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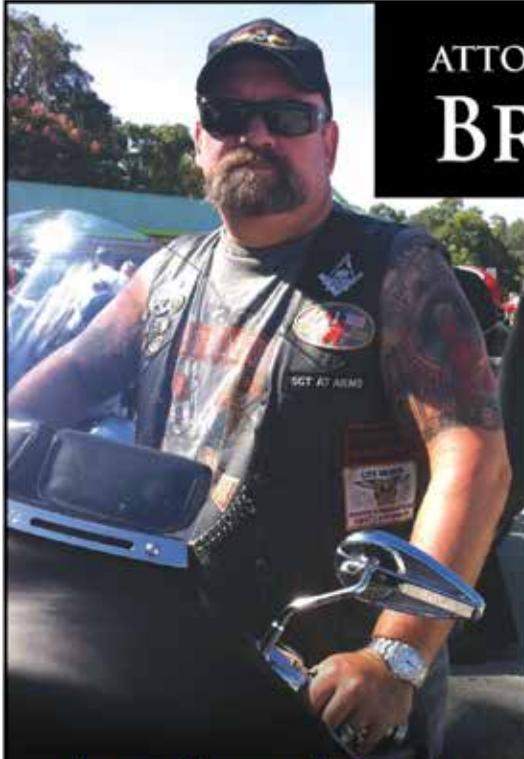
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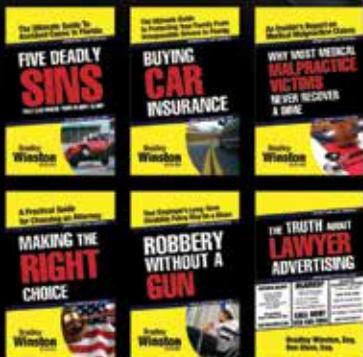


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- We fund our work by holding a series of annual events at different locations within our service area and other motorcycle activities.
- We are your neighbors and friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community.
- We serve and support our country and believe in freedom.
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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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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From Your President

I would like to start off by thanking everybody from ABATE Southeast Chapter who busted their butts at the SFPC Toys in the Sun Poker Run. ABATE members stepped up to help in a big way, for the kids. Southeast Chapter rocks!



I also have to say hats off to the SFPC, as they pulled this together in six weeks and the venues were limited because of the Coronavirus. The most important thing was that it was our 33rd SFPC Toys in the Sun Run. We will have our 34th Toys in the Sun Run next year. No one, no virus, could ruin this for the kids of Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

We are having our Semi-Annual Event at Mickey's on January 17th. This is our first event since last January. This is the first time that I know of, that the Southeast Chapter has not had any events for a whole year, but we made it through the year and were able to keep our newsletter going. So, let's get our community rolling again. I want to wish everyone health, wealth, and happiness in 2021. I hope this New Year will let us forget about 2020, the bad stuff anyway. We had a really nice December Chapter Meeting. Der Krieger MC came to the meeting and it's always so great to see them and hang out afterwards. Der Krieger MC rocks!

Anyway, if any of you guys missed the Chapter meeting, you missed out. This was a sweet, sweet, sweet meeting. Everybody brought in homemade cookies and brownies and there was so much we shared them with everyone in the whole Legion Hall. This tradition was started back when Jimmy Les was President, where during the Christmas holidays, at our December meeting, everybody brought in baked goods to share, awesome. Jimmy and Suzanne are moving to Georgia and I'm happy for them but I'm a little sad because I'm going to miss those two. God bless you both and good luck on your new endeavors. We love you guys!! Forgot to tell you, Jimmy is our new Road Captain, but all the rides start at his house in Georgia, hahaha.... January looks good and we have lots of annuals and parties to go to, so I'll be seein' you all then.

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!

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President
Southeast Chapter



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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at American Legion Post 142
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December 20, 2020

Sgt at arms Mike “Bubba” Travis called the meeting to order at 1010HRS. There were 31 Members present. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, Bear.

President's Report:

Johnny “Pimp Daddy” Rose thanked everyone for coming. Reported that our Semi-Annual Event is going to be held on January 17th. Advised that volunteers would be needed, passed around a sign-up sheet. A motion was made to move the January meeting to the 10th. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion was passed. (P.S. the “Pimp Daddy” is because Johnny will “pimp” Diddles out, at one or two events per year, asking people for a small donation who want a picture with her, Diddles, our Biker Pup.)

Vice President's Report:

Wavy thanked everyone who volunteered for the SFPC Toys in the Sun Poker Run. Spoke about supporting your local business and to check out the newsletter for businesses that support ABATE. He also spoke about the ABATE of Florida, Inc. YouTube channel, recommending everyone should subscribe to keep up to date on all the latest news.

Secretary's Report:

Zak “Sparkles” Storrs heard a motion to accept the minutes as printed in last month's newsletter, it was

seconded, no discussion, all in favor; Motion was passed. Went on to talk about he will be resigning from the Secretary position due to the fact that he's moving out of town. Thomas “Pete” Purcell volunteered to fill in, as Interim Secretary, until the next election. A motion was made to elect Pete for the remainder of the term. Motion was seconded, all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Sergeant at Arms Report:

Mike “Bubba” Travis spoke about how smooth everything went at the Toys in the Sun Poker Run, and how he was proud of everyone who worked it.

Road Captain's Report:

Troy is still out of town on business. Sparkles reported that he will be moving and that the position of Road Captain will be open for anyone that wants to volunteer. Jimmy Les volunteered, and as he is moving to Georgia in a few days, all rides will start from his home, in Georgia, hahaha.

Safety Director's Report:

Wavy reported that the Safety Booth at Alligator Alley Harley-Davidson have been put on hold indefinitely, and no other places are allowing safety booths right now due to the Pandemic.

Products Report:

Little Bit was absent, but Sheila reported that we would be getting long sleeve shirts for the winter season and that they would be taking preorders. There were also

ABATE Challenge Coins available for sale after the meeting.

