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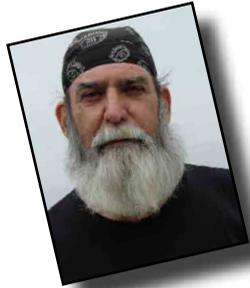
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President's Message

On January 6th we had a ride to the States M.C. in Pompano for the Blessing of the Bikes. It is the 19th time that they have done this. When I woke up at 5 AM it was pouring down rain and I thought to myself that it was going to be a rainy ride. At 8 AM when I got up for good it had stopped and the sun was out and it started out to be a great day. We met at the American Legion in Copper City. There were 6 bikes and 9 people that road up to the States Clubhouse. It is the only time that you see all the club's take their colors off and lay them on a table freely and have them blessed. It was a great thing to see.

After our chapter meeting on January 13th we had a ride to the Wings of Gold Biker Appreciation Day for the presentation of the check for the money that was raised at the Toy Run. It was a great day for a ride. We had 15 bikes and 3 cages go down to Peterson's Harley-Davidson North. It was the most bikes that we had ride together in a long time. When they gave out the check it was for \$437,000 up from last year's \$409,000. With the economy the way it is an increase of \$28,000 was not bad all in all. Let's hope that next year we can double the amount.

On Sunday, January 20th Southeast Chapter of ABATE held our Semi-Annual Rights Rally event at the VFW Post 1966. I can't believe all the vendors that we had at our party. It was the most we had at our Semi-Annual in a long time. It was great to have the former ABATE Fill-Ins now RPM3, Red Dog, Poppie & Mike playing for us again. They kept the party going all day. On Saturday the day before our party it rained on and off all day, but on Sunday the sun came out and it turned out to be a great day for us to party. Thanks to all the people who came out and made it a great success.

I cannot believe that it's that time of year again. It's time to nominate people for the board members and trustees. Our nominations begin in March and the elections are in June so start thinking about if you want to run for an office. When I first joined the Southeast ABATE Chapter we only knew a few people.

We did products for a few years and I cannot believe how many people I met along the way. Now all these years have passed and now I am President of the largest ABATE Chapter in the state.

It's been a year that "Fat Boy" from the States M.C. Pompano Beach Chapter has been putting out food for their Thursday night supper. If you haven't been to the States for any of their food then you missed a lot of great meals. Now when he puts out Liver and Onions he also has to put out something like chicken or pasta. The only ones that I know that eat it are Turtle and Uncle Fuzz from the Wheels of Man M.C. from Deerfield. Fat Boy does not do it that often. So if you are ever out and about on a Thursday night and its 6.30PM or later stop by and have some good food with some great people.

Remember
HERE TODAY GONE TODAY
Bars



Membership Due

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For Membership Renewals contact, George Torrence by either email:

membership@abatese.org or by phone: 954-385-2837

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership, or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any changes.

We need your help. When you receive your renewal it is in your best interest if you fill out the renewal portion. I know this sounds stupid, but it does happen, more often than not, so please fill in the information SO WE CAN READ IT. You cannot believe the renewals we receive which are not filled out at all. So PLEASE take the time to fill out the renewal. Also make sure you renew in the month you joined and before the 30 day grace period ends.

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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes

Jan. 13, 2013

Sgt @ Arms, Geo called the meeting to order at 10:15am. There were 48 members, no guests. Total in attendance: 48. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and a prayer for our members by "Poppie"

Presidents Report

BARS thanked all members for coming. Bruce is our newest members today and is also a member of the Scurvy Few MC and many thanks to our brother MC's and associations attending today with representation from CMA Christian Motorcycle Association, Brothers of the Third Wheel, Wings of Gold, Scurvy Few and the Legion Riders. It is nice to see some of our long time members stopping by today, Marie, Tank, Squeaky and Wisconsin Les, welcome back. Remember we need to show our support to the many clubs and associations who always support us. On a sad note, there have been 3 deaths so far this year. Please be careful out there. We have tickets for next years drawing at bike week. Please see any board member. We need to sell our allocation of tickets in support of the State. First prize is \$10,000.00 the drawing is on Mar. 16, 2013 and you do not need to be present to win. If you have a problem with any other member or any board member for whatever reason keep it in house. You have a problem bring it to the person you have a problem with face to face. Not behind their backs. Our event is next Sunday 1/20/13, full information will be under the Events Coordinator's report

Vice-Presidents Report

Poppie reported he have a disgruntled member who was sick in the hospital and no one made any attempt to contact him, stop by etc. He will be given the opportunity to speak under Good of the Order. Next Sunday is our Semi-Annual Event. We need help. There are sign up sheets on the tables. While almost every weekend we can support an event for an MC or Association by going out and having a good time we only have 3 events per year for our chapter. These 3 events are the only fundraising functions we have and they have to be successful for us to survive. Please come on out, any time you give no matter how small of a time frame you have, will be greatly appreciated. "Many hands make for little work".

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Frank read the financial report for December. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurers report. All in favor, motion passed.

Sergeant at Arms Report

Geo reported that the rumors of his demise are premature. He has not been around much due to health issues, but he is back and thanked everyone for their support. His band will be playing at our Birthday party at "Luke's". Remember, "It's on the way home"

Road Captain's Report

Wrench reported we need more participation on our rides. Right after today's meeting we will be heading to the Wings of Gold Appreciation party with the check presentation to Joe DiMaggio's Hospital.

