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HELP US GET SPONSORS FOR BILLS

There is one thing that you can do now to help our Vulnerable Road User Bill be more successful, We need to get more Legislators to sign on as Co-Sponsors to both our Bills.

Please reach out to your Legislators and ask them to co-sponsor our bills. It is a simple request and it would really help to give the Bills a push that we need to get through the committee process.

Please ask you House Representative to co-sponsor HB 71 by Rep. McClain

Please ask your Senators to co-sponsor SB 158 by Sen. Baxley

Both Bills are titled "Traffic Offenses"

Co-sponsoring a Bill does not count against how many Bills that they can have and it is something that they can easily do.

At this writing the Senate Bill has NO co-sponsors and the House Bill has two co-sponsors. Let's see if we can get those numbers higher and really help our Bills get into law, I have just called the Tallahassee offices to several Legislators in my area and spoke with their Aides / Secretaries. After listening to my request, they all asked me to email them a short note that they will put in front of the Legislator.

Hello Rep. _____

My name is _____, I live in _____ and I am a member of ABATE of Florida, Inc. _____ Chapter.

I am writing to ask you to please consider co-sponsoring HB 71 by Rep. McClain titled "Traffic Offenses". HB 71 helps protect the Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) by providing the judges more options when they sentence or fine someone found guilty of violating a traffic law that injures or kills a vulnerable road user.

All of the motorcyclists and other VRU's in SW Florida would be very happy to see you sign on as a co-sponsor.

If you have any further questions or concerns about HB 71, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

ABATE of Florida, Inc. _____ Chapter
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Remember for your Senators to change the Bill to SB 158

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WHO WE ARE

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

ABATE is open to all individuals age 18 and older interested in motorcycle rights, safety or education. It doesn't matter what you ride or even if you ride. Everyone is welcome to join ABATE of Florida, Inc., which ensures YOUR opinion and views on motorcycle laws will be heard.

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Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

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

For more information:
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Or visit our website: www.abatese.org

**Memberships Due For
February**

Fred Ackerman
Craig Glassman
Rick Morales
Louis Tkacz

**- Reminder -
Memberships Due
For January**

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You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership,
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New Members for February

John Cannon
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 Larry Favorite
 Franklin "Eagle" Garcia
 Laura "Sis" Hardy
 John "Pops" Hardy

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From Your President

First, I would like to thank all the members who came out to our Semi-Annual Party and busted their butts even though it was raining when we set up. By the time we opened the gates, it was cold and sunny. We had a pretty good turn out after all. The band kicked ass, but that is expected from Soulicide!!! Those guys rock. Gabe and Jimmy Les teamed up to do the hosting and were funny and way cool. A special thanks to the Commander, Kevin and the American Legion Post 36 for letting us hold our event there.

Secondly, I would like to welcome and thank all the new members who joined ABATE Southeast Chapter. Many of our new members are getting actively involved with the Chapter, coming to meetings, and helping at events. The momentum keeps building, so shift another gear and keep the ride going.

Thirdly, check this out!! There are over 8.5 million licensed motorcyclists in the Country, and over 545,000 in Florida alone, according to the Florida Department of Transportation. I got these numbers from some research that I did. So anyway, if I get two members and those two members each get two members and so on down the line, we will have a much louder voice for rights and safety and we will be something to be reckoned with. We can fight against any bill that might adversely affect motorcyclists.

We also need to preach safety to all the cagers (cars and trucks) so they know what to do when we are riding next to them and get them to look twice before they pull out or change lanes. After all, they are in a steel cage and our cage is flesh and bones. So save the date, Monday, April 15th, and join us in Tallahassee for the Ride to the Capital. It's so important that we can go up there and talk to our politicians. This is a chance for your voice to be heard.

