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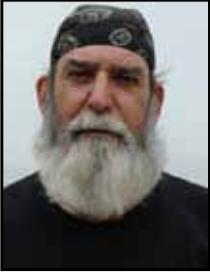
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From Your President



On Saturday December 20th the SFLCOC held their Annual Christmas Party at the Leathernecks MC Clubhouse in Oakland Park. Even though their house is not that big they opened up the back yard and had plenty of room for people to party. All the MC's and clubs chipped in and brought food for people to eat. There was so much food that at the end of the night you could even take some home if you wanted. There was chicken, sausage and peppers, baked beans, macaroni salad and even roasted corn on the cob. It was one of the better SFLCOC parties that I have been to.

On Sunday December 21st the Southeast Chapter of ABATE held our last meeting for the year at the American Legion in Cooper City. After the meeting we celebrated Christmas and December birthdays with about 45 people. Mr. D's Pizza did all the cooking for us. There was baked ziti, Italian salad, garlic bread and plain, sausage and pepperoni pizzas with plenty to take home if you wanted leftovers and everything was fabulous. Mr. D's also does catering for other events. They are located at 4260 Peters Road in Fort Lauderdale and the phone number is 954-581-0373. When you call just ask for Mario and tell him that Bars said to call.

If you live in North Dade, Broward, or South Palm Beach County there is no reason that you should have missed the 23rd Annual Blessing of the Bikes at the States MC clubhouse in Pompano Beach. This is a non-denominational event and all faiths are welcome. Last year they had about 600 bikes with the same number this year. Father Gary and Mother Karen blessed all of the colors on the table and then blessed all of the bikes up and down the street. I for one stood next to my bike and had myself and my bike blessed. I figured I need all the help I can get driving here in South Florida. The States members did all the cooking with JR doing his fabulous clams as always. Music was by Bad Boy's new band Roses are Red with a great looking new lead singer named Ariel. She sang as good as she looked too. This is always the first party to start off the New Year and if I were you I would not miss next year's.

On Saturday January 10th the Wheels of Man MC, Deerfield Beach Chapter held a celebration of the life of Dave Carter at the clubhouse. There must have been at least 300 of his closest friends there. If you were lucky enough to know him then you would know how full of life he was. Dave got into a motorcycle accident in January 2012 and was in a coma for almost three years before he passed away in December 2014. He ran Mickey's in Pompano Beach for as long as I can remember. Dave, Alice and I sat out back of Mickey's one Saturday night until 5AM Sunday morning just talking and laughing the whole time. He was a life member of ABATE and a great supporter. The music at the celebration was by Roses are Red and the Turn Three Jam Band. It was good to see Lisa, Chelsea and Tyler. Flash from the Soldiers for Jesus MC gave a nice eulogy and at 10PM we all had a shot and gave Dave's favorite one finger salute. I know that he is up there looking down on us having a good time knowing that someday we will be up there together and having a great time. Until I see you again rest in peace. I will always think of you.

On Sunday January 11th the Southeast Chapter of ABATE held our monthly meeting to talk about our Semi-Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally at Mickey's on January 18th. After the meeting we all met up at Chester's Fort Lauderdale Harley for the Wings of Gold Biker Appreciation Day when they told everyone how much money was raised for the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. The winners of the toy run bike and cash were: Mike Caswell from Delray Beach (he took the cash), \$2500 to Adam Shein and \$1000 to Mike Boele. Congratulations to all the winners. It rained on and off all day long but when it came time to present the check for \$396,000 don't you know it stopped raining. The music was by Hired Gunz who played throughout the rain.



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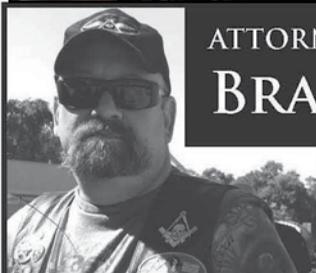
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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Jan121, 2015

Sgt. @ Arms, Steve “Nighthawk” Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:11 am. There were 40 members and no guests signed in. Total sign in: 40. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a Moment of Silence and a prayer by Poppie.

Presidents Report

President BARS thanked all members for coming and wished all our members a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He welcomed our newest member Aaron Honeycutt. As in the past the first meeting starts with another great show of support from our members and our brother MC’s and Associations with representation today from the American Legion Riders Post 321, Post 180, VVA23, Widows and Sons, Masonic Riders and Brothers of the 3rd Wheel. Last year our chapter (the largest in the state) was an embarrassment in the selling of the States drawing tickets. This year we only have 17 tickets left to sell. The way we are going, at next month’s state meeting we will have NO unsold tickets to turn in. Thank you to all our members who sold tickets on behalf of the chapter.

