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*A Newsletter for Motorcycle Safety & Awareness*

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MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 16  
2020**

At American Legion  
Post 142



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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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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.

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**ABATE of Florida, Inc.**  
**23rd ANNUAL FREEDOM**  
**RIGHT RIDE**

**Do you believe in your rights?**

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**Will you go to Tallahassee to fight for your rights?**

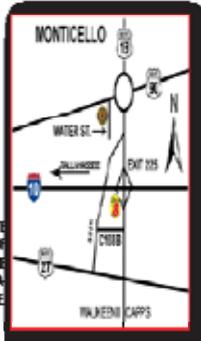
**RIDE TO THE STATE CAPITOL**  
**MONDAY, February 10.2020**

For more information : ABATE of Florida Inc 1-386-943-9610

*"We in America do not have government by the majority, We have government by the majority who participate." - Thomas Jefferson*

**Kickstands up at 9:00am - Behind the Super 8 in Monticello**

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## Issues of Interest

Last Updated: 09/11/19



### WEEKLY ROUNDUP: AND THEY'RE OFF!

January 17, 2020 Ana Ceballos

Recap and analysis of the week in state government and politics

TALLAHASSEE --- State lawmakers this week kicked off the 2020 legislative session with an action-packed schedule that featured speeches from Republican leaders, early tension over high-profile issues and a key Florida Supreme Court ruling.

In his State of the State address Tuesday, Gov. Ron DeSantis told legislators that, while much has been done in the last year, there is "much more to do."

"This will require a lot of toil and sweat and it will require not just words, but deeds. We can't rest on past accomplishments," the governor said. "Our only easy day was yesterday."

By Friday morning, the spotlight on Tuesday's opening-day ceremonies and kickoff of the 2020 legislative session was refocused on debates being hashed out in committee rooms.

In five short days, Florida lawmakers had fast-tracked bills to require parental consent for minors' abortions, loosen sentences for certain drug-traffickers and ban local governments from regulating sunscreens.

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**If you have already**

*Thank You*

**for your continued support**

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**\* 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.

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## From Your President



January turned out to be a super busy month. I had so much fun in January. I hope the rest of 2020 turns out like this.

We set up a Safety Booth at the States MC Blessing of the Bikes and hung out there all day, what a nice party, great music, great friends. The next weekend, after a great Chapter Meeting, we went to the Wings of Gold MC Annual at Spanx the Hog. It was a good party and got to see our friends.

The following weekend, on Saturday, we rode around the lake (Okeechobee) for our lost brother, Angelo, and then on Sunday, we had our 40th Semi-Annual at Post 180. Can you believe it, we have been doing this 40 years? It was a great time!

The weekend after that, on Saturday, my favorite event of the year, the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show. A special thanks goes out to Clive and Claire who put on the event. They gave us a beautiful location for our Safety and Membership Booth. If you haven't been there, you totally missed out. Beautiful weather all weekend. Then on Sunday, we went to the Der Krieger MC Annual. What a cool set-up they had.

And in between all that we set up Safety Booths at Cycle Gear, Peterson's North, and Stu's Indian Cycle. That's a busy month. I have to send out a special thanks to all of the ABATE members who helped out this month, in no particular order, Abby Normal, Wavy and Anna, Troy, Sharon, Zach, Mike and Hope, Martin, Buggy, Boatman, Bear, Gringo, Little Bit, Thunder, Nighthawk, Gabe, Old Hippy, Bob Anz, and of course, my beautiful wife, Sheila. You guys rock, man!

We are always looking for more people to help us, so if you have a little time you could spare and you want to help, please contact me. We always have so much fun. The more members we have to help us, the easier it will be for everyone. Most of all what we need is advertisers for our newsletter. So, if you have a business and want to help us keep our newsletter going in hard copy, it would be totally awesome if you would take out an ad. Remember we are the only ones who fight for biker rights and get things done and we also push for safety and awareness because maybe if they see us, they won't kill us.

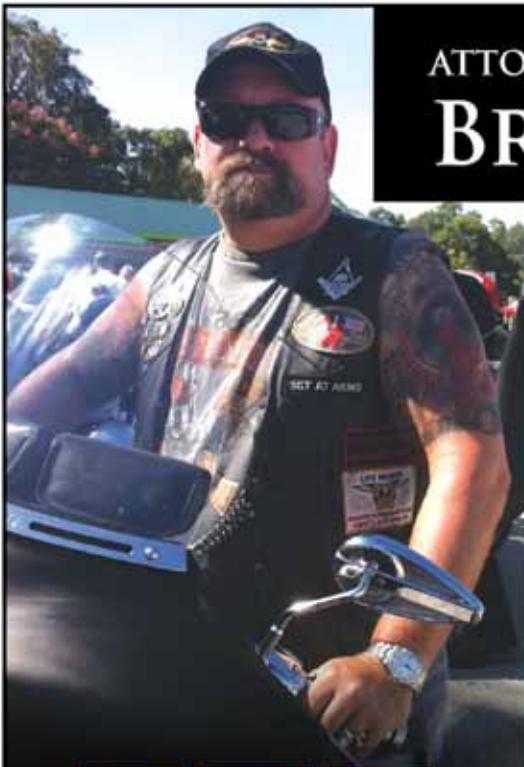
And to the younger people out there, you have the chance to inherit an organization that stands up and fights for biker rights and safety. Help us make a difference, now, and for the future!

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

God bless America!!!!

Peace,  
Johnny Rose  
President  
Southeast Chapter





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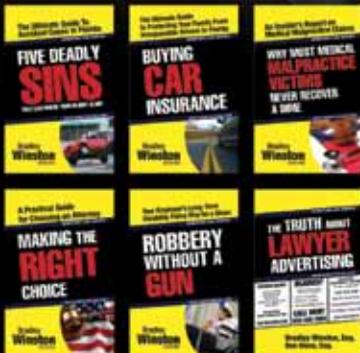


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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes  
Held at the AMERICAN LEGION POST 142  
171 SW 2nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL  
January 12, 2020

Johnny Rose called the meeting to order at 9:50 AM. There were 29 members present. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by Paul.