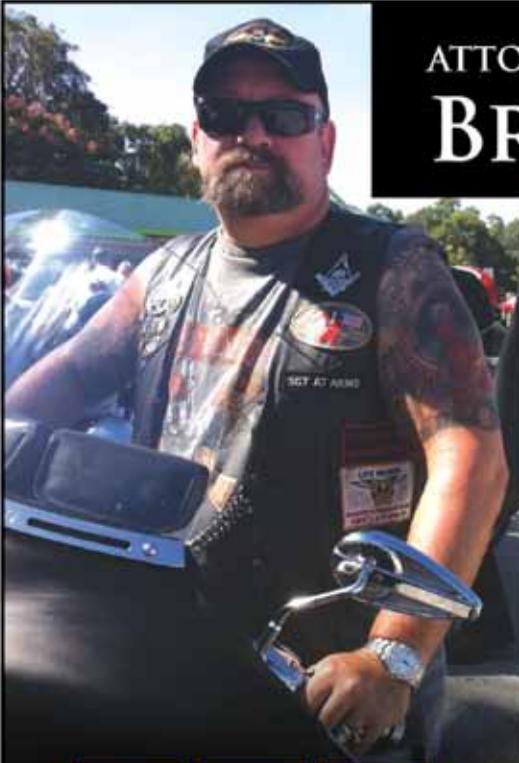
And to the younger people out there, you have the chance to inherit an organization that stands up and fights for biker rights and safety. Help us make a difference, now, and for the future!

ANYONE WHO RIDES SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF ABATE!!!!

God bless America!!!!

Peace,
Johnny Rose
President
Southeast Chapter





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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at the AMERICAN LEGION POST 222
Oakland Park, FL
JANUARY 13, 2019

Johnny Rose called the meeting to order at 10:05AM. There were 31 members present. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters, and prayer by Jimmy Les.

President's Report:

Johnny thanked everyone for showing up and remarked how well our Chapter is growing. He said we are going to try and keep the meeting moving along a little quicker today, as we have to go out to the Biker Appreciation Day event and accept our plaque for our help at the SFPC Toys in the Sun Run.

Vice-President's Report:

Old Hippy also thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone about our Semi Annual Event and that we need everyone's help.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Sheila read the financial report. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor, Motion was passed.

Sergeant at Arms Report:

Nighthawk reminded everyone about our Semi Annual Event next weekend, and that we need help. He commented on how well the ride in was for States Blessing of the Bikes. He also said BSO handed out 109 tickets last week for school zone violations. So be careful and watch your speed.

Road Captain's Report:

Russ spoke on how well the ride to Jensen Beach was. A lot of friends get together every New Year's Day and ride up to Jensen Beach together. He also spoke about Alligator Alley HD wanting to talk to us about setting up a safety booth there, once a month.

Safety Director's Report:

Teddy Bear spoke on how we are attending a lot of events and getting the word out about ABATE.

Products Report:

Laurel (Little Bit) reported that product sales are going very well. We are still taking pre-orders for the long sleeve shirts that we will order soon.

Events Coordinator:

Gabe was not present so Johnny spoke. He mentioned that we went out to Post 36 on Thursday night and went over the area for our upcoming event. There will be food sold by the Post, two gates, and lots of vendors. Get there by 8:00AM for set up.

State Representative Report:

There was no State meeting this month but Marie & Wavy will be attending the next State Meeting in Ocala, on the 2nd weekend in February. They

also mentioned the upcoming Ride to the Capital in April, save the weekend.

Membership Report:

Sheila read the membership report and reported we just keep continuing to climb with new members. We should be over 600 members soon in our Chapter.

Newsletter Editor:

Ada now has the computer and will be taking over beginning with the February issue. Johnny thanked LeeAnn for all of her effort and hard work and always helping us out when we need it.

Legislative Report:

Brad was present and reported that a few bills have been filed. The Vulnerable Road User Bill has been filed and is in Committee. Brad went on to explain more on the bill and minimum mandatories on sentences. Suzanne spoke and said one of our mottos is "Educate don't Legislate". More discussion ensued on this topic. It was mentioned that at the next State meeting, our delegates speak up on this subject and some of the Chapter's thoughts on the Bills.

Legal Counsel:

Brad had nothing to report.

Public Relations:

Fern was present. She reminded everyone about getting stuff to her for the Hotline and all is running well.

Billing and Invoicing:

Sheila reported everything is up to date. Members should continue to try and get some of the local motorcycle repair shops to advertise.

Social Director Report:

Sandy is on a personal leave. Sheila brought cupcakes to celebrate JR'S Birthday. Happy Happy Birthday JR!!! We wish you many more to come.

Newsletter Distribution:

Johnny reported all is going good and thanked everyone who is helping with the deliveries. Wavy

said that a lot of people let him know how much they appreciate our newsletter and love reading Old Hippy's Corner. Please keep Poppie in your thoughts and prayers. He is having a few health issues right now but is always thinking of us and we miss him.

Quartermaster Report:

Bob is having some issues with his knee and was not present.

Photographer's Report:

Barry was present and spoke on all the pictures he has taken, Ada also reported she is taking lots and lots of pictures.

