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## President's Thoughts

First off, I want to thank all the people who helped and came out to our Semi- Annual event. I also would like to thank Jim and his staffs at the Perfect Game in Coral Springs for letting us stage it there. It was a "perfect day, Hat Trick rocked the house as usual, with the good food, cold beer and friendly ladies. Who could ask for more?

The Chapter was able bring in the much needed funds to help get us through for a while. And we are already setting our sights on the next one, which is a large traditional event, Memorial Day. The Chapter is still in the process of digestion, the proposed by-laws to the organization, which for the most part will not affect our day to day lives, but is a necessary update to an antiquated document.

The Florida Legislation, with all its new members, have not introduced anything as of yet, that we, in the Riding community need to be concerned with, but with all the new blood in there, and with all clamoring for position, we need to keep an eye on all the stuff they proposed. Just look at what our "Newly" elected Governor did. He helped back the 2 changes that were voted on by the people and passed in regards to redistricting. That was fast and this has me concerned on where he stands on other issues that might affect us.

We have busy times coming up, so let's hope the weather will be nice. And now is the time to make plans for Daytona Bike Week. ABATE of Florida has one of the best parties going on for the whole week and it is also cheap to sleep if you camp. See the web site or the flyer for details.

In closing, there have been, it seems that a lot of us that have come upon some rough times by either illnesses or accidents, and I ask that all of us keep them in our hearts and pravers.

Till next time... Ride Free and Ride Safe.

## **OldHippy**





## Trashmaster's Report

I would like to thank these seven people for coming out on the 22nd of January for trash pick-up.

Johnny Rose

Bob Leavitt "Old Hippie"

Annemarie "The Magnet"

Al "Newcomer"

George Torrence

Lee Ann Lewis "Wildcat"

Alan Loper "BigWheel"

They picked up over three hundred (300) pounds of trash. I hope to see them again AS well as others at the next pick up.



TeddyBear

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## ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Jan. 23, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 am by our President "OldHippy" with 43 members, 7 guests, and no At-Large members in attendance. Total in attendance: 50. Followed by the Pledge of Alliance the meeting started with a prayer given by our chaplain, "Poppie".

## **Presidents Report**

OldHippy thanked all of our members for attending and welcomed back our previous web-master Tank who also brought in 2 new members today, Steve and Mike. He also thanked all our members who came out to help at our event. We need more participation from our members especially with our upcoming Memorial Day event that will be here before we know it. After today's meeting we will be heading to the Chrome Angels event. A special thank you to the El Coqui Motorcycle Association which makes it mandatory for their members to be a member of ABATE. Thank you for all your support. Discussed the upcoming By-Law changes and bike week.

## **Vice-Presidents Reports**

Johnny Rose reported we need everyone's help to ensure successful events. He did not realize the tremendous amount of work it takes being on the board and the amount of work it takes to have a successful event. The more hands we get to help, the less work there needs to be done. Remember we only have 3 events per year to support our chapter. Any time you can give is greatly appreciated. Even though we are the largest chapter in the state, we still need more members. The more members we have the more power we have.

## Secretary's Report

Our chapter Secretary Commander Louis Subirats was unable to attend today's meeting. Past secretary Paul A. Melcer will be taking today's minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes of Novembers meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

## **Treasures Report**

Alice read Decembers report. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurers report. All in favor, motion passed. Last chance for bike tickets, we have a few left.

## Sergeant at Arms Report

Big Wheel thanked all the members who helped out our event. We would like to donate our old heavy wooden tables and old coolers and replace them with lighter weight plastic tables and coolers. A vote of confidence was called for: all in favor none opposed. We will shop for the best prices for these items.

## Road Captain's Report

Geo reported we had a great ride to Alabama Jacks. 23 bikes and 33 riders and a chamber of commerce weather day. Geo complimented all those who came out for this ride. There were no issues at all.

Upcoming rides and good times:

**Sat 1-29-11**. Vintage Bike show at Frost Park. They have donated a 10 by 20 tent space to our chapter. We will have our membership, safety and products available. Event runs from 1000am to 400pm. If you like vintage bikes, this is your opportunity to see some of the oldest bikes made. There will be entertainment and refreshments.

**Sun. 1-30-11**. Der Kreiger Event. We will meet here at the Legion at 11:00am for breakfast (Thanks to Jose) with kickstands up at 12:00 noon.

**Sun. 2-6-11** Good time ride to Holiday Isle at Islamorada. On the way back stopping at Hog's Heaven for lunch. Meeting at the Legion with kickstands up at 10:00am. Jose will again provide breakfast for a measly \$4.00. You can't beat the price and his food is GREAT.

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

## Safety Directors Report

Teddy Bear asked all our members to increase their level of awareness while on the road. We have had too many riders go down. There was a story of 3 sport bike riders who were clocked at 140 mph when 1 of the riders hit the back of a cage. Talk about deceleration trauma. Sad part is his riding friends did not even stop. Please watch out for yourself while on the road.

## State Reps Report

Chris gave the following reports, State Reps, Legislative and Legal. Full details of the state meeting will be in the Masterlink. We have sponsors for our stiffer penalties bill. Hopefully we can get it passed this year. We don't know where we stand on the safety money we receive each year as we have a new Governor. Our lobbyist Doc is still trying to arrange a meeting with him to see where he stands on our issues. The Feds again will be trying to get state highway funds tied in with a helmet law. An early bill was introduced to stop texting while driving. Next state meeting is on 2/12/11. Bike week is coming up. This is a major fundraiser for ABATE of Florida. If you work a 6 hour shift, you get a meal and free nights tent camping. All hours are credited to our chapter. Printed in the Masterlink and available on the states web-site: **www.abateflorida.com** is the newly proposed by-laws. The by-laws will be voted on at the April State Meeting. There are no line items to be voted on; it is the whole package or nothing. Please take the time to read the new by-laws, we are a corporation and a lot of time and effort were put into the new by-laws to ensure we are following corporate law. If you have any questions you can post them on the states web-site or contact Chris. Lengthy discussion followed. Our Tallahassee run to the capitol and State Meeting will be held the weekend of April 8, 2011. Make your calendars' accordingly. Old Hippie read a letter where there have been closed door meetings to take and use monies from the Highway Trust Fund for other uses.

