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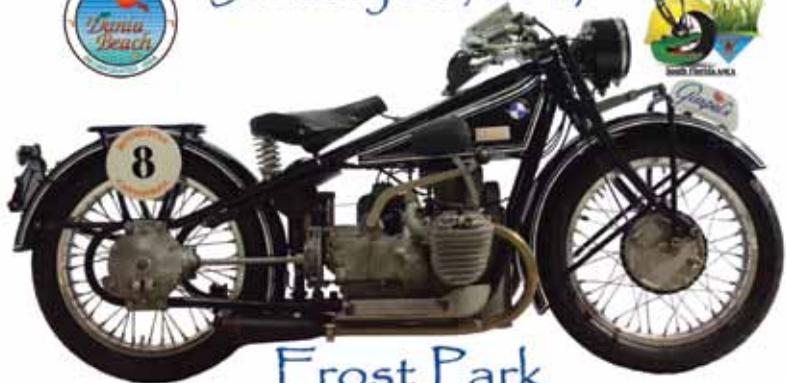
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# WHO WE ARE

- 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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.
- We've become the 4<sup>th</sup> largest State Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the country (IN & IL are 1&2, we regularly switch for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Season's Greetings brothers and sisters, I hope your holidays were merry and bright! Thank you for taking the time to pick up and read our newsletter!

I would like to thank everyone involved with the setup, support, and operation of our safety-booth in the 29th Annual Toys in the Sun Run! There was an excellent turn out for the ride to the park; and everyone involved did a fantastic job, as usual! On the same token, I would also like to thank everyone involved with the setup, support, and operation of our Holiday Party that we had after our December meeting! As those of the membership that attended the December meeting may remember, it was announced that our January 22, 2017 Semi-Annual event was canceled due to unforeseeable circumstances.

However, we will be setting up a Safety Booth at the 11th Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show being held on January 28th, 2017 at Frost Park. It would be great if we can get the same turn out that we had for the Toys in the Sun Run! On December 22nd, Critter, Paul Baglio, and myself met up at American Legion Post 321 and headed over to the Wings of Gold MC's clubhouse for their Christmas Party. What a party it was!!! There was plenty of good food and Yuletide cheer being had by all! Critter and myself then headed over to the Keltics MC's clubhouse to wish them a Merry Christmas before calling it a night.

So with that, I thank everyone for their continued support for our chapter and our state organization!

May Saint Christopher, Holy Patron of Travelers, guide and protect you and your loved ones so that you may RIDE FREE AND RIDE SAFE my brothers and sisters!!!

With Honor and Respect,  
William G. "Ratchet" Prewitt, President  
ABATE of Florida, Inc., Southeast Chapter



and the awards go to...  
Diddles & Princess



## Membership Due For January 2017

Thomas "Pizza-Chit" Albarano  
Emmanuel "Mannster" Ayala  
Bob Beering  
Chas "Chasman" Brandau  
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Craig Burns  
Joe "Cowboy" Byerley  
Darrell "Driver" Byers  
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Ray "Gator" Cline, III  
David "Dave" Cohen  
Kathy "Kate" Colfax  
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James "Jimbo" Drinkwater  
Larry Fay  
Donna "Trouble Maker" Gregory

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Bruce "Wrench" Henriques  
Henry "SHAGGY" Hugelheim  
Richard "Ziggy" Kaiser  
James "Shaymus" MacAnespie  
Merry "Hell Cat" McAvity  
Ed "Knuckles" Newman  
Etanislao Onorato  
Delora "Goddess of Trouble" Petress  
Jeffry "Picasso" Smith  
Duncon Smith  
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**December 2016**

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Aaron Honeycutt

Leslie L "Wise Les" Jensen

Jeff "Handyman" Maynard

William "Captain Bob" Terrell



For Membership Renewals contact, George Torrence by either email:  
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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.



**Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes  
Held at the Cooper City American Legion  
December 18, 2016**

Sergeant at Arms Steve “Nighthawk” Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:12 am. There were 31 members and 1 guest present. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Poppie.

President’s Report: Ratchet started the meeting by thanking everyone for coming. He also thanked everyone who turned out for the Toy Run. It was nice to see how many showed up and rode in with us. He gave a special thanks to Russ for bringing the trailer out, to Wavy & Anna for manning the products, Bob Anz for cooking breakfast and lunch. Johnny & Sheila Rose were presented with a certificate of appreciation for Diddles; Russ & Terri were presented with a certificate for Princess. Due to circumstances beyond our control we will not hold our semi-annual party in January. We will start working hard now for our Memorial Day Party. Our next safety booth event will be at the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show on January 28. We will discuss that further at the next chapter meeting. Ratchet encourages the membership to carry newsletters and bring them to establishments they frequent in order to

increase our advertisers. Please be sure to stay for our holiday party after the meeting.

Vice-President’s Report: Poppie apologized for missing the Toy Run. We’ve recently lost 2 life members: War Dog and Papa Harley. Poppie stated that he didn’t know War Dog very well, but Papa Harley was a very dedicated member and did quite a bit for this chapter before his health failed. May they both rest in peace. Please hang around for our holiday party.

Secretary’s Report: Marie was excused; she is taking care of her mother. Critter sat in to take the minutes. A Motion was made to accept the minutes as printed. The Motion was seconded; all were in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Critter read the financial report for November. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor. Motion passed.

Sergeant at Arm’s Report: Happy Holidays. Please say a prayer this holiday season for all the men and women that protect this country. Nighthawk had the chance to go to the State Meeting in Naples and really liked what he heard there. He also thanked Bob and Russ. Don’t forget to watch for school zones.

