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> **JANUARY 9,** 2022

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Saturday, January 29th, 2022 Everglades



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#### WHO WE ARE

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

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

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#### Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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

• The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. sits as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Collation of Motorcyclists (NCOM). NCOM has over 1000 member organizations.

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### "This page sponsored by Frank T. and Lisa"

#### From Your President

Man, I can't believe another year has passed. I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I wish you all health, wealth, and happiness in 2022.

We're going to start the year off with a whole lot of fun. January is going to rock out. First, we have the States MC Blessing of the Bikes on the 2nd. Then on the 9th, we have Wings of Gold MC Annual.

AND on the 16th, we will have our ABATE Southeast Chapter Semi-Annual. It will be held at Mickey's. This is always such a fun event, seeing all our friends after the holidays. Please come out and help support our Chapter. This is one of the ways we get money to put out our monthly newsletter, which keeps everybody informed about what's going on in our community.

One of my very favorite events of the year, the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show, will be on January 29th starting at 10am. One of the reasons why it's my favorite, is because I get to see all the bikes I used to ride on in the 60s. 70s, etc. From Honda 50 mini-trail, first bike I ever rode, oh yeah, and we didn't have any adult supervision then. It was just get on it and go. Then to the Kawasaki 2-stroke triples. Those bikes were primitive but were so much fun even without the technology we have today. You'll see a lot of different brands of motorcycles, and some that you might never have heard of, like Hodakas, Can-Ams, Bultacos, Husqvarnas, Pentons, and Bridgestones, and you can't forget Harley-Davidson had a two-stroke motorcycle in the sixties. I think it was a 125. They also have a lot of vendors, dealer displays, a great huge swap meet (lots of bike parts), motorcycle field games, Roller Derby girls, even a vintage bicycle display. It's free and very kid friendly. It



is always a great full day of fun! ABATE will have a booth set up at the entrance to the event. Hope to see everyone there. I guarantee you're going to like it.

We finish the month up on the 30th for Der Krieger MC's Annual.

Please support all your American Legions and VFWs. God Bless America, the military, and the veterans who have helped keep this Country free.

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

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

God bless America!!!!

Peace, Johnny Rose



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# 25th ANNUAL FREEDOM GATHERING

State Meeting Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 2:00pm
State Board Meeting Sunday, February 13 at Noon
American Legion Hall - 1065 S. Water St., Monticello, FL 32344
Directions to Hall: Go 2 blocks west of the Opera House on US 90, then turn west on Water
Street. Go 1/2 mile to the Legion Hall

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

# Ride to the Capitol Monday, February 14,2022 Kickstands up at 9:00am - Behind the Super 8 in Monticello

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There are other hotels and campgrounds in the area. The two listed above offer discounts to ABATE members. Please make reservations early.

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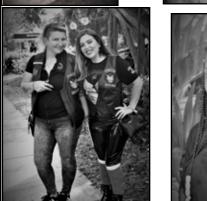


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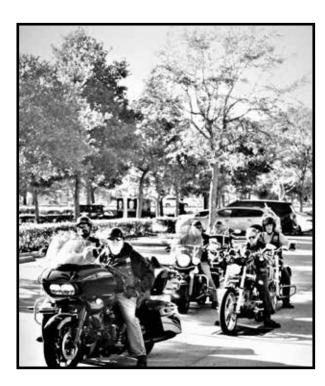
# Fice- President It's another New Year

It's hard to believe 2022 is upon us. Even just writing it seems unfathomable. I have to double look at my phone's calendar to confirm I just didn't go through a time warp at full speed ahead. So much has happened in each of our lives over the last year alone as we reflect back on it. Here's the question, were you able to do the things in life that bring you happiness or were you bogged down with work and all the honey do's that never seem to end. The moral to that story is that honey do's never do end, work is always going to be there and yes stress is also always going to be just a part of life. So, what that means is, if you don't make time for yourself to do the things you enjoy, you're going to wake up next year, 5 years or even 20 years from now and poof it's over. You've spent your whole life without taking any time for yourself. Of course, there has to be a balance, but for this New Years resolution make a commitment to at least once a month, even if it's only for an hour, you dedicated that time to you, not your wife, kids, or your significant other but only your time to do exactly what you want. If you don't specifically set time aside it won't happen. For me that scheduled time is riding. Personally, I ride almost every day for my motorcycle has become my primary mode of transportation, but at least once a month I try and ride for no reason but to enjoy myself and life. No plan, no timeframe, no destination, just ride. This time spent is never long enough but for that single moment I'm at peace with my life and In the Wind so at least now when I look back next year, I will have memories and not regrets.

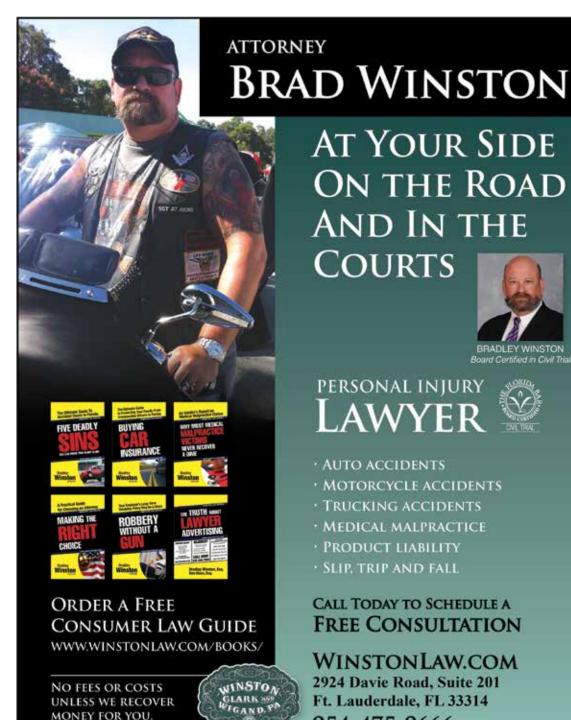
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Your VP Troy





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SOUTHEAST CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 142 171 SW 2ND ST POMPANO BEACH FL, 33060 DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sargent of Arms "Bubba" called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and there were 27 members present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by "Bubba", and a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, "Bear".