Webmaster's Report:

Ada (Abby Normal) reported that all is running and up to date.

Old Business:

The new Feathers will be out at our Event and they look awesome, as we all saw last meeting, when Old Hippy showed us.

New Business:

The Ride to the Capital is coming up on April 15th. Save the date!! There was discussion on raising money for the State & our Chapter.

Good of the Order:

Our Semi-Annual Event at American Legion Post 36 is next Sunday. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those who did not sign up at the last meeting. Volunteers should be there by 8:00AM. The Post will do the food, smoked chicken and pulled pork, with lots of sides. The band is Soulicide. The Post is also doing a horse shoe contest. Members should try and get more door prizes. There was discussion about the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show coming up the weekend after our Event, on January 26th. A few members are going to help with the motorcycle parking, but not as official ABATE volunteers. We just want to help and pass some good will to them. If you are helping with the parking, do not wear anything with ABATE on it. Johnny reported that Doc, our State President, did call the Frosts, the
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people who run the Show, and is helping to straighten things out. Next Saturday is Jody's (On The Road Again) Birthday Party event at Mickey's. AOA Valentine Party is on February 10th. Please don't forget to support our advertisers when you are out and about running around.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. The next Chapter Meeting will be February 17th at the American Legion Post 222, In Oakland Park,

See you on the Road
Marie Baxter, Secretary,
Southeast Chapter



As you all might have noticed I have been absent from a lot of things. I have been taking care of my Mom who is very, very ill. Hopefully she will get better. Any and all prayers are greatly appreciated.

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Vice-President

First I would like to thank everybody that came out to our event at Post 36 The weather cleared and it turned out to be a great day.

As a lot of you have probably noticed, we are beginning to get more invites to set up our Safety Awareness booths at more and more events and because of this we will be needing more and more volunteers to help with them, so now is the time to step up and get more involved

This Chapter is the largest one in the state and we are still growing. This shows that we are moving in the right directions.

The numbers are very important when it comes to dealing with our elected officials, whether it be in local, state or even on national level they will pay attention because of it.

With that said if you see or hear anything local or on state level that might need our attention let us know. We stepped in when Delray tried to ban motorcycles a few years' back among other issues.

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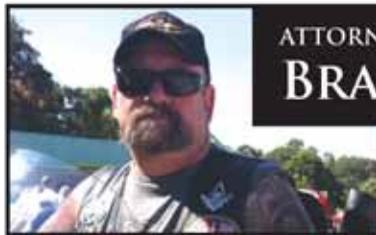
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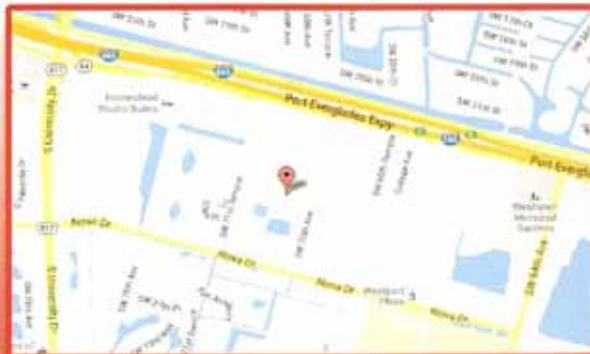
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From Our Road Captain

South Florida is one of the most incredible places to live, with over 200 miles of shoreline with beautiful beaches lined with palm trees. It is a true paradise! This is especially true for bikers, since they can ride year round down here and some of the most spectacular scenes are best seen from a motorcycle's point of view. The ride from the Everglades to the Keys has beautiful ocean views, sugar cane fields, and alligators! Our roads are also in good condition and there are plenty of places to stop and relax along the way. And being on a motorcycle, you are out in the open and get to experience all the smells and sounds, the ocean, the birds, and the wind. So come on out and enjoy the weather.

Don't forget to check out the weekly events in this newsletter. Let's all support the local MC's as they support us.

Keep the Shiny Side Up, and the Rubber Side Down.