Road Captain's Report: Wavy had a great time at the State Meeting. He thanked everyone for the great showing at the Toy Run and would like to see similar attendance at more events. January is a busy month: States MC Blessing of the Bikes Jan. 8; Wings of Gold MC Biker Appreciation Jan. 15; Gina's (Candy's Cycle) Customer Appreciation Jan 21; Dania Beach Bike Show Jan. 28; Der Krieger Annual Jan. 29. Wavy will be sending text blast reminders to all who are on his list. Please contact him if you would like to be added to that text list. Be careful when leaving your registration in/on your car or bike. Your registration contains your driver's license number, date of birth and address which is enough information for a thief to hack your life. Wavy's wife recently had her car broken into and all they took was the registration. Please be mindful of this type of identify theft.

Safety Director's Report: Prime thanked everyone who came out and helped at the Toy Run. At the next meeting he will be asking for volunteers for the safety booth at the Dania Beach Bike Show.

State Representative's Report: Critter reported that Southeast Chapter was awarded a certificate for the most new members in October. According to Darin (State VP) the State has been getting positive feedback from the postcards chapters are sending to the legislators. We need to get ours out as well. Any help in doing so would be greatly appreciated. One of our goals this year is to get the safety money back into the budget. Last year it got through the House and Senate only to be vetoed by the Governor. This year procedures have changed

and a bill needs to be put in for the money. We have a senator who will put the bill in and who will speak to the Governor about not vetoing it. This same senator said there's very good chance that a helmet bill will be introduced in 2017. If it happens, the membership needs to be prepared to make phone calls when the time comes. The ride to the Capitol will be Monday, April 10, 2017. We need a good turnout to impress upon the legislators the voting power within ABATE. The drawing for the shotgun and rifle was a success. We will do it again in 2017.

Products Report: If you want products call Wavy and he will make arrangements to meet you somewhere or you can go to his house. He will try to bring the products to the meeting every other month.

Membership Report: George reported that we had 1 new member and 6 renewals for a total of 517 members in the Chapter. Thank you very much for your membership and support of the Southeast Chapter.

Events Coordinator: Absent

Newsletter Editor: Critter reported that she needs the articles for the newsletter as soon as possible. She also thanked those that have been sending her photos to use, please keep them coming. Prime is looking for people to ride to restaurants for his food article.

Newsletter Distribution: Poppie reported that all is going well, the newsletters are getting distributed. Jon, Teddy Bear, Postal and Bars have been helping out a lot. Johnny and Sheila are picking up a new stop. Thank you all.

Legislative Report: Good news is that, so far, there is no bill with the word motorcycle pending in the legislation. Bad news is that Senator Clemens has regurgitated his Vulnerable Road Users Bill with an amendment that removes the definition of a “vulnerable road user.” Without that definition, motorcyclists will not be represented in the bill. There is also a push to repeal the PIP insurance law. Brad reported that this is actually a good thing as it will allow you collect from the person that hit you instead of collecting from your own insurance. When purchasing bodily injury insurance it’s a very good idea to get uninsured motorist coverage also. By getting it as a package the cost is usually minimal for the coverage it provides. Red light cameras are back in the crosshairs (Senate Bill 178). The burden of proof standard in stand your ground cases is also being challenged. Currently, the defendant in these cases must prove they had cause to stand their ground. Senate Bill 128 looks to shift that burden to the prosecutor to prove you were not standing your ground. Other bills being introduced deal with open carry laws and being able to carry concealed on college campuses and airports. Brad will continue to monitor these bills. Nighthawk mentioned that, in light of the bills that are coming up, please be sure you are registered to vote in the State of Florida. Tallahassee needs to see the number of registered voters we have.

Legal Counsel: Nothing at this time.

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

Billing and Invoicing: Pixie was excused.

Social Director Report: Patty was absent. Ace

brought the cake for the December birthdays to be enjoyed after the meeting. Next month’s birthday party will be after the January meeting.

Quartermaster’s Report: Bob reported that the Toy Run went well. There’s lots of food for the holiday party after the meeting. Please stay and enjoy it.

Photographer’s Report: This position is open. We are looking for volunteers.

Web-Master’s Report: Rogue was not present but everything is up and running.

Old Business: Nothing at this time.

New Business: Wavy mentioned that the Vice-President Elect is a member of ABATE of Indiana. It would be nice to know what his position is on helmets. Chains asked if we could look into allocating motorcycle parking at all establishments, i.e. Publix, Wal-Mart, etc. We will mention it at the next State Meeting.

Good of the Order: Santa Clause showed up for our holiday party.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is January 15, 2017, at the Cooper City American Legion.