## **Products Report**

Jackie reported we have products and did very well selling our products at the Toy Run and our event. If you need anything you do not have to wait for the meeting, just give her a call. Her number is in the newsletter.

## **Membership Report**

George reported we now have 622 members. We are the largest chapter in the state. If you know of anyone on the list in the newsletter who has not renewed, please get them to renew. Please let us know if you have a change of address. We are getting mail returned as members have moved. Reminder, when filling out the application form, PLEASE WRITE OR PRINT LEGIBALLY.

## **Newsletter Editor**

Wildcat reported she needs all articles no later than Tuesday 1-25-11 so we can have the newsletter to the printer no later than Friday. Thanks to all who help in the distribution of the newsletter. Karen reported she would like to have a meeting with all our members who distribute the newsletter. More information to follow. Check the hotline. 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 <u>membershipabatese@abatese.org</u> to have your name removed from the mailing list.

#### Legislative Report

See State Reps report

#### **Public Relations**

No report.

## Advertising

Hope reported she needs some help delivering past due

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invoices to a few advertisers. If the past due amounts are not paid, we will pull their ad's.

## **Events Coordinator**

Jackie reported planning will start very soon for our Memorial Day event. It will be here before we know it.

## Social Directors Report

Karin reported next month's birthday party will be held at Texas Rose starting around 800pm on 2-12-11. Rob will be providing the cake and Lime Rock will be providing the music. Also on 2-12-11, the American Legion will be celebrating 40 years with a party. For only 15.00 you get food and the band. If you are interested, there is a sign up list in the refreshment area. If you want your birthday recognized, please see her. She has the full list of birthdays with her and will add you to the list.

## **Quartermaster's Report**

Bob Anz reported those who attended Christmas on the Beach had a great time. We will look into the possibility of handling our own cooking at the Memorial Day event.

## Photographer's Report

Wildcat reported if you take any pictures at any event, please send them to her so we can put them in the newsletter and post them on our web-site.

## Webmaster's Report

Mike reported our web is up and running. If you have any issues, please contact him at: webmaster@abatese.org. Don't forget our web address is: <u>www.abatese.org</u>

#### Trash master's Report

Teddy Bear thanked all the members who came out to support this program. More than 300 pounds of trash were picked up. But we need a lot more help to get the job done.

#### Legal Council

See State Reps Report

#### **Old Business**

OldHippy reported we received a plaque for our help and support at the Toy Run and Video Vulture and Big Wheel received plaques for the video taping of the Toy Run. The DVD's will be available for sale shortly.

#### New Business

T-Man reported we need to support our Legion post. The meeting room is available for private parties, weddings, birthday party's etc. And you won't get a better price any-

## where. We need to support them as they have always supported us.

## Good of the order

Val has girl scoot cookies for sale in the back. Tumbleweed reported Lefty's bar & Grill is starting a bike night. Every Tuesday @ 800pm.

A motion was called for and seconded to adjourn, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 pm

These minutes are summarized and respectfully submitted by:

Paul A. Melcer Paul A. Melcer

On behalf of: Louis Subirats, Secretary











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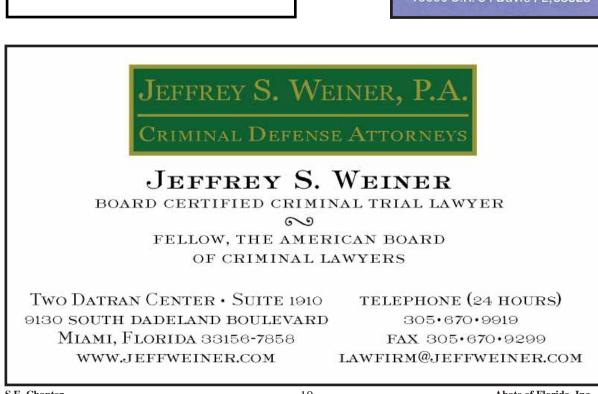
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## OldHippy's Corner

I have been writing this column now for a while and the other day a reader came up to me and asked, "How do I come up with those Ideas for the newsletter"? I stated that I usually talk to people and do a lot of reading to get some background. I then take "The Other Woman" for a ride, and as the peacefulness of the open road unclog my thoughts from all the other crap that keeps coming up, like work, ABATE, and home stuff. I usually can have a straight forward idea as to a topic, but Not This TIME. I think the person who asked me how I do it, kind of jinxed me. My mind is a blank and I have a mean Editor, who is famous for having her attack dog do vengeance on anybody who misses a deadline. What to do??

I read Graydon's article in MRF's magazine, where he had a similar problem and what he tried, so I said maybe this might work for me.

It was an unusual night; it was a full moon and the fog that normally comes in the morning, started to roll in around 8 or 9 tonight. I set my chair out by the new Chiminea that Lynn Hara had bought me after I managed to make the other one look like in came from a china shop that someone had let a bull loose in.

I started the fire with some of the past issues of newsletters with some kindling, and let it take hold before putting in this one hickory log that I decided would be the first to go when a Coot startled me a little as it calls out for a mate. The first log was burning well and as it flamed up I could see the smoke coming out of the stack swilling and appeared to mix and blend with the low fog that has made the full moon a little more a grayish ball in the sky above the canal that runs along the property.

I settled into my chair and was about to light up a cigarette when, as I about to get one out of my vest pocket when I remembered that a good friend of mine who once played bass in some famous band, that I can't remember the name, other than it was some kind of animal that was missing a leg, had given me some natural remedy that he takes now and then. Who am I to dispute Mother Nature's cure? I went back in the house and came back out with a corn cob pipe that I have found when going through a bunch of stuff that I stashed years ago and who knows, it could be the one I took to the "Doors" concert in Miami in '69, and settled back in my chair.