Thank you,
Russ
Road Captain



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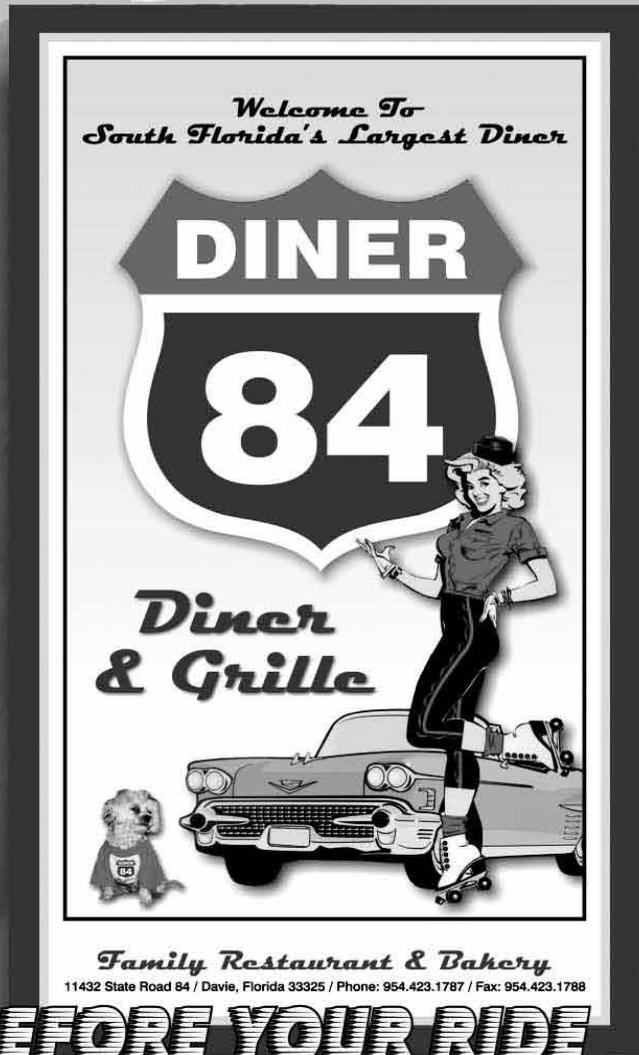
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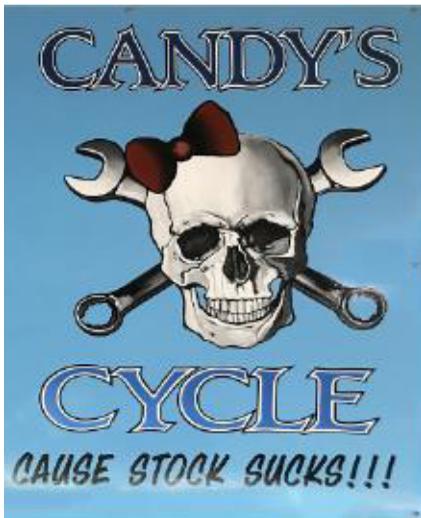
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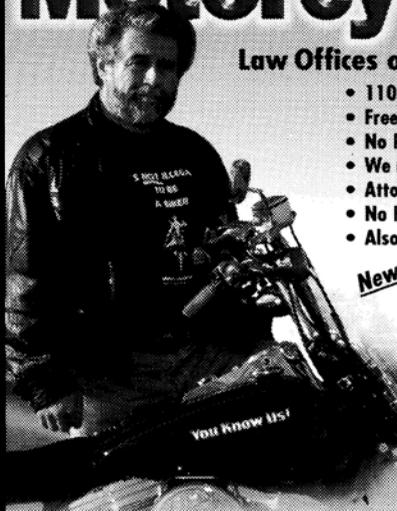
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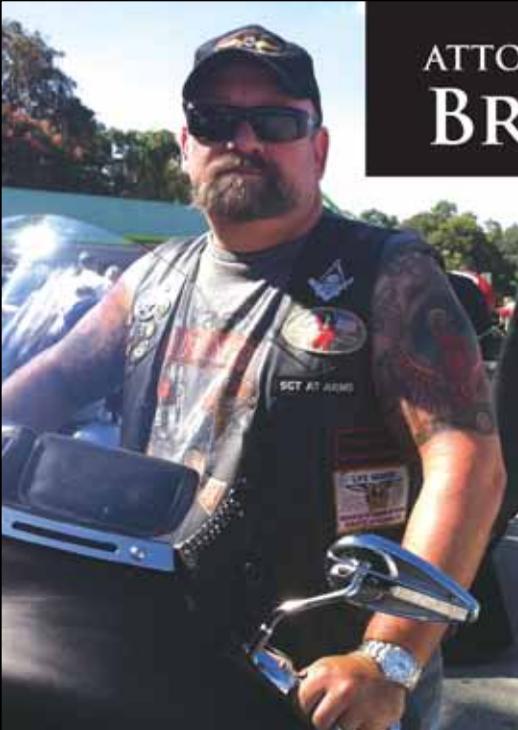
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Florida is the second highest state for motorcycle thefts. The recovery rate for motorcycles is about 30%, compared to 60% for cars.