Vice-Presidents Report

Poppie reported that next Sunday Jan. 18, 2015 is our Semi-Annual Rights Rally

and wanted to thank all our members in advance for any help they can give and wanted to especially thank those who are always there. We are the only organization with 3 dates on the calendar. The 3 events help us to generate the needed revenue to support our chapter. Any time you can give is greatly appreciated. Details of his incident in a parking lot is described in his separate article which is printed in the newsletter. Thankfully he did not have any major injuries. Be careful, parking lots are the worse.

Secretary’s Report

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

Treasurer’s Report

Frank presented the financial report to the membership. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report for December, all in favor motion passed.

Sergeant at Arms Report

Steve reported we have had 2 children hit in school zones this year alone. Please pay attention to the flashing yellow lights in a school zone, pay attention and slow down. For our veterans, as this new year begins, please check to make sure your registration

is up to date with the VA. This will ensure you will not have any issues. As discussed, and as they say

“ Many hands make for little work”. Any help you can give at our event next Sunday is greatly appreciated.

Road Captain's Report

Postal was excused. No report this month.

Safety Directors Report

Gambler reported on the following: NHTSA reporting a decline in motorcycle fatalities and also a decline in motorcycle alcohol related deaths, Bi-Partisan bill that will deny federal funding to states that have motorcycle only checkpoints. Check out the MRF web-site there are a number of ABATE chapters around the country who won awards at the MRF 2014 Awards presentation. <http://motorcycleridersfoundation.wildapricot.com>. We had 2 accidents in where a rider was sitting at a traffic light and was hit from behind. Gambler knows, he was one of them. For your safety, when stopped at a light keep you bike in 1st gear, brakes on, and keep your eyes open. And lastly, snowbirds and tourist season is upon us. Stay vigilant.

Products Report

Joel reported we have products and are all set for next Sunday. If you need anything please contact them. Their contact information is printed in the newsletter.

Events Coordinator

Shaky reported we are all set for our Semi-Annual event. It will be at Mickey's in Pompano Beach next Sunday 1-18-15. We do need door prizes, last event we fell short

Any where you go, all you have to do is ask. Please show up between 830 and 900am to help with the setup.

State Reps Report

Demetrious was excused. There was no state meeting. Next state meeting will be held at Cape Coral on 2-14-15.

Membership Trustee

George reported we have 568 members on the rolls. For years we have been asking for membership renewals to be completely filled out. I will not embarrass the member who recently sent in their renewal, but the only info on the application was the **DATE**. Nothing else. The only way we can credit the member for his renewal was the information on his check.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION WITH YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION

Newsletter Editor

Cesar reported he wanted to thank everyone for having their articles in on time. A lot of pictures have been sent it, many thanks to all. As always the only exception to the deadline is our Presidents report and the minutes of our chapter meeting. Everything else is going well last month we had a few hiccups, holidays etc. the newsletter was online on 1-2-15. All correspondence can be sent to him at the following Email address: news@abatese.us

Legislative Report

Brad reported the following bills have been filed no bill numbers as of yet. Some bills are mirrored between the House and the Senate: Texting while driving as a primary offence, Prohibit the use of a cell phone

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while driving through a school zone, School Safety Designee to allow firearms to be carried on school grounds. Being able to carry your gun if you do not have a CCW permit during an emergency.

Public Relations

Fern was excused. She has done a great job with the hotline and is always out and about supporting ABATE.

Billing and Invoicing

Pixie was excused. No report this month.

Social Directors Report

Jimmy Les reported we had a great time last night. Next month's birthday party date and location will be announced soon. Check the hotline for the information.

Newsletter Distribution

Charlie was excused, no report this month. Princess Sharon reported she will be moving in May. She is giving advance notice for anyone who can help with the stops she and Shaky normally take care of. Please call her for the names of the stops if you can help out.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob was excused. No report this month. BARS reported we will have donuts and coffee for the set up at both our Semi-Annual next week and the Antique Bike Show on 1-31-15.

Photographer's Report

Rogue reported pictures are on the web-site.

Web-Master's Report

Rogue reported the web-site is up and running.

