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# **Membership Due**

#### Thanks if you have already renewed

#### June

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#### July

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Sharon Goodwin George Gramatikos "Six" "Zilla" James E. Hines "FearLess" Mark Leeds "Undertaker" Stuart Mc Lees "Gemini" Linda Michnowicz "Crunch" Tom Pierceall **Dion** Potter Jody D Ray "Prowindo" "Pygar" Jacki "Jax" Stanly Hyacinth Stewart "Pervert" Jerry Wojcik

You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership or bedeleted from the State's List. Also (very

important) be sure to notify us of any



### ATTENTION

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Thunder Cycles **Boston Johnnys** CycleLab Biker's Inc. Mastermailer. Players Pub On the road again Texas Rose Crabby Jacks Mickey's Lukes Wetz Shanks Firewater Flossie's

## President's Thoughts

First off I would like again to thank all the people that made our Memorial Event one of the most successful we have had in recent time and it could not have happen without all the people who stepped in to help. From the planning to the executing, not counting all the donations from individuals and companies like Peterson's Harley, Candy's Cycle Shop and all the rest that help make this a fun event.



A special thanks the band RINGERZ who not only played the event, but donated the fee to the chapter I got a copy, of the DVD that Axman made of the memorial event and I have to tell you that he did a great job. It is filled with over <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of an hour of pictures and video of that day, from the ride from the nursing how the Café 27, he recorded the event and plus he added a sound track to go along with it. Contact him if you would like a copy, you won't be disappointed

June was also the time for elections for ABATE on both the local and state level. The members where able to decide on the leadership team that will help direct the organization in the forthcoming year and I am happy to say that the new board that the was elected in the SE Chapter are enthused about working together with the Trustees and members to make this chapter one of the best in the state.

The board and trustees that where elected now are in the process of setting up goals that we would like to see happen this year and would appreciate any input you have. One of the goals that I would like to see happen is to help relieve the work load that the trustees have before them and if you can assist the trustees with anything, like selling/collecting advertising, helping with membership drives or being part of the safety group, contact me, one of the other board or one of the trustee in the area that you can help them with.

July is also a big month, we of course have the 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, but also it was 10 years ago that the mandatory helmet law was repelled on July 1<sup>st</sup>! Both are days that need to be remembered as days that we regained our freedom of choice.

The summer is also the time when other than special session that might be called , the Lawmakers are away from the State Capital and have return to their respected districts. This, however doesn't mean they are unapproachable, it s just means they are local which makes a good time to touch base with them to remind them we are still out there and we can support them or not.

Said enough for now ... Till next time... Ride Free and Ride Safe and remember without the Chapter is only as good as the members



OldHippy

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# **ABATE of Florida, Inc.**

# Leadership Seminars

Saturday, July 10, 2010

# President's Meeting Sunday, July 11, 2010

At the Clarion Hotel Convention Center 350 E. International Speedway Blvd. (US92) Deland, FL 32724-2426 For Reservations Call: (386) 738-5200 Special Rates for ABATE

These Leadership Seminars are for <u>ALL CHAPTER OFFICERS.</u> Each seminar will be presented by the State Board Member based on his or her respective office. These seminars will offer a good overview of the duties and responsibilities of a Chapter Officer And will give attendees a chance to get answers to their questions on an individual basis.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2010

ROOM A Treasury Treasury Treasury Lunch Safety Membership ROOM B Products Delegates Sgt-At-Arms Lunch Secretary/Insurance Secretary/Insurance

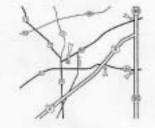
ROOM C Legislative Legislative Newsletter Lunch

PR/Communications PR/Web

#### SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010

#### 9am - 12 Noon Presidents/Vice Presidents Meeting

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### ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter June 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 10:08am by Sgt @ Arms BARS with 70 members, 4 guests, no At-Large members in attendance. Total in attendance: 74. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting started with a prayer given by our chaplain; Poppi.

#### **President's Report**

Jimbo is back in the hospital. Vice President Old Hippie chaired the meeting.

#### **Vice-President's Report**

Old Hippie thanked everyone for coming. Special thanks to all of our members who came out for our Memorial Day event. It was a huge success, also a very special thank you to Alberto Perez our member who has donated the new banner in front of the officers table. Our president Jimbo is still in the hospital. He is in the VA hospital in Miami and is expected to be there for 2 to 4 weeks. Please stop by or call him and keep him in your prayers. Our Road Captain Chris is still at the Seaview Nursing and Rehab Center located at 2401 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Pompano. Please stop by and visit. Old Hippie reported we will be going out of our normal meeting sequence due to our chapter elections. Elections chairman Geo explained the ballot process. All offices running unopposed will be elected by a vote from our secretary during old business. Offices with multiple candidates are on your ballots. Candidates were given 2 minutes to introduce themselves and present their goals for the chapter.