I did some research and here are a few tips from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) https://msf-usa.org/downloads/Preventing_motorcycle_theft.pdf and you can find the full list if you follow the link.

- Lock your ignition and remove the key. Most bike thefts occur when the ignition is shut off, but not locked.
- Add an audible alarm to your motorcycle.
- When traveling and spending the night at a hotel, locate an outdoor security camera and park your bike in the cameras view. If this is not possible, park your bike close to your room.
- Keep an eye on your bike. When parking at a public event, check your motorcycle periodically, especially immediately after leaving your bike, to make sure there are no suspicious individuals lurking about.
- If parking in a garage, block your bike with an automobile, close the garage door and make sure it is locked.
- Don't store your title in your bike's storage compartment, tank bag or saddlebag. The safest place for your title is at your home.
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- Keep your bike registration and insurance identification card on you when you ride.

Follow some or all of these tips and KEEP your bike away from would-be thieves.

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Submitted by Johnny Rose, President
On behalf of Teddy Bear, Safety Director





WEEKLY EVENTS



SUNDAY

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

MONDAY Mon - Ladies nite at Sharkey's 9-2, 241 drinks

TUESDAY

Wings of Gold MC Open House Ft Lauderdale

WEDNESDAY

Blues Nite at Mickey's

2nd & 4th Weds - States MC Open House 7pm-?

THURSDAY

1st & 3rd Thurs - Leathernecks MC Open House 8-mid

Hermandad MC Open House, 8-2am

Mickey's Bike & Cruise Night, 7:30pm

Scurvy Few MC Texas Holdem/Karaoke - 7:30 pm

FRIDAY

USMV MC Ch 2 Open house at 8pm (Dania Bch)

Scurvy Few MC Open House at 7:30pm

States MC - Fri Night Pizza 6-8pm

1st & 3rd Fri - Kingdom of Brothers Open House

2nd - US Military Vets Dirty Dozen Open House

4th Fri - American Legion Post 36 Bike Night

Mystic Seven - Open House - 8pm

SATURDAY

1st & 3rd Sat - AOA MC Dania Open House 8pm

2nd Sat - USMV MC Ft. Laud. Open House

2nd & 4th Sat - Kingdom of Brothers Open House

2nd Sat - Scurvy Monthly Birthday Party

Last Sat - Leathernecks MC Charity Poker



2018



FEBRUARY



2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		SEE PAGE 23 FOR OTHER WEEKLY EVENTS			1	2 US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD ANNUAL
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 STATE MEETING OCALA, FL
10	11	12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16 See Flyer on Page 7 SCURVY FEW MC PARTY
17 AOA FT LAUD ANNUAL SE ABATE Chapter Meeting	18	19	20	21	22	23 WHEELS OF MAN MC 46th ANNUAL Leathernecks MC Charity Poker
24	25	26	27	28		

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MARCH



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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FEBRUARY

2nd-Sat **US MILITARY VETS MC
HOMESTEAD - ANNUAL**
10th-Sun **AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
14th-Wed Valentines Day
16th-Sat **SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY**
23rd-Sat **WHEELS OF MAN MC - 46th
ANNUAL**

MARCH

3rd-Sun **HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL**
8th-17th 78th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
17th-Sun St. Patrick's Day
23rd-Sat **US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 -
PARTY**

APRIL

6th-Sat 7th-Sun **MYSTIC SEVEN MC -
PARTY**
15th-Sun **STATES MC - ANNUAL**
21st-Sun **CMA - EASTER SERVICE**
26th-28th **LEESBURG BIKEFEST**

MAY

5th-Sun **SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL**
11th-Sat **OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL**
12th-Sun Mothers day
19th-Sun **WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI -
ANNUAL**
26th-Sun **S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY
EVENT**
28th-Mon Memorial Day