Events Coordinator:

Gabe absent and excused. Johnny reminded everyone that the Semi-Annual will be held at Mickey's on January 17th.

State Representative Report:

Sparkles reported that the December State meeting would be his last State meeting. He reported that the next state meeting would take place in Vero Beach on February 13th. A flier with exact location would be forthcoming, as it is a last-minute switch of venue. April's Ride to the Capitol in Tallahassee is still up in the air as the Capitol building is currently closed to the public. More information will be available at the February State meeting. The gun raffle has been postponed until January due to the fact that not all of the Chapters have been able to turn in their tickets.

Membership Report:

Sheila read in the Membership report.

Newsletter Editor:

Abby Normal reported that any articles or pictures that members would like to be included in the newsletter are due by the second Sunday of the month. Can be submitted directly via Email.

Legislative Liaison:

Brad Winston was Absent and excused as he is still out of town.

Legal Counsel:

Brad Winston had nothing to report.

Public Relations:

Thunder was absent and excused.

Billing and Invoicing:

Hope spoke about deadlines to get advertising in the newsletter.

Social Director's Report:

Bear reported that everyone had brought enough cookies for our December Cookie Chapter Meeting to put a medium sized Island Nation in a diabetic coma. Thanked everyone for making the December Chapter Meeting so festive.

Newsletter Distribution:

Wavy reported that distribution is going well. And we are now going to be printing 700 newsletters for distribution around South Florida.

Quartermaster Report:

Bob had nothing to report.

Photographer's Report:

Boatman reported that he got lots of pictures at the Toys in the Sun Poker Run.

Webmaster's Report:

Rogue got the computer back up and running. He is able to get back to updating the website.

Chaplain:

Chrissy was absent and excused. Bear wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Old Business:

SFPC Toys in the Sun Poker Run went off without a hitch.

New Business:

Upcoming Semi-Annual discussed. Johnny reminded everyone that we would need volunteers to make the whole thing work.

Good of the Order:

Johnny thanked Der Krieger MC for coming to the meeting today. Der Krieger MC is having their Annual January 31st. States MC is having the Blessing of the Bikes on January 3rd. Wings of Gold MC Annual is going to be on January 10th. The Heathens MC Pirate Ball is going to be January 23rd at Gilbert's. As always, check the event calendar. AND after the meeting,

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Jimmy Les invited everyone to join him for his Going Away Party at the Post, 142. Minnie's 5th Birthday at Mickey's Tiki Bar on February 21st, all pets welcome. AND of course, our Semi-Annual on January 17th at Mickey's Tiki Bar

Motion to adjourn was made at 1100 Hrs. Seconded. All in favor. Next meeting should be held at American Legion Post 142 at 1000 Hrs, on January 10th, Barring any pandemic related complications.

Ride it like you stole it
Zak "Sparkles" Storrs
Secretary Southeast Chapter



Thank You!

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Marlon Brando before he became famous cruised the streets of New York City on his bike. On a summer night dressed in jeans and T-shirt he would ride the streets in the early morning hours with a girl on the seat behind him. If he didn't start out with a girl he would find one. Later whenever his fame started to feel oppressive he would get on his bike and head west riding thru the desert for miles on end. Brando says back in his day there wasn't much crime in NYC so he left his bike parked in front of his apartment where he found it the next morning, every time!

Buddy Holly is one of my favorite performers. He was iconic. In 1958 Buddy Holly and the Crickets were a huge success. They flew to Dallas to shop for bikes but the local shop owner not knowing who they were, practically pushed them out of the dealership. They ended up at Triumph motorcycle sales where each man picked out one of the latest models. Buddy Holly chose an Ariel Cyclone ! Of course on their way out of town they stopped by the Harley store just to show

off their new bikes.!

Everyone knows "Rebel Without a Cause" had a big thing for motorcycles. James Dean was the only kid in his small town in Indiana to own his own motorcycle at the age of 15 When he dropped out of college he traded his CZ for a Royal Infield 500. He started to ride the bike to New York City and on the way it broke down so he traded it for an Indian Warrior. When he get back to New York he stopped to have the bike serviced and found Steve McQueen working as a mechanic.

Local Hoosiers called him "One Speed Dean" because he road full throttle ..always!

And speaking of Steven McQueen, the King of Cool! McQueen was a big competitor in weekend motorcycle races. He amassed a collection of over 100 motorcycles, his favorite being vintage Indians. He loved off-road racing. He performed many of his own motorcycle stunts. Contrary to popular believe though it was NOT McQueen who jumped his bike over barbed wire fence in the movie The Great Escape, Bud Elkins was called in to make sure leap, duethe insurance concerns.

Charles Lindbergh was fascinated with the mechanical workings of motorcycles when he was just a kid. When he was in high school he ordered a twin cylinder 1920 model Excelsior thru his local hardware store. He was known to love power and speed and ride fast and hard !

I'm closing this article with the words of Hunter S Thompson.

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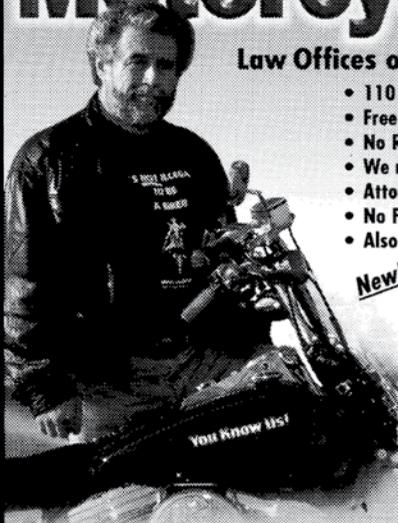
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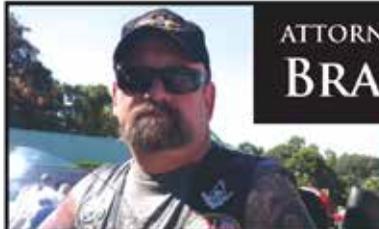
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Vice- President

Good Day,

I hope all is well and ya'll had a good Holiday Season.