Legal Council

Brad reported he had nothing to report.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Good of the Order

A discussion ensued regarding the mailing of the chapter newsletter. The process was changed and newsletter will no longer be mailed. Since the state no longer mails the newsletter to any member, a clarification will be asked at next month's state meeting. Due to an unfortunate incident last month, changes have been mandated by the state to protect our organization. Changes in the terminology, statements etc regarding ABATE group rides have changed. We are not allowed to start any group ride from our published monthly meeting address. If we do this it will require a flyer and a \$125.00 insurance fee sent to the state office. Individual riders who just want to ride together can get together at another location as this is not be considered an ABATE GROUP RIDE. It is just a bunch of friends getting together to enjoy the day.

Upcoming Events

Right after today's meeting, Wings of Gold Biker Appreciation Party at Chester's Harley Davidson of Sunrise.

1/16 to 1/18/15 - Miami Convention Center International Motorcycle Show. Teddy Bear will be there on Sat. 1-16-15 manning the Rides for Kids Booth.

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1/18/15 - Southeast Chapter Semi-Annual Event being held at Mickey's. Meeting there between 830 and 900 for set up.

1/25/2015 - Der Krieger MC 20th Annual Blowout at Cagney's. Any individual who wants to attend meet at the Tin Cup between 1130 and 1230. Departing at 100pm.

1/31/15 - Antique Bike Show at Frost Park. Meet there at 830 am for set-up.

2/28/2015 - Orange Blossom Parade. For further information please contact Suzanne Keene @ 954-816-8536

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

Paul A. Melcer
Secretary



Please check the hotline for updates and any changes. 954-310-4626

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned 11:06 am



...President's Message continued from page 4

It didn't stop them. Great job guys! The trophy for the largest club in attendance went to States MC Pompano Beach and for the largest organization again went to ABATE Southeast Chapter. Way to go everyone. I would like to thank everyone who stepped up to make the Toys in the Sun Run a great success and let's do it again next year.

On Sunday January 18th the Southeast Chapter of ABATE held our Semi-Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally at Mickey's Tiki Bar in Pompano Beach. Years ago it would always rain on and off at our parties, but, lately we have had bright sunny skies, so ABATE must be doing something right. If you missed our party then you missed a great one. We had bikes parked all the way around Mickey's. Alan has put in a new bar under the tiki hut so now it is even easier to get something to drink. The music was by Mighty Quinn who had the gals up on the bar dancing to the music and everyone was having a good time. We signed up 18 members that day. Jimmy Les was up at the microphone calling out the numbers for the winning tickets and doing an auction as only he can and making sure that everyone was having a good time. If you are thinking of having a party then I suggest you call Alan at Mickey's and talk to him first. I am sure he will take care of you. On behalf of the Southeast Chapter of ABATE and all our members I would like to say thank you to Alan and his staff for making our party a great one. Alan, thank you very much.

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As of April 2013's Official State Membership Report, the S.E. Chapter is comprised of 632 members of which, 42% are Lifetime Members and 58% Annual Members. I am a Lifetime Member and when I joined I thought that a bulk of the \$150.00 fee would go to support the Chapter. In reality, only \$50 of that fee goes to the Chapter and the remaining \$100 goes to Florida State Abate, and our Annual Members pay a \$20 fee, the Chapter only receives \$10 with the State collecting the remainder. Therefore after five years, the Chapter's Lifetime Members no longer financially support the Chapter with any sort of annual dues payment. If you have been a Lifetime Member for over five years, you do not provide any financial support to the Chapter unless you: buy ABATE Chapter products; pay to attend Chapter events; post an ad in our Newsletter; or make a monetary donation. It is very financially difficult to support 632 members when 42% of the memberships, after five years, have no obligation to do so. Some state ABATE's, California for example, charge a onetime lifetime membership fee (\$450) and then each year afterwards "in order to maintain your lifetime status and benefits", must pay \$50 per year sustaining fee. Florida ABATE does not do that, yet.

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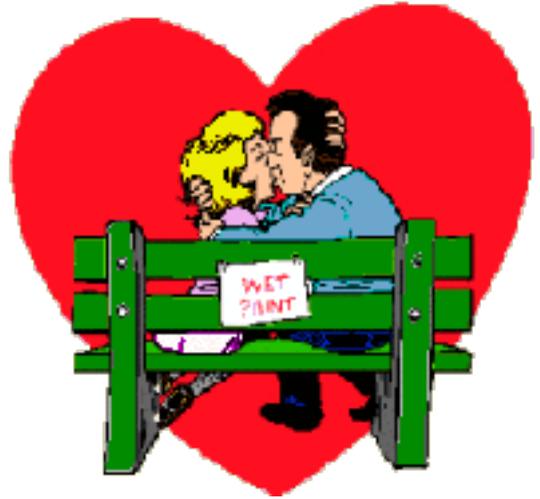
Writing this before our January event, knowing all went well, and thanks for all the help as usual.

