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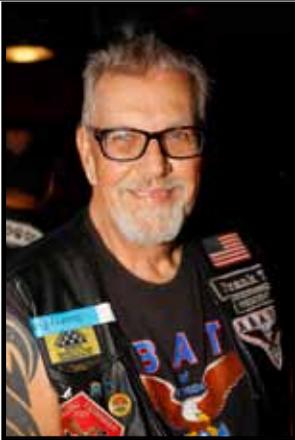
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## From Your President

ABATE Southeast Chapter President's Article January 2016

Happy New Year 2016 Everyone!!! There is lots of activity in the biker community this coming year. Mark your calendars to attend the **ABATE Southeast Chapter's 36th Semi-Annual Motorcycle Safety and Rights event at Chester's Ft. Lauderdale Harley Davidson on Sunday, January 17th** starting at noon. Chapter members are needed for event set-up, etc., starting at 8:30 a.m. "Soulicide" will be there rocking the house. Hope everyone rides out and joins in the support of the only motorcycle rights organization that represents Florida riders in protecting your right to "Ride Free Ride Safe!!"

The ABATE Southeast Chapter hosted our Christmas Holiday and member Birthday Party on December 20th. I want to thank everyone for coming and enjoying lots of fellowship, food, drink, and birthday cake, particular thanks goes to all those that brought covered dishes, and ABATE members Sponge-Bob and Dave for cooking, yummy... The Southeast ABATE Chapter is blessed with a small but strong core of volunteer members along with the current board of directors continue to shoulder the workload. I am honored to represent them as president. Currently the Southeast Chapter has 532 members; 313 life and 219 annual members. We would like to increase our membership and encourage our members to become more involved in chapter work, events, meetings, get-togethers. The Southeast Chapter had over 700 members in 2008 and with your help we could reach that level again.

The Toys in the Sun Run/Markham Park Adventure began on a Thursday afternoon. Thanks to Airborne and Yogi (States MC) we delivered our ABATE trailer to the park so we could set up the safety and membership booth on the day of the event. After we unhitched the trailer we headed over to Chester's Harley Davidson for some coffee. No sooner than we arrived the heavens opened up and I don't think it quit raining until late Saturday night. The day of the event the sun was shining but everything was flooded, there was water completely covering some roadways in the Park. The main infield had been completely (sort of) sealed off with police tape to keep vehicles from entering and trenching up the field. Our booth was located across the large infield which was now mostly muck, mud, and water complete with fire ants too. Most attendees stayed in the paved vendor area and toward the main stage. Only the strong-hearted dared venture across the field and through the quagmire to visit with us. We had a fun day regardless of the elements. There were 17 Southeast Chapter members volunteering, bringing toys and working for the day, thank all of you very much. Our special thanks go to SpongeBob who started his cooking with breakfast and kept all of us full of hamburgers and hotdogs during the day. This was my first time to have the opportunity to ride around the park after hours in a golf cart, and it is amazing how huge in size this event is and what it takes to make "the show go on." **The South Florida President's Council (SFPC) et.al, are to be commended for all the hard work and effort that goes into producing such an important and major event in support of Children's Cancer Treatments at Joe DiMaggio Children's Foundation, the James Jr. Fund and the SFPC Toy Drive to benefit thousands of Local Needy Children of all ages. Awesome Job!!**

In my last article I neglected to mention that Teddy Bear presented a certificate of appreciation to the



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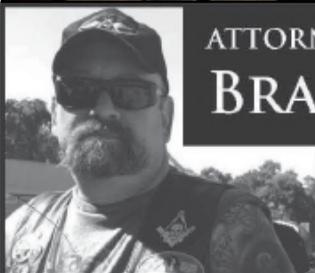


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### **Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Dec 20, 2015**

Sgt @ Arms Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. There were 38 members in attendance: The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence and a prayer by Poppi.

**Presidents Report:** Frank thanked everyone for coming and thanked everyone who showed up at Markham Park for the Toy Run for their help. He thanked Johnny Rose and Dittles for the extra attraction for all who walked by and took pictures with Dittles (what a ham). Hollywood will be calling. Frank mentioned that our next meeting will be at the Davie Moose. He also mentioned Chester's HD might be an option for our monthly meeting if something falls thru with the Davie Moose. There was a motion made to move the meeting date to January 24, 2016 because of our conflict date with the semi-annual on January 17th. Vote was called for, all in favor no discussion, Motion passed. January 24, 2016 at the Davie Moose. He then spoke about the State Meeting he attended and the new fees for annual and life membership. Annual dues will be \$30.00 after December 31st and life Membership fee is now \$600.00 effective immediately. Frank reminded everyone to support our advertisers.

**Vice-Presidents Report:** Poppy thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas. He also mentioned when visiting our advertisers mention that you are an ABATE member, so the advertisers know we are supporting them.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed, seconded, and no discussion. Motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** T-man read the financial report for August. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor, the Motion was passed. T-Man also spoke about the drawing tickets we have. The tickets are \$5.00 each, with a chance to win \$7,000.00 first prize, \$2,000.00 second prize and \$1,000.00. The drawing takes place in March 2016 and you do not have to be present to win. See any Board Member if you need tickets. We had a secret Santa who donated 4 tickets to the Chapter.