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JOHNNY ROSE:

Johnny thanked everyone for coming. He gave us the Sean "Bugsy" update. There are two cards going around, one for Frank T, who recently passed away, and one for Jester, who is in the hospital. Frank T. was a past President of our Chapter and is remembered as a good and kind man. Bear read a message from Frank's wife. The Toy's in the Sun Run went well and will be built back up to pre-COVID numbers. Betty is on her way to Louisiana to help those who lost everything after the hurricanes. Our members donated a lot of things.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - TROY WAUGH:**

Full house today for our meeting. December is the month of giving. We had a good turnout for the Toy Run, over 1,500 bikes. Some of us rode out to Betty's (Buffalo Tiger's Airboat Rides) in the Everglades to drop off donations for Louisiana. It was a good safe ride and great weather. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

#### <u>SECRETARY'S REPORT –</u> <u>HOLLIE "DREAMER" SADOFF:</u>

Motion to approve minutes in newsletter, motioned, seconded, approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT - SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read the Treasurer's report for November, motioned, seconded, approved.

#### <u>SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT –</u> <u>MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS:</u>

Reminder when wearing the ABATE patch on your vest and / or an ABATE shirt you are representing ABATE and to act accordingly. When one of us acts bad, it makes us all look bad.

#### **ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT – TROY WAUGH:**

A lot of good rides and events coming up and weather looks good:

Sunday, January 2nd - States MC Blessing of the Bikes Sunday, January 9th – Wings of Gold MC Annual Sunday, January 16th - Southeast Chapter Semi-Annual Saturday, January 29th - Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show

Sunday, January 30th – Der Krieger MC Annual February 14th – ABATE of Florida Annual Ride to the Capitol

#### SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JON "WAVY" VIGER:

Wavy spoke about the Safety Booth that was set up at Alligator Alley on Friday, only a few showed up, not as successful as in the past. Spoke about some group riding skills. Spoke about some riding skills, some refreshers learned recently, TURN YOUR HEAD IN THE DIRECTION THAT YOU WANT YOUR BIKE TO TURN. Reviewed some safety facts and statistics regarding safety and incidents.

#### STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT-MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS AND HOPE TRAVIS:

Southeast Chapter had most members for July, August, and October. State was also impressed by how many renewal memberships we get each month. State wants to bring back in-person Leadership Seminars next summer. State is trying to plan a State party for October. Other things to note, from State meeting, in general, any and all contracts must be approved by State, Financial reports must be in order, and properly documented for tax purposes, All ABATE sponsored events must have State approved insurance, and tag State on our posted Chapter Facebook pictures.

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#### PRODUCTS REPORT - LAUREL "LITTLE BIT" CONNER:

"Little Bit" had patches for sale today.

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT - SHEILA ROSE:**

Sheila read in the Membership report. We have over 700 members now, largest in the State, most new members for October.

#### **EVENTS COORDINATOR - GABE CARRERA**:

Gabe was excused.

#### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR – ADA "ABBY NORMAL" HIBBS:**

"Abby Normal", articles are due today. If you have pictures for the newsletter or Facebook, email them to her.

#### **NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – JON "WAVY" VIGER:**

"Wavy" said that we have over 800 newsletters going out each month. Take a few with you, to hand out when you see someone who might be interested in what we do.

#### LEGISLATIVE LIAISON - BRAD WINSTON:

Brad was excused.

#### **LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON:**

Brad was excused.

### <u>PUBLIC RELATIONS –</u> <u>DAWNE "THUNDER" KIRK-WATERS:</u>

Thunder was excused.

#### **BILLING AND INVOICING – HOPE TRAVIS:**

Up to date. When visiting a store, restaurant, business, mention advertising in the Southeast Chapter Newsletter.

# SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:

"Bear" brought his famous brownies and cheesecake cupcakes.

#### **QUARTERMASTER REPORT - MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS:**

"Bubba" – nothing to report

### <u>PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT – BARRY "BOATMAN" BLUNDEL</u>I:

"Boatman" is excused.

#### WEBMASTER'S REPORT - MIKE "ROGUE" HAGER:

"Rogue" was excused, all is going well. Please also send pictures to the Webmaster to post on the website.

#### <u>CHAPLAIN - CHRISSY LEONHARDT:</u>

Chrissy was excused. Bear said for everyone to stay safe and have a nice holiday. Keep all those who are injured and ill in your prayers. Call Jester, he has his phone, to say hi.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jester is at Westside Regional, can only have one visitor at a time. ABATE State has State Board and Trustee elections coming up. April is nominations for our Chapter. A motion was made to get a Vote of Confidence to move our January Chapter meeting from January 16th to January 9th, due to our Semi-Annual. All approved.

After our meeting, there will be a non-ABATE, just friends, holiday party at Sharkey's Boulevard Lounge. There will be a tray of sandwiches and another one of fruit. Others are bringing various food and other finger food.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Flyers on the table for upcoming events. Four Chaplains Ceremony on January 30, 2022, 2pm-4pm at I.T. Parker Center 901 NE 3rd Street Dania Beach, FL 33004. More info at next meeting.

Fern sent us a Christmas card

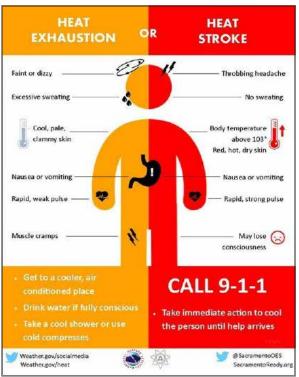
Motion to adjourn at 11:31am. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on January 9, 2022.

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff Secretary Southeast Chapter













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### SAFETY DIRECTOR

Good Day,

Yea, the Holiday Season is over. Just maybe some drivers will start driving a little better by paying more attention to the driving rather than shopping.

To the riders that purchased a new bike. Remember if you now have all the new tech gadgets that distract people in vehicles, do not let the gadgets distract on your new bike. It is very easy to let them distract you. Remember to use your common sense while riding. We want everyone riding free and safe.