**President's Report:**

We had two guest speakers, Clive and Clare from the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show. They spoke about what we will be doing at the Show. Johnny thanked everyone for showing up. He spoke about States MC Blessing of the Bikes the prior weekend and thanked them for allowing us to set up our Safety Booth and had a special wish for a Happy Birthday to JR from States MC. He spoke about Angelo, a member who recently passed away. We will be doing a memorial brick, to be placed at Post 142, in honor of Angelo and a memorial patch for him. His family will be here around Easter time and we will have more info from them about a funeral. Christian Motorcycle Association is also placing his name on their Memorial Wall. We need door prizes for our event next weekend and Johnny spoke about the Ride to the Capitol in February also.

**Vice-President's Report:**

Wavy spoke on the on the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show, that volunteers should meet at 6:30AM to help get things set up. Please wear your ABATE shirts when you are working in the booth. We will all meet up at our trailer and check

in for assignments. He also spoke on our Semi-Annual event on January 19th.

**Secretary's Report:**

Marie said that the Minutes from the last meeting are printed in the newsletter. 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. She also spoke about the Chapter doing a memorial for Angelo after the February meeting, at Post 142. Please see her after the meeting, if you want to speak at the memorial or want a memorial patch. All are welcome to speak, but we are trying to get some kind of order together for Chrissy, our Chaplain, who will lead the memorial.

**Sergeant at Arms Report:**

Nighthawk spoke about the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show and about our Semi-Annual Event.

**Assistant Sergeant at Arms Report:**

Mike spoke about the trailer, that it now has four new tires, a new vent for the roof, and all other problems were fixed, she is good to go.

**Road Captain's Report:**

Troy gave a thank you to States MC for their Taco Tuesday and the best pizza on Friday nights, made by JR. He then spoke on the Memorial Ride for Angelo, January 18th. Meet at Café 27

at 9:00AM. Please make sure your bikes are in good shape for the ride.

**Safety Director's Report:**

Wavy spoke on about bike insurance and asked Gabe to explain it so everyone could understand. He spoke on handle bar heights and exhausts. We have a new place where we are setting up our Safety Booth – Stu's Bike Shop (Indian Dealer) on Sunrise Blvd, east. He thanked everyone who has been coming out to help in the booth.

**Products Report:**

Laurel (Little Bit) reported all is going good and we will have plenty of products to sell at the event.

**Events Coordinator:**

Gabe was present and spoke on our January Event at American Legion Post 180, where to set up, where to park, etc. Loose Cannons will be the band and they have a big following and have been promoting us on social media.

**State Representative Report:**

Zach was not present, and there was no State meeting in January. The next State Meeting will be in Tallahassee before the Ride to the Capitol in February. Johnny asked for a count of who is going.

**Membership Report:**

Sheila read the membership report and reported we have close to 700 members in our Chapter.

**Newsletter Editor:**

Ada (Abby Normal) mentioned that things are going great, just keep getting her lots of pic's. If you need to correct something email her, please. She also asked for anyone with pictures of Angelo, to please send them to her.

**Legislative Report:**

Brad was not present to report.

**Legal Counsel:**

Brad was not present to report.

**Public Relations:**

Fern was present and reminded all to get their hotline info in by Sunday night.

**Billing and Invoicing:**

Sheila reported that there were few advertisers that got behind over the holidays, but all were contacted and are getting checks in the mail this week. Please ask businesses that you frequent, to advertise, to support our Chapter.

**Social Director Report:**

Bear was not present, but Sheila brought some delicious cookies.

**Newsletter Distribution:**

Wavy was present and mentioned he will be needing help in March, to deliver his route.

**Quartermaster Report:**

Bob was not present to report.

**Photographer's Report:**

Boatman Barry said he took lots of pictures from States MC Blessing of the Bikes. Also, his girlfriend made up stones in honor of Angelo that will be placed around the lake during the ride. See him after the meeting to sign one.

**Webmaster's Report:**

Dark Angel was not present, so Ada (Abby Normal) reported for her. All is running and up to date.

**Chaplain:**

Chaplain Chrissy was still out of town, she'll be back for next month's meeting.

**Old Business:**

Our trailer was cleaned up and looking better since all her problems were fixed, so a big thank you to Mike, Troy, Johnny, and Hope.

**New Business:**

We need door prizes for our Semi-Annual. If anyone wants to speak at Angelo's memorial next month or wants a memorial patch, see Sheila after

the meeting.

**Good of the Order:**

Wings of Gold MC Annual Party right after our meeting, Angelo Memorial Ride on Saturday, January 18th, Southeast Chapter Semi-Annual, January 19th, Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show, January 25th, Der Krieger MC Annual, January 26th, US Military Vets MC Dirty Dozen Homestead Annual Party, February 1st, AOA MC Annual Valentine's Party, February 16th, Wheels of Man MC Annual Poker Run, February 27th, ABATE Tallahassee Annual Freedom Rights Ride in February.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Next Chapter meeting will be at the American Legion Post 142, In Pompano Beach, February 16, 2020, and they are serving a full menu for breakfast.

See you on the Road  
Marie Baxter  
Secretary  
Southeast Chapter



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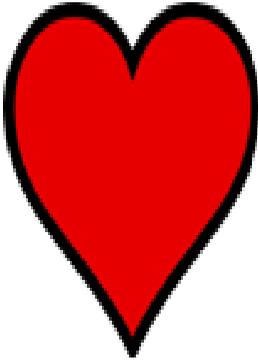
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## A Word to You From My Private Place of Prayer



The following is part of a personal reflection in prayer before the Lord. To some, it will make perfect sense; to others, well... read it anyway.

First, I'll speak in general. As a body or group of believers in Jesus, we need to be focused, now more than ever. The year 2020 is significant. We must have 20-20 vision for what lies ahead. Remember, all things are parallel... everything from electricity to spiritual truths. What's true in the spirit reflects what's true in the natural and vice versa. This week, my husband and I plan to get our eyes checked. I want to see as clearly in the natural as I do in the spirit. If you haven't gotten your eyes checked in a while, you might want to do the same.