**Sergeant at Arms Report:** Steve thank everyone for helping at the Toy Run and that we will be needing help for our semi-annual on January 17th. Volunteers need to be at Chester's HD by 8:30 am.

**Road Captain's Report:** Gambler spoke about the Ethanol and gas for our bikes. Sunoco and Race Track have the non ethanol gas. There is a print out if anyone would like a copy on the ethanol gas and what the government is doing . Also please watch out for the tourists that are here and visiting. Some of them do not always know where they are going. Gambler would like to put out another try for a ride around the lake, Sunday, December 27th. Anyone interested check the hot line.

**Safety Director Report:** Gambler spoke about the Toy Run, and the upcoming events in January. We will having a Safety booth at the States MC Blessing of the Bikes January 3rd and at the Antique Motorcycle Event in Dania, January 30th so we will need help.

**Products Report:** Joel and Kathy are out of town for the holidays. Hopefully we will have our new order of shirts by the next chapter meeting.

**Events Coordinator:** Frank spoke on our Event January 17 at Chesters HD, and that we will needs lots of help. Bob will be cooking and he will need help also. We will also need help with the food tickets and raffles. Volunteers need to be there by 8:30AM.

**State Representative Report:** Frank gave the report from the State Meeting in Naples. There is a printout synopsis from the meeting on each table.

**Membership Report:** T-Man reported

we had 3 new members join, 6 renewals and 2 new Life members for a total of 532 active SE Chapter members. A reminder, when submitting all membership forms PLEASE fill them out completely, send it in a timely manner, so that we can read it. Thank you very much for your support and membership to the Southeast Chapter.

**Newsletter Editor:** Squeezer was present and needs all ads and posts by end of today.

**Legislative Report:** Brad is back and spoke about the VRU Bill and that it has passed the first committee and going to the appropriations committee. The US House has past the long-term highway bill which ends federal funding for motorcycle check points, and that establishes a National Motorcycle Advisory Board studying how infrastructures affect motorcycles and focuses on prevention rather than the helmet cause. He spoke on open carry of weapons and that knives are prohibited still; pocket knife is ok to carry.

**Public Relations:** Fern was excused. She is always out there promoting ABATE

**Billing and Invoicing:** Pixie was not present, but excused - Frank said everyone is up to date. He also mentioned when getting a new add remember to get the application filled out and get the check.

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**Social Director's Report:** Patty brought the Birthday cake for the December Birthdays which we will be celebrating after

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our meeting.

**Newsletter Distribution:** Poppy is in charge of the Newsletter Distribution. He reported all is going good. Everyone is doing a great job.

**Quartermaster Report:** Frank thanked Bob for cooking and bringing food to the Toy Run and he is cooking as we speak for our Christmas celebration after the meeting.

**Photographer's Report:** Ada mentioned she got her computer fixed so she is up and running posted the pictures from the Toy Run.

**Web-Master's Report:** Rogue was excused and Frank reported things are going good.

**Legal Council:** Demetrios was not present to report..

**Old Business:** There was no old Business to report.

**New Business:** There was no New Business to report

**Good of the Order:** Susan spoke about Health Saving account and mentioned it is tax free. Marie spoke about new shirts for the chapter. Will be placing an order for the new shirts in the next week and hopefully have them for our semi-annual and next chapter meeting.

**Going's On:**

Following the meeting we are going to

Ballers on Hallandale Beach Blvd to attend a benefit for Jim Nolan.

Jan 3: Blessing of the Bikes at States MC

Jan 10: Wings Of Gold Check presentation from the Toy Run at Chester's HD

Jan 17: Southeast Semi Annual at Chester's HD

Jan 24: Next Chapter meeting at Davie Moose

Jan 30: Antique Bike Show in Dania

Jan 31: Der Krieger MC Annual at Cagney's

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is January 24 at the DAVIE MOOSE. Hope to see everyone there.

See you on the Road - Wheels up

**Marie Baxter**  
**Secretary S.E. Chapter**



...[President's Message continued from page 4](#)

ABATE Southeast Chapter members for their support of the "Autism Speaks" event. Thanks go to all that participated. ABATE Southeast members were also present at Chester's Toys in the Sun Run Bike Drawing, SFCOC Christmas Party, Palm Beach ABATE Chapter's Annual, Wings of Gold Christmas Party, States MC Blessing of the Bikes, Freedom Rights Rally, and with a few clubhouses visited too.