And I know I have said it before, but it does need repeating:

#### **CHECK YOUR BIKE OVER BEFORE ANY RIDE!!.**

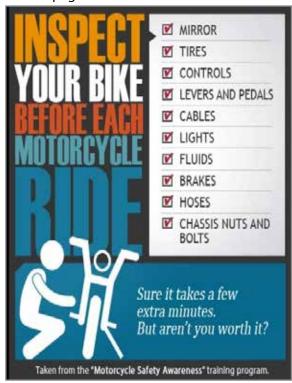
For more safety information, go to:

nhtse.gov/safety/motorcycles.gov

I encourage everyone to visit this site often.

Jon "Wavy" Viger Safety Director





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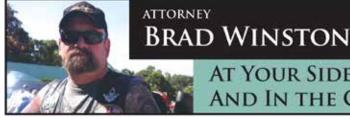
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#### FROM OUR

# ROAD CAPTAIN GET OUT and RIDE!

Sometimes life goes by so fast we forget how fortunate we are to live in this sunny state of Florida. For this time of year in almost every other state everyone is winterizing their motorcycles waiting for that first glimpse of spring to be able to once again fire up that steel horse and just be able to ride.

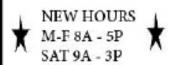
For us here in South Florida, January alone has so many Motorcycle Events, Open Houses, Bike Nights and MC Annuals to go to. Many can be found listed on the events calendar in this newsletter, Facebook, or by just talking with other riders in the area. One of my favorite events of the year is the Dania Beach Vintage Bike Show this January 29th. Last year it was canceled due to Covid but this year it looks like it's a go and will be held at Frost Park in Dania Beach, Florida. What a great time it is to reminisce and see all the old motorcycles and Mini Bikes we all grew up riding. Attendance is free, there will be motorcycle show competitions with several different classes, music and food vendors on site at the park. It's just a good family event and a great time to get out and ride.

ABATE will be setting up a Safety Booth at the event so be sure to stop by, say hello and find out what's the latest with the current motorcycle legislation bills that just made it to committee up in Tallahassee. Hope to see everyone there.

Your Road Captain, Troy









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#### LET THE 2022 ADVENTURE BEGIN!

Every year at this time, pray and ask God for a word- a single word dec-

laration to describe what He wants to reinforce in me for the upcoming year. One year it was 'Trust'; another was 'Courage.' I really learned a lot the year He gave me the word 'Authority.'

You might wonder how this works. Let me explain: I usually just ask God a simple question. I'm generally not in a church building but at home where I can be somewhat quiet. I don't get on my knees beside my bed but keep about my daily routine. What does He sound like? Usually, it's an impression that's deep inside or sometimes even a still small voice that's more like a whisper. Either way, one thing I don't do is worry I'll miss Him. If I don't hear right away, He'll make Himself known sooner than later.

I only ask for one word, although if I asked for more, He would probably oblige me. But one word is enough as it takes a whole year (or more) for me to grasp its meaning.

Interestingly, the last time I did this was more than a year ago. One night shortly after New Years Day 2020, I lay in bed and had my normal conversation with the Lord about this very subject, inquiring what the word would be for the upcoming year. He impressed on my heart the word 'Restoration.' At the time, I could think of several areas that could use some restoration but had NO IDEA what I was in store for.

The first part of the year included selling one home and buying another. Renewal began in my heart as I saw the place of rest God was preparing for my husband and me. We've never worked harder in our lives, but the reward is finally on the horizon.

Restoration also came to us in the form of a phone call when my husband learned he had a  $20\,$ 

daughter and two grandchildren. Years and years ago, the opportunity to do a paternity test was taken from him so he never really knew until she reached out to find him. God's restoration has never been so exciting!

Every December, I get excited to think about what next year's word might be and the adventure it's sure to bring, but last year I never made it that far. I wrecked on a motorcycle just before Christmas and recovering became my biggest priority. Around February, it dawned on me that I completely missed getting my word for 2021 and in my heart, I felt cheated. After another 11-day bout in the hospital last April, I heard His still small voice say, 'I'm not done restoring.' My body needed time to mend but now I can confidently say that physically I'm almost 100% refurbished.

Restoration came to my family as well. My daughter and her husband had their first baby and moved back home. Sometimes restoration is instant, but more often it's a slow process, Him taking things apart and thoughtfully putting them back together. I've had to learn to sit on my hands and let God work things out at HIS pace.

Well, it's that time... to sit at His feet and ask for the word. I dare you to join me and let the 2022 adventure begin!

Riding again slow but sure, Chrissy Leonhardt - Chaplain



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With the beginning of a new year, January finds people making New Year's resolutions and trying to get caught up on bills after spending so much for Christmas and perhaps relaxing after traveling. Celebrating New Year's Day, January 1st...each and everyone of us has their own special way of welcoming in the new year!

There is also another name for January 1st that might interest some of you...it's known as National Bloody Mary Day...for all those who celebrated more than they should have National Bloody Mary Day serves as the worlds most popular hangover cure on January 1st.

January 2nd, besides being my birthday! Is also known as National Science Fiction day. Todays celebration commemorates the birth of themed science fiction writer Isaac Asimov who was an American author and a Boston university professor. He passed away in 1992. Long before Asimov created his first work, humans imagined machines that would allow them to soar like birds. Leonardo da Vinci looked into the future with his contraptions worthy of all science fiction fans. Science fiction impacts life in ways we may not even consider. Some successful TV shows recognized by science-fiction fans include Star Trek the Next Generation, The X Files, Doctor Who and Twilight Zone.

What national holiday is on January 4th you ask? National Trivia Day! Over time the word trivia has come to refer to obscure and arcane bits of dry knowledge as well as nostalgic remembrances of pop culture!

On a cold winter day or after a long hard ride a nice hot/warm bubble bath sounds like a great idea. January 8th is the day to celebrate National Bubble Bath Day! The bubbles on top of the water insulate the bathwater keeping it warm for an extended period of time. Bubble baths offer health benefits and can relieve congestion and sore muscles, reduces tension and with an added touch of lavender and some candles will help you sleep better and maybe even have a romantic night!