Hope to see everyone there.  
Joanne “Critter” Napoli





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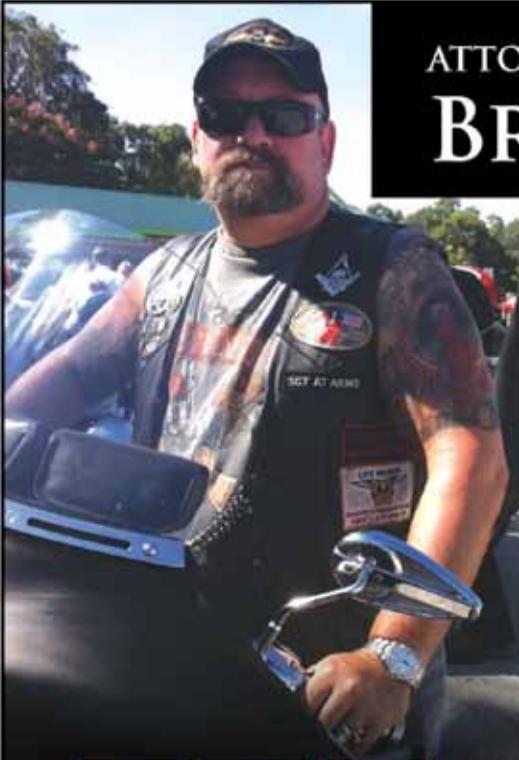
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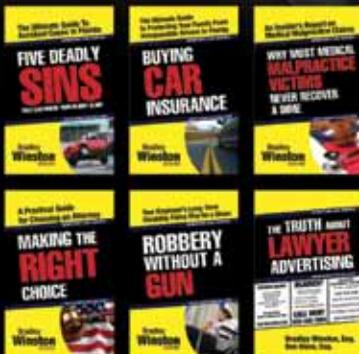


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## *A Message From Your Vice President*



Very sorry to hear my good friend and fellow Abate SE member Papa Harley passed away just before Thanksgiving. My thoughts and Prayers go out to his lovely wife Ellen.

Papa Harley was a life member of Abate SE for many years. He was a very active member, and will be missed. He was assistant safety director for quite a few years.

Papa Harley, Vulture, and I made up a very good team. When I was asked to join them they were already teaching in most local high schools. I was nervous at first, but

Papa got me through it and I thank him for that. We actually got to ride our bikes into the classrooms, when they fit. That was a very effective tool to get the students' attention. Papa always had little tricks to get their attention.

In closing I will say he was a very good brother and Abate member and will be missed by many.

I will see you again! R.I.P.

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Gone but not forgotten

With love,  
Poppie,

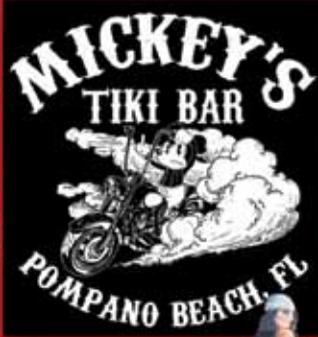


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Good day brother and sister riders. Today I want to talk to you about an experience I had last weekend. I had to take care of some business for my Dad so I headed up to West Palm Beach about 10p.m. last Friday night. It was predicted to have scattered showers in certain areas, so I called my father and asked if it was raining up his way. He told me it wasn't, so I hopped on the turnpike. At about Glades road I started to feel an awakening sensation that can only be felt while going down the highway on a bike and being hit with raindrops. It was about to come down hard, so I put my hazard lights on and pulled over to a safe

place. I then reached into my bags and pulled out my jacket and my face mask. After donning my raingear I was good to go.



I say all of that to say this....Always Be Prepared. Make sure that you are equipped to handle the elements. ALWAYS travel with foul weather gear and, if you don't have any – Get Some!! You never know what Mother Nature can possibly throw at you, especially here in South Florida.

Ride safe brother and sister bikers.

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## NEWS from our State Legislative Rep - Darrin "Scribe" Brooks

A motorcycle helmet bill has been filed in the Florida House by brand new Rep. Don Hahnfeldt a republican from District 33. District 33 is all of Sumter County, and parts of Lake and Marion Counties.

**HB 6009 Motorcycle Safety** By Rep. Hahnfeldt, Removes provisions authorizing certain persons over 21 years of age to operate/ride motorcycle without wearing protective headgear; provides penalties. It will make riding without a helmet a noncriminal traffic 26 infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in 27 chapter 318.

So the fight is on, but what makes this worse are the new rules the Speaker of the House has placed on lobbyist. The only way we can defeat this is if everyone of us calls and talks to our OWN Representative personally that we are opposed to this bill. This is not something that just a few people can do, this is something that every single member of ABATE of Florida,

Inc. needs to do. The Legislators are back home for the Holidays, so take time to reach out to them.

Please get this out to all your members ASAP... we have to act fast and stay in action. Please remind your members to not say or do anything stupid or aggressive to the Legislators. The last thing we need is someone getting pissed off and yelling or threatening someone.

We will fight this by giving facts and discussing CALMLY that this will not be the answer. The last DHSMV stats for 2015 show this about the motorcyclist deaths in Florida:

- Killed wearing a helmet = 276
- Killed without a helmet = 237
- Killed with non approved helmet = 20
- Killed unknown helmet or not = 13

I will be focusing on getting out more details and info about helmets.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Total Crashes	344,170	374,342
Total Deaths	2,494	2,939
M/C crashes	9,854 (2.8%)	10,201(2.7%)
M/C deaths	427 (17%)	546 (18.5%)
Alcohol suspected crashes	16,873 (4.9%)	16,400(4.4%)
Alcohol suspected deaths	849 (34%)	908 (31%)
Pedestrian involved crashes	8,838 (2.5%)	9,085(2.4%)
Pedestrian deaths	606 (24%)	632 (22%)

Total crashes = ALL crashes involving a motorized vehicle (car, truck, motorcycle, etc.)

Total Deaths = ALL deaths involved in a motorized vehicle crash

M/C crashes & deaths = crashes where a motorcycle was involved either with another vehicle or by itself (hit pole, ran off curve, etc.)

Alcohol SUSPECTED = any motorized vehicle crash/death where the investigating officer SUSPECTS alcohol was involved. (Cars, Trucks, motorcycles, etc.)