I would like to tell you the bill ABATE is trying to get passed by Senator Baxley has been filed but not assigned to any committee members yet.

Here is a quick reference of Bill SB 278 – Traffic Offenses

SB 278 Traffic Offenses

General Bill by Baxley

Traffic Offenses: Creating the “Vulnerable Road User Act”; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person who commits the moving violation pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring that the court revoke the person’s driver license for a minimum specified period, etc.

We still have a long way before it could become law, but this is a good start. In short it goes to committee and sub-committee then to the speaker, gets put on the House calendar, then off to the House, Senate. Once passed by these then it goes to the Governor and hopefully becomes law.

Would like to thank all that helped at this year’s SFPC Toy/Poker Run. I feel it was very successful and the turnout was more than expected. Hats off to all of you and thanks to all that participated in the run. And a special thanks to Alligator Alley.

Jon “Wavy” Viger
VP Abate SE Chapter



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(Chrissy is currently on the mend and recuperating. Please Keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Here's a throwback article from 2019 from Poppie)

Hope you all had a blessed and Merry Christmas and looking forward to a happy blessed New Year.
Lets bring in the new year with a prayer.



A New Year Prayer

Holy Father God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.
We praise You for your unequaled greatness,
Thank you for the year behind us and for the year ahead.

Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more.
To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.
To teach others to love by loving them.

Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us.
So that Love could be with us, and we could know You
That we could share Love with other.

Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise,
in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards,
in the stories of our old folks and the fantasies of our children.

Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs,
so that we may know You better and better.
We rejoice in the world You loved into being.



Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.
We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.
Forgive us for falling short this past year.

We leave the irreparable past in your hands,
and step out into the unknown new year knowing You will go with us.

We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead,
depending on You to help us do exactly what You want.

I say it again, We rejoice!

In Jesus Name,
Amen As Always,

Your Chaplin

Poppie

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From Your Safety Director

(Wavy is spending well-deserved time with the kids and grandkids, so we have a Throwback article from January 2010)

“Geo” Bograkos

COMING HOME - AND THE POWER OF CHOICE -

A New Year's Wish

I ride, and those who know me know I ride. They also know that is not about to change. And, for whatever reason, those who care about me - my wife, my daughter, my family, my friends, and co-workers – want me to come home from each and every ride safely.

We make riding choices every time we throw a leg over. My choices, about when, where, and how I ride, are influenced by how much I care for the people in my life.

To be perfectly honest, I want to come home from each ride safely too – but it's more than that. They don't want to lose me – and I'm not ready to leave them just yet.

Who do you have in your life that wants you to come home? Your kids? Your wife or husband? Your brothers and sisters? Your parents? Your friends?

We are all free to decide how we'll ride; not because the government tells us to; not because our riding buddies tell us to; but because we choose to. For me personally and for the ones I care about, I choose:

- * To ride sober
- * To ride within my own limits (skill, judgment, fatigue, etc.)
- * To keep my riding skills sharp (take training, practice)

- * To dress for comfort, visibility, and protection
- * To wear gear that protects my body, my hands, my feet, my eyes and my head (my personal choice)
- * To get my eyes up and look well down the road and all the way through my turns

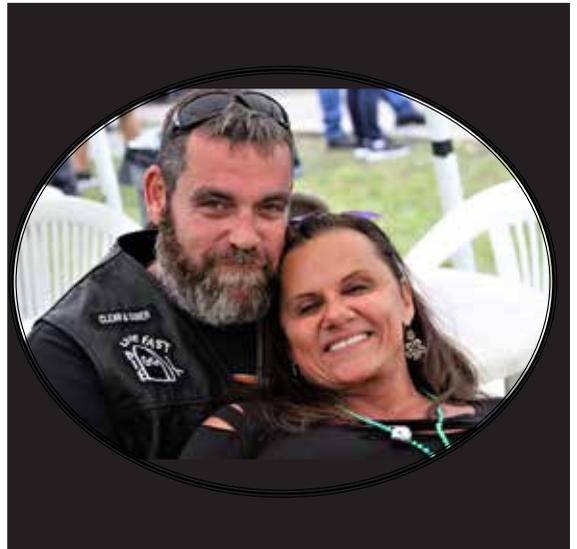
Your choices are up to you and no one else.

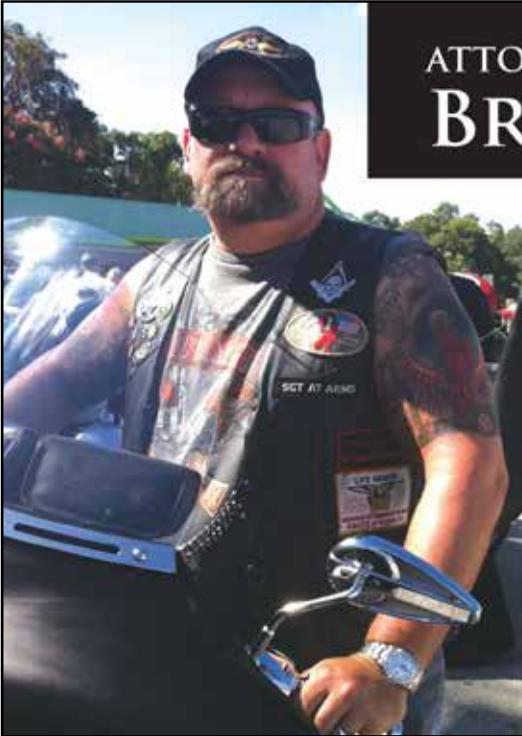
It is our sincere New Year's Wish that all of you come home safely from each and every ride to the ones who love you.