January 9th is National Law Enforcement Day. Law enforcement officers have chosen a profession that puts their life on the line every day. They've answered a call to public service that is demanding and often unappreciated. Their jobs are often thankless and take them away

from their families for long hours. On this day we have an opportunity to thank them and show your support. Support the thin blue line.

National Save the Eagles Day is January 10th. The observance on this day is to raise awareness about all species of eagles. Only 50 species of eagles are left in the world. Eagles are powerful birds of prey and mate for life.

January 17 is Martin Luther King day. King is known for his "I have a dream" speech. He was the leader in the American civil rights movement.

A day we all like is January 21st..National Hugging Day. The purpose of this day is to help everyone show more emotion. Celebrate today by offering a hug to someone...everyone can use a hug !

January 24th is known as National Beer Can Appreciation Day! This day recognizes that great day in 1935 when beer was first sold in cans. Krueger Brewing Company sold the first beer in a can which had to be opened with a church key!

National Florida Day on January 25th recognizes Florida as the 27th state to join the United States. The Sunshine state is home to the oldest city in the country...St. Augustine founded by the Spanish explorers in 1565.

Whether it's a crossword puzzle, jigsaw puzzle, word search or trivia, January 29 is the day to put your mind to work. National Puzzle Day recognizes how exercising our brain with puzzles is very beneficial.

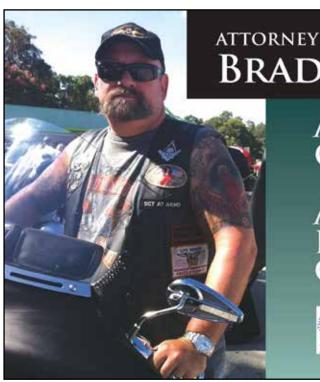
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So many ways to celebrate this day...be creative..have fun!  ${{\mathbb I}}$  raey weN yppaH  ${{\mathbb I}}$ 

May peace, happiness, good health and prosperity find you in 2022. Jody







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#### SUNDAY

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

#### **MONDAY**

>Ladies Nite at Sharkey's 9PM-2AM 2-for-1 drinks >Mickey's Karoeke 8PM-12AM

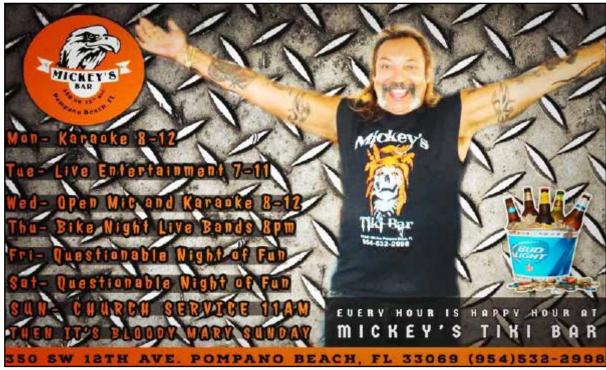
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>Blues Nite at Mickey's >Mickey's Open Mic and Karaoke 8PM-12AM

#### THURSDAY

>Mickey's Bike Night Live Bands 8PM





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# JANUARY

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9 WINGS OF GOLD FT. LAUD ANNUAL	10	11	12	13	14	15
ABATE SE Meeting						
16 S.E. ABATE - SEMI ANNUAL	17 Martin Luther King Day	18	19	20	21	22 USMVMV FL1 Open House
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States MC - Fri Night Pizza 6-8PM

1st & 3rd Fri - Kingdom of Brothers MC Open House
Gideons Motorcycle Club 8PM

Every other Friday

Fearless MC Open House 8PM-1AM

#### **SATURDAY**

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		1	2	3	4	5 US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD - ANNUAL
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 AOA FT LAUD - ANNUAL  ABATE State Meeting	14 Ride to the Capitol.	15	16	17 E-Board Meeting	18	19 WHEELS OF MAN MC 49TH ANNUAL
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<u>JANUARY</u>

2nd-Sun STATES MC - BLESSING OF THE

**BIKES** 

9th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD FT. LAUD. -

ANNUAL

16th-Sun S.E. ABATE - SEMI ANNUAL

24th-Sun

30th-Sun DER KRIEGER MC - ANNUAL

**FEBRUARY** 

5th-Sat US MILITARY VETS MC

HOMESTEAD - ANNUAL

13th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL

14th-Sun Valentines Day

19th-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC -

49th ANNUAL

26th-Sat SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY

<u>MARCH</u>

4th-13th 80th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK

17th-Thur St. Patrick's Day

20th-Sun **HERMANDAD MC -ANNUAL** 

26th-Sat Fly-In Wheels Annual

27th-Sun US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY

<u>APRIL</u>

2nd-Sat

3rd-Sun MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY

9th-Sat

10th-Sun STATES MC - ANNUAL

16th-Sat

17th-Sun CMA - EASTER SERVICE

23rd-Sat

22nd-24th LEESBURG BIKEFEST???

MAY

7th-Sat SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL

8th-Sun

8th-Sun Mothers Day

14th-Sat OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL

LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY

15th-Sat 21st-Sat

22nd-Sun NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL

28th-Sat

29th-Sun S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY

**EVENT** 

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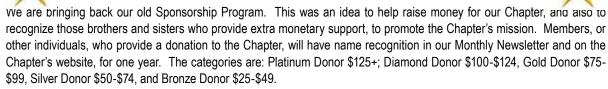