JUNE

2nd-Sun **NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL**
8th-Sat **AOA SOUTH FLORIDA
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9th-Sun **WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. -
ANNUAL**
16th-Sun Fathers Day
22nd-Sat **LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY**
29th-Sat **US MILITARY VETS MC
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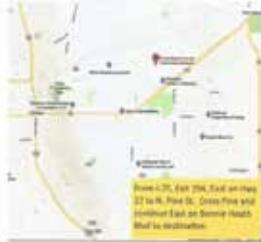
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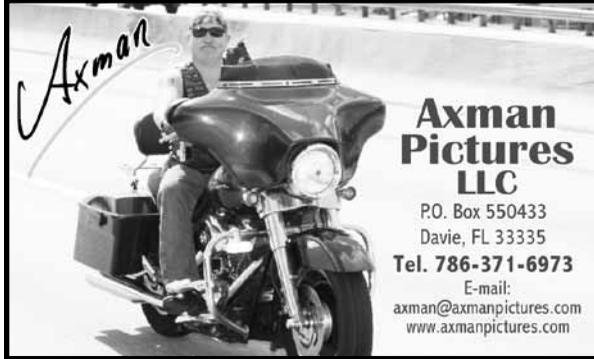


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I've been Chaplain for the last 15 years, and saying goodbye is bitter sweet, so its so long for now. I've learned to love so many new and old friends you guys are like family to me.

Hope to be around to see some of you guys occasionally, I'm moving not dying and hope to visit south in the future.

Love you all, God bless you all and be safe.

As always you're Chaplain

Poppie



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OLDHIPPIY'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 enjoying an adult beverage.

The drink was sweet and 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 coming in 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 the highway 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 a en on 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 sip of my beverage 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

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OLDHIPPIY'S CORNER

Continued from previous pages
moved into Florida in the 1700's. They became known as "Seminoles" because the name means runaways.

Jackson's record at that the 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 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 assimilations 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 on in protest. The Supreme Court ignored their demands and ratified the treaty in 1836. The Cherokee were given two years to migrate voluntarily, at 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 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 States 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 Seminoles 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, steadily pursued for nearly thirty years, in relation with the removal of the Indians beyond the white

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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.

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THE IMPACT OF BREXIT ON BIKERS

It's been two and a half years since the referendum that started Britain on its journey out of the European Union, and now time is running out and "Brexit" is due to take place on March 29, 2019 – deal or no deal. With Parliament squabbling, the prospect of a no-deal Brexit is now looking increasingly likely, and that outcome would affect many things including motorcycles.

You may have heard about the United Kingdom reverting to 'WTO' rules when it comes to trade, and British biker website www.visordown explains what that will mean: "The World Trade Organization (WTO) maintains an immense database that records types of products and the import duties that countries or trading blocs impose on them. At the moment we're part of the EU, which means we can trade with other European countries without incurring any tariffs, but once we leave we'll be outsiders, subject to the taxes they impose."

On motorcycles under 250cc, the EU charges an 8% tariff, and on bikes over that size there's a 6% duty. Meanwhile, motorcycle parts and accessories are taxed at 3.7% and bike tires are subject to a 4.5% import duty.

For consumers, if you're buying a bike made in the EU -- such as a BMW -- there will be an extra

6% tax to be incorporated into its cost. Even a UK-based manufacturer, like Triumph, would be subject to an import duty on motorcycle parts from EU suppliers, like their Brembo brakes, so even British-made bikes are likely to become more expensive in a no-deal scenario.

Exports might be less of an immediate concern to the everyday bike buyer, but they have an impact on the motorcycle industry in Britain, and without a deal in place exported bikes would be taxed by the EU at WTO rates.

Of course, once out of the EU the UK government will need to negotiate their own trade deals not only with Europe, but with other trading partners such as Japan, the U.S. and China, but the bottom line is that there's little prospect that a no-deal Brexit will make bikes or bike-related parts any cheaper.

In the meantime, the uncertainty of Britain's economic future has negatively impacted motorbike sales in the UK, plummeting 17.9% in December following an overall 2.9% gain in 2018.

FEDERAL JURY DECIDES MONGOLS MUST FORFEIT LOGO

In a first-of-its-kind verdict with far-reaching legal implications, a federal jury ruled that the Mongols motorcycle club must forfeit the logo worn by its members, finding in favor of prosecutors' novel claim that there is a direct link between the club's crimes and its trademarked insignia.

Last month, the jury in U.S. District Court in Santa Ana, Calif., found the Mongol Nation guilty of racketeering and conspiracy, classifying the group as a criminal organization, and their verdict on Friday, January 11, 2109 was the second phase of a trial that focused on forfeiture of assets in a decade-long quest by the government to dismantle the club.

The verdict will lead to the forfeiture of the group's legal interest in the word "Mongols"

and some of their patches, as well as Mongols items seized during the investigation, prosecutors said. If upheld, this will give the right to any law enforcement officer who spots a club member wearing the logo to stop him and confiscate the branded item.