I won't be riding for a while due to an accident I had on Christmas Eve day, details are in my Chaplains article.

A few aches, pains

and bruises, just want to get my bike fixed as soon as possible. That is all I got for this month.

Your V.P.
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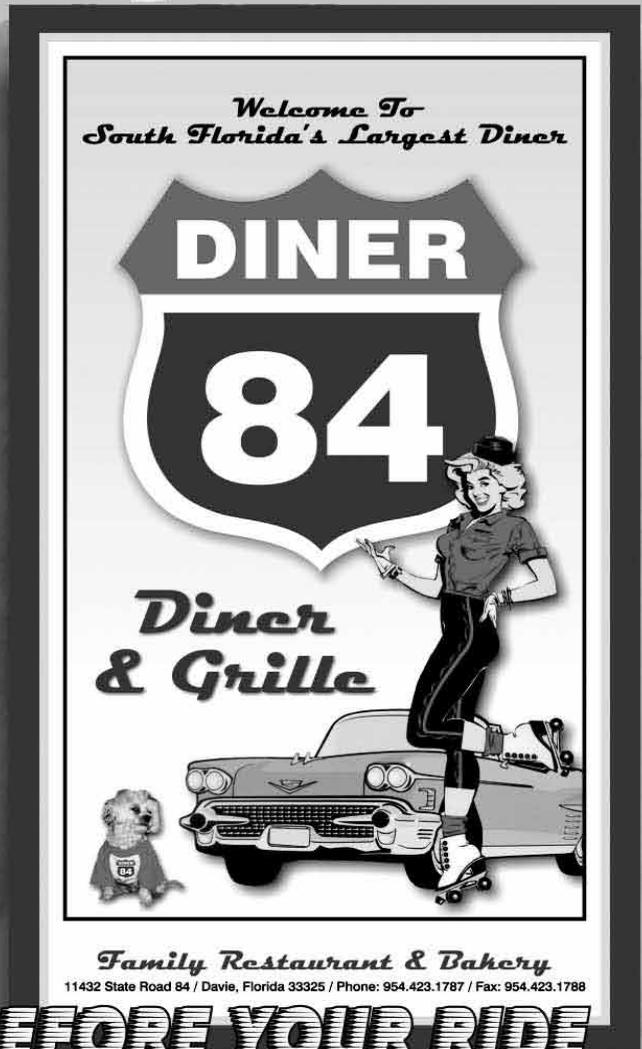
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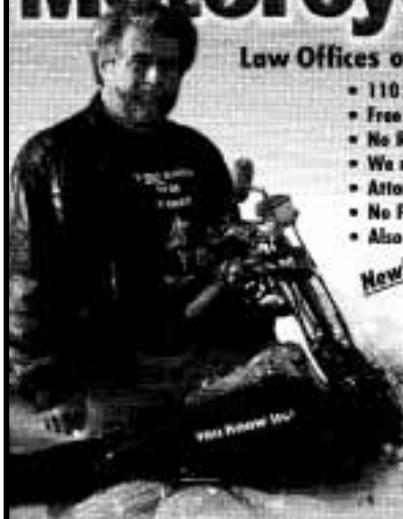
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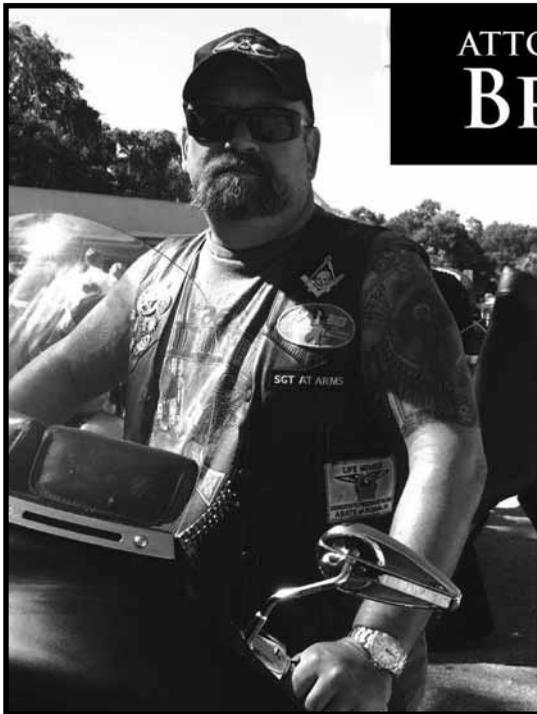
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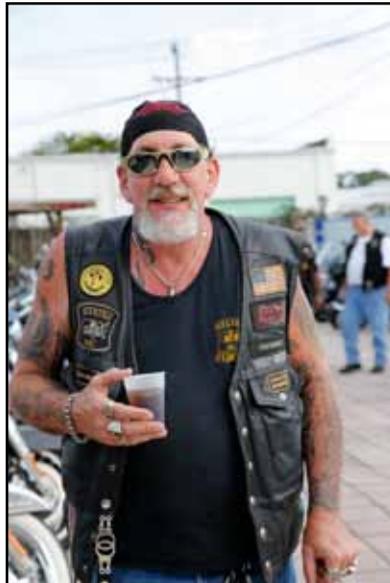
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9	10	11 Chit Chat's Bike Night	12 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	13	14
15 <u>Chapter Meeting</u>	16	17	18 Chit Chat's Bike Night	19 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	20	21
22	23	24	25 Chit Chat's Bike Night	26 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	27	28