Safety Directors Report

Dave reported that Utah is trying to pass a helmet law which would cover anything but a car, motorcycles, snowmobiles, scooters ATV's etc. We need to keep an eye on this. If one state passes legislature like this, who knows what can happen. Please be safe out there, there have been too many motorcyclists going down

Products Report

BARS reported we have products. But we still need a Products Trustee. If no one steps up, after our event the next time products will be displayed will be at our Memorial Day event. We have new shirts, which will be priced at 10.00 for non-pocket and 15.00 for pocket tees. This is not a hard position but you do need to have a vehicle that can transport the products. If any member is interested in becoming our Products Trustee please contact any board member. In the interim, if you need any products, please contact Alice @ 954-567-5720.

Events Coordinator

Shaky reported on our Semi-Annual Event is all set for next Sunday 1/20/13. The event will be held at the VFW Post 1966 located at 350 SW 25th St. at the corner of SW 4th Ave just south of SR 84 across from the armory. We have 13 vendors but could use more door prizes. Anywhere you go, just ask all they can say is NO. We have nothing to loose. The band is absolutely great. The food served will be a pulled pork platter with 3 sides for only 7 bucks. And their cook rocks. Please be at the VFW by 10:00am for set up. As stated previously: Any and All Help is Greatly Appreciated.

State Reps Report

We were excused from the State Meeting, all information will be printed and available in the Master link. Val reported on the highlights that include: In fighting between members and chapters. This needs to stop, be professional. Be very careful what you post on FACEBOOK. Get your event flyers in as soon as possible for insurance purposes. The State has a new Safety Director – Charlie Wenger from Palm Beach Chapter. Bike week all set, there was a request for the use of our 20x40 tent. This request was denied, as the tent does not actually belong to us. It belongs to Casey at Cycle Lab. He will be contacted for permission. Membership info will be skewed as they are changing databases and deceased members will no longer be listed and life members will be separate. This will make a difference in the membership numbers. The use of credit applications on a smart phone for membership, products has been approved. Square has the hardware and app which will need to be assigned to 1 board member only. The board will discuss this at the next board meeting.

Membership Report

George was excused; BARS reported we have about 651 members on the books. Reminder: when you get your renewal in the mail, PLEASE take the time to fill out completely, send it in timely and when you fill it out, please do it in a way that we can read it.

Newsletter Editor

Old Hippy reminded all members that all articles etc are due the day of the chapter meeting. If the articles are not turned in on time, they will not be printed. The only exception will be the minutes taken by our chapter secretary.

Legislative Report

Demetrious was excused. No report.

Public Relations

Fern was excused and is back on the hotline.

Advertising

Pixie reported all our invoices are up to date. Remember we are a business, so you no pay for your ad, and we no print for ad. Please support our advertisers they SUPPORT us. Please use her email address for any advertising questions or issues: pixie33@comcast.net

Social Directors Report

Patty reported this month's birthday party would be held at "Luke's" on 1/26/13. Remember, "It's on The Way Home". Next month's location to be announced. Check the hotline.

Newsletter Distribution

Charlie thanked all of our members who deliver the newsletter and also thanked the membership for their thoughts and prayers on the passing of one of his family members. If you can give blood, give it. It will save lives. ABATE also participates in a blood bank. When you give blood make sure you tell them so we get the credit. In addition if you need blood, that's what our blood bank is for.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob was excused. No report

Photographer's Report

Wildcat was excused No report.

Web-Master's Report

Mike was excused. No report BARS reported the web is up, running and getting man hits.

Legal Council

Demetrious was excused. No report.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Good of the Order

Lena from the Palm Beach Chapter went down. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Haida bought her first bike and also has a new grandson. Congratulations. This morning a disgruntled member approached the board complaining that while he was sick and in the hospital, not one board member called, stopped by, etc. He then spoke to the membership. After discussion the membership was advised the Board of Directors are not psychics or mind readers. We will help any member the best we can, but we have to know. With this situation, not one board member was contacted that we had a member who needed our help. If you need help, pick up the newsletter, open to page 2 start at the top and make the call. We will help any member to the best of our ability.

We have been approached by a number of establishments who want to host an event for us. In order for this to happen, they need to be an advertiser. If they do not want to advertise with us, well you know the rest. If you have a recipe you want to share and have published, please email them to abatesecooking@gmail.com
 1/20/13 – Southeast Chapters Semi-Annual event at VFV 1966
 1/26/13 –Vintage Bike Show at Frost Park.
 1/26/13 – Birthday Party @ Luke's
 1/26/13 – Chrome Angels Winter Bash @ Mickey's
 1/27/13 – Der Krieger Annual @ Luke's
 What a weekend.

Please check the hotline for updated ride and event information.
 All Southeast Chapter Group Rides start at our American Legion Post 321.