Honor them with your choices. To them, your life and health are the gifts that keep on giving.

Ride safely in 2010 and beyond and come home every time you do.

Happy new Year.
With Respect,
“
“Geo” Bograkos





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> Blues Nite at Mickey's

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3 STATES MC - BLESSING OF THE BIKES	4	5	6	7 E-Board Meeting	8	9
10 WINGS OF GOLD FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL ABATE SE Meeting	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 ABATE SE Semi-Annual	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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14 <i>Valentine's Dinner</i> AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL	15 	16	17	18 E-Board Meeting	19	20 WHEELS OF MAN MC - 48th ANNUAL
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- 3rd-Sun STATES MC - BLESSING OF THE BIKES
- 10th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL
- 17th-Sun S.E. ABATE - SEMI ANNUAL
- 24th-Sun
- 31st-Sun DER KRIEGER MC - ANNUAL

FEBRUARY

- 6th-Sat US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD - ANNUAL
- 14th-Sun Valentines Day
- 14th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL
- 20th-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC - 48th ANNUAL
- 27th-Sat SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY

MARCH

- 5th-14th 80th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
- 17th-Wed St. Patrick's Day
- 21st-Sun HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL
- 27th-Sat Fly-In Wheels Annual
- 28th-Sun US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY

APRIL

- 3rd-Sat
- 4th-Sun CMA - EASTER SERVICE
- 10th-Sat
- 11th-Sun MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
- 17th-Sat
- 18th-Sun STATES MC - ANNUAL
- 23rd-25th LEESBURG BIKEFEST

MAY

- 1st-Sat
- 2nd-Sun SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL
- 8th-Sat OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL
- 9th-Sun Mothers Day
- 15th-Sat LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY
- 16th-Sun
- 22nd-Sat NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL
- 23th-Sun
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**Educate, don't legislate – stuff we thought you might like to know*

-by: Sheila, Sandy, Little Bit, & Thunder



We were watching the news this blizzard hitting the northeast part of these great United States of America in mid-December and we saw all this snow and multiple states, basically closing for a few days. We got to thinking about how we are so blessed down here in South Florida. Almost every day is a good day for riding. We occasionally have a few down days because of those pesky hurricanes that pass through sometimes (and not trying to make light of hurricanes, as they cause a lot of serious problems for a lot of people), but even on a rainy day, the rain only lasts for an hour or so. We have a few brothers who only have a motorcycle to get around, and they tell us, why would they want to have a cage? Rain, bah, never hurt anyone.

We have a few brothers and sisters up north, who have been telling us, and sending pictures, of their final rides for the year before putting their bikes away until Spring. We kinda of feel sad for them, but they also get the beautiful scenery of snow-covered landscapes... whatever, give us warm, sunny days and tropical breezes, with those handful of days when we have to put on a leather jacket. ABATE is American Bikers Aiming Towards Education, so key word is American, for this article. We know about South Florida and riding, but what about the rest of this great Country? No matter where you live, in any season, weather can change unexpectedly, and riders must be prepared to adapt to situations that may affect the road or impact their ability to safely operate a motorcycle. Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter each provide unique challenges for motorcyclists in much of our Country.

Spring:

After the cold of winter, spring weather is welcomed with open arms and open roads to ride on. Many times, though, even with the warmer temperatures, Spring has its share of rainy days. Motorcyclists must know how to properly navigate slippery roads and dress for a potentially soggy ride.

Possibly the most slippery time during a rainstorm is in the first few minutes, according to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF). Rainwater begins to fill in the dimples of the asphalt and oil residue can float to the top, making for a very slick surface. The MSF suggests simply pulling over and waiting for the rain to pass.

If you need to ride through the rain, reduce your speed and increase the space between you and the vehicle you're behind, as it will take a longer distance to stop on a wet road. Keep your movements smooth and relaxed, avoid hard braking, quick acceleration, and quick turns as the rain has already limited your traction. Be careful around standing pools and puddles of water, because you don't know how deep that water is or if there are potholes or other hazards, like downed electric lines, that you need to avoid, under the water. Make sure you always keep a rain suit with covers for your boots and gloves, says the MSF. You can also use reflective accessories for added visibility in the rain.

Down here, in sunny South Florida, most of the time, it rains for a bit, then the sun comes out, and you are dry soon after

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Summer:

When the hot temperatures hit, many motorcyclists can finally put away the long sleeves and jackets and enjoy the warm weather. That doesn't mean you can ride carefree when the mercury rises past 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Summer has its own set of conditions that require your attention.

Despite the rising temperatures, wearing less clothing or gear while on your motorcycle is not necessarily a good idea. During a long, hot ride (especially in sunny, dry climates), you should take precautions against sunburn and dehydration. Drink water every time you stop, and stop more often, if you start feeling ill. While you may be tempted to head out in shorts and a T-shirt on a hot day, the MSF says that wearing long sleeves and pants may actually help prevent dehydration. Wear sunscreen on your face and arms. Wear dark glasses, as the sun can hurt your eyes as well. You can buy gear designed specifically for hot weather that is made with lighter materials and more ventilation. You can find anything from summer jackets to helmets to boots. There are also many clothing companies that make clothes specific for hot weather, that "wicks" the moisture away from your body and even some long sleeve shirts that have UPF ratings, meaning it blocks the sun's rays. And they even have these "neck gaiters" that you dunk in water and put around your neck and they keep you cool. We all know about "Summer" riding down here in South Florida, as that is 11 months of the year here. Even as we are writing this, we are getting excited because even though Christmas Eve will be 81 degrees, we will have a cold Christmas day, with a high of only 61 degrees.

Fall:

For our norther brothers and sisters, crisper air and falling leaves are the signs that Summer is over, and Fall is here. It may be still early for snow and ice, but you may need to prepare for wet roads and slippery leaves littering your favorite stretch of road.