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7-US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD - PARTY
15-AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL
21-WHEELS OF MAN MC - ANNUAL

MARCH

1-HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL
7th-15th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
15-KELTICS MC - ANNUAL
22-US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY

APRIL

5-CMA EASTER SERVICE
11-MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
18-OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL
19-STATES MC - ANNUAL
24-26th LEESBURG BIKEFEST

MAY

3-SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL
17-WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL
24-S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
31-LOS COQUIS MC - ANNUAL

JUNE

7-NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY
13-AOA PAULY, JERRY, ROGER, AND KENNY
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14-WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL

JULY

5-US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROW - ANNUAL
12-ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY
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AUGUST

2-WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
4-74th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
8th-10th SO FLORIDA TATTOO EXPO
9-AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNIVERSARY PARTY
22-LOS COQUIS MC - SMOKEY/DIESEL B-DAY

SEPTEMBER

6-SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
12-OUTCAST MC - PARTY
13-STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY

18th-20th PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
27-KELTICS MC - PARTY

OCTOBER

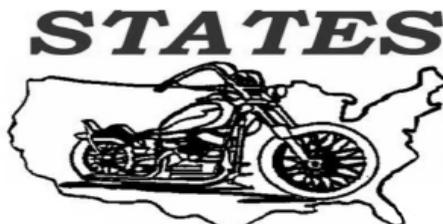
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25-WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY

NOVEMBER

7-US MILITARY VETS MC CH 1 - ANNUAL
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DECEMBER

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Abate has been around since the early seventies after a call out from Easy Riders magazine editor, Lou Kimsey, wanted bikers to come together to fight the government's impending restrictions on motorcycles, not just helmet laws, they also wanted grab bars for passengers. The DOA was investigating ways to restrict the modifying or customizing of motorcycles (chopper's) which they deemed unsafe because of the extended forks.

In the sixties as a way of protesting bikers would extend the front of their motorcycles as far as they could get away with. Also they would put ridiculously high handlebars which were nicknamed ape hangers and as a grab bar for the passengers they put on sissy bars some of them 6 to 8 feet high. Congress had already passed legislation in 1966 requiring every state to pass a helmet law or lose 10 percent of their federal highway funds. So in February of 1972 "A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactment's" ABATE got its start. Not long after, charters began popping up in other states and are still growing today.

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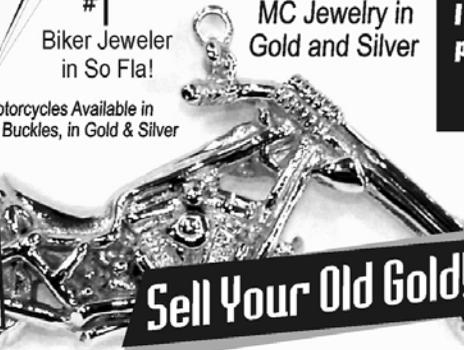
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Answered Prayer

Christmas Eve day I got up to my new dog barking. I wasn't too happy about that. I got out of bed to yell at the dog and stepped on a pile of her crap, which really made the start of not a good day, so I went downstairs yelling at the dog, not in a good mood.