Personally speaking, 2019 had some very rough stuff in it. Some of us were walking uphill for most of the way. You may not see it yet but there's a wide-open, high, flat plateau coming up for you to stand on. It's a resting place of sorts, a place of regrouping and full of restoration. You don't get to stay there long, just long enough to get your composure in order to move on.

You're starting to truly see why you've walked through some of the crap you've experienced... both to you and those around you in your sphere of influence. God's love is so BIG. Do we dare ask the question, 'would You allow me to walk this hard way so that I would identify with someone who comes after me and has to walk the same path??? Yes, He would! His love is that deep, that wide. We sing about it, speak about it. Now, here it is... truth. (They that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth - John 4:23)

Uphill climbs are a good way to build endurance needed for the long haul. That's what we're training for. You won't be in this same place forever, but you'll walk in a new calling sometime down the road. Right now, you're 'working out, in training, gearing up' for other things. You can't see what's ahead because God doesn't want you to know what He has in store or you'd run! Some of the areas He's been focusing on have been discernment, trust, and courage... especially courage. Some of the places you've recently walked were courage builders, and I'm sorry but there's no other way to build courage than to walk through scary stuff, feeling your way around in the dark, knowing God will lead you through. After all, what you're walking through now is a result of prayers you passionately prayed in your youth! Also, how many times can you remember your Mom saying (in tough situations), "Be brave." Bravery is a choice and doesn't come natural. We learn to be brave through tough situations. Sometimes we need someone to tell us to be brave. It seems like you've had your share but in fact, you are far from it. You will go through even more. Jesus was clear that as long as He had tribulation, we would face it too. (John 16:33)

So this is the question... are you all in? Do you believe you have what it takes to do this yet another year? Several years, or as long as God is requiring? Then let your 'Yes' be 'YES.' Make a new commitment, if that's what it takes. Put your hand to the plow and DON'T LOOK BACK! His promises are yes and amen as you have seen.

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# Vice-President

Good Day,

Well our 40th Semi Annual is over and it was a success. Everyone said they had a good time. I would like to thank the American Legion Post 180 for the use of their facilities. Then most of all, Thanks to all that showed and supported ABATE. And of course a big thank you to all the people that helped to make this event a success including the vendors who came out and spent the day with us.

Our chapter could use some help. If you know someone who owns a business, any type, it does not have to be related to motorcycles, please ask them to advertise in our monthly newsletter. Let them know we put out 850 newsletters each month throughout Broward and Miami Dade. Our prices are very reasonable, the pricing is in the newsletter and on our web page at [www.abatese.org](http://www.abatese.org).

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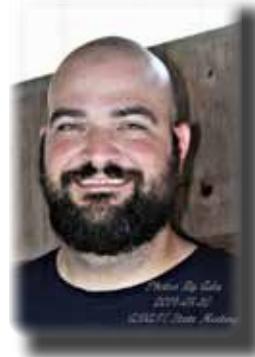


## From Our Road Captains

### Never Leave a Man Behind

This past Veterans Day the Patriotic fever was in the air. With all the Veteran events, charities and memorial rides to attend, it gave a feeling of immense pride to be a part of this incredible Nation. One thing that makes Veterans Day so special and our Military the greatest in the world, is knowing that their fellow Brother will never leave them behind. The same holds true with the Biker Code which follows many of our military traditions. Bikers should Never Leave a Man Behind. If you see a biker stranded on the side of the road, stop and see if you can help. We are all busy and in a hurry in this hectic rat race, but just stop. Many times, there may be nothing you are able to do, but just be there for support until that tow truck or help arrives. Just staying with that fellow biker and being there can be one of the greatest comforts which tells them in their time of need, they are not alone, your there to help and see them through it. You never know, the next time a person is stranded it may be you! Remember, Never Leave a Man Behind.

Your Road Captains,  
Zak and Troy





## *February Birthdays*

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Diana Berg	Mike "Digger" Porter
Don Bartone	Mike Saldarini
Dorinda "Dee" Paikoff	Ramiro Cadena
Gail "Jewelz" Bleier	Ray "Olaf" Hubbard
Gregory Sheridan	Ronald "Bear" Winn
Hans Lankutis	Todd "Hoss"
Janice "Banjana" Lentini	Tom Knox
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# *From Your Safety Director*

Good Day,

This is already February, wow this year is moving fast.

Just a thought to put in your head, which is motorcycle theft is on the rise.

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Lock your ignition and don't forget to remove the key

Most bike thefts occur when the ignition is not locked

Lock the forks or use a disc brake lock

If traveling in a group, lock the motorcycles together when possible.

If riding and traveling alone, lock your bike to a secure stationary object.

If possible, add an audible alarm.

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Put a special mark somewhere on your bike and take a picture to show police if it were to be stolen.

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Thank you

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Be brave! You can do this. You know no other way. You're not alone... He is with us.

It was a breath of fresh air to say goodbye to 2019. I could never have fathomed what was in that year or that I'd survive all I saw and did. But I'm a better, stronger person, fully equipped to take on 2020's challenges. I'm glad we don't stand alone, but together :)

When you get a chance, read 2 Samuel 22. It's amazing. For know, I believe this scripture is for you. It's from 2 Samuel 22:20.

He reached down from heaven and took hold of me; He pulled me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too strong for me. They confronted me in the day of my distress, but the Lord was my support. He brought me out to a spacious place; He rescued me because He delighted in me.