The trial next moves to a third phase, in which U.S. District Judge David O. Carter will decide how the forfeiture is carried out. He declined to immediately order the logos forfeited and set a hearing next month to address possible First Amendment issues raised by the verdict, agreeing to solicit briefs from a variety of experts, including trademark attorneys, law school professors, civil rights organizations and think tanks.

The judge's decision highlights the new legal ground being broken in the unprecedented case, which has attracted national attention and is virtually guaranteed to go before the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals and perhaps the U.S. Supreme Court.

CALIFORNIA TO BEGIN ENFORCING MODIFIED EXHAUST PENALTIES

As of January 1, 2019, a modified exhaust on an automobile or motorcycle in California, excessively loud, can no longer be cited as a correctable violation. Previously, if you were cited you had time to get it fixed in order to avoid paying the fine, but Assembly Bill AB1824 carves out an exception for exhaust noise by removing the opportunity to correct the violation and requires a citation to result in a fine only.

AB 1824, which was sponsored by the Assembly Committee on Budget and signed into law by then-Governor Jerry Brown in June of 2018, does not change existing laws pertaining to exhaust noise or sale and installation of aftermarket exhaust systems, but rather amends how excess exhaust noise violations are handled by law enforcement. Beginning this year, a vehicle cited for violating the current exhaust noise law will no longer receive what is commonly known as a

“fix-it” ticket. Instead, violations will result in an immediate mandatory monetary fine.

The fine for a California traffic ticket for “a loud exhaust system” is up to \$1,000 dollars.

HELMET-FREE SCOOTERS

Assembly Bill 2989, the e-scooter bill sponsored by California Assemblyman Heath Flora (R-Ripon), removes the requirement for riders of motorized (electric) standup scooters in the Golden State to wear a bicycle helmet, provided they are 18 or older. The new traffic law also prohibits riding a motorized e-scooter on highways with a speed limit greater than 25 mph, or roads with a speed limit greater than 35 mph, unless it is within a marked bikeway.

Meanwhile, Assembly Bill 3077, sponsored by then-Assemblywoman Anna Caballero (D-Salinas) provides law enforcement the ability to issue a “fix-it ticket” to anyone under 18 who doesn't wear a helmet while on a bicycle, skateboard or skates. The newly enacted violation is correctable if the minor completes a bicycle safety course and gets a helmet that meets safety standards within 120 days of the ticket being issued.

UTAH BECOMES FIRST IN NATION TO LOWER DUI LIMIT TO .05 PERCENT

The Beehive State made history on December 30th by becoming the first state to lower its blood alcohol concentration limit (BAC) for drunken driving to .05 percent, just in time for New Year's Eve.

Utah lowered the drunken driving BAC from .08, the national limit imposed by former President Bill Clinton in 2000, to .05, making it the nation's strictest DUI law. Utah's new law also says anyone who "operates a motor vehicle in a negligent manner causing the death of another" will have committed criminal homicide, which is a felony.

In 1983, Utah was the first state to lower its blood alcohol limit from 0.10 to 0.08 for impaired driving.

It would take nearly two decades for every state to follow suit, but as they did, the nation's rate of alcohol-related traffic deaths dropped 10%. Now, Utah is pioneering the move to lower it once again.

Utah State Representative Norm Thurston (R-Provo) sponsored the bill at the request of the National Transportation Safety Board, which has been urging states to lower DUI limits to 0.05 since 2013.

The American Beverage Institute says the new lower limit targets social drinkers and calls the law an "attack on the restaurant and hospitality industries," claiming nearly 70% of alcohol-related fatalities in the U.S. are caused by drivers with a much higher BAC of 0.15 and above.

SCIENCE PROVES THAT RIDING A MOTORCYCLE IS GOOD FOR YOU

Motorcyclists have always said there's no better prescription for stress than riding a bike, and now a study from the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, at the University of California, Los Angeles, seems to confirm that.

The recent study, funded by Harley-Davidson Inc., demonstrated potential mental and physical benefits of riding, including decreased levels of cortisol, a hormonal marker of stress.

Three UCLA researchers studied more than 50 motorcycle riders in tests that recorded their brain activity and hormone levels before, during and after riding a bike, driving a car and resting. The bike ride resulted in a 28% decrease in biomarkers of stress, according to the researchers.