As I held the pipe that I have not used for so long, I loaded it with the herb that was given to me by my friend who some might say "has no ass", and as I lit it, I tried to remember the last time I held it in my hands, but all I can remember, it was a long, long time ago. The smoke was sweet and after a few puffs it was beginning to do its magic. I was getting more relaxed and it was making all the clutter of everyday life in the past go away and it also brought back some memories of things in the past. As the fog was beginning to surround me along with the mist rising from the water of the canal, it reminded me of all the trips I had taken out to the Indian reservations on Tamiami Trail when I was in high school. I spent many of times going to the Everglades and have admired the place and the people who were able to forge out an existence out of a mosquito, snake and alligator infested area. I remember talking to a lot of residences of the reservation and also was amazed that the kids who live there use to walk barefooted along thehighway on their daily trips to school with all the snakes that come out to warm themselves on the pavement. Being a History buff this experience influenced me into researching the plight of the Native American, not counting the movie Billy Jack when it got released.

My mind with the help of the sweet tasting herb that bass player gave me was beginning to open up all the past files that were buried deep in my head and was surprised after all these years I still can remember any of it after all the brain cells that I destroyed on campus partying. One of the things that popped up quick in the mass of gray matter was the conversation I had with one elder resident on the reservation on one of my class outings. This man who showed, in his face all the years that have come and gone in living out there in the middle of nowhere, he started to explained how they came to be in this god forsaken place when he proceeded to take a ten dollar bill out of his pocket and asked me whose picture was on it, to which I replied Andrew Jackson. I remember to this day the look he gave me, it was a mixture of sadness and anger as he proceeded to tell me how this man, the 7th President of the United States betrayed them. He went on to explain how his people fought alongside the white man in the battle of New Orleans against the British and Jackson after he got credit for it and famous, basically turn against the Indians. This I had to find out more about.

I took a long drag from the pipe and went in to the house for my laptop to revisit this dark part of American History.

When I returned, I noticed that the fire needed attention and threw in another log, watching as it began to burn, with the usual crackling sound as the flames danced around it.

I settled back into my chair took another dose from my pipe 12 Abate of Florida, Inc. and opened the laptop and started to remember.

The Seminole Indians are a tribe that used to reside in Florida in the early 1800's. The Seminole originally belonged to the Creek tribe. They broke apart from them and moved out of Alabama and Georgia and moved into Florida in the 1700's. They became known as "Seminoles" because the name means runaways.

Jackson's record at that time regarding Native Americans was not good. He led troops against them in both the Creek War and the First Seminole War and during his first administration the Indian Removal Act was passed in 1830. The act offered the Indians land west of the Mississippi in return for evacuation of their tribal homes in the east. About 100 million acres of traditional Indian lands were cleared under this law.

Under these treaties, the Indians were to give up their lands east of the Mississippi in exchange for lands to the west. Those wishing to remain in the east would become citizens of their home state. This act affected not only the southeastern nations, but many others further north. The removal was supposed to be voluntary and peaceful, and it was that way for the tribes that agreed to the conditions. But the southeastern nations resisted, and Jackson forced them to leave.

For the next 28 years, the United States government struggled to force relocation of the southeastern nations. A small group of Seminoles was coerced into signing a removal treaty in 1833, but the majority of the tribe declared the treaty illegitimate and refused to leave. The resulting struggle was the Second Seminole War, which lasted from 1835 to 1842.

Although the five Indian nations had made earlier attempts at resistance, many of their strategies were non-violent. One method was to adopt Anglo-American practices such as large-scale farming, Western education, and slave-holding. This earned the nations the designation of the "Five Civilized Tribes." They adopted this policy of assimilation in an attempt to coexist with settlers and ward off hostility. But it only made whites jealous and resentful.

The Cherokee, on the other hand, were tricked with an illegitimate treaty. In 1833, a small fraction agreed to sign a removal agreement: the Treaty of New Echota. The leaders of this group were not the recognized leaders of the Cherokee nation, and over 15,000 Cherokees -- led by Chief John Ross -- signed a petition in protest. The Supreme Court ignored their demands and ratified the treaty in 1836. The Cherokee were given two years to migrate voluntarily, at S.E. Chapter

the end of which time they would be forcibly removed. By 1838 only 2,000 had migrated; 16,000 remained on their land. The U.S. government sent in 7,000 troops, who forced the Cherokees into stockades at bayonet point. They were not allowed time to gather their belongings, and as they left, whites looted their homes. Then began the march known as the Trail of Tears, in which 4,000 Cherokee people died of cold, hunger, and disease on their way to the western lands.

That makes over ¼ of their Nation killed by this act

The Seminoles opposed the United States when they came for the Seminole's land. The United acquired Florida in 1819, and began urging them to sell their land to the government and to move to the Indian Territory along with the other southeastern tribes. In 1832, some of the Seminole leaders signed a treaty and promised to relocate. The Seminole tribe split at this time, after which the Indians that agreed to move had gone. The other part of the tribe fought to keep their lands. They fled into the Florida swamps. They started the Second Seminole war (1835). This was fought over the remaining land that the Seminole had fled to. It lasted for seven years. 1,500 American men died and the cost to the United States was \$20 million. The Seminole were led by Osceola until he was tricked by General Thomas Jessup. Osceola was seized and imprisoned by Jessup during peace talks under a flag of truce. Osceola died in 1838 when he was still in prison. After the war, many Seminoles moved west but still a small group stayed hidden in the Florida swamps.

What Jackson said to make his point, makes me glad we have changed a little:

"Andrew Jackson Gave a speech on the Indian removal in the year of 1830. He said, "It gives me great pleasure to announce to Congress that the benevolent policy of the government, steady pursued for nearly thirty years, in relation with the removal of the Indians beyond the white settlements is approaching to a happy consummation."

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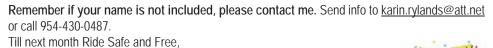
To Royce: It was good to see you at the meeting after your surgery, sorry you had to miss the party, but glad you're much better.

Our February's party will be on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at The Texas Rose Saloon, "Lime Rock" will be playing and there will be specials for ABATE members. The Cake will be provided by Rob!

Please come join us! This is our party to celebrate all members Birthday's each month and they love to have you there. We will meet between 7-8 pm.