Pedestrian = all crashes that involve a pedestrian vs any type of motorized vehicle.

The percentage parenthesis is the percentage of the Total number of ALL crashes

# Talking Points & Suggestions for HB 6009

Below are a few talking points that you can use to talk with your legislators about HB 6009

- Phone calls to either the legislators District office or Tally office are better than sending an email.
- You have more clout with your own legislator than with one from another district. Use that clout by telling the legislators office that you are one of their constituents. To find out who your State legislators are visit this web page and enter your address.
- <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/myrepresentative.aspx>
- The absolute most important thing is to speak to them in a calm friendly manner. Do not call angry or talk down to the person. The old saying is true “You attract more bees with honey than you do with vinegar.” We cannot afford to turn any legislators against us.
- When you call the legislators’ office, you will almost always get the secretary or aide. Be prepared to tell your name, address and phone number. Tell them that you are a member of ABATE of Florida, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter. If you are a regular voter then tell them that. Don’t tell them you vote if you rarely ever vote.
- If you do vote regularly, the past few general and primary elections you are a Super Voter. This carries more clout because they now know that you actually do get out and vote.
- Tell the person at the office that you are opposed to HB 6009 and you would like the legislator help fight against this bill. Something as simple as:

*“Hello, my name is Darrin Brooks, 1234 Main Street in Naples, Florida. I am a member of ABATE of Florida, Gator Alley Chapter in Collier County. I am call to ask for Rep. Donalds help in opposing HB 6009. I live in Rep. Donalds district and I vote in every single election. Please let Rep. Donalds know that I am opposed to HB 6009 and I would like his help opposing this bill. Thank you.”*

Occasionally they might ask you why you are opposed to the bill. If the office is busy that day they probably will not ask you why you are opposed. Here are a few short easy to give reasons why you oppose HB 6009:

- There has not been any definitive proof that simply wearing a helmet will guarantee saving a life. In 2015, 296 motorcyclists were killed in Florida while wearing a helmet. This is compared to 237 killed without a helmet.
- There is no definitive proof that all motorcyclists killed without a helmet died from head injuries.
- There is no definitive proof that the cost of medical treatment to an injured motorcyclist is actually passed on to “society” to pay. People for the mandatory helmet law love to say that “X amount of dollars for motorcyclists medical bills are passed on to the citizens of Florida”. This is simply illogical and is presumptive that ALL motorcyclist have no insurance at all.
- If the only reason for this bill is to save lives, then support a statewide Motorcycle Awareness Program. Education not legislation can save more lives.
- \$2.50 of all motorcycle registration fees goes into a motorcycle awareness education fund. Give ABATE of Florida at least 25% of that yearly money and we can mount a Statewide Motorcycle Awareness program that is effective, efficient and saves the State of Florida lives and money.
- When done, Thank the person for listening and let them know that if they have any further questions we will get back with them. Then contact Doc and myself so that we can answer their questions.

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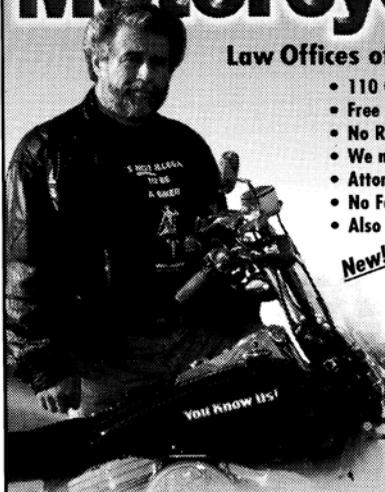
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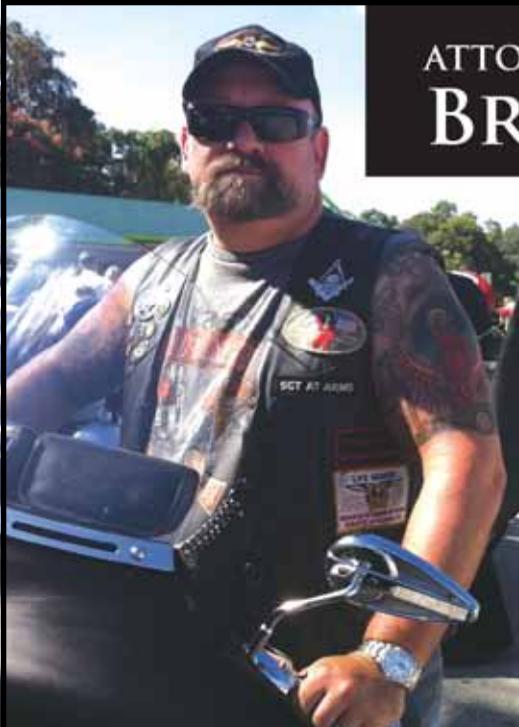
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## **MORE NEWS from our State Legislative Rep - Darrin "Scribe" Brooks**

**TOUGHER TEXTING WHILE DRIVING LAW SOUGHT** A Broward County Democrat wants lawmakers in 2017 to toughen the state's ban on texting while driving, though similar proposals in the past have repeatedly been rejected. Rep. Richard Stark, D-Weston, filed a bill (HB 47) on Wednesday that would allow police to pull over motorists for texting while driving. Under current law, motorists can only be cited for texting while driving if they have been pulled over for other reasons --- what is known as a "secondary" offense. Also, Stark's bill would double fines for texting while driving in designated school zones or school crossings. The bill is filed for the session that will start in March.