Riding your motorcycle in the Fall means being prepared for fluctuating temperatures and getting caught in the rain now and then. Now you should probably wear clothing that you can change a bit, with the condition, like a jacket with a removable lining, so that you can adjust to the temperature at various times of

day, maybe cool in the morning, warmer at noon, then cool again. And it never hurts to carry rain gear with you as well.

Fallen leaves can obscure the surface of the road from the eyes of motorcycle riders. Be careful when riding over and through leaves, they may be covering potholes or imperfections in the road, and wet leaves may affect your wheels' traction. (Down here in South Florida, we get a lot of slippery roads from some inconsiderate, or uneducated landscapers blowing mown grass in the road. It sounds silly, but not once you end up in the middle of pile, and also go down...grrrrhhh)

In many places in the Country, you also need to keep your eyes out for wildlife, because some animals become more active during the fall as they are migrating or looking for food before the long winter. At this time of year, for example, deer can be particularly active at dawn and dusk — so keep your eyes peeled and use extra caution. In 2012, during Leesburg Bikefest in Florida, a motorcyclist, who even taught safety classes, was riding through Ocala National Forest, when a deer darted out in front of him. Sadly, he passed away from that accident, and he was even wearing a helmet. So, you just never can predict what's going to happen, wildlife is wild.

Winter:

Even the most hardcore motorcycle riders, up north, may consider putting their bike away during the coldest months. Wind, snow, ice and frigid temperatures generally don't make for great motorcycle riding conditions.

Before you hit the road in winter, check your tires. You can do a quick check of the tread on your tires by doing the "penny test." Take a penny, hold it between your thumb and forefinger so that Abraham Lincoln's head is showing. Place the top of Lincoln's head into one of the grooves of the tire's tread. If any part of Lincoln's head is obscured by the tread, you probably have a safe amount of tread, according to the MSF. If you can see above Lincoln's head, then you likely need a new tire. The MSF also recommends looking over the tires for uneven wear, bulges, cracks or anything embedded in the tire.

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Can't Happen Here -

There you are, one of the majority of motorcycle riders in this country that not part a motorcycle rights organization. But that's okay. There are enough people out there t sacrificing their time and money in order for you to enjoy your ride in freedom.

Heck, some of your best friends belong to such a group; they're at a meeting right now. But it's too nice a day to be inside listening to someone gripe about what the politicians are doing to us. And your one vote, one voice wouldn't make a difference anyway, would it?

So you get on your bike and go for a ride down to the custom shop to get some new parts to add on your ride to make it stronger/better/faster/nicer/sharper.

Only, the shop has had to close. Government regulations have been passed that prohibit the use of any non-approved replacement parts on your motorcycle. No more choppers, bobbers and customs. Only what the government tells you to use.

"But wait!", you say to yourself, "that can't happen here."

In December 2003, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a Final Rulemaking (FRM) establishing more stringent emission for highway motorcycles for the year of 2006 (1). Gone are the days of building whatever, whenever and showing off your creation. The rules have tightened up, and may get tighter.

So you get on your bike and go for a ride down the road that is designated as a highway where

motorcycles are allowed. Motorcycles are allowed?

"But wait!, you say to yourself, "that can't happen here."

A number of states and several countries around the world are using private capital to design, build and operate highways, recovering the investment through tolls charged to users. Since 1988, 12 states and Puerto Rico have authorized public-private partnerships for highway projects, and two new toll ways of this type opened to traffic in 1995 (2). Around the country there are restrictions on commercial vehicles on certain roadways, and with this relatively new system of road ownership/maintenance, who's to say whether or not other types of vehicles will be subject to bans and restrictions.

So you get on your bike and go for a ride down the road that is designated as a highway where motorcycles are allowed at the prescribed time of day. Prescribed time of day? A curfew?

"But wait!, you say to yourself, "that can't happen here."

From Myrtle Beach, South Carolina: No loud mufflers. No straight pipes. No revving of engines or excessive noise. Curfew is in effect from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. for juveniles under age 18, with certain exceptions (3). Yes, this curfew is for those under eighteen years of age, but how much of a push would the local politicians need if local residents claim to be bothered by the motorcycles in their neighborhood, and would like the curfew extended to motorcycles as well? And with

the many noise ordinances that are being pushed around the country (4,5), this can become reality.

So you get on your bike and go for a ride down the road that is designated as a highway where motorcycles are allowed at the prescribed time of day wearing your government-mandated helmet, eye protection, highly-reflective jacket, pants, boots and gloves. Government-mandated gear? The government's telling us what we can and can't wear?

"But wait!, you say to yourself, "that can't happen here."

But have you ridden on a U.S. military installation lately? Or are you a member of the armed forces, those honorable men and women willing to fight for our freedoms?

"All bikers and passengers riding on base and service members driving off base either on or off duty must wear the appropriate and required personal protective equipment" (6). This is the rule, not the exception. And there are those in positions of authority and influence that think these rules should apply to ALL riders.

So you get on your bike and go for a ride down the road that is designated as a highway where motorcycles are allowed at the prescribed time of day wearing your government-mandated helmet, eye protection, highly-reflective jacket, pants, boots and gloves.

And you ask yourself, "How the hell did it get this far? What the hell happened?"

And you catch a glimpse of yourself in your mirror as you are out riding while others who belong to motorcycle rights organizations are attending meetings, because you believed that your one

vote, one voice wouldn't make a difference, and you see the answer.

You're what the hell happened.

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You'll also want to make sure your tires are inflated properly, as the cold weather can cause the pressure to drop. Since the rubber on your tires is harder when it is cold, the MSF also recommends easing into your ride to allow the tires to warm up enough to provide better traction.