#### **Secretary's Report**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of May's meeting as printed in the newsletter. With 1 correction – Lee Ann Lewis's name was misspelled. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Alice read May's report. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurers report. All in favor, motion passed.

#### Sergeant at Arms Report

BARS reported over 800 people showed up for our Memorial Day Event. What a turn out and a huge success. The trailer was loaded and unloaded in record time in thanks for all those members who came out to help.

#### **Road Captain's Report**

Newcomer reported there was nothing to report.

#### PLEASE CHECK THE HOTLINE 943-310-4636 FOR MEETING PLACE AND TIMES FOR ALL EVENTS.

#### Safety Director's Report

Geo thanked all our members who helped out this year in our MSAP program and to please continue the support with the new safety director who will be elected today.

#### **State Reps Report**

Chris reported there was no State Meeting this month. Next month is the State Meeting in Pensacola anyone wishing to attend please contact him, it's a long ride but worth it as the state elections will be held. We did received \$250,000.00 from the state for motorcycle safety.

#### **Products Report**

Susan thanked Jackie for taking over the products early and for the great job she did at our event. The operation on her son has been postponed until July, if you have o negative blood and wish to donate blood for her son, please contact her.

#### **Membership Report**

George reported we now have 612 members. We added 14 new members at our event. If you know of anyone on the list in the newsletter who has not renewed, please get them to renew. Please let us know if you have a change of address. We are getting mailed returned as members have moved. Reminder, when filling out the application form, PLEASE WRITE OR PRINT LEGIBALLY.

#### **Newsletter Editor**

Suzanne thanked all the members for their support while she has been newsletter. We have one of the premier newsletters in the state. Please do what you can to sell advertising as this is what pays for the newsletter. Special Thanks to all who help in the distribution of the newsletter.

#### **Legislative Report**

Chris reported not much going on in the legislature at this time. We will be planning a run in celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

freedom of choice. Please check the hotline for meeting time and place.

#### **Public Relations**

Marjorie was not present. No report.

#### Advertising

Hope reported no matter where you go or if you frequent a local establishment ask them to take out an ad. Business card ads are very reasonable.

#### **Events Coordinator**

Shaky Bob thanked all our members who came out to support our Memorial Day Event. It was a huge success due to their participation. Special thanks to Princess Sharon who gave him the support he needed.

#### **Social Director's Report**

Karin reported this month's birthday's party will be next Saturday June 19th at Shanks Please come out and celebrate June's birthday babies. For those who missed May's party at Hollywood Johnnies missed out on a great party. Music was provided by our very own and new Road Captain Geo and his band "The Hoodoo Blue Blues Band. If you want your birthday recognized, please give Karin a call. She will add you to the list.

#### **Quartermaster's Report**

Bob Anz reported there was no report.

#### **Photographer's Report**

Brett not present, but there are about 1000 pictures on Facebook. So check it out

#### Web-Master's Report

Ricky Mouse reported our web is up and running. If you have any issues, please contact him at: webmasterabatese@gmail.com. Don't forget our web address is: **www.abatese.org** 

#### **Trash master's Report**

No report

#### Legal Council

Chris reported nothing pressing at this time.

#### **Old Business**

Elections.

Our secretary cast one yes vote on behalf of the chapter for all candidates who are running unopposed.

Our election chairmen, Geo announced the result of the voting.

President: Bob "Old Hippy" Leavitt Vice President: Johnny Rose Secretary; Louis "Commander" Subarits Safety Director: Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff; Social Director: Karen Rylands Quartermaster: Bob Anz Photographer: Lee Ann "Wildcat" Lewis. Geo thanked all the candidates and certified

#### **New Business**

the ballots.

None

#### Good of the order

Leadership seminars will be held in July in Deland. These seminars are beneficial especially for members who have been elected to office for the first time. Dates and times will be in the Masterlink. Benefit Ride for Cancer poker Run on June 27, 2010. Check the hotline for meeting time and place.

American Legion Post 321 Legion Riders poker Run 7/11/10. Check the hotline for meeting time and place.

If you want some quality pictures, check out www.axmanpictures.com our very own Axman has a great web-site with great pictures and you can't beat the price. Call him for further information.

A motion was called for and seconded to adjourn, all is favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:26am

These minutes are summarized and respectfully submitted

Paul A. Melcer

Paul A. Melcer Secretary



Many Thanks to Paul Melcer for his many years of service to ABATE Southeast Chapter as Secratary and our longest running Board Member!