I decided to go have breakfast; my wife was busy so I decided to go on my bike. I went to Denny's and ordered what I always have, my server knew what I usually get, she walked away, but I noticed a couple leaving and the woman went and said something to my server. She came over to me to tell me that the couple paid for my food. I asked why, she said it was because of something she saw on my vest, my day started looking better, met a nice couple while eating, my day was getting better.

I decided to go to Starbucks for a coffee, that's when the excitement started.. I pulled into the shopping center at Cleary and Knob Hill Road; I was doing about 14 mph when a woman decides to make a left turn in front of me. Needless to say I knew at that time I was going to hit her. All I could think of was Lord please keep me on the bike, I didn't want to get air borne, and hit the ground knowing when you fly you get hurt by the ground, the cage, or the bike. When I hit it was like I parked my bike in this cage, I was perfectly upright stepped off the bike, no blood, no broken bones, just a few aches and pains. The first thing I said was thank you Lord for answering my Prayer. The woman got out of her car and asked me why I hit her, I asked her if she was hurt, then I laughed, said do you think I'm an idiot, why would I hit you if I saw you and you were at fault. She will pay for all damages; she then knew she was at fault.

Being bikers we know that when we hit a car in the side going 14 to 15 mph we would go airborne or at least the bike will fall over, that's when injuries happen. My bike was wedged between the right front tire and the fender, when my bike stopped I was completely upright. I got off the bike, sore back and arms looked back at my bike and saw I witnessed a miracle. The police and ambulance came and got bike taken care of, very important, on the ride to the hospital I realized not only did I witness a miracle, I was the miracle!!!!

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Now I want to talk about the 40 year old rider that was stopped at a red light, on his sport bike. He was hit in the rear by a pick-up truck. The truck took off. That's right another GD hit and run. That alone makes me extremely angry. The F-ing coward! Anyway the rider has been in a coma since the accident. Lucky he's alive but now his family awaits his awakening, if he does. My point is maybe this could this have been avoided if the rider did one thing different?

On every ride I take I see bikers sitting at a red light with their bikes in neutral and their arms crossed just chilling until the light turns green, not aware of their surroundings. My suggestion is keep your bike in first gear with your hands on the clutch and front brake. If you see a cage coming up behind you, squeeze your hand brake a couple of times so they see you are stopped. If he continues at a high speed, you can get out of the way faster because you are already in gear. Of course leave yourself enough room between you and vehicle in front of you so you can maneuver out of the way.

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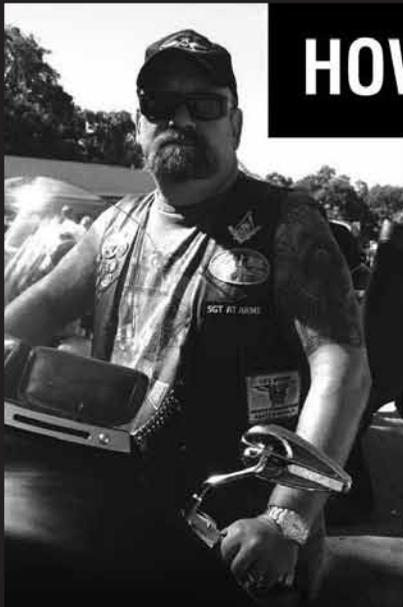
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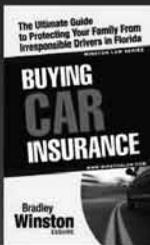
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and wearing motorcycle gear, they're getting stopped," Petersburg said.

MINNESOTA ANTI-PROFILING MEASURE INTRODUCED

A proposed anti-profiling bill before the Minnesota House would create rules to reduce perceived profiling of motorcycle riders and would require several law enforcement groups to draft anti-profiling practices when dealing with the riders.

Once drafted, law enforcement agencies would then have to train every officer and verify that with the state.

House File 59, "Motorcycle Profiling," was filed on January 12, 2015 in the state House of Representatives and referred to the Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance Committee, and the bill stems from claims that police have been pulling over motorcyclists without reasonable cause: "Purpose. The legislature finds that the reality or public perception of motorcycle profiling alienates people from police, hinders community policing efforts, and causes law enforcement to lose credibility and trust among the people law enforcement is sworn to protect and serve. No stop initiated by a peace officer should be made without a legitimate reason; the fact that someone rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle paraphernalia is not a legitimate reason. Law enforcement policies and training programs must emphasize the need to respect the balance between the rights of all persons to be free from unreasonable governmental intrusions and law enforcement's need to enforce the law."