When you ride and always, remember He loves you,

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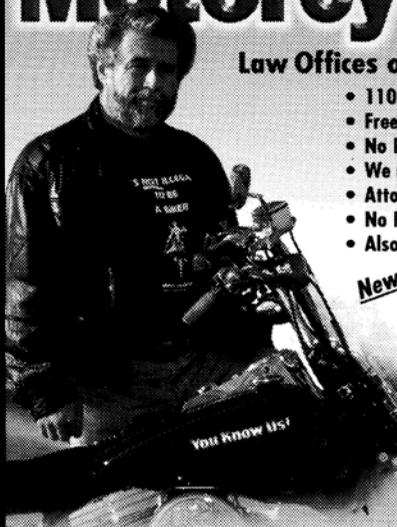
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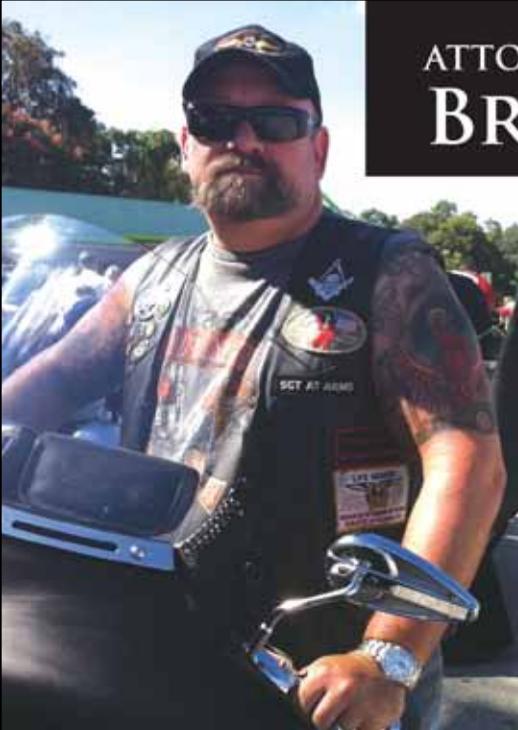
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## WEDNESDAY

> Blues Nite at Mickey's

## THURSDAY

> Mickey's Bike & Cruise Night 7:30PM

## FRIDAY

> 4th Fri - Fly-in Wheels Open House

## SATURDAY

> 2nd Sat - Fly-in Wheels Open House



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						1 US Military Vets MC Hmstd- Annual
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 ABATE State Meeting! Scurvy Few MC Party	10 ABATE of Florida, Inc Freedom Right Ride	11	12	13 SE Chapter EBoard Meeting	14 	15
16 ABATE SE Meeting AOA-Ft Ldle Annual	17 	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Wheels of Man MC 47th Annual

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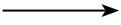
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15 Daytona Bike Week ABATE SE Meeting!	16	17 	18	19	20	21 US MILITARY VETS MC CH 1 Party
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## FEBRUARY

- 1st-Sat **US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD - ANNUAL**
- 9th-Sun SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY
- 14th-Fri Valentines Day
- 16th-Sun **AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
- 22rd-Sat **WHEELS OF MAN MC - 47th ANNUAL**

## MARCH

- 1st-Sun **HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL**
- 6th-15th 7th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
- 17th-Tue St. Patrick's Day
- 21st-Sat US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY
- 28-Sat **Fly-In Wheels Annual**
- 29th-Sun

## APRIL

- 5th-Sun MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
- 12th-Sun CMA - EASTER SERVICE
- 19th-Sun **STATES MC - ANNUAL**
- 24th-26th LEESBURG BIKEFEST

## MAY

- 2nd-Sat
- 3rd-Sun **SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL**
- 9th-Sat **OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL**
- 10th-Sun Mothers day
- 16th-Sat LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY
- 17th-Sun
- 23th-Sat
- 24th-Sun S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
- 25th-Mon Memorial Day
- 30th-Sat **NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL**

## JUNE

- 6th-Sat AOA SOUTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers
- 7th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - PARTY
- 13th-Sat **MIDNIGHT CLUB REAPERS MC - ANNAUL**
- 14th-Sun
- 20th-Sat
- 21st-Sun Fathers Day
- 27th-Sat **US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL**
- 28th-Sun

## JULY

- 4th-Sat Independence Day
- 12th-Sun ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL
- 19th-Sun **SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD - ANNUAL**
- 25th-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

## AUGUST

- 1st-Sat
- 2nd-Sun
- 7th-16th 80th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
- 14th-16th SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION
- 16th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. -51st ANNIVERSARY PARTY-  
MOLDY'S B-DAY PARTY
- 23rd-Sun **SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL**
- 30th- Sun SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN



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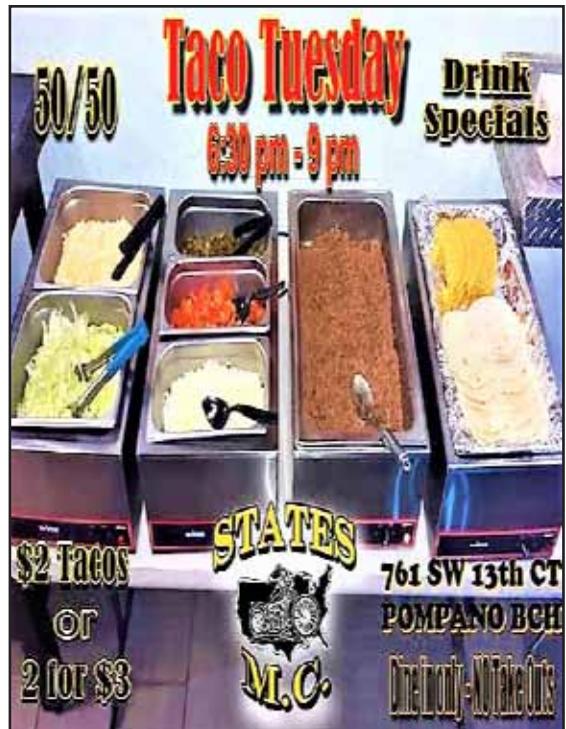
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House panels approved legislation that would make it harder to put constitutional amendments on the ballot and would clear the way for speciality, or “boutique,” hospitals.

In the Senate, an education committee on Monday set the stage for DeSantis’ teacher-pay plans, even as a sea of educators and students crowded outside the Capitol to protest inadequate funding for the state’s public school system.