On average, riding a motorcycle for 20 minutes increased participants' heart rates by 11% and adrenaline levels by 27%, similar to light exercise, as well as their focus and alertness.

Harley-Davidson says the study's findings validate what it's known for more than a century: that riding is good for your mental health.

This means the next time you are sitting at your computer feeling sluggish or that you get home after a long a stressful day, the answer to getting back on track or relieving some of the tension could be to simply go out for a ride...doctor's orders!

DO SELF-DRIVING CARS 'SEE' MOTORCYCLES?

Lane-splitting is an accepted maneuver by motorcyclists all over the world, but in America it is only practiced by riders in the Golden State. California-based Tesla, whose cars are well represented on California highways, seems to be aware of motorcyclists' unique filtering capabilities there and has been working to ensure their Autopilot systems detect the presence of a lane-sharing rider in traffic.

However, YouTuber Scott Kubo recently posted a video to test the functionality of motorcycle detection while lane-splitting, and apparently detecting an approaching motorcycle seems to be hit and miss in Version 9 of Tesla's neural net Autopilot software. It's clear from the clip that the system confuses motorcycles with cars at times, and can even miss a motorcycle entirely if the motorcycle is moving at a good clip. It's tough to determine how useful this detection would be in its current state in real-world application.

In the YouTube clip Kubo explains that the current 360° camera system (2.0 and 2.5) can process 200 frames per second (or 200fps) spread across the eight cameras positioned around his Tesla car. So, each camera has an equivalent frame rate of 25fps -- a decent digital SLR camera can have over 100fps and an iPhone can shoot at up to 240fps. It might be that the current system just doesn't have a high enough frame to capture fast moving motorcycles.

Self-driving cars are still a burgeoning field of technology with some bugs to work out, and Tesla warns that Autopilot should not be used without some sort of human interaction, but would you want to be rolling up behind a robotic car knowing that an inattentive driver may not be quick enough to take over the manual controls if they “didn’t see the motorcycle”?

DRIVERLESS CAR KILLS ROBOTIC PEDESTRIAN

In what some are labeling “Robot-on-Robot” crime, an autonomous self-driving Tesla car struck and “killed” a robot roaming down the middle of the roadway in a hit-and-run accident during the recent consumer electronics show in Las Vegas.

Many mainstream news agencies worldwide reported the incident as legitimately newsworthy, though it is generally believed to be an over-the-top PR stunt staged by Russian robotics company Promobot ahead of the CES.

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DUTCH POLICE CALL ON PARLIAMENT TO QUICKLY BAN OUTLAW BIKER GANGS

Dutch authorities want Parliament to speed up a legislative proposal that will allow the Justice Minister to immediately ban “outlaw motorcycle gangs” emerging in the Netherlands, said police chief Pim Miltenburg, in charge of the motorcycle file at the police.

Currently, banning an outlaw motorcycle club is a lengthy job in the Netherlands. A court must decide whether the ‘gang’ is acting in conflict with public order. “The disadvantage of this type of procedure is that we can not arrange it in a short period of time, but it takes months or years before it is completed”, Miltenburg told NLTimes.nl.

The police say they would prefer if the Minister of Justice and Security can ban a motorcycle gang

immediately, with a judge testing the ban afterwards.

So far Dutch courts banned two well-known motorcycle clubs, Satudarah and Bandidos. The Public Prosecutor also stated plans to get the Hells Angels and No Surrender banned sometime this year, adding that some two thousand people in the Netherlands now belong to an outlaw motorcycle gang.

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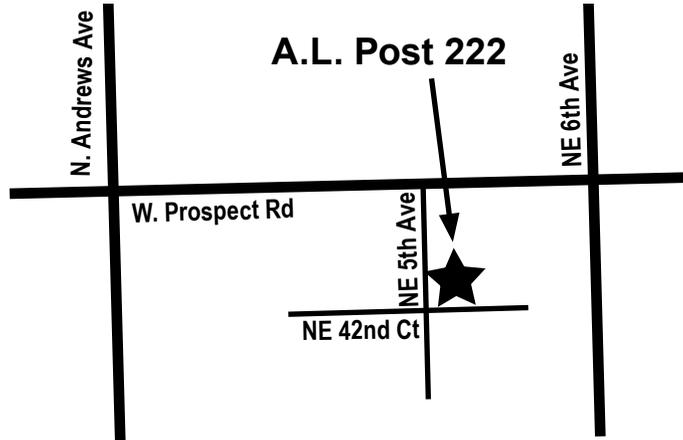
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