Happy Birthday to all those below please come and have fun at your party!

Todd "Hoss" Martin "Tank" Jose Juarbe "Joser" Tom Knox Mike Porter "Digger" Diana Berg <u>WE LOVE YOU</u> ! Mike Saldarini



## Karin

Pics from Our January Birthday Party







Birthdays this Month Allen Ryant "Ace" Barbara J Ferry Hans Lankutis Jeff Medham Jim Penna David Gregoay "Gimpy"

## Motorcycle Ins.

(NAPS)—A motorcycle is a significant investment. Before you get your motor running and head out on the highway this season, you owe it to yourself to make sure your insurance is up-to-date and you're properly covered."Just as riding a motorcycle is much different than driving a car, riders should know that their motorcycle insurance needs are different, too," said Rick Stern, motorcycle product manager, The Progressive Group of Insurance Companies.

Here are some tips:

Update your policy. First, verify that all your coverage's are still in force. Be aware that some companies have a winter layaway period during which some cover-ages are restricted. Check with your insurance company to see if you currently have any type of limited coverage. Next, note any changes such as additional riders or a new garaging address. A quick call to your independent agent or insurance company will ensure coverage that reflects your current needs.

Consider additional liability coverage. If you have significant assets, it may be to your benefit to carry a higher limit just in case you are involved in an accident that causes injury to some-one else or damage to property.

Look into medical payments coverage. Medical payments coverage pays your medical bills as well as your passenger's and is available in limits up to \$25,000 in most states.

Make sure custom parts and equipment are covered. Additional parts such as chrome plating, a custom paint job, saddlebags or special rims usually increase the value of your motor-cycle and may not be covered. If you've added any custom parts or equipment, you'll want to check your policy or call your independent agent to make sure they're covered.

Know your options. Rates can vary so shop around to see if another company offers you a better rate or if you qualify for any discounts. If you have comprehensive and collision coverage, consider raising your deductibles. Doing so can help to lower the cost of your policy.

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# Vice Prez

# MAN, I tell you the hardest thing for me to do as your VP is to come up with something different to write about each month. Things are calm for now in Tallahassee. And we still need to play the numbers game up there, so our lobbyist can have some influence with the law makers. For every ABATE member we have the politicians look at it as 5 voters, because we have at least 4 friends that think alike. I know, another broken record. Well anyway, don't forget to check your tire pressure and air shocks. If you have them in the colder weather it will change the PSI. Remember too…"New Tires" are slick, so make sure you break them in before you crack the throttle real hard. Time out, be right back. Oh yeah... better now, went for a ride. I'm gonna leave you with this <u>poem</u> by a dude named Rambling Mind.

## A Bikers' Perfect World

Cages are outlawed they can't kill me now. NO cell phones and NO makeup "My" lane is for me. No road gators or lit cigarette butts are after me. I look down the highway and its so damn clear; it's time to fuel up, get some food, and a beer. Ape hangers, loud pipes, and black leather vests, and she should be able to show off her breasts (I did say bikers world now). Thirty bikes or more are in every pack .The run is to Mickey's then Flossie's and back. Café 27 to start and to end.

DAMN!! It's only Saturday...Can't wait to see my friends

Tomorrow... I know there's a party to go to. So see you at noon in some parking lot !!!!!

By Rambling Mind

Peace, Johnny Rose







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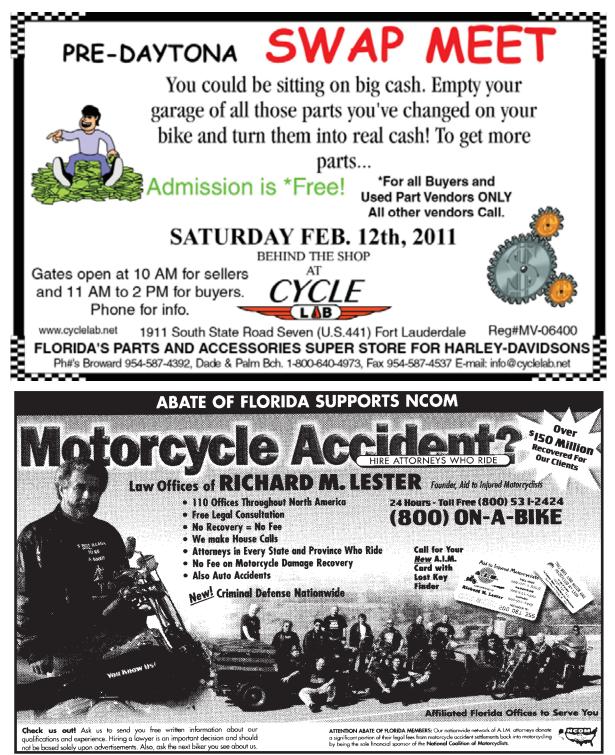
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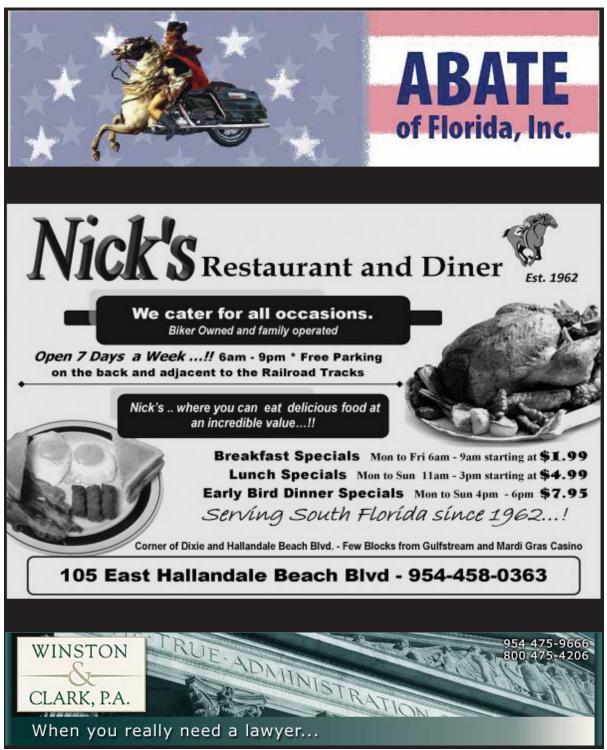
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## ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2011

We have a few long rides coming up as well as our usual rides to local club events. Here's what I have for you this month.