**BURDEN OF PROOF CHANGE SOUGHT IN SELF-DEFENSE CASES** A controversial proposal to shift the burden of proof in "stand your ground" self-defense cases has been refiled in the Florida Senate. Fleming Island Republican Rob Bradley on Thursday filed the measure (SB 128) for the 2017 legislative session, which starts in March. The bill would shift the burden of proof to prosecutors during evidentiary hearings in self-defense cases. The bill stems from a Florida Supreme Court ruling in 2015 that said defendants have the burden of proof to show they should be shielded from prosecution under the "stand your ground" law. In "stand your ground" cases, pre-trial evidentiary hearings are held to determine whether defendants should be immune from prosecution. "The government has the burden of proof in a criminal case from the beginning of a case until the end," Bradley said in a prepared statement Thursday. "This fundamental premise is guaranteed in our Constitution and understood intuitively by all Floridians." The same proposal passed the Senate during the 2016 session but failed to get to the House floor. Bradley's bill joins other gun-related measures filed for the 2017 session. Rep. Scott Plakon, R-Longwood, this week filed a bill (HB 6005) that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns while on college and university campuses. A separate measure (HB 6001) by Rep. Jake Raburn, R-Lithia, would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to bring guns into the passenger terminals of airports.

**SENATE BILL WOULD ALLOW OPENLY CARRYING GUNS** Senate Judiciary Chairman Greg Steube, R-Sarasota, introduced a controversial measure Friday that would

allow the more than 1.67 million Floridians with concealed-weapons licenses to openly carry handguns. Steube's bill (SB 140), which is filed for the 2017 legislative session, also would expand the places where people with concealed-weapons licenses are allowed to carry guns. It would allow them to be armed at legislative meetings; local government meetings; elementary and secondary schools; airport passenger terminals; and college and university campuses. License holders would still be prohibited from carrying weapons at locations such as police stations, jails, courtrooms, polling places and most bars. During the 2016 session, the open-carry measure was approved 80-38 in the House but failed to advance through the Senate Judiciary Committee, which was chaired by former Sen. Miguel Diaz de la Portilla, R-Miami. Diaz de la Portilla lost a re-election bid in November. A bill that would have allowed people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns on university and college campuses also died in the Senate Judiciary Committee during the 2016 session. This week, Rep. Scott Plakon, R-Longwood, reintroduced a House version of the campus-carry measure (HB 6005) for the 2017 session. Also, Rep. Jake Raburn, R-Lithia, has proposed a bill (HB 6001) that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to bring guns into the passenger terminals of airports.

**LAWMAKER SEEKS TO REPEAL 'PIP' AUTO INSURANCE** Renewing a long-running debate on the issue, a Senate Republican on Tuesday filed a proposal that would repeal the state's no-fault auto insurance laws. Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Chairman Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, said the repeal of a requirement to carry personal-injury protection, or PIP, coverage would help lower premiums. "PIP is a broken insurance system, and it does not reflect the reality of Florida's transportation future," Brandes said in a prepared statement. "PIP fraud impacts every driver in our state, and no proposal is more effective at reducing premiums than a full repeal of PIP. It's time to finally bring substantive reform to the automobile insurance market." The bill (SB 156), which is filed for the 2017 legislative session, follows similar proposals that failed to pass in recent years. Under the no-fault system, motorists are required to carry \$10,000 in PIP coverage to help pay for medical expenses after accidents. Brandes' bill includes a requirement for motorists to carry bodily injury liability coverage.

For more information on any of these proposed bills, contact Darin at: [flabatestatevp@gmail.com](mailto:flabatestatevp@gmail.com)



# JANUARY 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>NEW YEARS DAY</b> <b>2017</b>	2 States MC Pompano Dinner	3	4	5	6	7
8 State MC Blessing of the Bikes	9 States MC Pompano Dinner	10	11	12	13	14
15 WOG Biker Appreciation Day <b>CHAPTER MEETING</b>	16 States MC Pompano Dinner	17	18	19	20	21
22 ABATE SE Chapter Semi Annual	23 States MC Pompano Dinner	24	25	26	27	28 Dania Beach Vintage Bike Show
29 DER KRIEGER ANNUAL	30 States MC Pompano Dinner	31				

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# FEBRUARY 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 US Military Vets MC Annual (Homestead)
5	6 States MC Pompano Dinner	7	8	9	10	11
12 AOA Ft. Lauderdale Annual	13 States MC Pompano Dinner	14 	15	16	17	18 Scurvy Few MC Party
19	20 States MC Pompano Dinner	21	22	23	24	25 Wheels of Man MC Annual
<b>CHAPTER MEETING</b>						
26	27 States MC Pompano Dinner	28				

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# 2017 CALENDAR

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CALENDAR EVENT

## JANUARY

- 8: STATES MC - BLESSING OF THE BIKES
- 15: WINGS OF GOLD - BIKER APPRECIATION DAY
- 29: DER KRIEGER MC - ANNUAL**

## FEBRUARY

- 4: US MILITARY VETS MC - ANNUAL (Homestead)**
- 12: AOA FT. LAUDERDALE - ANNUAL**
- 14: Valentines Day
- 18: SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY
- 25: WHEELS OF MAN MC - ANNUAL**

## MARCH

- 5: HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL**
- 10-19: DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
- 17: St. Patrick's Day
- 19: KELTICS MC - ANNUAL**
- 25: US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY

## APRIL

- 2: STATES MC - ANNUAL**
- 8: MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
- 15: OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL**
- 16: EASTER
- 16: CMA EASTER SERVICE
- 23: ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL**
- 28: LEESBURG BIKEFEST