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

Paul A. Melcer

Secretary



**ABATE OF FLORIDA INC,
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State Board Meeting @ Noon
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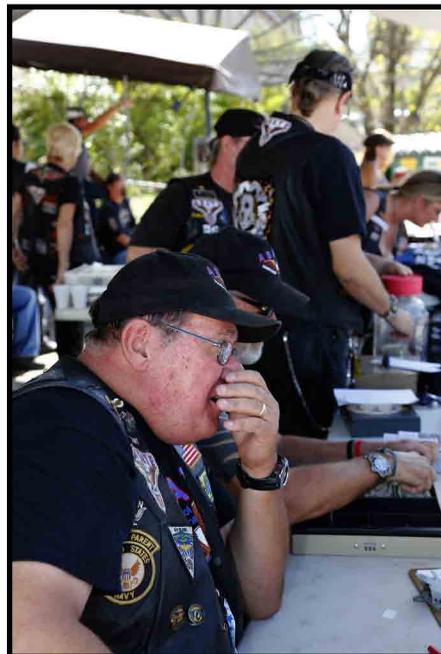
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From the Vice President



I thought I'd say a little about sharing our roads with all the cars and trucks that sometimes seem like their out to get us!! I think you know what I mean.

I taught **Motorcycle Safety Awareness** in local high schools for about two or three years awhile back, hopefully we got through to a few of the students, Sometimes I wonder if it worked, but we did try.

ABATE has been trying to do whatever we can to make the roads safer for "bikers". **ABATE** puts out signs like, **Watch Out for Motorcycles, Look Twice Save a Life**, but I don't think people read them; if they do I don't think they let it **sink in!!** People just don't pay as much attention to what's going on around them, especially when they're *talking* or even **texting** on **cell phones**, it should be **against the law!**, but it's not in the State of Florida, at least, **not yet** but we're working on it, so what else can we do?

We have to take it upon ourselves to be more aware of what's going on around us. Here are a few things we can do:

- Expect the unexpected
- When coming to a intersection "slow down" look in every direction then proceed
- When approaching a drive way, or exit of parking lot, expect someone to pull out in front of you
- Expect the car next to you to cut you off
- Drive defensively at all times

I know we shouldn't have to, but it might **Save Your Life!**

Always keep your mind on what **you're doing**, "**be aware**" of your surroundings.

ABATE is always trying to make the roads more safe, **ABATE** is fighting for stiffer penalties for those who are responsible for motorcycle accidents, and **ABATE** is always fighting for our motorcyclists rights.

We **can't do it alone**; we need your help and support.

If you're not a member of **ABATE** you might consider becoming one.

All the information is in our newsletter available in locations all over South Florida and is also online at: www.abatese.org, where there is tons of useful information. Be careful and ride safe.

Poppie

V.P. Abate Southeast Chapter



FLORIDA PROPOSED BILLS

Florida House

HB 3 –SB 66 Child Safety Devices in Motor Vehicles; Child Safety Devices in Motor Vehicles: Provides child restraint requirements for children of specified ages who are less than specified height

HB 13 –SB 52 Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving; Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving: Creates "Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law"; prohibits operation of motor vehicle while using wireless communications device for certain purposes.

HB 15 - Protest Activities; Protest Activities: Prohibits engaging in protest activities within specified distance of property line of location of funeral, burial, or memorial service; provides criminal penalties.

HB 61 - Traffic Safety; Traffic Safety: Creates Minor Traffic Safety Act; prohibits use of electronic communications devices by drivers younger than 18 years of age; provides for voluntary contributions to AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety on driver license applications.

HB 91 - Traffic Infraction Detectors; Traffic Infraction Detectors: Removes provisions relating to installation & use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when driver fails to stop at traffic signal; removes provisions that authorize DHSMV, county, or municipality to use such detectors

HB 97 - Concealed Weapons and Firearms; Concealed Weapons and Firearms: Creates exception to preemption of regulation of firearms to Legislature to allow state agency or local government to prohibit possession of concealed firearms & ammunition at specified publicly sanctioned or sponsored events conducted in public buildings or at government-sponsored outdoor public venues.

HB 119 –SB 92 Searches and Seizures; Searches and Seizures: Prohibits law enforcement agency from using drone to gather evidence or other information; provides exception; authorizes aggrieved party to initiate civil action in order to prevent or remedy violation; prohibits use of evidence obtained or collected in violation of act in criminal prosecution.

HB 123 - Use of Deadly Force; Use of Deadly Force: Requires overt act to support belief that use of deadly force for specified purposes is necessary; defines "unlawful activity" for specified purposes; provides that immunity from civil & criminal liability for certain uses of deadly force does not apply to injuries to children & bystanders not affiliated with overt act.

HB 323 –SB 230- Flag Etiquette; Flag Etiquette: Requires that Governor adopt protocol on flag display; requires protocol to have guidelines for proper flag display & for lowering state flag to half-staff on certain occasions; authorizes Governor to adopt, repeal, or modify any rule or custom as Governor deems appropriate which pertains to display of state flag.

Senate

SB 136 - Self-defense; Self-defense: Authorizing a person to use deadly force, in the defense of property, to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony; directing the Department of Law Enforcement to collect, process, maintain, and disseminate information and data on all incidents concerning the alleged justifiable use of force in this state; requiring each law enforcement agency within the state to monthly report to the department all incidents and cases in which a claim regarding the justifiable use of force is raised, etc.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERS OF BUREAU OF SECURITY

OLDHIPPIY'S CORNER

and spill over into the neighboring Indochinese countries of Cambodia and Laos.

