 8,000 owners between August and October 2009, focusing on 2009 model year bikes.

### **MISSOURI TO END SAFETY INSPECTIONS ON NEWER VEHICLES**

New-ish car and bike owners can take that \$10-12 you've been setting aside to pay for a state safety inspection and go buy something nice for yourself or your vehicle. Under legislation that took effect on New Year's Day in Missouri, vehicles five years old and newer will no longer need an inspection when renewing license plates.

That means in 2010, 2005 model year and newer autos, including cars, trucks and motorcycles, will be exempt. Models from 2006 won't need their first inspection until 2012. Previously, vehicles are exempt from safety inspections for their model year and the year after that.

Inspections are performed at thousands of repair shops across the state and cost \$12 for cars and trucks and \$10 for motorcycles. The Missouri Department of Revenue, which manages vehicle registration, estimates that 650,000 vehicles will be affected by the exemption.

### **INDIANA HARLEY DEALER FIGHTS SUNDAY BIKE SALES BAN**

There are some things you can't buy on Sundays in Indiana: alcohol, cars, and motorcycles.

One Hoosier Harley-Davidson dealer thinks this “blue law” against buying motorcycles is ridiculous, and he's teaming up with an Indiana state senator to change it. Mark Forszt owns four Harley dealerships throughout the state and says the law is hurting his business, and that it makes no sense. On Sundays, he's open for business, and he can sell you everything you'd ever need to put a bike together yourself. He just can't actually sell you the bike.

“It's a huge loss to the state in terms of sales tax revenue,” said Forszt, who contacted state Senator Ed Charbonneau to address the problem in the legislature, framing the issue as a way to help small business. When you add up all the sales tax, it's also a way to help the state of Indiana, home to some 300 motorcycle dealerships, said Charbonneau. “If every one of those dealerships sold one motorcycle a Sunday, or even one a month, that's a pretty sizable infusion of cash into the state coffers,” Senator Charbonneau told local NBC-affiliate WNDU.

The bill to change the law has been drafted and filed, but until something changes, the Sunday choices in this store will be limited. What dealers like Forszt complain about is you could sell a bike through a newspaper, Craigslist, or eBay on Sunday, but in a store it's illegal. It is currently a class D misdemeanor to sell a motorcycle on Sunday.

### **WISCONSIN BILLS WOULD HONOR HARLEY- DAVIDSON**

A bill has been introduced in the Wisconsin state legislature to create a special license plate commemorating Harley-Davidson, the iconic Milwaukee motorcycle manufacturer.

The legislation would authorize the creation of an automobile license plate available for purchase that would include Harley-Davidson's trademark bar and shield logo and the message “Share the Road.”

Available for cars and trucks registered in Wisconsin, the revenue collected by the Department of Transportation from the specialty plate sales would be used for conducting public workshops on motorcycle safety; evaluating basic rider education courses; creating transportation messages at motorcycle rallies; providing funds for motorcycle-related safety and training programs; and grants to providers of motorcycle safety training courses.

“Motorcycling is a huge part of Wisconsin's culture and plays a big role in our state's economy,” state Rep. Jim Sullivan told *The Business Journal of Milwaukee* upon introducing the measure. “This license plate helps us protect that heritage and promote sharing the road safely with all drivers.”

The goal is to have the plate ready by May 2010, which is motorcycle safety month in most states.

Wisconsin lawmakers are also currently considering legislation declaring Harley-Davidson the state's official motorcycle, similar to recognizing a state bird or flower.

### **PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO LET MICHIGAN RIDERS BUY PERMITS TO RIDE HELMETLESS**

Motorcyclists in Michigan would be able to buy a permit to ride without a helmet if a newly-introduced bill becomes law. It would apply to riders who are 21 years or older, have been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least two years or completed a safety class, and have at least \$20,000 in health insurance. The \$100-a-year permit would make helmets optional. Any passenger over 21 years riding with a permit holder wouldn't need a helmet.

State Representative Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland) said wearing a helmet should be a personal choice. LeBlanc told Capitol News Service of the Macomb Daily newspaper that he's been involved with the issue since the 1970s when he started riding a motorcycle, adding that he introduced the bill because he believes that wearing a helmet should be a personal choice.