Hypothermia due to severe wind chill can be a concern, especially riding a motorcycle. The speed at which you are traveling can increase your body's loss of warmth. Keeping your body warm and protected can require some serious gear, so plan ahead. Depending on the temperature, consider thermal underwear and socks, glove liners, balaclavas and other base layers.

Regardless of the season, be prepared and be safe, and have fun.

We all have had, over the years, a good story or two about riding in bad weather.

Little Bit used to ride a lot, with her husband, when he was alive, and she said that even when the weather got unexpectedly rough, her husband was always prepared, and she didn't mind the cold too much, when they stopped and he cuddled her, to warm her up. Sandy has been a passenger on bikes quite a few times when it started raining. She knows it's much worse for the biker, the guy in front of her, taking the pounding of the rain, but being in the back, was fun. She would turn her face up to the skies and feel the rain and wind on her face and felt one with the sky.

Thunder also has some stories from riding up north, in upstate New York. She says that Winter is not a good time to ride, it's too cold, and no matter how much you cover up, the cold wind finds you. South Florida is where she will always stay, and the best rides are down here.

Sheila has been in a few rainstorms and her Sportster does not have a windshield. She says that even though the rain is stinging, it's not so bad, if you know it's going to end soon, and then you will dry off with the sun and wind. And the times that she got caught in a bad rain, she just stopped at the nearest business, and

waited it out, maybe with a cup of coffee or something to eat.

ABATE Southeast Chapter has a few scheduled parties every year, and it just seems like there is always rain in the morning for our parties. We even joke about it, and say, on a rainy day, "hey, today's a good day for an ABATE party". Glad we are back having parties again, hopefully it doesn't rain January 17th, which will be our 41st Semi-Annual, can't wait!!!!

"Risk is good. Not managing your risk is a dangerous leap." Evel Knievel



No, there are no pages with the answers.

Johnny's Rant

Let me see, so far, this holiday season, I learned that I know nothing about the driving a motor vehicle on Florida roads. Did you know that you can come across from the far-right lane, across three lanes of traffic, and turn left on an arrow, and the arrow doesn't even have to be green, you can still do it? And how foolish am I? I thought we had those turning lanes to make the turn safely. Just sayin', you know. And check this out, apparently you don't have to go the speed limit because if you do, everybody honks the horn at you for slowing them down. I think people got crazy during the "shut down" when everyone was home, and the roads were wide open.

But here's the one that really scares the crap out of me. When the traffic light turns yellow, everybody hauls ass. I guess yellow doesn't mean slow down anymore, it means go like hell.

This isn't stuff that happened over the past few weeks, but all this happened to me today, in about 20 minutes of riding from my house to the American Legion Post 142, in Pompano Beach, on my way to our December Chapter Meeting.

And I don't want to leave this part out either, there were also a bunch of kids on dirt bikes, doing wheelies, weaving in and out of traffic, going down the center of the highway. I can't really complain about that. I mean, we were all kids at one time and thought we were invincible, but these are the crazy things that we have to watch out for when we're riding down the road. This is why I think that it's so important to have the Vulnerable Road User Bill passed, to help protect us and everyone else who is not in a cage. Just sayin', you know.

And then, I was wondering about this hands-free law, does that mean that you don't have to have your hands on the steering wheel as long as you have them on the phone? I think a lot of people think that. Check this out, the reason that an accident occurs is because one object is traveling at a different rate of

speed from another and they meet, boom, accident. So, when you're on I-95 and everybody's traveling at different rates of speed with their cell phones in their hands, and know that many modern cars are made now so when they get in an accident, they fall apart, so that it takes the force of the accident, and not the people in the car, and that's all well and good, but they make it more dangerous for us bikers, because now car parts are all over the highway. What the hands-free law really means, is that, on July 1, 2019, Florida passed a law that says that texting while operating a motor vehicle is now a primary offense. ABATE of Florida Inc. helped get that law passed.

So anyway, I guess what I'm trying to say is really keep your eyes open when you're out riding. It seems like 2020 has brought a new way of thinking and driving. I guess the Coronavirus hit hard and affected people's brains, because everybody thinks they can do whatever they want on the road, because the cops will not pull them over, because of the Coronavirus. Cops are busy elsewhere, a lot of times, and trying not to be seen as the "bad" guys.

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Please be extra cautious
this holiday season!!!

Peace,
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PANDEMIC KICKSTARTED A MOTORCYCLE BOOM

From soft sales and even negative growth at some companies, to the specter of businesses collapsing in the face of Coronavirus, to sudden sales spikes and even triple-digit growth, 2020 has been a whiplash year for the motorcycle industry.

Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, red flags were waving in many pockets of motorcycle commerce according to Forbes.com, and there was a growing dark cloud hovering over the industry, generated in large part by one particular problem: Not enough new riders are buying motorcycles and replacing those that are leaving the sport.

"There have been many reasons postulated for the shrinking ridership numbers and flagging sales, from Millennials being more risk (and motorcycle) averse, to smartphone addiction to enthusiasts aging out of the market," wrote [Forbes](#) contributor Bill Roberson in his article; "The Motorcycle Industry Was At A Crossroads, Then COVID-19 Changed Up The Map".

When the pandemic hit, something very interesting happened: Motorcycle and bicycle sales started climbing, often at double-digit rates. "It made sense on some levels, since anyone returning to work or life in general was avoiding ride share and mass transit like the plague (sorry) and many ex-riders suddenly rediscovered their mothballed two-wheeled conveyances - or decided to buy new ones," surmised Roberson, adding that as people began to return to workplaces, suddenly motorcycles, scooters and bicycles became

viable options.

Besides being a socially distanced activity anyway, added benefits like discounted tolls, free parking (in non-car spaces) and HOV lane access for motorcycles could help drive even more people to give motorcycles a go.

Also, motorcycle industry insider Robert Pandya told Roberson that many cities experienced an unusual phenomenon unseen in decades: literally no vehicle traffic.