The Geneva partition was not a natural division of Vietnam and was not intended to create two separate countries. But the South government, with the support of the United States, blocked the Geneva scheduled elections for reunification. In the context of the Cold War, and with the recent Korean War as a precedent, the U.S. had feared that a reunified Vietnam would elect a Communist government under the popular Hồ Chí Minh, either freely or by South Vietnam and its Western allies portrayed the conflict as based in a principled opposition to communism—to deter the expansion of Soviet-based control throughout Southeast Asia, and to set the tone for any likely future superpower conflicts. The North Vietnamese government and its Southern dissident allies (NLF) viewed the war as a struggle to reunite the country and to repel a foreign aggressor—a virtual continuation of the earlier war for independence against the French. (Remember it once was called “French Indonesia”)

In Vietnam the United States was extremely conscious of the perceptions it portrayed to the world, not only militarily but politically as well. Throughout the Vietnam War, the United States government, aided by the USIA (United States Information Agency), worked hard at sculpting effective propaganda in an effort to persuade the American public, as well as the rest of the world, that the war, what we heard a lot, was a ‘just’ war and as such deserved public support. The goal was to create an atmosphere that enabled the U.S. to proceed in Vietnam as it saw necessary. cont. pg.16

After my last article on Propaganda I received a visit by my neighbor, who happens to be an ABATE member that commented that I didn't mention all the misinformation that was spewed out by our government during the Vietnam conflict.

Who am I to argue? He did three tours in Nam from 63-66 and is highly decorated including 3 Purple Hearts. This E5, Ronald L. Clark, who was called “Rambo” by his fellow service men, was there in the time according to reports when the US was only there as an “Advisor” till on 8 March 1965, two battalions of U.S. Marines waded ashore on the beaches at Danang and with declassified documents available now paints a little different story to the saga of our involvement.

After France's attempted recolonization of Indochina was defeated in 1954 by the Viet Minh at the battle of Điện Biên Phủ, an agreement to temporarily partition the country in two with a de-militarized zone (DMZ) was reached at the Geneva Conference (1954). The “Vietnam War” ostensibly began as a civil war between feuding governments. Being Western-oriented and perceived as less popular than Hồ Chí Minh's northern government, the South Vietnam government fought largely to maintain its governing status within the partitioned entity, rather than to “unify the country” as was the goal of the North. Fighting began in 1957 and with U.S. and Soviet-Chinese involvement would steadily escalate

From the desk of the Editor

First off I want to thank all that showed their support for our Semi-Annual hosted at VFW 1966 in Ft. Lauderdale.

ABATE here and through out the country are paladin dealing with issues that can effect the motorcycle riders.

A perfect exemplification of this, is in the past weeks ABATE of Utah along with the MRF was able to have a proposed Mandatory helmet law withdrawn and this is why every rider need to support ABATE- and MRF because it could happen here.

What are some of the cost of our Freedom as riders? One of them is having a paid lobbyist in the State Capitol. Another is having Chapters throughout the State to keep a look out and keep you informed about what is going on around the State. You are also reading another cost of freedom, this newsletter.

One of the most ambitious part of freedom is working together even when you don't totally agree on everthing. Like MRF President, Hardtail was quoted; "We don't have to walk down the street holding hands. We don't even have to be on the same sidewalk, but we should be at least walking in the same direction". The issue here with the motorcycle rights movement is that most riders are not even on the street! The biggest threat to our freedom is not being out fought, its just being out numbered. When there is more voices saying we are a social burden the riders to speak against it, you might as well start looking at helmets and finding a place you can ride.

Go ahead and become part of the voice , all it takes ,is to join ,our strength is in numbers

OldHippy

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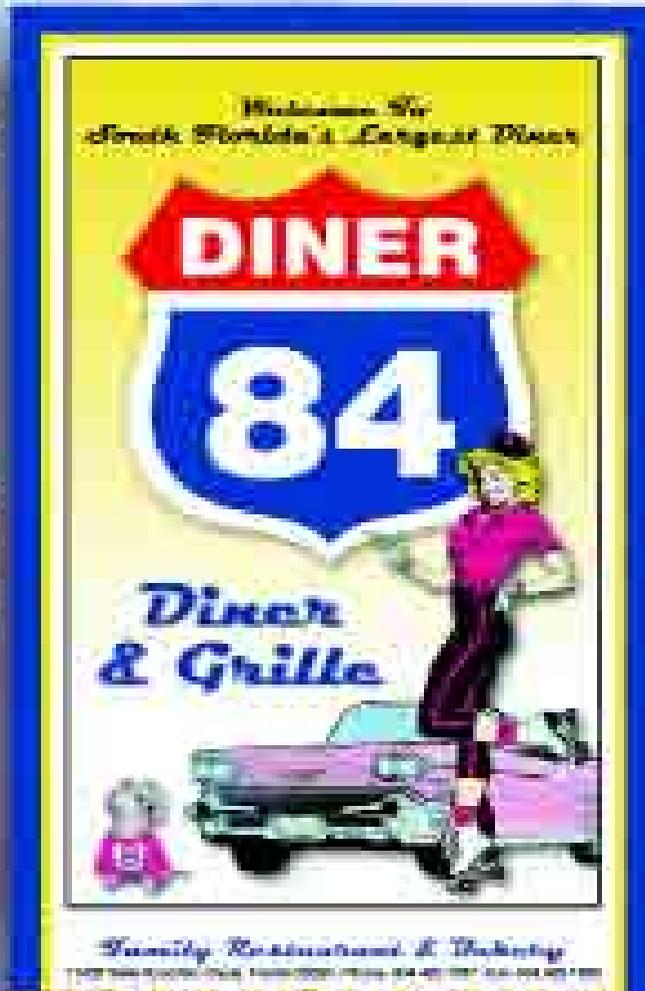
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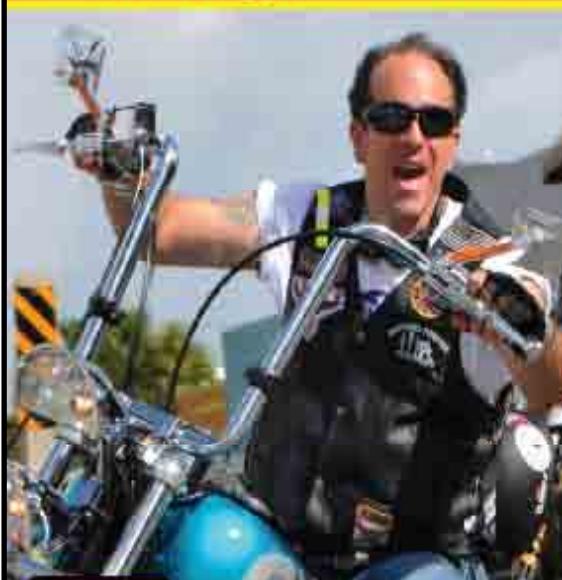
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An example of this propagation technique is evidenced by the manner in which news events were announced to the media in Vietnam.