#### Alabama Jacks ride report:

On Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 33 *riders on 23 bikes* rode down to Alabama Jacks for lunch. We all met at the American Legion Post 321, where Jose' cooked us all breakfast. Kickstands were up @ 11:00am and we all headed down US 27 & Krome Ave to Alabama Jacks. Great food was served and they had live music to entertain us as we ate. We then cruised up to the WOG afterparty @ Café' 27. It was a perfect day with perfect weather. Pictures are up on the Abatese.org website.

#### ABATE SE Chapter Annual Rights Rally report:

This year, On Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, we had our event at Perfect Game Sports Grill in Coral Springs, a new venue for us. Live music was provided by Hat Trick. Thanks to the hundreds of our brothers & sisters who attended and supported Abate SE Chapter. Another successful event by and for our Chapter. Thanks to all our chapter members who made this happen.

#### **Chrome Angels MC Annual Party report:**

On January 23<sup>rd</sup> after our monthly chapter meeting, we all rode up to Mickey's Bar for the first Chrome Angels MC Annual party.

Many of the CAMC are members & Life Members of Abate SE Chapter. Mickeys was absolutely packed and Dr. Strong provided the live music for us all. Congrats to the CAMC on their first annual and we wish them many more!

#### Holiday Isle & Hog Heaven ride:

On **Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**, we will be riding down to Holiday Isle for some libations and back up to & Hog Heaven for lunch. This is nice 100 mile ride through the Keys. Hog Heaven has the best Burgers and Fish sandwiches in the Keys.

We will meet at the American Legion Post 321, where Jose' will cook breakfast there for \$ 4. bucks. **Kickstands up @ 10:00am**, so get to the Legion Hall about 9:00am for breakfast. **Bring your Sunpass**, we will be riding down the Turnpike down & back so we can get home in time for the Super Bowl. We plan to be back by 5:00pm.

Scotty's Tiki Bar @ Roland Martins ride: On Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be riding up US 27 to Scotty's Tiki Bar at Roland Martin's Marina in Clewiston for lunch.

If you've never been up there, you will enjoy this ride. Scotty's is a great place with great food & drinks. We will again meet at the American Legion Post 321, where Jose' will cook breakfast there for \$ 4. bucks. **Kickstands up @ 11:00am**, so get to the Legion Hall about 10:00am for breakfast. After Scotty's, we will ride back down to Café' 27 to end the day. Don't miss it.

Remember; *always* check your bike out mechanically prior to any group ride. Look for loose bolts, cables, lights out, etc. Don't forget your tire pressures, oil levels and general all around roadworthiness. ALWAYS arrive with your tanks FULL.

If you have questions about how to properly ride with a group, please <u>speak up</u> so we can help you out. There is no shame in speaking up on this matter; there is only shame if you do not. We can always place you in a certain spot in the group, perhaps next to an experienced rider, who can help you become a more proficient group rider. Also, not speaking up could jeopardize the safety of others in the group. We were all new at this at one time or another.

#### Please check Fern's excellent hotline, 954-310-

**4636**, for weekly updates as to what's going on and where we can ride to as a group. We will usually meet at the American Legion Post 321 as a starting point unless stated otherwise.

#### Some upcoming rides / events:

Feb. 6 – Abate SE Ride to Holiday Isle & Hog Heaven Sports Bar & Grill in Islamorada (100 miles) Feb. 13 – AOA MC Fort Lauderdale Valentine's Day Annual Feb. 20 – States MC Lake Worth Annual Feb. 26 – Wheels of Man MC 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Party Deerfield Beach Feb. 27 – USMV MC Homestead party Mar. 4-13 – 70<sup>th</sup> Daytona Bike Week – Plan to stay at the Abate Campground if you go

Mar. 6 – USMV MC Fort Lauderdale Chapter party Mar. 20 – Abate SE Ride to Scotty's Tiki Bar @ Roland Martin's Marina in Clewiston (75 miles) Mar. 20 – Keltics MC Broward Annual party

Remember that **Mickey's Bar** has a bike night every Wednesday and **Café 27** every Thursday night. These two venues support Abate SE Chapter, so remember to support them whenever you can.

There's more to come and lots to do. Stay tuned and stay tuned up!

Let's ride!

With Respect, "Geo"



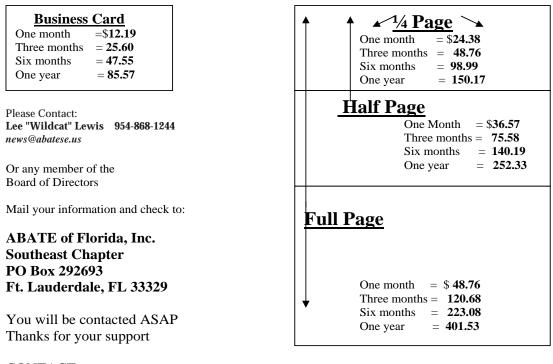


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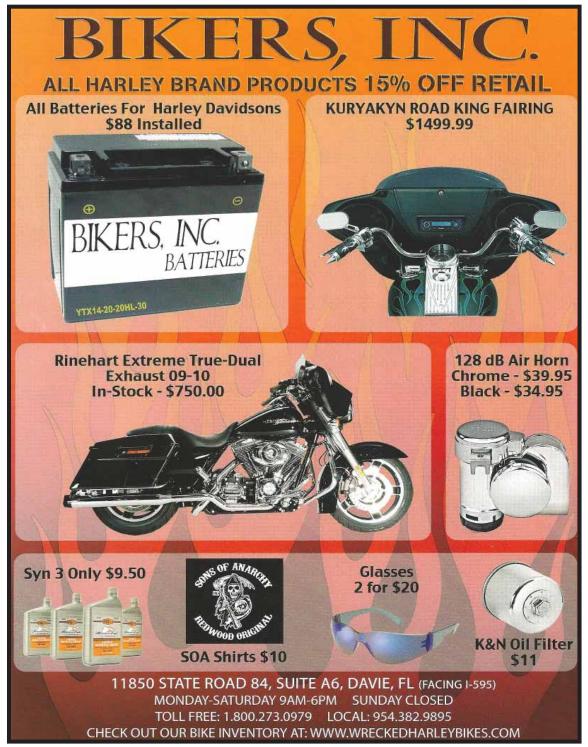
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## The Golden Rule



## "Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You"

It's all about having consideration. It seems like people care less about other people more and more these days. I could start talking about how some people treat us every day, but instead I'm going to discuss how we should be treating the people we encounter every day.