## MAY

- 7: SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL**
- 13: SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL**
- 14: Mothers day
- 20: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL**
- 27: S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
- 28: LOS COQUIS MC - ANNUAL**
- 30: Memorial Day

## JUNE

- 4: NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY
- 10: AOA SOUTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers
- 11: WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
- 18: Fathers Day
- 24: LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY

## JULY

- 1: US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL**
- 4: Independence Day
- 16: SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD - ANNUAL**
- 29: WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF



## MONTHLY EVENTS

### FRIDAY

- Outlaws MC WPB Open House at 7PM
- USMV MC Ch 2 Open house at 8PM (Dania Beach)
- Der Krieger MC Open House at 8PM
- Mystic 7 MC Open House... Ladies drink FREE!
- Keltics MC Open House
- Los Coquis MC Open House at 8:30PM til ??
- 1st Fri - Soldiers for Jesus Open House 7-10PM
- 1st Fri - Enforcers MC First Friday of Month Party
- 2nd & 4th Fri - Los Coquis MC Open house
- 3rd Fri - Wings of Gold MC Open House Davie
- 4th Fri - American Legion Post 36 Bike Night

### SATURDAY

- 1st & 3rd Sat - AOA MC Dania Open House
- 2nd Sat - USMV MC Ft. Laud. Open House
- 2nd & 4th Sat - Mystic 7 Open House

### SUNDAY

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

### WEEK DAYS

- Mon - States MC Pompano Dinner Nite 6:30pm start
- Mon - Ladies nite at Sharkey's 9-2, 241 beverages
- Tues - Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House
- Last Tues - USMV/MC Palm Bch Open House
- Wed - Scurvy Few MC Open House 954-325-6838
- Wed - Blues Nite at Mickey's
- Thurs - Leathernecks MC Open House 8-mid
- Thurs - Hermandad MC Open House, 8-2am
- 3rd Thurs - Peterson's Harley South Bike nite 6-10PM

# ROAD CAPTAIN REPORT



Well, Holiday Season is over and I hope all went well for everyone. I don't have much to say this time, which is probably a good thing.

Here's hoping we all have a safe and Happy New Year!

I would like to thank everyone for their support to ABATE and please keep up the good work.

As Road Captain, I hope to get some good rides together in the near future.

Till Next Month,  
Thank you,  
Jon "Wavy" Viger

*Well I thought I didn't have much to say....Here's just a couple of thoughts*

- When nothing is going right - go left
- Who says nothing is impossible - I've been doing nothing for years

*And one more...*

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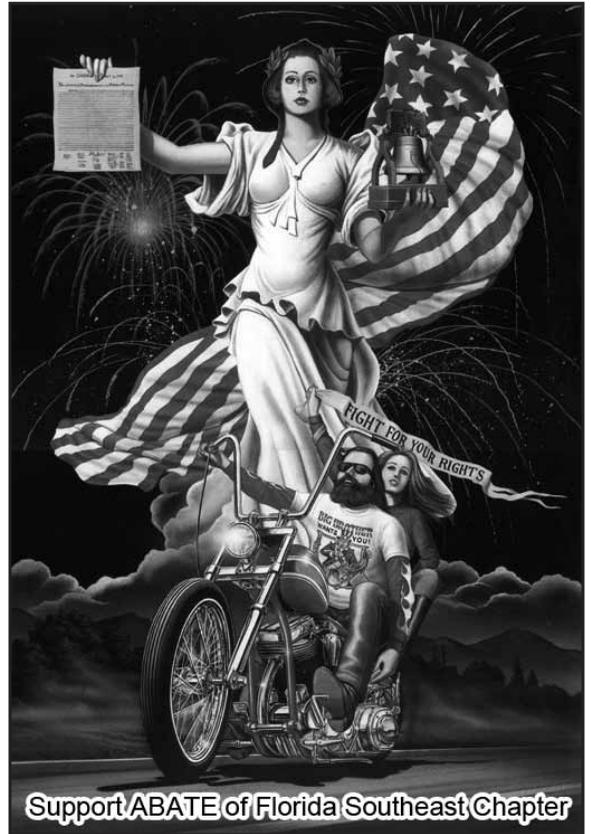
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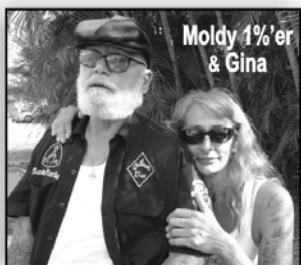
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I consider this month's restaurant a jewel in North Lauderdale. The Burning Oak BBQ has been open for almost a year now. I have been there on numerous occasions because it not only tastes great but it is not too far from the house. I have brought both friends and family members there which says a lot because if the place is not good, I would NEVER bring anyone there. The staff is very polite

and accommodating. One of my personal favorites is their Turkey legs.

For about 10 dollars and change you can get a Turkey leg (Disney theme park sized most of the time) with two sides and a piece of cornbread. The Beef Brisket.....oh, excuse me.....had to clean up the keyboard because the thought of it made my mouth water drop.