Top administrators, such as Robert McNamara, who were guaranteed to draw a large crowd of reporters, would announce small escalations and developments in Vietnam. However, larger scale commitments were communicated through lower level officials in an attempt to limit the scale of information dissemination. This mistrust of the public and pattern of non-communication influenced the style in which Francis Coppola directed Apocalypse Now. Without proper information the public was unable to form an educated opinion on Vietnam, which inhibited their ability to become emotionally or passionately involved with the war.

The domino theory was a foreign policy theory during the 1950s to 1980s, promoted at times by the government of the United States that speculated that if one land in a region came under the influence of communism, and then the surrounding countries would follow in a domino effect. From the late 1950s to 1975, the United States fought in its only war that did not end in a U.S. victory. During this war, the actions that fulfilled the policies of the United States changed often over the course of four presidents and about eighteen years.

America started to slide down a slippery slope of military involvement - it launched the MAAG: Military Assistance Advisory Group. Then, in 1953, Dwight D. Eisenhower was inaugurated as President. As he sends more and more monetary aid to the French, he coined the phrase "domino effect." Simply put, the domino effect stated that if one Southeast Asian country fell to communism, then all of Southeast Asia would fall including Japan and even Australia. And to that end, Eisenhower said, "...The possible consequences of the loss of free countries in Southeast Asia are just incalculable to the free world." Many succeeding presidents used this term to justify their increasing involvement in Southeast Asia.

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The board faces some big challenges this year to keep the chapter solvent, the reason for your acting R.C. to be saying this to you is to emphasize the need for any and all members new and old, to come out and help make SE Abate a presence in our MC community.

We have a very diverse group of riders, Geo SGT AT ARMS and myself along with some others will be putting a great focus on safe and proper riding techniques, with great emphasis on group riding as a unit. We all have bad habits and have something we can learn this includes myself. Our presence as a group sends a strong message for the chapter in the MC community, this can easily translate into more support and new membership.

Your R.C. will be visiting various MC clubs open houses on Fri & Sat nights to find and Map out their locations for future rides. If you want to come along for the ride just give me a shout.

Till next time .. Never be ashamed to unlearn an old habit.
Wrench

from pg 16

It was not only a will used Propaganda tool, but more important the lack of real factual information that was relayed to the American public it caused to happen and for too long. If you get a chance and you have the time, read the once censored, Declassified, Top Secret, "Pentagon Papers" officially titled "Report of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Vietnam Task Force", was commissioned by Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara in 1967. There are 48 boxes and approximately 7,000 declassified pages. Approximately 34% of the report is available for the first time online at National Archives <http://www.archives.gov/research/pentagon-papers>

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FROM PG.11

SB 152 - Motor Vehicles; Motor Vehicles: Citing this act as the "Minor Traffic Safety Act;" prohibiting a person younger than 18 years of age from operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device or telephone; requiring that the course content of driver improvement schools include awareness training about using certain electronic devices while driving; providing for a voluntary check-off on motor vehicle registration forms to make a contribution to the Auto Club South Traffic Safety Foundation; requiring traffic law and substance abuse education program content to include awareness of using certain electronic devices while driving; restricting the number of passengers under the age of 18 permitted in a vehicle operated by a person under the age of 18 unless accompanied by a driver at least 21 years of age, etc.