The bill is pending in the House Committee on Regulatory Reform, though ABATE of Michigan reportedly does not support the legislation and is dedicated to working with their new governor to repeal the existing helmet law with no fees, additional insurance or stickers.

Michigan riders, spearheaded by ABATE and the Confederation of Clubs of Michigan, succeeded in passing helmet repeal legislation twice since 2006 only to have both bills vetoed by outgoing Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

### **MILLIONS IN INSURANCE OVERCHARGES DUE TO MASSACHUSETTS MOTORCYCLISTS**

Massachusetts insurance companies have overcharged consumers on premiums by overstating and failing to depreciate motorcycle values.

Attorney General Martha Coakley's Office entered into settlements with several insurance companies resolving allegations that they overcharged consumers for motorcycle insurance by using incorrect motorcycle values to calculate premiums. The settlements, which return \$11.1 million to consumers, stem from an investigation spurred by consumer complaints and ongoing lobbying efforts by the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (MMA).

Investigators found that insurers were not adjusting motorcycle values for their steady depreciation over time and instead were using the same value for a bike for several consecutive years to gauge premium levels.

"The settlements cover alleged overcharges going back to 2002 and require the insurers to pay 6 percent interest to consumers on the alleged overcharges," reports the MMA in

a prepared statement. "Average refunds to consumers are anticipated to be approximately \$300 with some consumers receiving thousands of dollars. Tens of thousands of policies are believed to have been affected."

Motorcyclists praised the settlements, but warned that a number of other insurance companies also evaluated motorcycles incorrectly.

Betsy Lister, a politically-active insurance agent who rides a motorcycle, told the Enterprise News that motorcyclists have repeatedly raised this issue with the state Division of Insurance and the attorney general's office. "They've been doing it going back to the early 2000s," Lister said of the insurers' overcharges. "This is something we've been fighting for years."

### **EUROPE SLAPPING RICH DRIVERS WITH MASSIVE TRAFFIC FINES**

European countries are increasingly pegging speeding fines to income as a way to punish wealthy scofflaws who would otherwise ignore tickets. Advocates say a \$290,000 (euro 203,180.83) speeding ticket slapped on a millionaire Ferrari driver in Switzerland was a fair and well-deserved example of the trend.

Germany, France, Austria and the Nordic countries also issue punishments based on a person's wealth. In Germany the maximum fine can be as much as \$16 million compared to only \$1 million in Switzerland. A Frenchman was fined 70,000 francs after being caught on a highway doing 151 miles (243 kilometers) an hour. Only Finland regularly hands out similarly hefty fines to speeding drivers, with the current record believed to be a euro170,000 (then about \$190,000) ticket in 2004.

The Swiss court appeared to set a new world record when it levied the nearly quarter million dollar fine in November, describing the speeder as a "traffic thug" in their verdict as they took into account his prior traffic record as well as his \$20 million in personal wealth. Swiss voters approved a 2007 penal law overhaul that let judges hand down fines based on personal income and wealth for moderate misdemeanors including excessive speeding and drunk driving.

The nationalist Swiss People's Party wants to reverse the 2007 penal code changes, saying the current law could lead to "ridiculously low" penalties without any possibility of jail time for poor people who are caught driving drunk or speeding.

### **AFRICANS IMPOUND THOUSANDS OF MOTORCYCLES FOR LACK OF HELMETS**

Lagos State Sector Command authorities in this Nigerian city reportedly impounded 21,300 motorcycles last year because of failure of the motorcyclists to wear crash helmets.

Public Education Officer, Mrs Ijeoma Nwachi, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Lagos that the command has intensified enforcement on the usage of crash helmets in the state. The public education officer also said that the command had confiscated 3,500 substandard helmets since January 2009. She said wearing of crash helmets by motorcyclists and their passengers was in line with section 41(1) (e) of the National Road Traffic Regulations, 2004.