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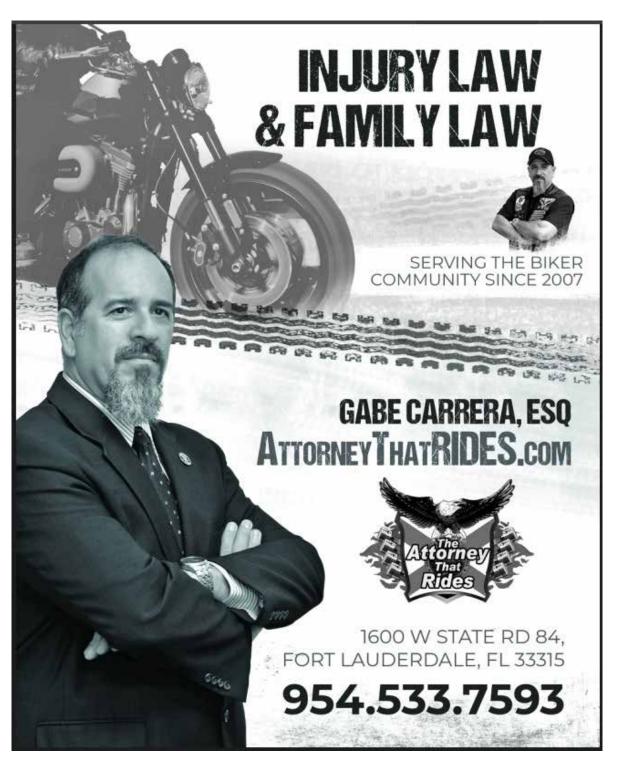
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-by: Sheila, Sandy, Little Bit, & Thunder



We were all a little busy with family over the holidays and really didn't have time to get together, to research and write our article, so we thought we'd share some interesting and fun motorcycle facts that we found at www.motorcyclelegal-foundation.com/motorcycle-facts from March 16, 2018.

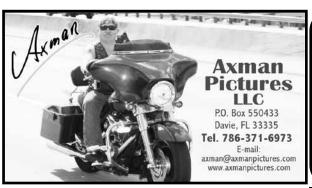
These 38 motorcycle facts explore the last 100 years of motorcycling. Test your knowledge and see how many of these motorcycle fun facts you know!

- 1. In 1887, Yamaha started as a piano manufacturer, but today is a multinational conglomerate that still produces musical instruments. They have added boats, car engines, swimming pools, industrial robots, wheelchairs, RVs, electronics, and golf carts, and motorcycles.
- 2. The record for the longest-ever backwards motorcycle ride was set by Dipayan Choudhury in Jabalpur, India on October 7, 2014, lasting 125.52 miles (202 kilometers).
- 3. Legend has it that the origin of the term "hog", when referring to a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, was from the early part of the 1900s Harley's racing team, the Wrecking Crew. They had a small pig as a mascot and one of the riders would do victory laps with the pig sitting on the bike's gas tank. In later years, HOG became the official acronym of the Harley Owners Group and is the trading symbol of Harley-Davidson on the New York Stock Exchange.
- 4. Recognized around the world as a leader in motorcycle helmet manufacturing, Arai Helmets started as a hat-making company in Japan in 1926 making gear for the construction industry. Company founder Hirotake Arai was once a motorcycle stunt rider and the company is still privately owned today and run by the Arai family.
- 5. The world's longest motorcycle was built in Gujarat,

India in 2015 by Bharat Sinh Parmar, sitting at 86 ft 3 in (26.29 m) long.

- 6. Sixty-eight percent of the female motorcyclists who died in crashes in 2016 were passengers, and their deaths represented 92 percent of the passenger deaths. The vast majority of male motorcyclists who died were drivers.
- 7. Engine sizes of motorcycles whose drivers were killed in crashes have gone up dramatically. Among motorcycle drivers killed in 2016, 33 percent drove motorcycles with engine sizes larger than 1,400cc, compared with 9 percent in 2000 and less than 1 percent in 1990.
- 8. The Isle of Mann TT (a high-speed motorcycle race) is held on closed public roads and the current lap record is just under 17 minutes with an average speed of 133.9 miles per hour (215 kph).
- 9. On the 1970s TV police series, CHiPS, actor Erik Estrada suffered a very serious motorcycle accident while filming an episode. Until he recovered, he literally shot his scenes from his hospital bed.
- 10. Did you know that modern sport bike tires don't contain any natural rubber? The tread of a tire is composed of synthetic rubber, which has been compounded to give a compromise between durability and traction.
- 11. Motorcyclists in Indiana only have to stop for 120 seconds (2 minutes) at a red stop light. They can treat the stop light as if it were a stop sign, then proceed through the intersection cautiously. The law was nicknamed "The Dead Red" law, but officially is designated IC 9-21-3-7b-3 signed in 2015.
- 12. Honda began selling pushbikes in 1946 fitted with two-stroke 50cc generator engines originally designed for use with army field telephones. In 1992 (another 46

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years later) it launched one of the most complex production motorcycle ever made with the Honda NR750. The NR boasted oval pistons with two connecting rods and eight valves per cylinder. Initially made as a racing only model, Honda later made 300 road versions of the NR available to the public.

- 13. Suzuki originally began making weaving looms for Japan's silk industry in the early part of the 1900s. Company founder Michio Suzuki wanted to diversify his company and began an engineering firm that started making small cars and engines during the 1930s. The first Suzuki motorcycle appeared in 1952 and was a motorized bicycle called a Power Free. It had a two-stroke 36cc engine that featured a double-sprocket gear system for the rider to either pedal with engine assistance, pedal without the engine, or simply disconnect the pedals and use the engine. Today, along with motorcycles, Suzuki makes cars, marine engines, wheelchairs and is Japan's second largest manufacturer of small cars and trucks.
- 14. The streamliner motorcycle, the Ack Attack, holds the record for world's fastest motorcycle. In 2010, Rocky Robinson used a streamliner-shaped motorcycle to set a world record for the fastest motorcycle at just over 376 miles per hour on the famed Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah. 15. A man in North Carolina buried his Harley-Davidson on his property and claimed it stolen in 2006. He was paid for the stolen motorcycle and his loan also paid off. The motorcycle was discovered in 2012 by a new owner of the property having some grading done by a contractor.
- 16. Prior to 2008, the leading age category for motorcycle fatalities was 29 years old and less, but 2008 saw a decrease in that category and lead change to the 50 years and older crowd.
- 17. The longest distance riding a motorcycle in 24 hours is 2,023.5 miles (3256.5 kilometers) and was achieved by Matthew McKelvey aka "Bushy" at the Phakisa Freeway in Welkom, South Africa, on 8 October 2014.
- 18. Did you know Steve McQueen's famous 65-foot motorcycle jump in the movie 'The Great Escape' was done by stand-in rider Bud Ekins and he did it in just one take? 19. In the earliest days of Harley-Davidson motorcycles, small advertisements were placed in the Automobile and Cycle Trade Journal offering bare Harley-Davidson engines to the do-it-yourself trade that could assemble their own motorcycle. By April 1905, complete motorcycles were in production on a very limited basis. That year, the