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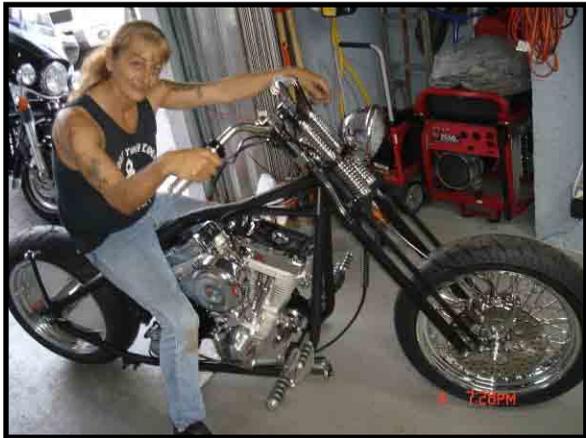
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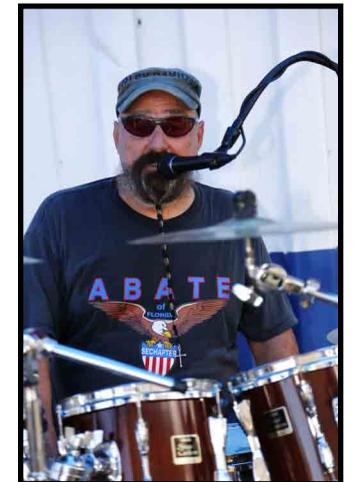
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3	4	5	6	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	7	Groundhog Day USMV Homstead Party	9	
10	11	12	13		14	BOD Meeting Luke's Place Bike Night	16	
AOA Ft. Laud.. Valentines Day Annual								
Chapter Meeting STATES Lake Worth Annual	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
		Mardi Gras	Ash Wednesday	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner			WOM 40th ANNUAL Luke's Place Bike Night	
24	25	26	27	28				
KELTICS Broward Annual	President's Day			Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner				

Additional Info:	Feb.2 Alternative MC pg. 27
Feb. 17 States MC Lake Worth Annual 12:00pm until 5:00pm Music by Sooner or Later Band, Food and Drink Specials. All MC clubs and Independents welcome. 3570 Boutwell road, Lake Worth, Florida 33461	Feb. 10 AOA Annual pg 27
	Feb. 23 WOM 40th Annual pg 27.
	Feb. 24 Keltics Annual pg 1
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2013		MARCH					2013	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
					1	2		
								Luke's Place Bike Night
3	4	5	6	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	7	8	9	
Hermanidad Annual						Daytona Bike Week Starts	BOD Meeting	Luke's Place Bike Night
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
Daylight Saving Time Begins				Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner				Luke's Place Bike Night
17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
CHAPTER MEETING Bike Week Ends			First Day of Spring	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner				Luke's Place Bike Night
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
Fiasco Btothers Annual Palm Sunday		Passover Begins		Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner		Good Friday		Black Pistons Annual
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Easter Sunday				HOTLINE GET THE LATEST INFO 954-310-4636				

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FEBRUARY

- 2 - **ALTERNATIVE MC Ft. Laud. Annual**
- ~~3 - **THIRD TRADITION Annual**~~
- 9 - USMVMC Homestead Party
- 10 - **AOA MC Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual**
- 17 - **STATES MC Lake Worth Annual**
- 23 - **WHEELS OF MAN MC DB 40th Annual**
- 24 - **KELTICS MC Broward Annual**

MARCH

- 3 - **HERMANDAD MC Annual**
8th-17 - Daytona Bike Week
- 24 - **FIASCO BROTHERS MC Annual**
- 30 - **BLACK PISTONS MC Annual**

APRIL

- 6 - USMVMC Martin Cty party
- 7 - **STATES MC Pompano Annual**
13 - Mystic 7 MC party
- 20 - **OUTCAST MC Annual**
22 - AOA WPB Party
- 27 & 28 - Leesburg

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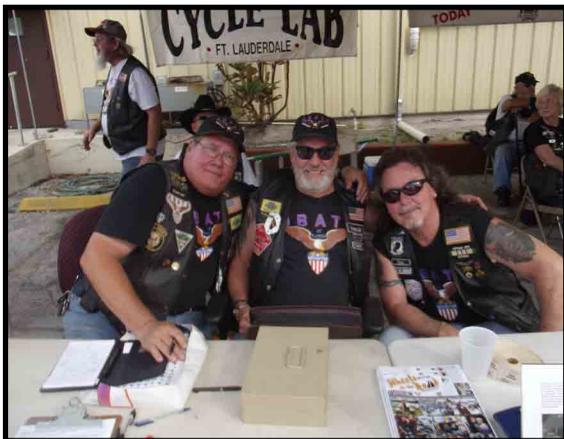
- 5 - **SOUTHERN MC Annual**
11 - Wings of Gold MC P.S.L. Chili Cook Off
- 18 - **USMV MC PB Annual**
- 19 - **WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI Annual**
26 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE

- 2 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
- 8 - **NEW ATTITUDES MC Annual**
- 9 - **WINGS OF GOLD MC PB Annual**
15 - AOA Jerry & Roger 1%er's Memorial
- 22 - ABATE Palm Beach Party
- 23 - **WINGS OF GOLD MC Ft. Laud Annual**
- 30 - USMV MC Broward party

JULY

- 6 - **WHEELS OF MAN MC IRC Annual**
- 7 - **AOA MC WPB Annual**
14 - STATES MC LW party
- 20 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook off
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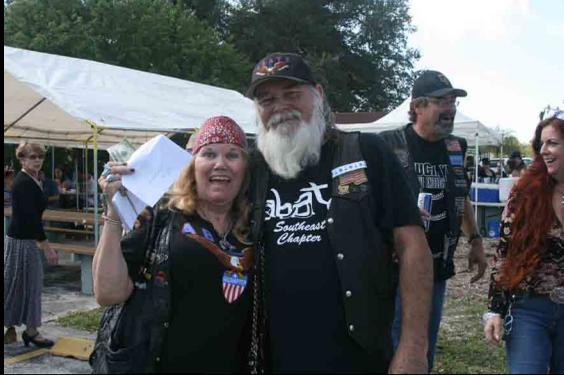
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I've found that when most people ask this question, there's a hidden personal pronoun in it. It usually is "Why do [you God, let...] bad things happen to people?"