Republican leaders this week also provided a glimpse into some of the big fights the session might bring.

One clash will revolve around a sweeping gun-control measure, aimed at closing the gun-show “loophole,” that would create a system to track private gun sales. A priority of Senate President Bill Galvano, the National Rifle Association is taking aim at the measure. DeSantis and House Speaker Jose Oliva also expressed skepticism about the bill, putting its future in doubt.

Republican leaders also may not see eye-to-eye on immigration, Visit Florida and health care, so get the popcorn ready as the House and Senate square off over those high-profile issues and more during the next 60 days.

### **OLIVA LASHES OUT AT HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

Lashing out at the health-care industry as “robber barons” on the opening day of session, Oliva’s aggressive remarks painted a bleak picture of the industry as putting profits over patients.

The Miami Lakes Republican outlined what he considers to be a fix, including allowing advanced practice registered nurses to provide care independently from physicians.

It’s not clear, though, that DeSantis or the Senate see things the same way, setting the stage for a potentially contentious back-and-forth over the next weeks.

Oliva dedicated a large part of his 18-minute opening day speech in the House to the need to revamp medical professional licensure regulations, which he called “archaic and backward.” He has encouraged lawmakers to allow

“health-care professionals to practice to the extent of their training.”

Revamping the health-care industry has been a top priority for Oliva in his two years as speaker. He has called for a more free-market approach and helped lead efforts to pass a bill that authorized the state to establish two international drug importation programs, an issue that DeSantis also touched upon in his opening State of the State speech.

### **AMENDMENT 4 SUPPORTERS FACE SETBACK**

Siding with the Republican governor, the Florida Supreme Court decided Thursday that a state law requiring payment of “legal financial obligations” properly carried out a constitutional amendment restoring voting rights to felons who have completed their sentences.

The amendment’s “use of the broad phrase ‘all terms of sentence’ can only reasonably be understood to similarly encompass ‘the ultimate sanctions imposed,’ including ‘costs.’ Or in the words of the sponsor’s counsel, the phrase encompasses ‘all obligations’ or ‘all matters,’ ” the court decided.

More than 71 percent of Floridians supported what appeared on the November 2018 ballot as Amendment 4, which granted voting-rights restoration to felons “who have completed all terms of their sentence, including parole or probation,” excluding people “convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense.”

But the meaning of “all terms of their sentence” became a contentious sticking point for the Legislature as it crafted a law to carry out the amendment.

Lawmakers finally settled on a measure requiring felons to pay “legal financial obligations,” such as restitution, fines and fees, to be eligible to have voting rights restored.

But voting-rights groups and civil-rights advocates quickly filed a federal lawsuit challenging the state law, arguing in part that linking voting rights and financial obligations amounts to an unconstitutional “poll tax.”

The justices’ opinion, requested by DeSantis, relied in part on arguments made by proponents of the constitutional

amendment when seeking Florida Supreme Court approval to get the measure on the 2018 ballot.

The drafters of the amendment wrote at the time that they “intend that individuals with felony convictions, excluding those convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense, will automatically regain their right to vote upon fulfillment of all obligations imposed under their criminal sentence,” Thursday’s opinion said.

“In other words, the sponsor intended that ‘all terms’ refer to obligations, not durational periods,” the opinion reads.

U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle in October ruled that Florida cannot deny the right to vote to felons who have served their sentences but are “genuinely unable” to pay legal financial obligations. DeSantis’ administration has appealed that ruling.

Thursday’s Florida Supreme Court opinion siding with the state, widely expected by court watchers, came as the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals prepares to hear arguments Jan. 28 in the separate federal lawsuit.

### **SENATORS BACK CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS**

The Florida Senate is on the brink of approving a bipartisan bill that would loosen sentencing laws for certain drug-trafficking offenses, a move that has the potential of significantly reducing the state’s prison population.

The measure, which would allow for shorter sentences and more judicial discretion, was unanimously approved Thursday by the Senate Appropriations Committee, the last hurdle before heading to the floor for a full Senate vote.

Senate budget chief Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island, said the committee’s overwhelming support of the bill “sends a strong message” about the Senate’s support for criminal justice reform during the 2020 legislative session, which began Tuesday.

But it’s unclear whether the Florida House will embrace the proposed sentencing changes.

Under the new guidelines laid out in Bradley’s measure, judges would be allowed to consider shorter sentences

and lower fines for drug-trafficking defendants who meet certain criteria. The bill (SB 346) would also set a maximum incarceration time of 12 months for people who buy or possess less than two grams of a controlled substance, other than fentanyl.

**STORY OF THE WEEK:** Florida’s 60-day legislative session kicked off Tuesday, with Republican leaders highlighting priorities such as education, health care and public safety.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** “To me it is a bright day when we are discussing up to \$900 million in teacher salaries. I know the devil is in the details, but this is the first step and I appreciate you taking this initiative.” --- Sen. Bill Montford, a Tallahassee Democrat who is a former Leon County superintendent of schools, speaking about a measure (SB 1088) that could be the first step toward increasing raising pay for public school teachers.



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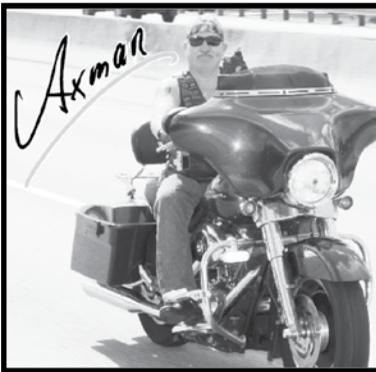
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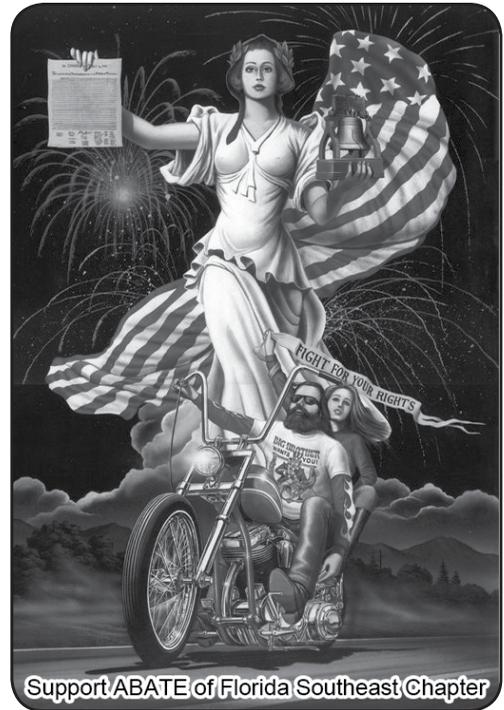
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We all have an issue with cagers and their disregard for motorcycles on the road..but that story is for another day !