ABATE Update: Harry Ness, T-Man, and I rode our bikes to Naples, followed by Critter and Ratchet in a support vehicle, for the December 12th ABATE State meeting. The Avon Park event was discussed and was considered a success for the first year. However, the State office may be looking at Lake Placid to hold the next fall event. A major discussion ensued regarding the need to increase membership dues. Many of our ABATE Chapter members are Life Members and this has created a financial problem in that after the initial life membership payment, that's generally all the revenue that is received at both the State and Local Chapter level which results in non-recurring revenue from this large portion of membership. Several examples include the Key's Southernmost Chapter which reports 78% life members and our Southeast Chapter membership is 62% life members. The State ABATE vote on dues: the majority of the delegation voted to increase annual dues from \$20 to \$30 effective midnight Dec. 31, 2015. Additionally, the majority of the delegation voted to increase the life member dues from \$150 to \$600, effective Dec. 12, 2015. **If you are a current ABATE Life Member you are not impacted by any dues increases.** It was also reported that the ABATE Orange Chapter had folded. This makes the second Chapter to close in the past four months. So ABATE of Florida needs the biker community's membership and support to continue our mission of safety, driver awareness, and biker rights legislative efforts.

**New ABATE Southeast Chapter Meeting Location:** In last month's article I mentioned that ABATE Southeast Chapter had to move to another meeting location. The American Legion Post 321 has been very generous in their support of the Chapter. However, we utilize their hall for only two hours on

one Sunday a month and they have an opportunity to have a renter every Sunday of the month. Thank you once again Post 321. The next Southeast Chapter meeting will be on January 24th will take place at the Davie Moose Lodge 1798. More info is listed below.

The Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) **[HB 253](#)** and **[SB 332](#)** bills are currently being considered in the Florida House and Senate committees. The fact of the matter is that unless the biker community becomes politically active and starts calling, emailing, and telling our legislators to support this "stiffer penalties" legislation, nothing is going to change. All of you please support the biker community and make your voice be heard in Tallahassee by contacting the following to support the VRU legislation: HB 253, Rep. Carlos Trujillo (Chairman), 850.717.5105, **[carlos.trujillo@myfloridahouse.com](mailto:carlos.trujillo@myfloridahouse.com)** and SB 332, Sen. Jeff Brandes (Chairman), 850.487.5022, **[jeff@flsenate.gov](mailto:jeff@flsenate.gov)**.

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Everyone is invited to attend the Southeast Chapter's monthly meetings and events. Currently the monthly member birthday party is being held after the Chapter meeting. **Our next meeting is January 24th at the Davie Moose Lodge 1798, 4483 SW 64th Ave. Davie, FL at 10 a.m.** To keep up to date with the ABATE Southeast Chapter, check out our website (**[abatese.org](http://abatese.org)**) or call our Hotline 24/7 (954-310-4636) for Chapter information. You may always contact me at **[pres@abatese.us](mailto:pres@abatese.us)**. RIDE FREE RIDE SAFE!!!