So I did some research and found this to be an answer to the question.

It's an accusation we bring to God, sometimes because we don't understand, but most usually when we are experiencing an acute pain in our life...a relational hurt; a physical problem or illness; maybe even a painful circumstance, like being falsely accused, blamed, fired, or generally put upon. You get the idea.

Now, let's take the most gut-wrenching example, the death of a child, and see if together we can't make better sense of why God would allow the bad to exist. Why would God allow that? Why would God allow a child to lose his or her little life? From God's perspective, that life is not lost. God is able to restore to that child their life, so no loss is suffered on the part of the child. Life is not lost to the One who can restore it.

What about the grief that parents and family experience? In our loss, the presence of God is available for us to experience His strength, His comfort, His sustaining love and assurance in the face of the evil that exists. God sustains those who grieve for those He calls to Himself. What about the skeptics, who wonder how a loving God could allow such a thing? The taking home of a child to be with God can awaken in the most hardened of skeptics the moral reality of God. In asking "How could you God?", it presupposes a moral authority who chooses the "hows" of life, the "hows" that it works by.

So whether it's the child, family or skeptic...all have a witness of the reality of God. The existence of evil points to the reality of a God who can overcome even the bad and we'd want no less a God. My hope is that in asking this question, you will find His the comfort of His presence breaking through the hurt to reveal the love of His Son Jesus right where you are. As Always,

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS



From Your Safety Director

Safe riding is always good riding.



Riding safely is mostly a matter of knowledge and attitude, and riding safely doesn't have to be boring. In fact, practicing safe techniques could add years of fun to your life.

Simply put, here are 10 habits to practice that will help keep you safe and make riding more enjoyable.

1. Be ready: mind, body, and bike.

There are three ways riders should ready themselves for a ride.

First, there is mental readiness. Are you ready to concentrate on riding?

Second, you must be physically prepared. Start with good protective gear.

Third, you must make sure that your bike is up for the job.

2. Be smooth

It takes plenty of concentration, but smooth control of your ride has plenty of specific benefits.

3. Know where you are.

Being aware of what is in your immediate space cushion will always help you guide your ride safely.

4. Use your head (to look where you're going.)

This may sound slightly remedial but it is an under-appreciated habit of a skilled rider. It becomes even more important in corners where riders tend to be mesmerized by the area of pavement directly in front of their bike.

5. When your line of sight or path of travel becomes restricted, reduce your speed and use great care.

On the surface this seems to be a no-brainer, but think back to the last time a car you were following began to slow down. Did you slow and maintain a safe following distance, or did you end up tailgating until the car turned or stopped?

This is a very common mistake that many of us are guilty of committing. Unless "the force" is strong with you (and there are not many Jedi Knights on this planet), it is tough to avoid what you cannot see.

6. Before proceeding through any intersection, check left, check front, check right, then check left again.

7. Whenever you slow, first check your rearview mirror.

Too often, what is out of sight is out of mind. As you slow down for any turn or a stop, you need to be aware of what is happening behind you.

8. Keep a 2-4 second following distance.

Following too closely to the vehicle in front of you is arguably one of the greatest sins committed by most riders on a regular basis

9. Ride with a great attitude.

A bad attitude will be reflected in your riding and a preoccupation with whatever made you grumpy will only distract you from the job at hand: safely riding your motorcycle.

10. Practice

The very best time to practice these habits is every time you go out for a ride. Spend at least a few minutes every ride concentrating on each of these habits and soon they will become second nature to you.

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CONGRESS GIVES TAX BREAK TO ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE BUYERS

Tax hikes and spending cuts dominated holiday headlines as the federal government teetered on the edge of the Fiscal Cliff, but the legislative package passed on New Year's Day to resolve the issue, dubbed the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, included several tax credit extensions that didn't generate as much media interest – including one for electric motorcycles.

Oregon Senator Ron Wyden (D) sponsored the amendment extending the EV tax credit, which covers 10% of the cost of a qualified electric vehicle, up to \$2,500. Vehicles must be a two- or three-wheeled plug-in electric designed “primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways” and “capable of achieving a speed of 45 miles per hour or greater.”

Electric-powered two wheelers have been without a federal purchase incentive since the end of 2011, when the original tax break expired that was part of the \$800 billion stimulus package passed in 2009.

A coalition of EV motorcycle companies, through Plug-In America, lobbied Congress to extend the tax credits, which are also retroactive and apply for electric motorcycles or EV chargers purchased in 2012 as well.

Wyden argues that extending the tax credit will help

generate jobs in the growing electric motorcycle industry. “The electric motorcycle industry is poised to create tens of thousands of U.S. jobs over the next five years, led by companies like Oregon’s Brammo,” said Wyden. “This amendment helps promote the development of a promising U.S. industry and support the transition to a low-carbon American economy.”