We should ask ourselves how do we treat people we encounter on a daily basis:

1. How often do you have a smile on your face when you make eye contact with someone?

- 2. When was the last time you let someone into traffic?
- 3. How often do you say thank you?

4. Do you hold a door open for someone when entering someplace?

5. When someone asks you how are you doing, do you answer "great", or do you really tell them how you are feeling? Your answer should be great no matter how you are feeling.

I could go on forever.

My point being that we all could and should be aware of how we treat other people in our daily lives, and by doing so, those we treat better might do the same for the people they encounter. Just a hello, or a thank you, that's all it might take to make a person's day, and you'd be surprised it might make you have a better day too!

There is a saying you probably heard already, it's WWJD, what it stands for is: "What Would Jesus Do"? When you **S.E. Chapter** 

know Jesus, you know exactly what He would do in any given situation.

Remember two wrongs don't make a right. If someone doesn't treat you the way they should, don't get angry, try treating them the way they should have treated you. You'll see that it will make you feel like a better person, and maybe it will be contagious and rub off on them.

So let's try being a little more caring about other people's feelings as we go through our daily life, and I think we can all make a difference.

As Always, Your Chaplain Poppie





2011 CALENDAR



ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD ITALICS WITH Call (954) 430-9697 or (954) 578-2900

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## JANUARY

2 - States MC 16th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
\*9 - Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day
16 - SE ABATE Semi-Annual Rights Rally
23 - Chrome Angels MC winter party
\*30 - Der Krieger MC Annual

## FEBRUARY

5 - Alternative Ft. Laud. party
\*6 - Third Tradition Annual → CANCELED!!!
\*13 - AOA MC Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual
\*20 - States MC Lake Worth Annual
20 & 21 Harley-Davidson of Miami's 57th Anniversary
\*26 - Wheels of Man MC Deerfield 38th Annual (4PM)
27 - USMV MC Homestead party

## MARCH

4 -13 - 70th Annual Daytona Bike Week
6 - USMV MC Chapter 1, Ft. Laud party
\*13 - Fiasco Brothers Annual
\*20 - Keltics MC Broward Annual
20 - BBRCF/BBRA 4th Annual Smiles Charity Ride
\*27 - Hermandad MC Annual

## APRIL

\*2 - Outcasts MC Annual
2 & 3 - Peterson's South Anniversary Weekend
\*3 - States MC Pompano Annual
8, 9, 10 - 15th Annual Leesburg Bikefest
\*10 - WOG MC Ft. Laud Stars & Stripes Annual
16 - USMV MC Martin County party
\*17 - AOA MC West Palm Beach Annual
23 - Mystic 7 MC party
24 - CMA Easter Service

## MAY

\*1 - Southern MC Annual
6 & 7 - National COC Convention
\*14 - USMVMC West Palm Annual
\*15 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual
21 - Wings of Gold MC Pt St. Lucie party
\*22 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual
29 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

## JUNE

\*5 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual \*11 - New Attitudes MC Annual \*12 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Annual 19 - Peterson's North Store Fathers Day Event 25 - Palm Beach ABATE party

## JULY

- 3 USMVMC South Broward party
- 10 AOA MC West Palm Beach party
- 16 Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off & party
- 17 States MC Lake Worth party
- \*24 Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud. Annual
- 31 Chrome Angels MC summer bash party

## AUGUST

- 8-14 71st Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 12 to 14, 16th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 14 AOA MC 44th Anniversary party
- \*21 Wings of Gold MC Port Saint Lucie Annual

## SEPTEMBER

- 9 (Friday) Outcast MC Party
- 11 States Pompano MC 18th Key West Tuneup party
- 17 USMVMC Wreaths Across America Kick-off
- 15-18 Phil Peterson's 38th Annual Key West Poker Run
- 18 Wings of Gold MC Miami "After Key West party"
- 25 Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party

## OCTOBER

- \*2 Mystic Seven MC Annual
- 9 AOA MC Treasure Coast party
- 16 Keltics MC Miami party
- 22 USMV MC Homestead benefit party
- 20-23 Daytona Biketoberfest
- 23 SE ABATE 31st Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally
- 29 Wheels of Man MC 38th Annual Halloween party
- \*30 Alternative Treasure Coast Annual

## NOVEMBER

- \*6 USMVMC National 24th Annual
- 12 Soldiers for Jesus MC party
- 13 Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach party
- \*20 CMA Memorial Annual Event
- 27 Heaven Cycles 34th Anniversary party
- 27 USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

## DECEMBER

- 4 ABATE West Palm Beach Annual
- 10 USMVMC Wreaths Across America ceremony
- \*11 24th Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run
- 17 Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami
- 17 SFLCOC Christmas Dinner party
- 17 Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
- 18 Calvary Chapel 12th Annual Christmas Service

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#### OldHippy's Corner...continued from page 13.

south to the settlement of the whites it will incalculably strengthen the Southwestern frontier and render the adjacent states strong enough to repel future invasion without remote aid."

"It will separate the Indians from immediate contact with settlements of whites; enable them to pursue happiness in their own way and under their own rude institutions; will retard the progress of decay, which is lessening their numbers, and perhaps cause them gradually, under the protection of the government and through the influences of good counsels, to cast off their savage habits and become an interesting, civilized, and Christian community."

After remembering what I have learned so long ago, now I remember why he looked so sad and angry when he sees the picture on the 10 dollar bill.