Recently I read the obituary of a local biker, whose death touched a lot of people.. He had a lot of friends. He was a regular at the local watering hole. He had a long list of family who loved him and would miss him. The obituary listed his accomplishments, his education his dedication to his job.

What it didn't mention....was that his death could have been avoided.

He could have made the personal decision to not go as far as he did when he got to the point where he couldn't make a rational decision.  
He died senselessly because he was drunk. •

We sometimes allow brother or sister to get on their sled slightly inebriated and sometimes wasted.

No one wants to be the buzz kill...

No one wants to be the person that ruins the party by stepping in.

No one wants to argue with a friend because they've had too much to drink but yet says they're OK to ride.

I'd rather have someone ticked off at me because I insisted they were too intoxicated to get on the bike, than to hear bad news of an accident or worse.

We need to watch out for each other!

We can sit on the sidelines and grieve for that fatal accident victim or maybe we can be that person that saves their life. Maybe we can be that one person that can step up and say my brother has had too much to drink and he's no longer thinking rationally. We need to have the balls to save a life! I understand people don't wanna get involved... I get it. But just maybe we can be the asshole in the photo with the middle finger up and step in and do the right thing! How the hell do we expect people to watch out for BIKERS when sometimes we don't even watch out for ourselves !

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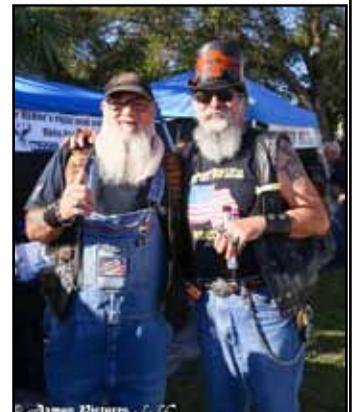
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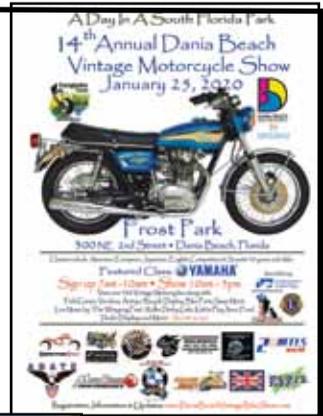


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So, interesting story.....

A gentleman named Tony Rakowski will always have a connection To a 1976 FLH Electra Glide. Elvis fell in love with a blue on blue custom painted FLH Electra Glide and purchased it in 1976. He had it shipped to Graceland and 90 days before he died he sold it. It wound up at the Local Harley Davidson dealership in Graceland.

Tony Rakowski owned a car lot that specializes in restoring vintage Ford Thunderbirds. He was at an auction in 1983 when Elvis bike came up for auction. Because of a shady deal the year before with a car that was supposedly owned by Elvis and later determined that it was not, no one bid on the Harley.

After the auction the owner of the bike offered to trade the motorcycle for a 57 Thunderbird they Rakowski had just put 25 grand into. Before Rakowski took ownership of the bike he called California DMV and ran the serial number. DMV confirmed that Elvis had indeed owned the motorcycle.

It wasn't long before he got a call from the Pioneer Auto Museum in South Dakota. Dave Greisler owned the museum and wanted the bike owned by Elvis. He offered Rakowski any car in the museum for a straight up trade.... Rakowski traded the FLH for a 1932 Packard four-door sport phaeton convertible. Rakowski sold the convertible for \$55,000 and figured he had made a profit of \$29,000 by trading Elvis bike.

The 76 Electra Glide stayed on display in the South Dakota museum until 2019 when it went up for sale in another auction. There was a prediction that Elvis is Harley might bring as much as \$2 million. Final number fell short and it sold for \$800,000. Rakowski has no regrets Trading the motorcycle once owned by Elvis and still has a connection with the bike thru photos. He is often heard saying ...” how many times in your life are you going to be able to say that you once owned the Harley that was once owned by Elvis? “

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Cher..owned a Fatboy and rode to charity functions.

Clark Gable..rode a 1935 Harley Davidson RL.

Pink..rides a Hinckley Triumph.

Brad Pitt..rides Ecosse Titanium and owns several vintage bikes.

Alanis Morissette.. rides a Ducati.

Charles Lindbergh..rode a 1920 Excelsior motorcycle bought at the local hardware store.

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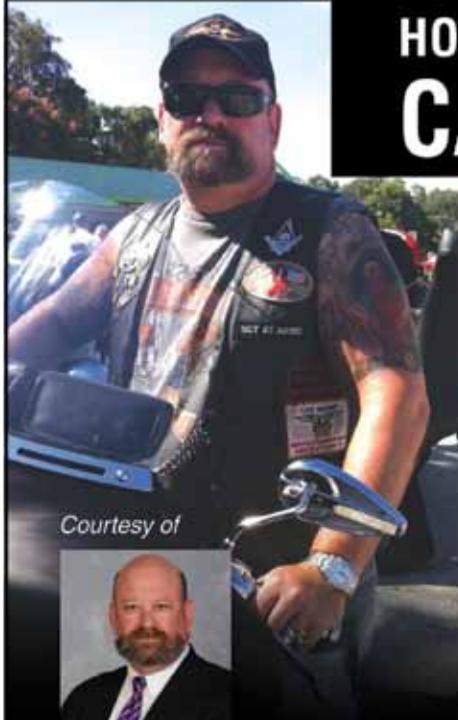
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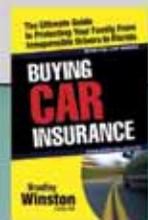
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### **ALL MOTORCYCLE RIDERS URGED TO SUPPORT FEDERAL ANTI-PROFILING MEASURE**

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) and the Confederations of Clubs is calling on all motorcyclists nationwide, from patch holders to independents, to contact their Congressional Representatives to ask for their support of House Resolution 255, a bipartisan anti-profiling measure being considered in the U.S. House of Representatives that is identical to Senate Resolution 154 passed by unanimous consent in the U.S. Senate on December 11, 2018.