E-CYCLES PROJECTED TO OUTSELL PLUG-IN CARS

According to two new Pike Research reports, electric scooters and motorcycle sales are going to eclipse that of plug-in vehicles by the end of this decade.

In one report from Pike Research which looks at electric motorcycles and scooters, the study predicts that “annual sales of e-motorcycles and e-scooters will reach 18.6 million by 2018.”

Pike Research points primarily to industries such as delivery companies, police and security forces, and even taxi services in some locations as the prime mover for the increase in sales of electric motorcycles and scooters.

Another recently released Pike Research report predicted that annual worldwide sales of electric vehicles will reach 3.8 million by 2020. This includes plug-in electric vehicles and hybrid electric vehicles selling in the Asia Pacific, North America, and Western Europe.

“Sales of EVs have not lived up to automakers’ expectations and politicians’ proclamations, but the market is expanding steadily as fuel prices remain high and consumers increasingly seek alternatives to internal combustion engines,” says senior research analyst Dave Hurst. “Indeed, sales of plug-in EVs will grow at a compound annual growth rate of nearly 40% over the remainder of the decade, while the overall auto market will expand by only two percent a year.”

Taken together, the two Pike Research reports indicate that two-wheel EV sales will outperform electric

four-wheelers by a margin of 5-1 by the end of the decade. Currently, China is the biggest market for the sale of these electric vehicles, accounting for 81% of the global electric motorcycle and scooter market.

EPA TO DROP FOUR GALLON MINIMUM GAS PURCHASES

Ethanol-laden gasoline is known to cause engine damage, and many manufacturers warn that using the product will invalidate warranties, so when the EPA approved E15 (fuel blend containing 15% ethanol) it raised concerns amongst motorcyclists, off-roaders, snowmobilers, boaters and others who use vehicles and equipment driven by small gas-powered motors...none of which are approved for its use.

The EPA’s response was to require a minimum four gallon purchase, the misguided rationale being that it would dilute any residual E15 remaining in a gas pump’s lines. Again, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency came under fire, with powersports and automotive groups pushing back against the federal agency’s push for the grain alcohol-blended biofuel.

Apparently realizing that a viable solution to the problem needs to be conceived, the EPA is abandoning its four-gallon minimum on blender pumps that dispense both E10 and E15 from the same pump, and instead the government body says it will likely require gas stations to label shared pumps, as well as offer a dedicated E10 pump/hose for non-approved vehicles.

In the meantime, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia has denied a rehearing on the EPA decision to put E15 on the market. The federal appellate court decision is a setback for the oil-and-gas industry, which opposes the use of E15 and a federal biofuel blending mandate that requires refiners to blend 36 billion gallons of biofuels into traditional transportation fuels by 2022.

NEW YEAR, NEW LAWS

The new year puts new laws on the books across the country, with state and local governments ringing in 2013 with a mix of new laws ranging from the innovative to the odd; one in Kansas City says house-

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holds can't have more than four cats, while a town in Massachusetts is banning businesses from selling plastic bottles. In Florida, drivers can once again flash their headlights to warn others of upcoming speed traps, which was previously outlawed. Meanwhile, driverless cars in California got the green light to hit the public roads, but one of Illinois' 150 new laws prohibits motorcycle riders from popping wheelies -- Public Act 97-743 imposes a fine of \$1,000 on anyone who pops a wheelie on a motorcycle while speeding.

WOMAN FIRED OVER HUSBAND BEING IN A MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Her husband's membership in a motorcycle club has cost the job of a human resources technician with the city of Kingman in northwest Arizona, according to a Phoenix lawyer who is representing the woman in her bid for reinstatement.

The city served 11-year employee Melissa Summerson a notice of intent the day after Christmas and terminated her employment Dec. 28, attorney David Kresin told the Las Vegas Review-Journal. "She was terminated for the stated reason of her husband's membership in a family motorcycle club - the Desert Roadriders," he said, adding that the dismissal violates her constitutional right to freedom of association. "There's no allegation that Ms. Summerson personally did anything wrong in her job or engaged in any conduct personally that violated any of the city's rules, and we believe there's no cause for termination as she's been an outstanding employee with a great record for her entire employment."

CRIMINALS MORE PRONE TO CRASH THEIR MOTORCYCLES

Motorcyclists who have criminal records are twice as likely to get into accidents on the road than their law-abiding peers, a new Swedish study has found.

The findings come from an examination of more than 5,000 motorcycle accidents carried out by Karolinska Institute epidemiologist Michael Foreed.

He went through statistics and looked at motorcycle

riders who have a license and then cross-referenced the names with the criminal register.

"If you've been convicted of a crime before, we see at least double the risk that you'll get into a serious accident," Foreed told the TT news agency.

Among non-offenders, there are 4.1 accidents per 1,000 license-holders annually. However, that figure jumped up to 27.7 when looking at drivers who had at least two criminal convictions.

Foreed shared his findings at the Transportforum conference in Linköping, Sweden. "Maybe we should educate people who break the traffic laws," suggests Foreed.

One operator, who is enforcing the ban, said police asked him and others to sign an agreement that the dress code standard relating to bikies was upheld.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "When two opposite points of view are expressed with equal intensity, the truth does not necessarily lie exactly halfway between them. It is possible for one side to be simply wrong."
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