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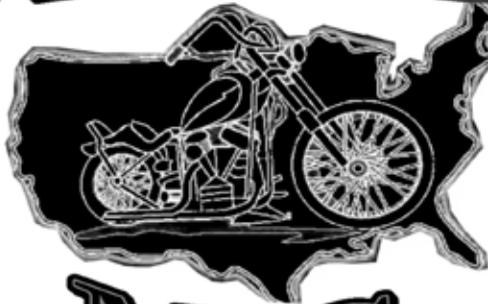
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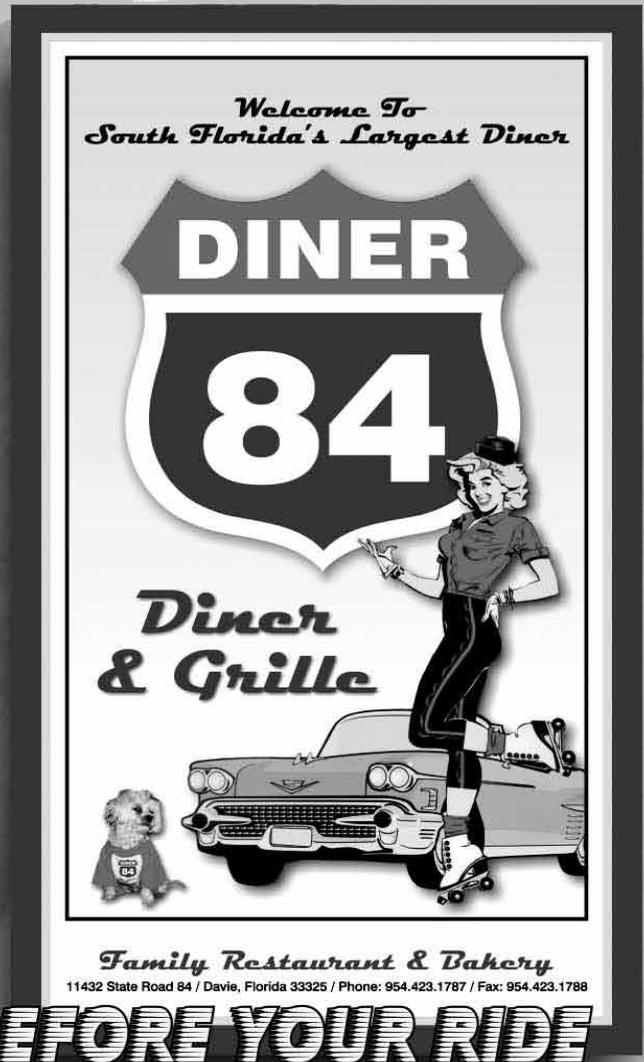
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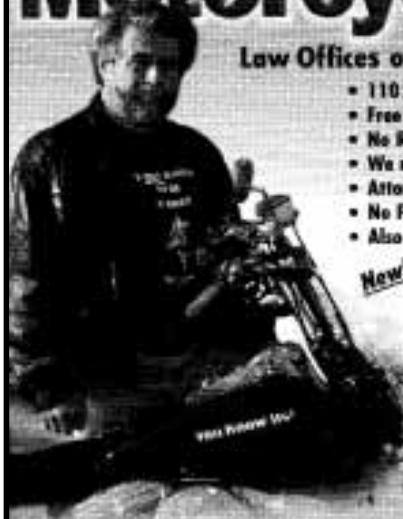
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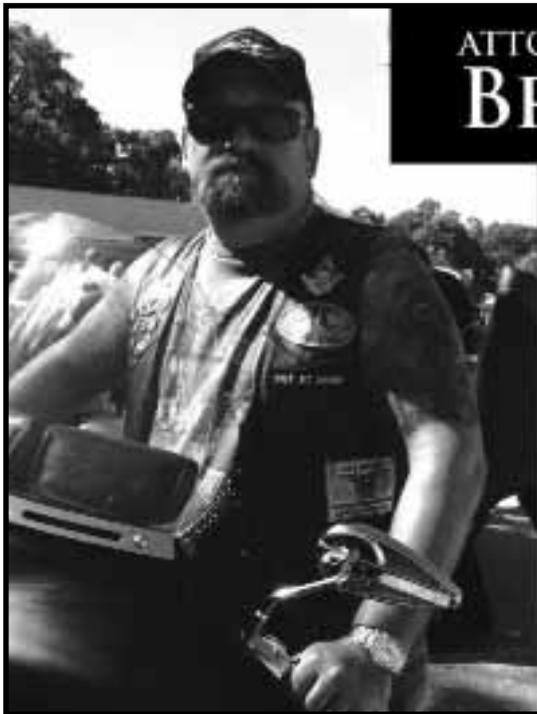
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 Jan 3 SuckerPunch  
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2016

January

2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 States MC - Blessing of the Bikes	4	5	6	7 States MC Pompano Dinner	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 States MC Pompano Dinner	15	16
17 ABATE SE - 36th Semi- Annual Event	18	19	20	21 States MC Pompano Dinner	22	23
24 <b><i>Chapter Meeting</i></b>	25	26	27	28 States MC Pompano Dinner	29	30 Dania Beach Vintage Motor- cycle Show
31						

**Additional Info:**

01/03/16 - States MC Club House - Blessing of the Bikes  
 01/10/16 - Wings Of Gold - Biker Appreciation Day  
 01/16/16 - Heathens MC - Annual  
 01/17/16 - ABATE SE Chapter - 36th Semi-Annual Event  
 01/24/16 - ABATE SE Chapter meeting  
 01/30/16 - 10th Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show  
 01/31/16 - Der Krieger MC - Annual

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2016

February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 States MC Pompano Dinner	5	6 USMV MC HOMESTEAD - ANNUAL
7	8	9	10	11 States MC Pompano Dinner	12	13
14 AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL	15	16	17	18 States MC Pompano Dinner	19	20 WHEELS OF MAN MC - 43rd ANNUAL
21 <b><u>Chapter Meeting</u></b>	22	23	24	25 States MC Pompano Dinner	26	27
28 HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL	29					

**Additional Info:**

02/06/16 - USMV MC HOMESTEAD - ANNUAL

02/14/16 - AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL

02/20/16 - WHEELS OF MAN MC - 43rd ANNUAL

02/21/16 - ABATE SE Chapter Meeting

02/28/16 - HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL

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# 2015 CALENDAR

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## JANUARY 2016

3: STATES MC - BLESSING OF THE BIKES  
10: WINGS OF GOLD BIKER APPRECIATION DAY  
16: HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL  
17: S.E. ABATE - SEMI ANNUAL  
31: DER KRIEGER MC - ANNUAL

## FEBRUARY 2016

6: USMV MC HOMESTEAD - ANNUAL  
14: AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL  
20: WHEELS OF MAN MC - 43rd ANNUAL  
28: HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL

## MARCH 2016

4-13: DAYTONA BIKE WEEK  
13: KELTICS MC - ANNUAL  
20: USMV MC CH.1 - PARTY  
27: CMA EASTER SERVICE

## APRIL 2016

3: STATES MC - 50th ANNUAL  
9: MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY  
16: OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL  
22-24: LEESBURG BIKEFEST