It is getting late, the fog is getting thicker, fire is going out and I still can't think of anything to write about.

Till next time,

Keep the Shiny Side Up and the Greasy Side Down!

OldHippy







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#### MOTORCYCLE-RIDING CONGRESSWOMAN SHOT

In what has been described as a national tragedy, a deranged gunman opened fire during a public meeting with constituents by Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords outside a Tucson supermarket on January 8 that left six dead and more than a dozen injured including the state rep who was critically injured with a bullet wound to the head.

Giffords, 40, rides motorcycles and married an astronaut at a wedding where everything had to be biodegradable. She is a centrist three-term Democrat who champions gun rights, lists fiscal discipline as one of her top issues and was re-elected in a conservative district when Republicans took control of the House.

Before entering politics she ran the family tire business, which was founded by her grandfather in 1949. Perhaps growing up in an auto-focused family led to her love of motorcycles. She is a co-chair of the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus with Republican Walt Jones of North Carolina.

In 2009 Rep. Giffords taped a video message encouraging people to ride their motorcycles to work, saying that she likes to ride motorcycles, but also likes that they leave a smaller carbon footprint than cars. She also sided with motorcycle riders who favor state legislation to ride helmetfree, as she does.

Though early reports suggested Giffords was fatally shot, she miraculously survived being shot point-blank through the brain and her doctors are optimistic about her chances of recovery. The thoughts and prayers of America's motorcycling community are with her and the other victims of this tragic assault.

#### NEW YEAR, NEW LAWS

The New Year rang in several new laws across the country affecting the motorcycle riding community, including the onerous new California anti-noise law that requires EPA-labeling for motorcycle exhausts on bikes built after 2012.

Other less volatile laws also took effect on January 1st, including another California law that requires would-be motorcyclists under 21 to complete an approved safety course before an applicant can receive an instruction permit to learn to ride. California lawmakers also passed a law to curb motorcycle thefts by outlawing possession of so-called "pigtails" which are homemade ignitions that allow a crook to start a motorcycle in as little as 20 seconds. Previously, burglary tools for the purpose of breaking into or stealing a vehicle other than a motorcycle were prohibited.

Several states have recently enacted legislation requiring the completion of a motorcycle training course before being issued a motorcycle license endorsement, and this year Connecticut and North Carolina join the growing list of states tightening restrictions on motorcycle licensure for newbie riders. In Oregon, a new training requirement went into effect to mandate safety classes for new motorcyclists under the age of 30, and the law will expand over the next few years to include all new riders regardless of age.

Already in the works for 2011, state legislatures are considering new laws to ban passengers under 8 years old in Virginia (House Bill 1850), allow Sunday motorcycle sales in Indiana (Senate Bill 108), and calls for a helmet law in Kentucky (House Bill 163). In Nebraska, Legislative Bill 62 has been filed to allow adult riders to opt out of the state's mandatory helmet law with the completion of an approved motorcycle safety course.

#### EUROPE TO MANDATE ABS FOR MOTORCYCLES

A European Union Commission has presented its proposal for new framework regulation for motorcycles. It plans to mandate anti-lock braking systems (ABS) for motorcycles with more than 125cc displacement from 2017 onwards.

Although the first anti-lock braking system was installed on a motorcycle in 1988, only 16% of all newly manufactured motorcycles in Europe were equipped with ABS, and by comparison car manufacturers have made ABS standard equipment since 2004 which has contributed to a 49% overall decline in fatal car accidents in the EU.

Experts regard anti-lock braking as a huge boost to safety. For example, a benefit analysis conducted for the European Commission calculates that the proposed regulation would reduce the number of fatal motorcycle accidents by more than 5,000 over a 10-year period.

A study presented by Vagverket, the Swedish highways authority, in October 2009 showed that 38% of all motorcycle accidents involving personal injury and 48% of all serious and fatal accidents, could have been prevented with ABS. This active safety system allows motorcyclists to brake safely in critical situations without locking the wheels, and thus without having to fear an inevitable fall. Braking distance is also significantly reduced. The proposal is currently passing through the EU legislative procedure but will likely be adopted next year. The regulation will come into effect from 2017.

In the U.S., the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has considered requiring ABS on new motorcycles sold in America, and will likely take up the issue in the near future.

## ECONOMIC UPTICK HAS AMERICANS BUYING LEISURE PRODUCTS AGAIN

People are buying expensive leisure products again, after they held back during the recession. A new report from Milwaukee's Robert W. Baird and Company said motorcycle sales fell by half during the downturn, and ATV sales were just 30% of what they used to be.

But Baird analyst Craig Kennison says many consumers now have a brighter outlook, in spite of high unemployment and a housing market that continues to be depressed. He said inventories for new leisure items are low, and there's a strong demand for used goods.

Kennison said Milwaukee's Harley-Davidson Motor Co. slashed its production during the recession - and that drove up the prices for used bikes. But now, he says more folks are buying new Harleys with the help of trade-ins.

And while it's hard to prove, Kennison expects the same trend for cars, RV's, and other big ticket items. He also said consumers are more confident about their personal wealth, especially after the Bush tax cuts were extended. Had Congress not acted this month, Kennison said it might have been a disaster for discretionary spending.

#### SURVEY SAYS; AGE UP, QUALITY DOWN

Bikers are getting older and they spend more at a motorcycle dealership they are happy with, according to a new ownership survey recently released by J.D. Power and Associates.

J.D. Power's 13th annual U.S. Motorcycle Competitive Information Study also reveals that motorcycle quality has dipped to 2008 levels, with 152 problems reported per 100 motorcycles (PPM) -- an increase of 29 PPM. One half of owners surveyed reported that most of those problems (44%) are engine related, and the study suggests that gearshift problems, clutch chatter, and insufficient engine power have the greatest impact on overall satisfaction.

The study cites a few no-brainers, like the fact that "Sales volumes and revenue of ancillary goods and services tend to

be considerably higher -- by an average of \$957 -- at motorcycle dealerships that provide a highly satisfying experience vs. dealerships that do not."