- first Harley-Davidson dealer, Carl H. Lang of Chicago, sold three bikes from the five built in the Davidson back-vard shed.
- 20. Peter Fonda wore the Captain America jacket and rode his chopper a week around Los Angeles before shooting began on the movie Easy Rider, to give them a broken-in look, and to get used to riding the radically designed bike. The American flag on the back of the jacket, and on the gas tank of the bike, caused him to be pulled over several times by the police.
- 21. Aside from making motorcycles, Kawasaki also manufactures personal watercraft, ships, electronics, construction equipment, tractors, trains, helicopters, jet engines, missiles and space rockets.
- 22. Only 3 states in the US do not require a helmet for any motorcyclist, while 28 states require a helmet for certain riders and the other 19 states plus the District of Columbia require a helmet for any rider (called a universal helmet law).
- 23. The highest three months for motorcycle theft are July, August, and September while the lowest are February, December, and March.
- 24. Dodge built and sold nine motorcycles with a Viper V-10 engine called the Dodge Tomahawk. The motorcycle featured 500 horsepower with dual front and rear 20" wheels and tires. Each sold for between \$500k and \$700k.
- 25. Only about 30% of all stolen motorcycles are recovered, which is half of all automobiles at 60% recovery.
- 26. Actual motorcycle clubs were on the set of the 2003 movie Biker Boyz to aid with tricks, stunts, and racing.
- 27. Honda motorcycles in California were the most stolen cycles in 2011 while Harley-Davidsons were the least stolen of the top five brands that made the list.
- 28. The Givenchy 'motorcycle jacket' was listed in 2016 as the most expensive jacket on the market. At \$9,100, the women's Hooded Biker Jacket is clearly one of those pieces that was designed for the sake of fashion rather than wearing while riding. Most of the jacket is made of lambskin, but pillowy lamb fur lines the collar and inside of the hood.
- 29. An estimated 10 cents of every \$1 in insurance premiums goes toward payment of fraudulent claims, according to the North Carolina insurance department as of 2012.
- 30. The longest motorcycle jump on record was set by

Robbie Maddison in Melbourne, Australia, jumping 346 feet (107 m) to set the world record.

- 31. Doug Domokos was inducted in the American Motorcycle Association (AMA) Hall of Fame in 2002. He was nicknamed "The Wheelie King" and once held the record for the longest wheelie at an amazing 145 miles in length. That record stood for over 8 years. (Before you start doing wheelies on your own, check out our state-by-state guide to motorcycle wheelie laws.)
- 32. The sound made by the "motorcycle" that Chris Pine rides to the shuttle departing to Starfleet Academy in the film Star Trek is the same sound used on The Jetsons from 1962 for the "cars" they fly.
- 33.The 2007 movie, Wild Hogs, features quick cameos from Paul Teutul Sr. and Paul Teutul Jr. of American Chopper: The Series (2003) . The two famous bike builders appear in the Wild Hogs' favorite bar as the bar owner and a background patron. The olive-drab green bike the character named Jack (played by actor Ray Liotta) was riding is made by Orange County Choppers and features their logo on the motorcycle in the movie.
- 34. In 2016, California reported the highest amount of registered motorcycles in the country (842,106 registered); Delaware had the least amount (28,156).
- 35. Emilio Scotto holds the world record of the longest motorcycle ride, spanning. 10 years, 279 countries and a total distance of 457,000 miles
- 36. Harley-Davidson is the leading motorcycle manufacturer in the U.S. market, producing \$5.6 billion dollars in revenue in 2017.
- 37. The first company that advertised a motorcycle's top speed of over 100mph was Brough Superior. That claim was made for its SS100 in 1924. Considered even today to be innovative and beautifully designed machines, Brough motorcycles were the first to have prop stands, twin headlights, crash bars, interconnected silencers and 1000cc v-twin engines. Every SS100 was road tested on public roads to check that it could reach 100mph. If it didn't, it was returned to the factory for further work until it could reach that feat.
- 38. In 2017, California became the first state to legalize lane-splitting through the AB-51 Bill.

Till next time.....and hope to see you at our Semi-Annual Event on January 16, 2022.

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







Please indulge me as I pay tribute to the love of my life.

Frank passed away last Sunday, November 28th at the age of 75, only two months after we learned he had stage four lung cancer. The kind of news that hits hard in the gut and pierces your heart with pain and tears, yet Frank took it in stride and didn't feel sorry for himself. He lived a full life and though there was much more he wanted to experience and accomplish in this world, he ultimately was at peace with the knowledge his life was coming to an end sooner than expected because he had truly lived and enjoyed his life, his family and his friends. I know he lives on in all our hearts.

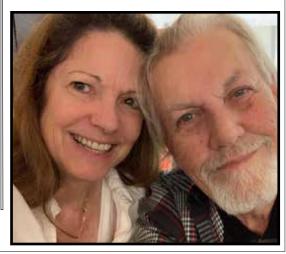
I loved Frank dearly for the past 40+ years, and he loved me fiercely: how blessed and fortunate we were to share that bond. We had a fantastic life together, having met in the Philippines in 1980, and then living, playing and making friends in northern California. Washington, DC, southwestern Virginia. south Florida and now southeast Texas. Frank knew how to love fully, give of himself and express his feelings – never shy to tell his family and friends how much he loved us. He knew and practiced well how to be a true friend, keeping in touch as the years rolled by and creating new memories as his location or interests changed, and always reminiscing as he loved to look at our many photos and tell stories full of laughter and adventures, and even lessons learned.