## MAY 2016

1: SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL  
15: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL  
22: LOS COQUIS MC - ANNUAL  
29: S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT  
30: Memorial Day

## JUNE 2016

11: AOA SO FLORIDA MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers  
12: WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL  
19: Fathers Day  
26: USMV MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL

## JULY 2016

4: Independence Day  
10: ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL  
17: SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BRO- ANNUAL  
23: WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

## AUGUST 2016

7: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY  
8-14: 76th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY  
12-14: SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION  
14: AOA FT. LAUD. 49th ANN. & MOLDY'S B-DAY

20: LOS COQUIS MC - SMOKEY & DIESEL B-DAY  
27: OUTCAST MC PARTY

## SEPTEMBER 2016

4: SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN  
5: Labor Day  
11: STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY  
16-18: PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN  
25: KELTICS MC - PARTY

## OCTOBER 2016

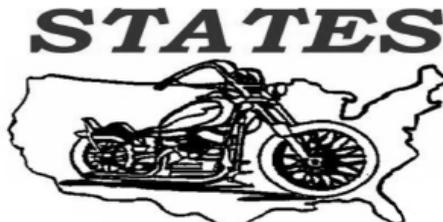
2: MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL  
8: NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL  
9: S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL  
14-16: DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST  
22: WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY  
30: CMA - MEMORIAL

## NOVEMBER 2016

5: HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL  
11: Veterans Day  
12: USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL  
19: LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL  
20: ALTERNATIVE MC PARTY  
24: Thanksgiving Day

## DECEMBER 2016

4: SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN  
10: PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING  
10: HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO PINO TOY RUN  
11: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN  
17: SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY  
25: Christmas



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A thanks goes out to all the ABATE members that came out for the Toys in the Sun Run. The weather didn't dampen our efforts to set up and participate in this year's event. I'm sorry to say that I think the weather frightened a lot of riders away this year. The attendance was extremely low this year. You must remember this event goes on rain or shine and is for a very good cause, Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital. Think of the Children.

Our Chapter Meeting was held on December 20th and after the meeting we had our annual Christmas lunch. The food and company was as good as I expected. Thanks to Bob and Dave for the buffet. It was nice to see so many members attend and thanks to the members that brought covered dishes to top everything off, and don't forget the Birthday cake. Thanks Patti. Following the meeting a group of us rode over to the AOA Welcome Home Party at Baller's in Hallandale for one of their long time members, who has been away for a while. Thanks for the invitation. We had a great time.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

Rides and Events coming up in January & February 2016:

January 3, 2016: The blessing of the bikes held at the State MC

Come visit our Safety and Membership Booth

January 10: Wings of Gold Biker Appreciation in memory of Bob Amchir at Chester's HD in Sunrise.

January 16: Heathen MC's Pirates Ball at Gilbert's Resort in Key Largo

January 17: ABATE SE Chapter's Annual Event at Chester's Harley Davidson, Sunrise

January 30: Vintage Motorcycle Show, Frost Park, Dania Beach

Come visit our Safety and Membership Booth

January 31: Der Krieger MC's Annual Party at Cagney's

February 14: AOA Fort Lauderdale Annual at their Club House

Until next time, keep the shiny side up and the rubber on the road.

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Kathleen McGee  
Angela Correa

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Vinny Parlatori "Mongoose"  
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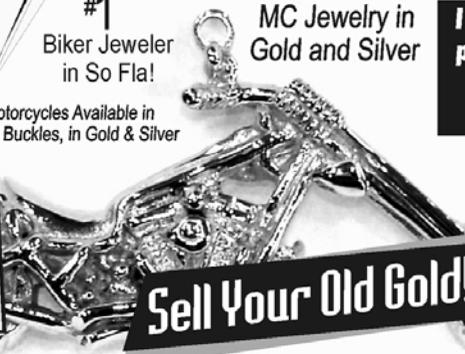
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Many times I have resolved to exercise more and lose weight. I end up doing it for a couple of months and then give up on it. But if I only lost 5 pounds in the couple of months before I quit, that is still 5 pounds less than I weighed before resolving to lose weight. Those are 5 pounds less that my joints have to carry, and a little better health and life expectancy for me.

This year I will still resolve to lose weight, but I will do it more realistically. This year I resolve to lose 1.5 to 2 pounds per month. If I am successful, by this time next year I shall have lost 18 to 24 pounds. I also resolve to have my butt spend less time on the sofa in front of the TV and more in the saddle than it did last year. I also resolve to enjoy more time with family and friends than I have in the past. If I can continue just one of these throughout the whole year, I believe I shall be a happier and healthier person.

May the New Year bring you all health and happiness. And may you each do better with your resolutions this year than you have done in the past. God Bless all of you.

Your editor - "Squeezer"





## The Lords Timing

A very happy and blessed new year to all.