The measure defines "motorcycle profiling" as "(T)he illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related accouterments as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without a legal basis under the United States Constitution or Minnesota Constitution."

HF 59 is co-sponsored by Rep. John Petersburg (R-Waseca) who said that he signed on to the bill in part because he heard claims of profiling on the campaign trail. In October, he attended a forum hosted by American Bikers for Awareness, Training and Education, or ABATE. "Because they're riding motorcycles

A representative for ABATE of Minnesota told the Owatonna People's Press that an anti-profiling bill was among the group's top legislative priorities. Minnesota was the first and only state in the country to enact a biker anti-discrimination law; Minnesota Statute Section 604.12, enacted in 1998 states in part: "A place of public accommodation may not restrict access, admission, or usage to a person solely because the person operates a motorcycle or is wearing clothing that displays the name of an organization or association."

S.C. BILL AIMS TO REQUIRE CHILD SAFETY SEATS AND BELTS ON MOTORCYCLES

A bill that would require babies and small children to be secured to a motorcycle with seat belts is under consideration by South Carolina lawmakers.

S.C. state Rep. Joseph Daning (R-Berkely Co.) filed legislation (H. 3040) that would require a standard, rear-facing child safety seat to be used for motorcycle passengers from birth up to 1 year of age, and for a belt-positioning booster seat with both lap and shoulder belts for children younger than 7 and weighing 40-80 pounds. "We take care of our children in cars, but they're so unprotected on the back of motorcycles" said Daning, who added that the bill was prompted by constituents who feared an ex-spouse would ride their children on a motorcycle.

Rep. Bill Taylor called Daning's proposal "government overreach" and said motorcyclists are a safety-conscious community, but child-safety advocates support Daning's efforts. Only a handful of states impose a minimum age for riders, and South Carolina is not one of them according to the Children's Trust of South Carolina, pointing out that 25 children required emergency medical attention due to motorcycle injuries in the state from 2007 through 2009.

ABATE of SC state coordinator, Ralph Bell, emphasized that there have been no fatalities of passengers under 7, and said changing the law would hinder charity events. Dennis Welborn, the state legislative coordinator for ABATE told the Morris News Service that "Its passage would cause much more harm than good," and in particular, mounting a child safety seat on a motorcycle would change its center of gravity, making it unwieldy, affecting its handling and braking

abilities.

MSF CONTRACTED TO MANAGE INDIANA MOTORCYCLIST SAFETY PROGRAM

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation has been awarded a four-year contract by the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles to provide motorcycle training, beginning March 1, 2015. The contract award marks the end of the state's training relationship with ABATE of Indiana, which had been training riders since the 1970s. According to Jay Jackson, ABATE executive director, more than 125,000 students completed its courses during that time. The ABATE board of directors voted not to renew its contract.

The MSF will oversee Indiana's statewide training locations, provide an Indiana-dedicated website and online class enrollment function and administer all aspects of training, including MSF's extensive quality control program.

Indiana law requires would-be motorcycle riders to first obtain a learner's permit, and then pass a motorcycle skills test or present a certificate of completion from a BMV-approved motorcycle safety course. After March 1, Hoosiers who pass the MSF Basic Rider-Course will not need to take Indiana's on-cycle skills exam.

"We'd like to recognize ABATE of Indiana for their achievements in providing motorcycle training over the past several years through the state's network of training sites and trainers," said MSF Vice President Robert Gladden.

More than 7.5 million riders internationally have completed motorcycle training using MSF's curricula in the foundation's 40-plus year history.

VEHICLE DATA PRIVACY CONCERNS VOICED IN MONTANA

A Montana House panel recently heard a bill to give vehicle owners more control over the large stores of information now accumulated by newer cars and trucks, and motorcycles. House Bill 78, sponsored by Rep. Ryan Lynch (D-Butte), would give vehicle owners more control of that data by codifying provisions stating that only owners, lessees and authorized representatives can gain access to recorded data in the event of a crash.

Insurance companies already make use of telemetrics -- the many pieces of data that reflect driving habits -- but insurance lobbyists say they're willing to sit down with supporters and hammer out a bill that's agreeable to everyone.

This is just one of several privacy bills the Montana Legislature will consider this session and, if enacted, the law would become the nation's strongest driver-privacy act.

GLOBAL MOTORCYCLE MARKET PROJECTED TO EXPAND

The worldwide demand for motorcycles is forecasted to grow by 6% annually to over 132 million units by 2018, valued at \$120 billion, according to a 502-page study released this past December by Freedonia Market Research.