Nwachi also said that overloading with passengers is a serious issue, and added that many motorcyclists were in the habit of riding without side mirrors. "Riding without side mirror is an offence under section 41(1)(p) of the Nation Road Traffic Regulations 2004, which states that all motorcycles shall be equipped with two rear view mirrors," she said.

### **WEIRD NEWS: MAN ASSAULTED OVER PICTURES OF MOTORCYCLE**

In a twisted version of "Dog the Bounty Hunter" meets "Repo Man", Sioux Falls Police say a man hired to repossess a motorcycle ended up assaulting and kidnapping the bike owner's dad instead.

A South Dakota father received a call from a man claiming he needed pictures of a motorcycle that his son owned. The father thought the person calling was from a dealership and needed evidence for a payment plan he had set up, but when the undercover repo guy arrived at his home, the bike owner's dad became uneasy and told him he didn't feel comfortable with the man taking pictures of the motorcycle.

The repossession agent refused to leave and when the father said he was going to call the police, he put the dad in handcuffs and threatened him with a taser. He was later arrested for aggravated assault and kidnapping.

### **NCOM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND REGIONAL MEETING IN PHILLY**

"As co-director of NCOM Region II (IA, KS, MO, NE, OK, TX), I recently attended the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Semi-Annual Board of Directors and Regional Meeting, November 13-15 in Philadelphia, PA, where over 300 motorcyclists took part in the conference," reported Tiger Mike Revere of ABATE of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs.

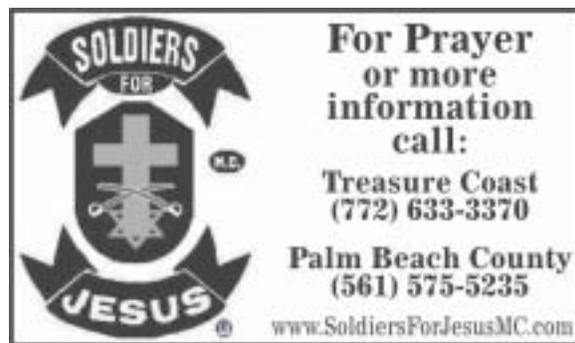
Continuing his "Tiger Tales" report; "Following the morning's NCOM Board Meeting, the afternoon Region VII Meeting consisted of a number of valuable and informative presentations on Biker Freedom-related topics, such as Freedom of the Road throughout the Nation, and Legal Issues such as Noise Abatement, Insurance Coverage, and interacting with Law Enforcement. The Regional Confederation of Clubs Meeting and Christian Unity Conference were also well-attended, with a lot of productive

crosstalk, and Gimme Jimmy was there to present the Defenders' Program. Incidentally, our recent successful Call to Action regarding Federal-level Right To Repair Legislation constituted a Nationwide test and fine-tuning of the Defenders Program. NCOM is very interested to hear more about the Strategic Alliance Program pioneered by our own Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs. This Alliance of Spiritual groups, Clean and Sober Clubs, and community service-oriented riders such as the Downed Bikers Association, is designed to function as a quick-response force to support the Riding Community during incidents where motorcyclists get killed, injured or locked down.

The NCOM Board has been expanded to include representation from the Sport Bike Community with a Board Liaison position for the National Sport Bike Association, now held by Brian "Seven" Lawson. Quite a large number of Sport Bike Riders attended the conference, which was gratifying to see. All in all, the stage is now set for one of the largest and most festive NCOM Conventions ever, our Silver Anniversary event slated for May 6-9, 2010 in Orlando, Florida. Check out the NCOM Website at [www.aimncom.com](http://www.aimncom.com) for a Pre-Registration application and make plans to attend!

There's still a lot of political game-playing going on and bikers have to keep learning to play the game more effectively if we're going to continue to be a force for good in the Motorcycling Community. Politics, by definition, addresses the skill of acquiring and utilizing power. By becoming more active participants in all levels of government through registering and voting, communicating with legislators, and attending events like the NCOM Convention and local legislative seminars, we'll wield a greater degree of power as a special interest group representing this country's ridership."

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "There is good news from Washington today. The Congress is deadlocked and can't act." Will Rogers (1879-1935) American humorist



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