H.Res.255; "Promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling," was introduced early in the 1st Session of the 116th Congress (2019-2020), on March 26, 2019 by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI), and currently has over 125 bipartisan co-sponsors.

As defined by both nonbinding Congressional resolutions, S.Res.154 & H.Res.255, "motorcycle profiling" means "the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States."

Concerned riders can contact their U.S. Rep. by calling the Capital Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and request that they join their colleagues in cosponsoring H.Res.255 to help thwart law enforcement from unfairly targeting motorcycle riders for traffic stops, questioning and citations.

### **RPM ACT TO PROTECT RACING HAS BEEN REINTRODUCED IN CONGRESS**

Legislation to protect the right to convert street vehicles into dedicated racecars -- known as the RPM Act -- is "well positioned" to become law in 2020 now that new versions of the bill have been introduced in Congress, according to the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA), an industry trade association representing the specialty automotive industry.

U.S. Representatives Patrick McHenry (R-NC), and Raul Ruiz (D-CA), along with 30 bipartisan co-sponsors, introduced H.R. 5434, the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2019 on December 16, 2019, complementing the Senate's version of the bill, S.2602, introduced October 18, 2019 by Senators Richard Burr (R-NC) and Joe Manchin (D-WV).

The RPM Act, if passed, would reverse the Environmental Protection Agency's 2015 interpretation of the Clean Air Act that it does not allow a motor vehicle designed for street use -- including a car, truck, or motorcycle -- to be converted into a dedicated racecar. The bill also would protect the motorsports-parts industry's ability to sell performance products.

The legislation cleared several major legislative hurdles in the previous Congress, including passage by the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee and hearings in the House and Senate.

The practice of converting street cars into competition vehicles went unquestioned for nearly 50 years until 2015, when the EPA took

the position that converted vehicles must remain emissions-compliant, even though they are no longer driven on public streets or highways.

Motorsports competition involves tens of thousands of participants and vehicle owners each year, says SEMA, with most of the vehicles being raced on the estimated 1,300 racetracks operating across the U.S. are converted vehicles that the EPA currently considers to be illegal.

### **CONGRESS EXTENDS TAX CREDITS FOR ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES**

The U.S. spending bill recently agreed to on December 17, 2019 includes extension of tax credits for home EV charger installations, electric motorcycles, and fuel-cell vehicles. These credits were previously extended through the end of 2017, though that time the extension was retroactive, as taxpayers didn't know about the incentive during the incentive period. Now, those credits have been extended retroactively again by Congress -- covering the last two years, since 2017 -- and have been extended forward to the end of this year.

Due to an amendment made to the year-end spending bill, taxpayers will once again qualify for a 30% rebate (up to \$1,000) on costs associated with the installation of an EV charging station, a 10% credit (up to \$2,500) on 2- or 3-wheeled electric vehicles such as electric motorcycles, and a \$4,000 credit for the purchase of a new fuel-cell vehicle.

These credits previously expired at the end of 2017, but will now be available through 2020. The credits are available retroactively so, presumably, this means that taxpayers can and should file amended returns for previous years.

### **HELMET REPEAL EFFORTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY**

Since 1966, when Georgia became the first State to require helmet use by law, America has gone through periods of nearly 100% conformity with every state except California passing mandatory

helmet laws, through two federal helmet law mandates, both since repealed, to today with only 19 states and the District of Columbia requiring helmets for all riders.

Now, with state legislatures back in session entering the new year, several of those states are hoping to be the next to nix their lid law, following most recently Arkansas (1997), Texas (1997), Kentucky (1998), Florida (2000), Pennsylvania (2003) and Michigan (2012). Louisiana weakened its motorcycle helmet use law in 1999, but re-enacted it in 2004.

Already this year, West Virginia has introduced bicameral legislation on January 10th, HB 2070 in the House and SB 153 in the Senate, that would allow you to operate or be a passenger on a motorcycle without a helmet, provided the rider is 21 or older and has held a motorcycle license for at least two years. In addition, SB 154 would allow certain out-of-state residents ride a motorcycle in West Virginia without helmet.

Missouri, which last session passed a helmet repeal through both houses of their legislature, only to see it vetoed, once again, by their governor, has introduced another bill on January 9th to exempt persons 18 or older with a valid motorcycle license from wearing protective headgear while riding a motorcycle or motortricycle.

In New York, A6895, introduced January 8th, provides that motorcyclists over the age of 21 shall be exempt from the requirement to wear a helmet when operating or riding a motorcycle, while A3004 "requires motorcycle users to wear helmets that meet the federal motor vehicle safety standards and which have been impact-tested by the U.S. department of transportation, the commissioner of motor vehicles or by an independent laboratory approved by the commissioner of motor vehicles."

Meanwhile, companion bills A214/S320 authorizes the commissioner of transportation to conduct a comprehensive study of the efficacy of

motorcycle helmets.

Vermont's legislature is considering S203, an act relating to motorcycle helmets, which "proposes to amend the motorcycle helmet law to only apply to motorcycle operators and riders under 21 years of age and creates an exemption from the motorcycle helmet requirement for those operators and riders who are participating in a parade."