Four major trends will drive growth through 2018: 1- An increasing number of households in industrializing countries will be able to afford motorcycles as personal incomes rise. 2- Sales of electric bicycles (e-bikes) and other electric models are projected to rise sharply outside of China from what are currently very modest levels of demand. 3- Motorcycle sales in a number of countries will be spurred by government programs aimed at reducing environmental pollution caused by automobiles. 4- Market advances will accelerate in a number of important markets such as Brazil, Indonesia, Thailand, the U.S., and Vietnam.

However, further gains will be restrained by slowing growth in China, the world's leading market for motorcycles, because of the large number of motorcycles already in use there. Market gains will also be dampened due to substitution by consumers of light vehicles for motorcycles in China and other industrializing countries.

MOTORCYCLE INJURIES & FATALITIES ON DECLINE

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has announced that motorcycle fatalities have dropped for the second year in a row, representing the largest drop in fatalities for any road user. According to the Fatality Analysis Reporting System, motorcycle fatalities for 2013 dropped from 4,986 to 4,668; and the 6.4% decrease was the largest percentage drop of all vehicle categories.

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Fatal motorcycle crashes involving alcohol dropped by 117 deaths, or 8.3%, also the largest decrease in the category.

NHTSA also reported a drop in the number of injured motorcyclists from 93,000 to 88,000, a 5.4% drop, again the largest decrease in the category.

Motor vehicle fatalities overall decreased by 3.1% from 2012-2013 and injuries declined 2.1%.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION REINTRODUCED TO CURB MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS

Motorcycle-only checkpoints would be discouraged under a bipartisan bill reintroduced January 8, 2015 by a group of senators in the new 114th Congress. The bill would prohibit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration from issuing grants to states to fund motorcycle-only checkpoints.

Sponsoring senators say such roadblocks are discriminatory, where riders are specifically targeted by police to check that their vehicles meet state standards for noise, handlebar height, tire condition and other requirements, including helmet compliance.

The states of California, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Illinois, New Hampshire and Virginia have all passed legislation to prohibit motorcycle-only checkpoints.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CALLS FOR ETHANOL STUDY

Once again, on January 6, 2015, U.S. Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) reintroduced a bill in the new Congress calling for further study of ethanol and its effect on internal combustion engines.

H.R. 21 would repeal the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's waiver decision related to E15 fuel and the authority of the agency to grant further decisions in the matter, until the EPA seeks an independent scientific analysis of the effects of gasoline containing up to 15% ethanol.

Sensenbrenner said, "Our constituents use boats, motorcycles, snowmobiles, cars, lawnmowers and tractors. They deserve to definitively know what E15 will do to the engines they rely upon."

No motorcycles or ATVs are currently on the approved EPA list for E15 use, and the use of E15 can void manufacturers' warranties.

WEIRD NEWS: YOUTUBE VIDEO LEADS TO STUNT RIDER ARREST

A cop couldn't corral dozens of reckless riders who took over a California highway, performing dangerous stunts and taunting the officer, but the marauders left an obvious trail on social media.

One stunter, armed with cameras mounted on the front of his motorcycle and helmet, filmed what turned out to be incriminating evidence that later led to his arrest.

The video, posted to YouTube and garnering over 1.5 million views, shows several brazen bikers popping high speed wheelies and buzzing a California Highway Patrolman, who is also on a motorcycle and attempting to pull over one or more riders before giving up due to safety concerns. As the officer backs off, bikers are seen exuberantly pumping their fists in the air in a short-lived victory celebration.

Three weeks later, following an internet trail including personal information posted in social forums, police busted the 32-year old stunt rider who recorded -- and shared -- video of the wild ride and arrested him at his house in Brentwood on felony accessory and obstruction charges, as well as a marijuana grow operation in his home.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The highest patriotism is not a blind acceptance of official policy, but a love of one's country deep enough to call her to a higher plain." George McGovern (1922 - 2012) American politician, historian & author



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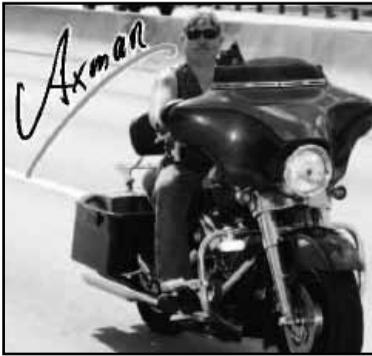
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