"And the new crop of electric machines, along with the surge in adult-sized small-displacement motorcycle options give perspective riders more to consider than what has long been the primary market focus in the U.S.: selling large displacement, high-margin motorcycles," explains Roberson.

Pandya noted that businesses and repair shops have experienced some "exceptional months."

But while the latest boost is good news, the big question is; can it be sustained? Will the sudden high tide of bike and motorcycle sales result in a renaissance for that kind of personal transportation? "We find ourselves in this industry on our heels, and you can look in the rearview mirror all you want," Pandya told [Forbes.com](#), "but I think the access to technology and design, and our marketing abilities, speaks to this awesome opportunity to go from seven percent [of people riding motorcycles] to eight percent." Just that small of a rise in ridership could be enough to swing the fortunes and future of the motorcycle industry.

U.S. HELMET USE TRENDS HIGHER

Helmet use by U.S. motorcyclists has trended higher over the past decade, according to a new government survey.

According to the U. S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the National Occupant Protection Use Survey (NOPUS) is the only survey that provides nationwide probability-based observed data on motorcyclist

helmet use in the United States.

The NOPUS is conducted by NHTSA on an annual basis and the findings of the survey over the past ten years show a gradually increasing trend in the use of helmets by motorcycle riders.

According to the NHTSA survey, helmet use nationwide increased among motorcyclists from 54.3% of all riders (including passengers) in 2010 to 70.8% in 2019. In states with a mandatory helmet law, helmet use among riders was 89.2% in 2019, while in all other states -- those that only require helmet use for specific riders, helmet use was 56.5%.

On a regional basis in 2019, riders in the West helmeted up most often, with helmet use noted among 83.7% of those observed. The south was next at 74.6%, followed by the northeast region at 74.1%, and the Midwest at only 43.4%.

Having a passenger aboard is an apparent factor in increased helmet use by the driver, with 79.7% of riders wearing a helmet when they have a passenger compared to 74% when riding solo, based on the data for 2019.

To view the full NHTSA report on helmet use trends online, including how the various criteria mentioned above are defined, go to: <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812936>

TEACHING MOTORCYCLES TO COMMUNICATE

In an international effort to improve road safety for motorcyclists, a number of motorcycle manufacturers are co-operating to connect motorcycles with other vehicles and infrastructure.

In the Connected Motorcycle Consortium (CMC), motorcycle manufacturers BMW, Honda, KTM and Yamaha work together to develop new standards and techniques to connect motorcycles with other vehicles and infrastructure.

CMC started in 2016, because C-ITS (Cooperative Intelligent Transport System) specifications for passen-

ger cars had not taken motorcycle specific safety factors and challenges into consideration sufficiently. The consortium aims at joining forces between motorcycle manufacturers, suppliers, research institutes and associations, to make motorcycles part of the future connected mobility.

The first goal was to define a first 'basic specification' for motorcycles to connect and 'talk the same language' to other vehicles or infrastructure by means of wireless communication. The next move will be CMC 'NEXT' with a wider scope, as motorcycle experts will be looking at further improvements of the specification while at the same time taking account of new functions supported by on-board sensors both in cars and in motorcycles.

"I am very glad that the motorcycle industry has joined forces to develop these specifications," commented FEMA (Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations) General Secretary Dolf Willigers, adding that "The new technologies that are involved here will assist the car drivers in their task and by doing so will make the road safer for motorcyclists."

Current developments in the industry offer a glimpse of what a solution by CMC might look like:

~ Smartphones – especially when connected via the upcoming, powerful 5G network – could be a major part of the solution, transmitting information between nearby vehicles.

~ Inspired by military headgear, U.S. manufacturers are designing smart helmets for PTWs, with cameras for traffic in front of and behind the driver and LEDs projecting warnings on the visor.

~ Researchers point to the value of intelligent speed controllers.

A number of manufacturers have already presented various innovations towards a fully operational C-ITS:

~ BMW's ConnectedRide, introduced in 2016, warns bikers when a car comes into the blind spot of their rearview mirror.

~ KTM is working on a Blind Spot Detection system, using short-range radar.

~ Ducati has collaborated with Audi on C-V2X tech-



nology warning drivers of a collision when near a crossing or behind a driver who suddenly brakes.

What's missing for now is the required infrastructure, and the regulatory obligation for all vehicles to be equipped with such systems. The European Commission has launched an EU-wide strategy for C-ITS, facilitating investments and exploring the rules required.

HONDA PATENTS A MOTORCYCLE THAT'S CONTROLLED BY THE MIND

No, it's not the plot-line from a sci-fi movie, Honda has filed one of the wildest patents of the year, with an idea for a motorcycle that is partly controlled directly by the power of thought!

Of course, all motorcycles are already controlled by the 'power' of the mind – the rider 'thinks' and the brain sends messages to our limbs that control the bike – but this latest patent for a “mind control motorcycle” shows that Honda thinks there is a more efficient way to do that, with signals from the brain directly affecting the bike's behavior.

“Honda's wacky idea is not that you think 'left' and the bike steers to the left; this system is more about changing the bike's settings and assistance systems,” according to VisorDown.com, going on to explain; “Within the rider's helmet, there are a set of neural sensors that can pick up the stream of thoughts from the rider's brain. The messages are then sent to the bike's on-board computer which deciphers the messages and adjusts the required setting in accordance with the demands of the rider.”

EURO 5 IS COMING

Despite pleas from the motorcycle industry and European manufacturers to delay implementation until 2022, particularly due to COVID-19 lockdowns, factory shutdowns and supply chain slowdowns, “Euro 5” is due to come into force January 1, 2021, forcing bike makers to meet ever-increasingly stringent emissions regulations worldwide.

As the name suggests, Euro 5 is the fifth set of Euro-

pean standards for motorcycles aimed at reducing air pollutants produced by two-wheelers incrementally over the years since Euro 1 in 1999, and every few years since the standards have tightened. As time goes by, the EU's regulations have grown to include safety systems (ABS, traction control) and other technology as well.