### 10365 ROYAL PALM BLVD (CORNER OF CORAL SPRINGS DRIVE & ROYAL PALM BLVD) CORAL SPRINGS—954-340-9938

Biker Friendly Patio / Bike Parking Monday=1/2 Price Appitizers All Day All Nite 7p.m. \$1.00 Bottles Bud, Bud Light

Tuesday= 49cent Wings after 6

Wednesday=All U Can Eat Pasta \$8.99 Patio Paridise \$1.49 Pabst Tall Boy's Live Music @ 6:30p.m. on the Patio with Tom Allen

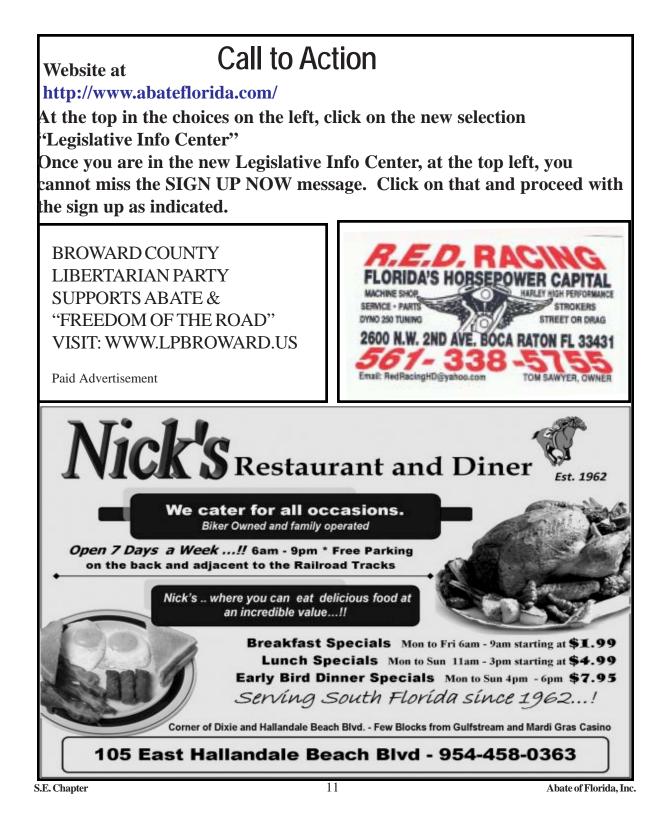
Thursday=Country Western Night Line Dancing 7p.m. \$3.00 Shot Specials

Friday= TGIF PARTY 1/2 Price Appetizers 4-6p.m. Prime Rib Fridays \$12.99 Live Music Mr. Lucky 8:00p.m./ Kill the KEG 9p.m.

Saturday=Bike Day Ride in and Receive 15% off Live with Walt Rooney on the Patio 4:00 Abracadabra Karaoke 9:30p.m.

### Sunday=BIKERS SPECIALALL DAY Rib Dinner Buy Get One Free Happy Hour Mon-Sat 11a.m.-7p.m.

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### OldHippy's Corner

Summer is here and it is the start of the hot muggy weather with the afternoon thunderstorms that luckily we did see the hot muggy, but not the rain this year at our Memorial event at CAFÉ 27.

Independence Day July 4th is this month, which is the day that this nation was delivered from the rule of the English and their totalitarian control. Earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail, who's pretty much sums it up how it is celebrated, even though it did not get passed for two more days by the Second Continental Congress and most delegates actually signed the Declaration on August 2, 1776. "The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

In a remarkable series of coincidences, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, two founding fathers of the United States and the only two men who signed the Declaration of Independence to become president, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the United States' 50th anniversary.

I wonder what our forefathers would have to say, it they where to come back now and see what we have become as a nation now. I was thinking about the difference between politicians we have now and the statesman that we had in the beginning, when I remembered a quote from Mikhail Gorbachev: the former seventh and last General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, "A statesman does what he believes is best for his country, a politician does what best gets him re-elected". "And if you add the 19th century American preacher and author James Freeman Clarke, who's take on it was: "A politician thinks about the next elections — the statesman thinks about the next generations". Then again, Harry Truman has his own take on it and stated, "A politician is a man who understands government. A statesman is a politician who's been dead for 15 years What I get out of all this, is that we have more good politicians who understand government and does what his best to keep his job than we do good statesman, because according to Harry Truman all the good statesman are dead and gone.