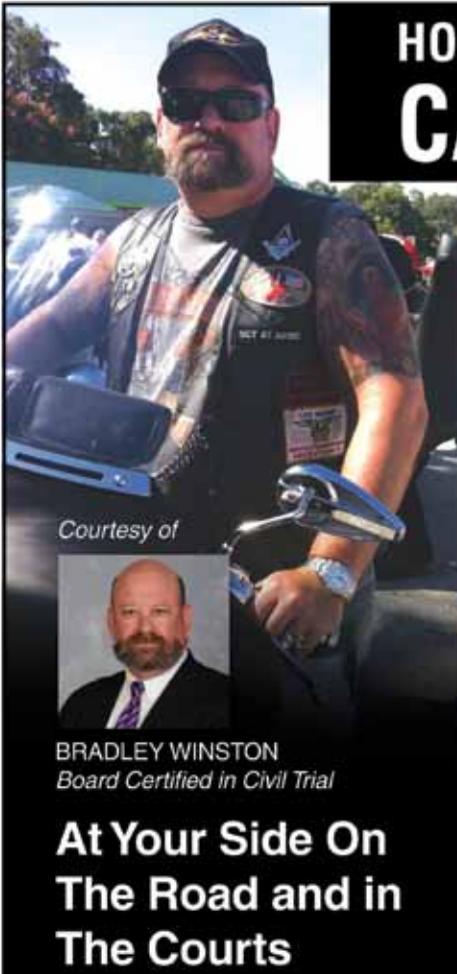
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### **NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES**

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**DUMP TRUMP EFFORT IN THE DUMPS** In a last-ditch effort by Democratic strategists and the Hollywood elite to derail President-Elect Donald J. Trump's ascension to the presidency, U.S. Electoral College delegates have been swamped with requests to ignore their pledge and "vote your conscience," but longtime bikers' rights advocate Jim Rhoades of ABATE of Michigan, one of that state's 16 electors, says they're cries are falling on deaf ears because he's obligated to speak for the voters of his state.

Appearing on FOX News network's "Your World" wearing his ABATE shirt, Rhoades revealed that he's gotten over sixty thousand emails, phone calls and basketfuls of form letters calling on him to vote against Trump, as well as some threats, but believes fellow electors also feel steadfast about their duty and will support the will of their states' voters when they cast their ballots on Monday, December 19th.

Calling the pressure tactics a "waste of time," Rhoades told FOX News host Neil Cavuto in the nationally televised interview on December 15 that "I'm not intimidated by any of this stuff," and added "I've been riding Harleys since the sixties, so I've been around a long time, I'm a grass roots political animal... and I love what Trump says, and he's got me fired up looking for great things and looking to make America great again."

In the aftermath of a norm-busting 2016 Presidential campaign, Trump won 306 Electoral College votes to Hillary Clinton's 232, but if 36 "faithless electors" changed their ballots it would send the election to the U.S. House of Representatives to be determined, where Republicans hold a majority. In the past, some electors turned "faithless" in nine out of the last 17

elections, and a total of 179 times throughout American history, but no electors have ever changed the outcome of an election by voting against their party's designated candidate.

### **ANALYSTS ADVISE INVESTORS TO BET ON MOTORCYCLES AND PIZZA**

Every U.S. presidential transition brings a change in priorities, forcing market gurus to bet on which sectors of the economy might benefit from the new administration, but with corporate analysts admittedly baffled by Donald Trump, prognosticators are doing some intellectual gymnastics.

Joseph Spak, a Royal Bank of Canada analyst, thinks Donald Trump's \$1 trillion plan to rebuild American infrastructure will ultimately provide construction workers with extra cash. And what do construction workers like to spend money on? Motorcycles, of course.

"If the economy is stimulated and construction jobs increase," Spak recently predicted that Harley-Davidson Inc. "could see some better demand."

According to the Wall Street Journal, another firm advises investors that pizza-delivery companies that benefited from a high-drama campaign that kept many diners glued to their televisions might continue to profit from the drama of a Trump transition.

### **FEDS SEEK TO REQUIRE NEW VEHICLES TO TALK TO EACH OTHER**

U.S. auto-safety regulators have proposed new rules requiring automakers to adopt crash-avoidance technology that allows all new vehicles to communicate with each other, a move that could help accelerate the development of self-driving cars.

The requirement of so-called vehicle-to-vehicle connectivity ("V2V") on all consumer vehicles within the next five years is viewed as central to the development of a new age of cars that can avoid accidents by wirelessly monitoring each other. V2V technology uses short-range radio communication to allow vehicles to identify each other's speed, location, direction and acceleration or braking, within a radius of about 300 meters.

The move marks a concrete step by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toward its

goal of eliminating roadway deaths within 30 years, and agency officials told USA Today that vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure technology could eliminate or greatly reduce the seriousness of up to 80% of crashes that don't involve driver impairment.

NHTSA pledges that the new technology would not divulge any personal information regarding drivers.

**EUROPEANS TO TEST AUTONOMOUS CARS WITH MOTORCYCLES** Vehicle authorities will cooperate with European motorcyclists' organizations to conduct their own test program with different brands of semi-autonomous cars. "The Dutch are authorizing further testing to see if these 'semi-autonomous' cars can operate safely with motorcycles on the road," says Oregon A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) and COC (Confederation of Clubs) Attorney Sam Hochberg, who alerted the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) about this important issue here and abroad. "This is going to be a real issue here in the USA in the not-too-distant future."

In response to a letter motorcyclists' organizations FEMA (Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations), MAG NL (Motorcycle Action Group - Netherlands) and KNMV (Dutch Motorcycle Association) sent to RDW, with regard to the European type approval of the Tesla by RDW, a meeting took place recently where the motorcyclists' worries were addressed. RDW is the Netherlands Vehicle Authority that issued the European type approval for Tesla.