Here is a very good way to start the New Year. God has His time for all things, when you ask for His help. There is nothing He won't do for you if you ask. When you Pray for something God hears all Prayers, He answers all Prayers, the thing is the answer is not always the answer you want to hear, and sometimes not in the time that you want. But rest assured the answer will come, in His time and in His way. Remember God is never late and He's never early, He's always right on time.

God always has the time for all things.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 says,

There is a time for everything , and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to up root,  
a time to kill and a time heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
time for war and a time for peace.

If the Bible Verses sound familiar that's probably because, a song titled" Turn! Turn! Turn!" By the group The Byrds was inspired by them.

What I'm saying is as long as you have faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and believe that He is in control of all things, if you have needs and need help with anything, ask and you will receive answers to all your Prayers. But remember You Must Have Faith.

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## From Your Safety Director



### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE GEAR

We always hear about how we need to protect ourselves because other drivers can't see us. Well the truth is they aren't looking for us. Most drivers aren't aware we are driving toward them (in the opposite lane of course), beside them or even behind them. What is it they always say after they hit one of us? "I never saw the motorcycle", until it was too late. We need to protect ourselves the best way we can. Yes one way is to drive defensively. The other is to wear protective gear. The choices of what to wear are always ours, but let's discuss them anyway.

Look for durable jackets made especially for motorcycle riders from special synthetics or leather. Jackets with reflective trim or accented with bright colors can also help make you more visible. Wear long pants,



never shorts. For best protection wear leather chaps. And finally, Retro-reflective material used on your clothes, helmet, and motorcycle will help make you more visible to other motorist, especially at night.



Helmets can protect the driver and passenger, in cases of minor accidents, from head injuries. No they won't necessarily save your life in a high speed accident with a cage, but don't forget some motorcycle accidents do not involve

other vehicles. Florida has no Helmet law. "Let those who ride decide".

Face protection can save you from getting hit in the face by stones, pebbles, insects, stuff being thrown out of cages, and even wind while driving down the high way. And no, eye glasses do not give you the protection you need. Wind



can get behind them and make your eyes water and impair your vision. You can wear a full or half face shield attached to your helmet. Get motorcycle glasses or goggles with safety lenses and fit tightly around your eyes to prevent

wind from getting in. I'm telling you this, if you use a windshield once, you may never go without one again. Just saying.



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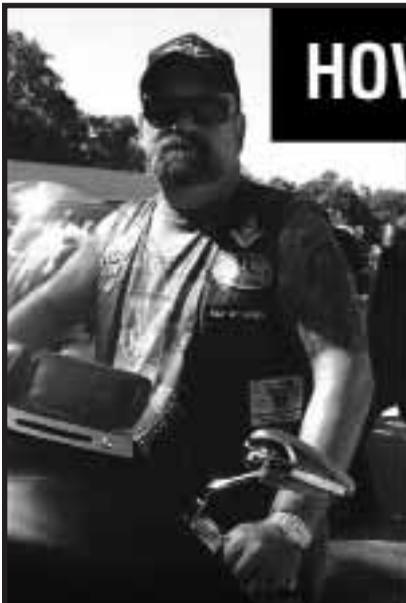
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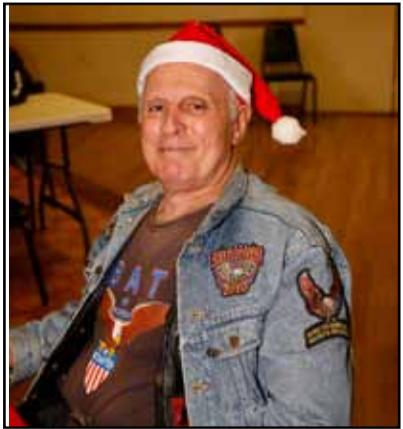
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### **HIGHWAY BILL SIGNED INTO LAW**

Passed by the House 359-65 on Thursday afternoon, December 3rd, and approved by the Senate 83-16 later that same day, a long-awaited long-term highway funding bill has been signed into law by President Barack Obama, marking big gains for the nation's infrastructure and America's motorcyclists, among others.

Overwhelmingly approved by Congress a day before current funding expired, the 1,300-page five-year \$305 billion measure increases federal money for transportation infrastructure projects around the country, addressing our aging and congested highways and bridges after years of stymied efforts. The legislation, dubbed "Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act", takes effect immediately and represents a 25% increase in federal funds committed to surface transportation infrastructure.

In addition, the good news for motorcyclists is that the new Highway Bill prohibits the Department of Transportation from awarding grants to local and state governments for motorcycle-only checkpoint programs, effectively preventing such discriminatory roadblocks; Reinstates the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the federal government on infrastructure issues of concern to motorcyclists; Funds motorcycle safety grants and distracted driving programs, and makes it easier for states to qualify; Establishes privacy and security measures in infrastructure technologies and data retrieval; and Continues funding for off-highway recreation.