Wonder why two-stroke engines have disappeared, why carburetors have been replaced by electronic fuel injection, or why ABS is becoming standard even on lowly beginner bikes? Thank Euro5 and its predecessors.

Today, either directly or indirectly, European regulations are responsible for many decisions in the development of new motorcycles. Because of how strict the standards are and how influential the European market is to the entire global motorcycle industry, Euro 5 will essentially be the de facto worldwide standard.

It's easier for the OEMs to make one bike for the whole world, instead of a dozen variations for differing regional regulations.

Euro 5 means we can expect another imminent cull and extensive redesigns as current Euro 4-legal models are revamped or replaced to suit the stricter new tailpipe limits, and air-cooled engines are inevitably threatened each time there's a new bout of emissions restrictions.

Of course, Euro5 isn't the end, either. In coming years, we'll see Euro5+ enacted; all new models sold after 2025 must meet that even stricter standard. Look for new exhaust regulations, as well as changes to the rules around OBD2 code sensors, and even weight restrictions -- and expect technological advances, to meet all the new rules. The EU's rule changes may be killing off some much-loved models, but they're also forcibly moving the industry forward.

JURY FINDS MYRTLE BEACH RACIALLY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BLACK BIKERS

The city of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was motivated by race when it created a new traffic plan designed

to “suck the fun” out of Black Bike Week, a federal jury has found.

Civil rights groups accused the city of racially discriminating against the Black tourists by treating them differently than white bikers who attend Harley Week earlier each May, citing in particular a 23-mile one-way no-exit traffic chute that funnels them out of town during the peak nights of Atlantic Beach Bikefest, otherwise known as Black Bike Week. The city also puts up barricades and increases its police presence in ways that don't apply to the mostly white bikers during their event, NAACP attorneys said.

The jurors -- five Black and four white -- deliberated for more than three hours before delivering their verdict, on December 10, agreeing that “race was a motivating factor,” but they also sided against the black bikers, saying Myrtle Beach probably “would have made the same decision anyway, even if it had not considered race in its official actions regarding Black Bike Week.”

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I wish to join, and enclosed is: ___\$20.00 for Annual Dues ___\$600 for Life Membership
ABATE of Florida, Inc. Southeast Chapter P.O Box 292693 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33329-2693

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Signature: _____

YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER TO JOIN

If you'd like to purchase any ABATE products - such as shirts, pins, patches, hats or sunglasses - contact Products Trustee **Laurel Conner** at: **305-975-8497**. She will be glad to help you get what you need.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: by the 3rd Sunday of each month for articles, ads, flyers, etc.



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 Dedicated to**

“Freedom of Choice, Freedom of the Road”

You may know us as the motorcycle organization that got the helmet law repealed in Florida or from our motorcycle rights and safety rally's throughout the year. ABATE of Florida is not a club, we are a motorcycle rights & safety organization dedicated to promoting motorcycle safety while remaining ever vigilant of the legislative issues concerning motorcyclists' nationwide.

We Are Not ANTI-HELMET, We are ANTI-HELMET Law!

One of the most popular misconceptions about ABATE is that we are anti-helmet. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are “anti-helmet law” if you choose to ride with or without a helmet it's your choice, it is your right to decide whether wearing a helmet is right for you. ABATE is an organization fighting to protect your rights.

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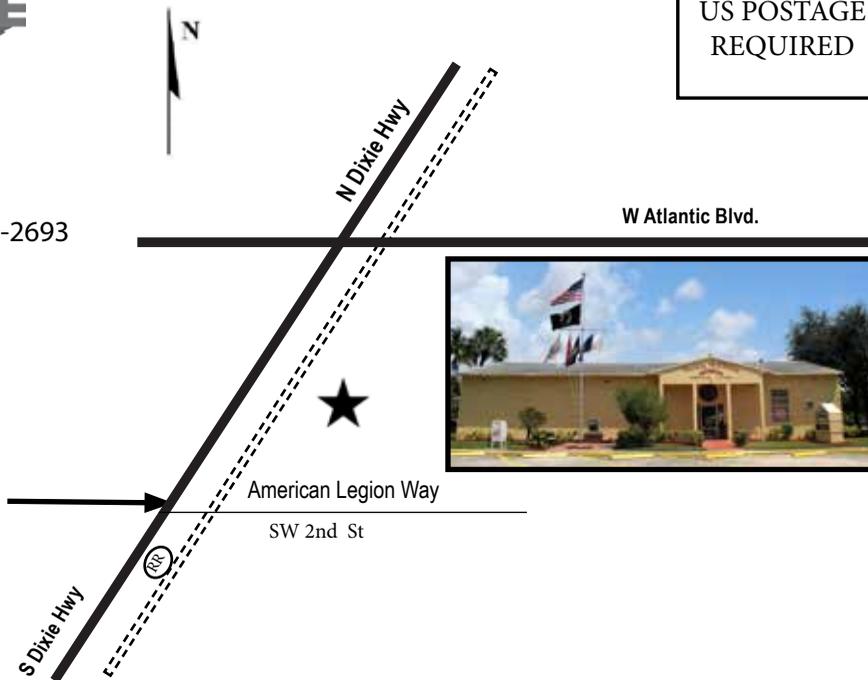
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GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.

To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

What's Happening Locally?

Call The Hotline!

(954) 480-3100

Or Visit

ABATE Southeast Chapter's Website

<http://abatese.org>

UPCOMING SE CHAPTER MEETINGS

January 10th, 2021

February 21, 2021**

American Legion Post 142,**

171 SW 2nd St.,

Pompano Beach, FL 33060

(954) 942-2448

Come & join the ranks

Of those who care to be involved!

** Due to Covid19 , ALL events are subject to change and or cancellation