The number of registered motorcycles in the U.S. is near historic highs, with more than 8.4 million registered motorcycles as of 2014, according to the U.S. DOT's Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is up from 4.3 million in 2000, nearly doubling over the past two decades.

#### **NEW DRIVER ACCOUNTABILITY LAW IN OREGON**

Effective January 1, 2020, it is now a CRIME for a (grossly) negligent driver to injure a motorcyclist or their passenger. It also requires careless drivers who injure riders or passengers to attend safety school and perform 100-200 hours of community service including driver training and traffic safety.

"I am proud to have written this bill and presented testimony to the Oregon Legislature," says Oregon Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) attorney Christopher A. Slater, who also serves as legal advisor to the Oregon Confederation of Clubs (COC) and ABATE of Oregon. "Hopefully this new law will help drivers to look for motorcycles and reduce rider injuries."

#### **WASHINGTON STATE ENDEAVORS TO MAKE ROADS SAFER**

The state of Washington passed some important motorcycle-related legislation that went into effect as of January 1, 2020 in an effort to increase motorcycle safety by making motorcycle endorsement testing more rigorous, and also increased penalties if you're caught riding without a license.

Previously, the cost of getting caught without a motorcycle license was lower than the cost of

actually taking motorcycle training classes, but as of 2020, it'll now cost you less to obtain the proper training than it will to get caught riding without a license. The full penalty for riding without a license will now cost \$386, with all fees considered.

Part of this has to do with Washington state's Target Zero highway safety plan, which aims to get serious injuries and fatalities on state roadways down to zero by 2030. An ambitious plan, to be sure, but one key point regarding motorcyclists is the state's intention to make the permitting and endorsement process for motorcyclists be a more meaningful evaluation of their skills and also making endorsement testing more difficult for riders seeking to get a license.

#### **MOTORCYCLE MARKET TRENDS**

As another year comes to a close, it is a great time to reflect on what has been generally a successful year for the Powersports industry, according to Jeremy Jensen, president of the Motorsports Group at Wells Fargo CDF, who reports some consistency from previous years, unexpected strengths, and a few areas of opportunity for next year:

UTVs -- Retail of side-by-sides saw a nice rebound in the second half of the year, some of which was weather driven, and the segment continues to grow in the mid-single digits per year.

ATVs -- Sales of ATVs have been consistently solid throughout the year, and expected to be up by low single digits by the end of 2019, with much of the growth coming in the 400-600cc sector. Given typical cannibalization of ATV by the UTV sector, this is a promising result year over year.

Motorcycles -- Overall, motorcycle retail sales are very similar with 2018 levels, however, different product groups are driving strength and weakness. Sport bikes, which was a successful sector last year (specifically <500cc), has fallen back. Off-road bikes, however, will be up by double digits

percentage with dual sport models also posting growth this year. Heavyweight motorcycles remain a key industry challenge as the industry continues to adjust to the preferences of the millennial generation.

Product innovation continues to be strong with technical advancements, new models, and improved performance and comfort. Whether it's being able to connect your phone, a more advanced GPS system, or an improved suspension, vendors are leveraging technology and looking for ways to enhance the rider experience.

From a dealer standpoint, a great area of opportunity is continuing to focus on building the local rider community. Organize events, let people feel and experience the products, introduce diversified groups of people to powersports, and continue to leverage social media as a way to reach new audiences.

Manufacturers have their own unique approach. They're shifting to smaller displacement vehicles at lower price points and an increased focus on bringing new technological elements to the vehicles. This allows riders of all backgrounds and experience levels to have access to the industry and feel connected to the broader community. "In the end," Jensen advises, "we're trying to encourage a lifestyle, not just a product."

### **HONDA PATENTS VERTICAL AIRBAG FOR MOTORCYCLES**

The idea of fitting an airbag to the front of a motorcycle has been around for almost as long as the airbag itself, and Honda pioneered the technology on its Gold Wing over a decade ago, but for the system they recently patented, the airbag launches vertically in front of the rider instead of mounting atop the center console.

The main problem for motorcycle designers wanting to incorporate one on a bike is packaging. While cars have plenty of space within the dashboard, side pillars and seats to stash the airbag and its inflation hardware, motorcycles are almost always devoid of

such space. The new system that Honda has just registered shows a small, airbag system that is compact enough that it can be mounted within the front-end bodywork of a small motorcycle or even a scooter.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes."

~ Samuel Clemens (a.k.a. Mark Twain) 1835-1910, American writer, humorist

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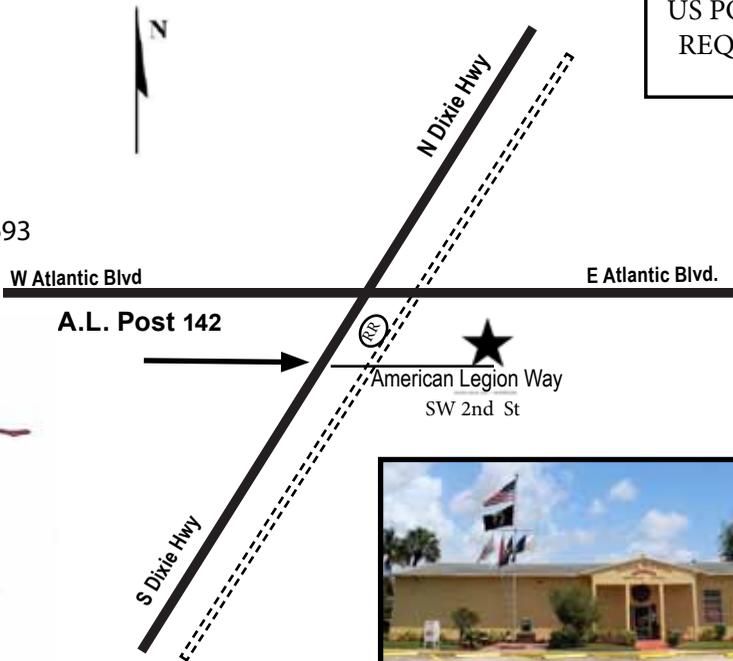
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