He was also a compassionate, devoted father (and an indulgent grandfather and dogfather - his bond with his sons Frank III (Skip) and Wally is so strong and their relationship so full of love and support. He is so proud of them, their families, and their accomplishments; pleased to have been able to lead by example when he retired from the Air Force in 1987, and then went back to college to ultimately get his doctorate in education in 1992. He had a wide variety of interests over the years, and always embraced them fully with a gung-ho spirit. There was sailing – racing and cruising, skiing – downhill and cross-country, scuba diving, mountain biking, col-

lege studies/book learning, teaching students of all ages, researching and writing, creating an institute at Florida International University focused on improving opportunities for noncollege bound youth, jogging on the beach (just one year, but he was dedicated!), golfing, motorcycling, and most recently learning to play guitar... His t-shirt and ball cap collections are legendary and reflect all these interests, yet I've no doubt left a few out.

We intend to have a celebration of Frank's life sometime next year. In the meantime, you would honor him and all your loved ones by celebrating your own life each day. Living it to the fullest with a smile, a laugh, gratefulness in your heart and a helping hand for those in need.

## Lisa







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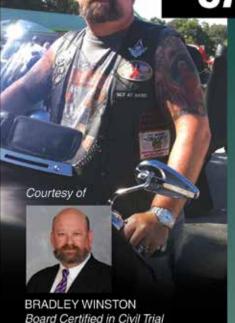
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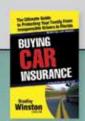
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Johnny's Rant

Okay, so I'm going to start this off with.....holy sh--, be careful out there! With all the construction going on, it seems like every road we have in South Florida is under construction. My 3-year-old granddaughter, lives in Dade County, off I-95, and I live in Broward County, off the Turnpike, and the other day she said to me, "You're just like me, Papa" pointing to the orange barricades by the side of the road to her house, and yes, there is construction on both of our local roads.

With that being said, we also have our northern brothers and sisters down here. Welcome, you guys (and girls). Many are not familiar with our roads, and the construction doesn't help, and then add to that, we also have some folks that might be a little intoxicated so........

Another unwelcome complication of all that construction, is that there is so much road debris on our highways and roads. So, pay extra attention and always try to leave yourself an out. What this means, "leave yourself an out", is to make sure that you have a clear spot next to you, where you can drop over into it, in case of road debris or a cage slamming on the brakes, making a sudden lane change, etc.

And this brings me to something I say a lot,

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Happy New Year, and may it be better than the last!!

Peace Johnny Rose









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#### <u>U.S. EXPERIENCES LARGEST 6-MONTH INCREASE IN</u> TRAFFIC DEATHS EVER

U.S. traffic deaths soared in the first six months of 2021, making for the most deadly 6-month period ever recorded. An estimated 20,160 people died in motor vehicle crashes on U.S. roads, an 18.4% increase from the same period in 2020, announced the U.S. Department of Transportation's NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration).

Traffic deaths surged after Coronavirus lockdowns ended in 2020 as more drivers engaged in unsafe behavior like speeding and lack of seatbelt use, according to NHTSA behavioral research findings. That made for the largest six-month increase ever recorded in the Fatality Analysis Reporting System's history, which has been in use since 1975.

As U.S. roads became less crowded, some motorists perceived police were less likely to issue tickets because of Co-ViD-19, experts said. Incidents of road rage and driving under the influence were also found to be higher than before the pandemic. Travel on U.S. roads was up 13% in the first half compared to a year earlier.

"This is a crisis," noted Pete Buttigieg, the transportation secretary, adding that the rising traffic deaths left "countless loved ones behind," he said. "We cannot and should not accept these fatalities as simply a part of everyday life in America."

Buttiglieg announced the Department's first-ever National Roadway Safety Strategy to launch in January with a comprehensive set of actions to reverse the current trend.

The initiative will be rooted in the Safe System or approach to roadway design that takes human error into account, first put

into effect in Sweden's Vision Zero in the 1990s, with the goal of eliminating all road deaths and serious injuries.

#### **BBB AND ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES**

It's not law yet, and many political insiders don't believe it ever will be in its present form, but the Biden Administration's "Build Back Better Act" as currently written includes a tax credit toward the purchase of qualifying two- or three-wheeled electric vehicles, of 30% of the purchase price, up to a credit of \$7,500.

What kinds of bikes qualify for this credit; you may wonder? For starters, only motorcycles made "for use on public streets, roads, and highways" make the grade. Additionally, qualifying vehicles must be capable of achieving speeds of at least 45 miles per hour, and be powered by a 2.5kWh or greater battery.

Unfortunately, that also means that low-speed electric motorbikes (and scooters), often used for urban transport, do not meet the criteria for this credit. Additionally, while a \$7,500 tax credit sounds like a sweet incentive, your electric motorbike purchase must cost at least \$25,000 to hit that ceiling.

Various criteria, such as a taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income, can also affect the available tax credit offered. If married, taxpayers paying jointly make over \$500,000 in a year, or \$250,000 if filing as single taxpayers, the credit goes away completely.

The nearly \$2-trillion BBB, H.R. 5376, has passed in the House of Representatives and now awaits further action in the U.S. Senate when Congress returns from Holiday recess.

## ELECTRIC COALITION PLANS MASSIVE INCREASE IN CHARGING STATIONS

In America, with its wide-open spaces, one of the biggest hurdles to EV adoption is range anxiety, and while cars manufacturers have made great strides in addressing this issue, electric bike OEMs still face an uphill ride due to size and shape limitations. Still, all EVs traversing American roads could stand to gain if the National Electric Highway Coalition has its way.

Simply stated, the NEHC wants to provide DC fast charging infrastructure along "major U.S. travel corridors" by the end of 2023. With current projections estimating that around 22 million EVs will take to U.S. roads by 2030, the Edison Electric Institute estimates the need for around 100,000 EV fast charg-

ing ports readily available from coast to coast.

That's a tall order, considering the U.S. Department of Energy current lists a total of 5,644 DC fast chargers across the entire United States. By the EEI's own estimates, that's nowhere near enough.

A total of 53 separate energy companies across the U.S. formed this NEHC power company coalition, with most being investor-owned energy companies from whom many of us receive our electric bills every month.