### **FEDS INCREASE ETHANOL LEVELS**

The federal government has substantially increased the mandated amount of ethanol to be used in America's gasoline next year, from 16.93 billion gallons in 2015 to 18.11 billion gallons in 2016, harkening widespread availability of higher-ethanol fuel blends, such as E15, which can damage motorcycle engines and void manufacturer warranties.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the increase as part of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), which mandates the volume of

E15, which is a fuel blend of 15% ethanol, has not been approved by the EPA for use in any of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and ATVs in the U.S., and Congress has considered measures calling for further study of ethanol and its effect on internal combustion engines.

Meanwhile, many motorcycle and automobile organizations, among others, continue to lobby against ethanol, not just because its unapproved use can damage fuel systems and internal engine parts, reduce power and mileage, and invalidate warranties, but opponents also argue that ethanol pollutes more than the oil it's meant to replace, takes more energy to produce than it delivers, drives up cost and scarcity of food resources, doesn't reduce our oil-dependency, and the government subsidies being paid for ethanol production diverts funds that could improve our highways, bridges and infrastructure.

### **HONDA AND BMW PLEDGE TO ADDRESS GLOBAL WARMING**

As 150 Heads of State and Government convened in Paris, France at the 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, with a goal to "reach a new universal climate agreement that is applicable to all," the hope is that some arrangement can be reached to help reduce carbon emissions worldwide and keep global warming from exceeding a two degree Celsius rise in the coming years.

Emissions legislation and the transition to cleaner energy, both of which are included as strategies toward curbing climate change, have obvious impacts on the motorcycle industry. Europe, for example, has set some of the most stringent emissions standards on motorcycles with further restrictions forthcoming. Further changes are likely to be seen in the U.S. as well, in part because of the pledges two motorcycle companies have made in accord with strategies outlined by the White House in Paris. American Honda Motor Company and the BMW Group are now involved in efforts to address global warming, both companies signing the American Business Act on Climate Pledge.

In a press release issued November 30, 2015, by the White House, 154 companies are cited as having

signed the pledge, each offering company-specific strategies to combat climate change. American Honda and BMW are currently the only two motorcycle OEMs to sign the following pledge:

“We applaud the growing number of countries that have already set ambitious targets for climate action. In this context, we support the conclusion of a climate change agreement in Paris that takes a strong step forward toward a low-carbon, sustainable future. We recognize that delaying action on climate change will be costly in economic and human terms, while accelerating the transition to a low-carbon economy will produce multiple benefits with regard to sustainable economic growth, public health, resilience to natural disasters, and the health of the global environment.”

### **CHILDRENS ADVOCATES DENIED ACCESS TO COURTHOUSE OVER CLUB COLORS**

The New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (NMMRO) is helping address an issue where a group called the Guardians of the Children, a nonprofit organization of child abuse advocates comprised of motorcyclists, is being denied access to the courthouse unless they remove their motorcycle vests as instructed by the Bernalillo Sheriffs Department. The patches on these vests help identify themselves to the children and families they are supporting. Along with this, many of the members have received rude and uncalled for treatment by several of the officers.

GOC President Frank Montano and NMMRO Chairperson Annette Torrez (also a member of the NCOM Board of Directors) met with Sheriff Manny Gonzales along with several officers to discuss the matter. “Sheriff Gonzales received us well, listened to our concerns and apologized for the treatment of the deputies,” reports Torrez. He asked them to report any negative actions from the deputies to their internal affairs division and he will see the issue is addressed.

As for the removal of the vest, the Supreme Court says; individuals have the first amendment right to wear clothing which displays writings or designs in a courthouse. There are several cases specific to motorcycle club colors, states the NMMRO. Recent Federal Case Law confirms motorcycle organization patches and club colors as a protected expression. A U.S. District Court this past September, relying on Supreme Court precedent, concluded that the government may not impose restrictions on an individual

solely because of displaying membership in a motorcycle club. Citing 1985 and 1971 U.S. Supreme Court cases on First Amendment rights states it is not reasonable to prohibit speech in courthouse hallways merely because it may offend someone.

“Sheriff Gonzales suggested we now make an appointment with the Chief Justice where we will address the violation of our 1st Amendment concerning this issue or any ban on motorcycle patches and attire in the court house,” said Torrez, who also told TV stations KRQE Channel 13 and Channel 7 KOAT in interviews that; “It is the people’s court and our house and the government may not impose restrictions on an individual solely because of displaying membership in a motorcycle club or organization.”

### **MORE FEMALE RIDERS THAN EVER**

Motorcycle ownership by women has doubled over the past decade, and female ridership is now at an all-time high. Today, women riders account for 14% of all U.S. motorcycle owners, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council’s latest Motorcycle Owner Survey, well up from the 8% reported in 1998.

“Women continue to embrace motorcycling like never before,” said Sarah Schilke, national marketing manager of BMW Motorrad USA and chair of PowerLily, a group consisting of female motorcycle industry professionals. “Of the 9.2 million owners, more of them are women than we’ve ever recorded. In fact, the number of female owners better than doubled from 2003 to 2014. And, among the more than 30 million Americans who swung a leg over a motorcycle and rode at least one time in 2014, a quarter of these riders were women.”