A driver of a Tesla - and other advanced cars - can leave key actions to the vehicle itself, while in the opinion of the motorcyclists' organizations this equipment is not, or not sufficiently, tested with motorcycles. In the discussion about the concerns that motorcyclists have with admitting (semi-) autonomous vehicles on the roads, it soon became clear that many of the concerns of the motorcyclists' community are shared by RDW.

RDW proposes - in cooperation with the motorcyclists' organizations - to conduct their own test program with different brands of cars with Advanced Driver Assistance Systems. RDW also believes - as do the riders - that testing with motorcycles should be part of the test protocol for European type approval.

Dolf Willigers, General Secretary of FEMA: "We are

very pleased with the outcome of this first meeting with the experts of RDW. We are going to act together and we will see in the field tests to which extent the technique takes motorcyclists into account."

**NEW YEAR, RENEWED EFFORTS IN D.C.** With the 114th Congress set to adjourn, and a new congressional session beginning in January, some federal bills that motorcyclists have been advocating will expire and need to be reintroduced.

House Resolution 831 was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives on July 13, 2016 to "Promote awareness of motorcycle profiling and encourage collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling."

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) is working with other state and national motorcycle organizations to address profiling legislatively, and with Washington State enacting the first anti-profiling law in 2011, followed by Maryland this year, a national motorcycle anti-profiling measure would advance the efforts in every state to prevent discriminatory enforcement.

HR 4715 & S 2659, the RPM Act (Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2016), would ensure that the American tradition of modifying vehicles into dedicated racetrack competitors is not only continued for today, but will be protected for future generations of race fans as well.

Although the federal EPA bowed to political pressure and public outcry this past April by removing provisions from proposed regulations that would have prohibited street-legal vehicles, including motorcycles, from being modified for racing, members of both chambers of Congress have introduced bipartisan legislation to protect the sport of racing by blocking the EPA from over-regulating the industry and ensuring that it remains legal to convert street legal motor vehicles for racing purposes.

Responding to the controversy over the proliferation of E15 fuel, which is not approved for use by any motorcycle manufacturer and can invalidate warranties, Congress is considering HR 5108 (the "Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act of 2016) "to alleviate the

ethanol blend wall under the renewable fuel program.” Specifically, the bipartisan bill would cap the ethanol content of fuel at 9.7%, and would also effect the EPA’s Renewable Volume Obligations under the Renewable Fuel Standard.

In addition, in January Congress banned the use of federal funds for controversial Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints as part of a \$305 billion highway bill called the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, as well as allocating more than \$4 million towards motorcycle safety programs, and going forward into the next Congress and an all new Administration bikers must work to protect those advancements we’ve already made.

### **ANTI-MASK LAWS USED AGAINST BANDANAS**

During the Confederation of Clubs (COC) meeting at the NCOM Region I Seminar in Irvine, California in November, as an example of discriminatory profiling, attendees were notified of motorcyclists in Louisiana who have allegedly been arrested for wearing bandanas over their faces while riding because police claim that covering your face in public violates the state’s anti-mask law against concealing your identity.

According to Louisiana statute (LSA-R.S. 14:313) – “No person shall use or wear in any public place of any character whatsoever, or in any open place in view thereof, a hood or mask, or anything in the nature of either, or any facial disguise of any kind or description, calculated to conceal or hide the identity of the person or to prevent his being readily recognized...Whoever violates this Section shall be imprisoned for not less than six months nor more than three years.”

It was further noted that many states have similar anti-mask laws on the books, so be aware.

**“THE TWIN PEAKS AMBUSH”** On the fateful day of May 17, 2015, hundreds of motorcyclists and rights activists met in Waco, Texas to discuss current events and motorcyclist rights issues at a meeting of the Texas Confederation of Clubs and Independents (COC&I), and many subsequently had their lives changed forever. Nine people died, another 17 were injured that day after police opened fire on the gathering. Before the dust settled, 192 people were arrested, and charged with cookie cutter charges of participation in organized crime and held on \$1 million bail each. Ultimately 106 were

indicted on felony charges of “engaging in organized criminal activity.”

A recent post from Easyriders Scuttlebutt announces that Donald Charles Davis, who runs the popular Aging Rebel biker news site “has penned this interesting book (titled “The Twin Peaks Ambush: A True Story About The Press, The Police And The Last American Outlaws”) including far reaching interviews with people who were there on the scene, and attempts to make sense of it all, a tall order. He has done a good service, and we recommend the book to anyone who has an open mind and a heart. Bikers lives do matter.”

### **WEIRD NEWS: WITCHDOCTOR SUMMONS BEES TO STOP MOTORCYCLE THIEF**

Local news reports from Mbooni, Makueni in Kenya claim that a motorcyclist has managed to recover his bike from a thief after asking the local witchdoctor for help.

The witchdoctor allegedly contacted a large swarm of bees that had already begun to invade a local market, and sent them to track down the stolen motorcycle instead.

According to motofire.com, the spell worked, and the thief is said to have run off ‘for dear life’ as the bees began settling onto the yoke and tank of the bike, as depicted in photographs of the scene. The reports then go on to suggest that the bees “also protected the bike from any further interruption for over half an hour until the owner could arrive, who then took his motorcycle home.”

Some say the swarm was merely an act of nature and nothing supernatural at all, and Assistant Chief Patrick Mwanza said that the swarm simply arrived after the queen of the hive got stuck within the bike’s handlebars. And, in fact, “a similar incident had happened just days before when another bike was covered in a swarm for over two hours”... but how does that explain how the queen bee just happened to get stuck in that particular stolen bike?

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