"EEI and our member companies are leading the clean energy transformation, and electric transportation is key to reducing carbon emissions across our economy," according to EEI President Tom Kuhn. "With the formation of the National Electric Highway Coalition, we are committed to investing in and providing the charging infrastructure necessary to facilitate electric vehicle growth and to helping alleviate any remaining customer range anxiety."

#### EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURER ASSOCIA-TION REVEALS FUTURE GOALS

Despite the growth and development in the electric mobility sector, the European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM) wants to go much further by 2030. On November 17, 2021, ACEM held an online conference to introduce its Vision 2030+. The strategic documents lay out a roadmap for the European motorcycle industry to continue development in conjunction with regional decarbonization goals. European Parliament and European Commission policy-makers were in attendance as well as industry leaders.

"The Vision 2030+ that we are presenting today is the result of a long-term reflection at the highest levels of the European motorcycle industry," said ACEM Vice-President and Head of BMW Motorcycles Dr. Markus Schramm. "Vision 2030+ is about the future of mobility but also about the valuable contribution our industry can make to help Europe achieve its goals in areas such as industrial policy, decarbonization, and road safety."

The presenters stressed the importance of cooperation among manufacturers such as the Swappable Batteries Consortium, but also noted that alternative fuels play a major role in meeting future goals. New proposals like the Fit for 55 package and alternative fuel deployment initiatives are all aimed at achiev-

ing the objectives set forth by the European Green Deal and the European Climate Law. Under the two bills, the E.U. is expected to reduce emissions by 55% by 2030.

"Through this Vision 2030+, the motorcycle industry is gearing up to be a part of tomorrow's European transport system, with advanced and increasingly sustainable products meeting different societal needs, such as personal mobility, leisure, and last-mile deliveries," concluded ACEM Secretary General Antonio Perlot. "Recognition and support by policymakers will be key to turn it into reality."

## AI BEING DEVELOPED TO PREDICT AND AVOID COLLISIONS

Honda has announced that they will be embarking on an ambitious program to help make our streets safer by incorporating predictive Artificial Intelligence technology into driving and riding Honda automobiles and motorcycles.

"Honda will strive for zero traffic collision fatalities involving Honda motorcycles and automobiles globally by 2050," said Honda CEO, Toshihiro Mibe. Mibe also added that to eliminate motorcycle collision fatalities especially in emerging countries, Honda will "continue to strengthen research on safety technologies that enable motorcycles and automobiles to safely coexist and lead the way in realizing a collision-free society."

With Honda's "Safe and Sound Technology," information about potential risks in the traffic environment, which are detected based on information obtained from roadside cameras, on-board cameras and smartphones, will be aggregated in the server to reproduce that traffic environment in the virtual space. In that virtual space, in consideration of the conditions and characteristics of each individual road user, the system predicts/simulates the behaviors of road users at high risk of a collision. Then, the system derives the most appropriate support information to help the road users avoid such risks.

Such support information will be communicated intuitively to automobile drivers, motorcycle riders, and pedestrians through "cooperative risk HMI (human-machine interface)," which will make it possible for the system to encourage road users to take action to avoid a collision before it happens.

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According to Honda, the company is targeting the testing and effectiveness of the system within the next few years, while standardization with industry-wide private-public collaboration will commence after 5 years. Honda also hopes to deploy the technology for "real world" applications sometime after 2030.

## MOTORCYCLE EVENTS ONCE AGAIN CANCELED DUE TO CHINA VIRUS

Just as we thought the world was beginning to return to some semblance of normalcy, the global pandemic seems to be striking back with a vengeance, especially as majority of the Northern Hemisphere is right in the thick of winter. Several countries have seen massive increases in Coronavirus cases, particularly worrisome mutations, which unfortunately spells disaster for numerous motorcycling events -- be it indoors or outside -- such as The Elephant Rally, iconic IMOT, and high-adrenaline Supercross Dortmund, as biker gatherings across Europe are being postponed or have gotten the axe.

The racing scene, too, is not left without its casualties, as the Dortmund 2022 motocross series has also been canceled.

With worldwide travel bans, health mandates and safety restrictions once again set in place to curb the spread of the virus, hopes remain high that the events we motorcycle riders are so passionate about will return to the calendar soon.

#### OF CONCERN: 4 OUT OF 5 KINDERGARTNERS CAN'T RIDE A BICYCLE

Ryan McFarland, the founder of Strider kids bicycles, told his motorcycle industry audience at the Orange County IMS Outdoors event that today only one in five kindergartners know how to ride a bicycle.

Similarly, most young drivers today have never learned to use a clutch to drive a car with a manual transmission.

Most motorcycles require both balance and use of a clutch, and in the past one could assume that new motorcycle customers would already be familiar with both.

Not-so-much today, but the motorcycle industry is aware of both of these challenges, and are developing new rider programs, power assist bicycles, and new technologies such as clutchless shifting and continuously variable transmissions, as well as more affordable rides.

No, today we can't count on as many kids riding bicycles or teens learning to drive a stick, but the motorcycle industry is working hard in other ways to attract new riders.

#### <u>THEFT ALERT: THIEVES USING APPLE TECH TO TRACK</u> VEHICLES OF INTEREST

Apple created AirTags to help users find commonly misplaced items like keys or luggage. When paired to an Apple device via Bluetooth, each AirTag allows the owner to track the item's whereabouts. Hidden AirTags have even been used to track down stolen vehicles, including motorcycles.

However, AirTags don't just let the user track their belongings, they also allow thieves to track other people's property. Authorities have discovered that crooks are stashing AirTags on luxury vehicles, out of the owner's sight. Once the thief tracks the automobile (or motorcycle) to the owner's residence, they can steal it once out of the public's eye.

"Inspect your vehicle regularly and call police if you notice any suspicious potential tracking devices," suggested the York Regional Police in Ontario, Canada. "If possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage," and "consider purchasing a quality video surveillance system."

**QUOTABLE QUOTE**: "Those who foolishly sought power by riding the back of the tiger ended up inside."

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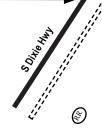
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