Among younger generations of owners, the percentage of women is even higher. Slightly more than 17% of Gen X owners, and 17.6% of Gen Y owners, are women. Among Boomer owners, women make up 9%.

The Owner Survey also revealed what type of bikes women prefer. Cruisers are the choice of 34% of female riders. Scooters rank a close second at 33%, followed by sport bikes at 10%. In the survey, of some 48,000 American households, women were also asked to share their top three reasons for riding motorcycles. They answered “fun and recreation,” followed by “sense of freedom” and “enjoy outdoors/nature.” When

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it comes to purchasing a motorcycle, women rate “Fuel Economy” and “Test Rides” as the most important decision-making factors.

The study revealed that female riders are safety-conscious. While 60% of women took a motorcycle safety course, only 42% of men had any formal training. In some state motorcycle safety training programs, women make up 30% of the student population.

Other key survey results: The median age for female motorcyclists is 39 versus 48 for males; 49% are married; 47% have a college degree; New bikes are preferred over used by 57% of female riders; and 49% of women motorcyclists take care of their own maintenance.

### **WEIRD NEWS: SAUDI PRINCE “GAMER” HAS WOMEN RACING MOTORCYCLES**

Although the women of Saudi Arabia are not authorized to take the wheel, in a new video game designed by Arab royalty, they ride motorcycles as they race through destroyed and corrupted lands.

The smartphone game called “Saudi Girls Revolution” (SGR) was created by His Highness Prince Fahad Al-Saud, the grandson of the Saudi Arabia king’s brother. He’s got an occidental culture, studied at Stanford University, worked at Facebook on the launch of the Arabic version and has lived in Los Angeles and London and has founded several companies including NA3M Games, the company behind “Saudi Girls Revolution.”

Will a video game help the fight for more relaxed laws for all women living in the Arabic world? Saudi Arabian women have been fighting for their right to drive for decades, but now they can at least imagine being one of the 8 ladies of the game riding at full speed under dark clouds in a post-apocalyptic Kingdom through hostile landscapes, fighting against brutal tyrants with their abayas in the wind.

### **NCOM CONVENTION ROLLS INTO ATLANTIC CITY**

The 31st annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother’s Day weekend, May 5-8, 2016 at Harrah’s Resort, located at 777 Harrah’s Blvd in Atlantic City, New Jersey, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$109 by calling (888) 516-2215.

The largest gathering of motorcycle rights activists in the world, this year’s NCOM Convention will draw over

a thousand concerned bikers from across the country to “America’s Playground” to engage in serious discussions on topics of concern to all riders.

All motorcyclists were welcomed and encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that focused on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders’ rights and preserve Freedom of the Road.

Topics will range from Anti-Profilng Laws to “SMRO Effectiveness,” with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.

NCOM has successfully outreached to numerous segments of the motorcycling community in an effort to unite for our rights, both legal and legislatively, and has become a unifying voice amongst North America’s motorcycle rights organizations (MROs), motorcycle clubs, women riders, religious riding organizations, touring groups, trikers, sportbikers, and minority motorcyclists.

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) is solely sponsored by the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) nationwide legal services program and serves as an umbrella organization for more than 2,000 NCOM Member clubs, organizations and associations worldwide, representing well over a quarter of a million politically active motorcyclists.

To pre-register for the 2016 NCOM Convention, contact the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com).

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** “There’s really no such thing as the ‘voiceless’. There are only the deliberately silenced or the preferably unheard.”  
Suzanna Arundhati Roy (b. 24 Nov 1961, India) political activist and author



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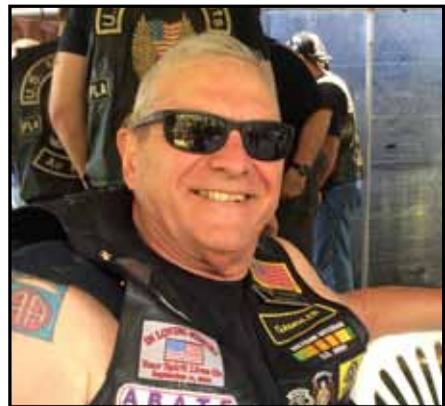


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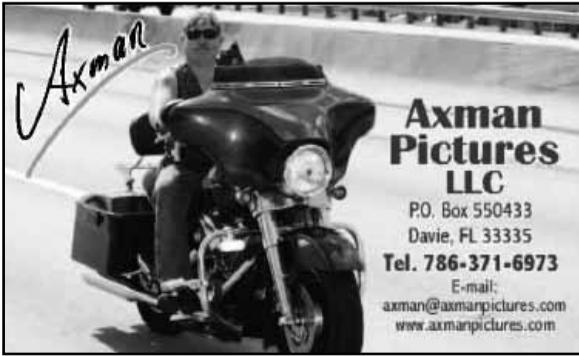
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