But the causal relationship between customer satisfaction and dollars spent is less ominous than their findings that the average rider age has risen from 40 to 49 since 2001, "an indication that many owners may soon exit the market"... combined with the study's findings that first-time motorcycle buyers are on the decline, makes it all the more imperative that the motorcycle industry seeks to capture the interest of younger riders who might consider buying their first bike.

## FEWER BUSINESSES SELLING MOTORCYCLES, PARTS & ACCESSORIES

There are 10,428 retail outlets in the United States that conduct business related to motorcycles, scooters or ATVs, down by more than 25% from 13,973 such businesses in 2009, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council.

These were the principle findings of the MIC 2010 Retail Outlet Audit, a summary of which the council sent to its members this week. The audit was completed in December 2010.

The report broke down the total by the number of retailers that sell new major-brand vehicles -- 5,134, or 49.2% -- and the number of retailers not selling new vehicles, but specializing in parts, accessories, apparel, used vehicles or service: 5,294, or 50.8%.

The MIC conducted its research by collecting information from all the manufacturers above, as well as from the trade magazines Dealernews and Motorcycle Product News. Because the study's sources vary from year to year, the MIC warns that comparisons with previous years are subject to "considerable error."

The report further indicates that 58.8% of the new vehicle retail outlets carry only one of the 13 major brands. Slightly less than one-fifth are dual-line outlets, and 21.9% carry three or more of the major brands. The total number of franchises distributed among the 5,134 new vehicle outlets declined 5.6% to 9,182 from 9,731 in 2009.

#### NO BONES ABOUT IT

Most "experts" agree that riding motorcycles helps you to FEEL younger, but can riding actually make your body healthier and more youthful?

A recent Medical College of Georgia study found that; «A daily dose of whole body vibration may help reduce the

usual bone density loss that occurs with age,» on top of improving muscle strength and promoting weight loss... so it would appear that pulsating power from a motorcycle engine and the rumble of the open road will help aging bones get stronger.

The extrapolation isn>t entirely far-fetched, and may lead to a healthy new excuse to ride; "Honey, I'm taking my exer-cycle for a workout."

## WEIRD NEWS: CANADIAN BIKERS OUTRAGED OVER GOVERNMENT SPYING

Motorcycle operators in Quebec are outraged that the province's automobile insurance board hired a private PR firm "to spy on us" and gather information about the group.

The insurance board decided to monitor the group of motorcyclists earlier this year after learning that a coalition of angry owners had been formed to fight huge insurance rate hikes. The public relations firm National was granted a contract to investigate the activities of the Front Commun Motocycliste, which had set up kiosks at a Quebec City motorcycle show.

"They give the impression of being organized, documented and especially very motivated," the firm stated in its two-page report after observing the group at the bike show. The report stated that the motorcycle owners were "dynamic and aggressive in their approach" with visitors.

Members of the group were appalled to learn that the government would pay a private firm to monitor their activities. "We are outraged, flabbergasted and scandalized to learn that taxpayers' money was used to spy on us. We are average taxpayers. We aren't al-Qaeda," said Éric Lessard, spokesman for the group. "The government is showing complete contempt for motorcycle owners."

The board denied spying on the group, telling the Globe and Mail newspaper that "There was a lot of anger and we knew protest groups were being formed," according to a spokeswoman for the automobile insurance board, Audrey Chaput. "We granted a contract to the firm National to go out and listen to what the groups were saying and to feel the pulse of the movement."

Motorcycle owners have protested vigorously against insurance rate increases that have doubled since 2007 for owners of average-size motorcycles and more than quadrupled for owners of high-powered motorcycles considered more hazardous by the insurance board.

#### 2011 NCOM CONVENTION IN ALBUQURQUE Mark your calendar now for the 26th annual NCOM Convention, to be held Mother's Day weekend, May 5-8, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque located at 330 Tijeras Ave NW in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This annual gathering will draw bikers' rights activists from across the country to discuss topics of concern to all riders, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$80.00 by calling (800) 233-1234. Airport/Hotel transportation is available.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$75 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$40 for the Convention only. All motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend.

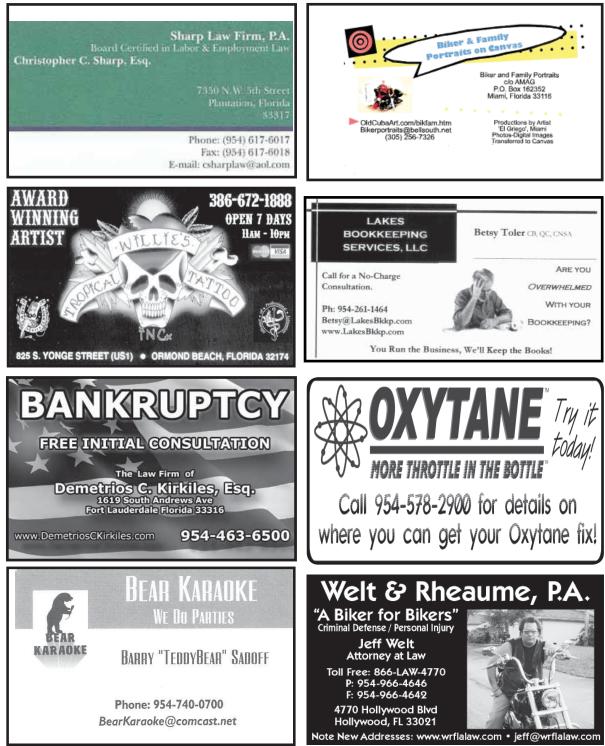
Meetings, seminars and group discussions will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and Freedom of the Road.

To pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit <u>www.ON-A-BIKE.com</u>.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Political tags - such as royalist, communist, democrat, populist, fascist, liberal, conservative, and so forth - are never basic criteria. The human race divides politically into those who want people to be controlled and those who have no such desire." Robert Anson Heinlein (1907-1988) American author and science fiction writer







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To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.

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

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

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

## What's Happening? Call The Hotline! 954.310.4636 24/7

## UPCOMING SE CHAPTER MEETINGS

February 20, 2011 - Sunday 10 am March 20, 2011 - Sunday 10 am

at:

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