I just got a new set of mufflers of the Other Woman and they are a tad (a lot) louder than the factory one's that she came with, which means that I could possible be in violation of some type of ordinance somewhere, so I did a little inquiry and would like to pass on a press release that from B.O.L.T (Friends of Bikers Of a Lesser Tolerance):

pipes statutes or noise statutes or a combination of both in NC as early as 2011. I expect it 14 Abate of Florida, Inc. S.E. Chapter

There are signs popping up, around the country, that we could see additional exhaust

would look much like the other statutes appearing in several other states. There is also a possibility of municipal ordinances in "stuffy" places that like to regulate everyone, such as Cary. So far, there have been no major issues in NC. There have been a few newspaper articles.

Motorcycle noise is typically momentary as a motorcycle starts up, or passes by. As such, they are nowhere near as invasive as lawn care devices which disturb for hours. In those occasions when a motorcycle remains stationary and emitting noise that disturbs neighbors, there is already plenty of disturbing the peace ordinances in place, and should be no need for more. I also think that if a person moves into a high-traffic area next to a highway, they often knew it before they moved in, so, like the mayor of Del Ray Beach, Florida, complaining about motorcycles outside her favorite sidewalk cafe which is on the main drag from the interstate highway to the beach, they do not get my sympathy. There should be no need for lawmakers and city councils to single out motorcycles for specific regulation, since there are so many different types of equipment that emit noise, disturb the peace, and do so for several hours.

However, my views are not shared with anti-noise groups who are getting better organized and looking to make an example of motorcycles, so we will need to keep our ear to the ground. If anyone can think of proactive ways of defending against additional legislation which is certain to come, please give it some thought. Otherwise, it is good to stay informed, and help out the situations in Boston and elsewhere by participating in letter writing campaigns. The Myrtle Beach ruling by the SC Supreme Court which found municipal is preempted by state law can be used as an example if our arguments come down to keeping laws uniform throughout the state rather than different for all the municipalities.

I totally agree with the statement by Jan, but sometimes we're our own worst enemies. There are two things that bring attention to us. First are people that constantly rap the throttle while sitting at a red light. Mindlessly flicking the throttle is not cool - it's irritating. If the bike won't idle, get it fixed; otherwise leave the throttle alone until you need power. The other highly irritating thing that "we" do is to load up the throttle in 1st gear for fear of stalling the bike when the clutch lever is released. If you haven't mastered clutch/throttle control, then take

your ass to a parking lot, learn how to apply power and clutch simultaneously. These things may not get the noise police off our backs, but they're a good start

Till next time.. Keep the shinny side up and the greasy side down

OldHippy

Oh by the way,,,, "CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW"???? S.E. Chapter 15



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## Vice Prez

First, I would like to thank everone for their support. I am very excited and looking forward to working with the new board members to achieve the goals ABATE is fighting for! I know with all the experience and knowledge of our past board members that we can make a difference. So we can ride free and ride safe.

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

PEACE

# Johnny Rose





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# Happy Birthday!

June's Birthday Party at Shanks had 30 Brothers and Sisters celebrating, thanks to all for being there. Great music by "The Ringerz" thanks Tommy, Tommy Gun and Dennis. To Paul and the staff thanks for making our night a special one and Nora thanks for the cake. The July Birthday party will be on July 24<sup>th</sup> announced at the meeting and on the hotline. We will meet as always between 7 and 8pm.



# Happy Birthday to all those below please come and have fun at your party!

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Frank Sanchez	Flatline
James Kaufman "Psycho"	Mark Leon "Pirate"
Steve Mahan Ninelives	Debi Horlick
Mike (Fillins) Lead Guitar	Emie Schroder
Laurie Drummers Girl	Karine Lanaerts
Radar	Jeff Dillard
Cigar Charlie	Barry Sadoff "Teddybear"
Terry	Patti & John Dollard
Pops	Bob Loevitt
Amy	Stewart E Austing
Chips	Aja "LI'l Pea"
Zilla	Rich "Mater"
Beverly Swasey	Kim Ruddy

Remember if you name is not included please contact me. Send info to karin.rylands@att.net or call 954-430-048] Till next time ride safe and free

Karin



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# American Legion Riders Post 321

#### **1st Annual Stars and Stripes Poker Run**

Sunday, July 11, 2010



Proceeds to benefit American Legion Charities



Starts 11:30 AM Ends 4:00 PM Registration 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Ride Starts and Ends at : American Legion Post 321 954 434 0965 9081 SW 51 St. Cooper City

Card Draw Stops : Hooters 954 748 1000 3805 N University Dr Sunrise

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Flossie's Bar & Grill954 583 96563985 Ravenswood RdFort Lauderdale

\$15.00 per Person, Includes 2 Free Drinks
Best Hand 25 % Worst Hand 10 % of Net Proceeds \$ \$
Up to 3 Extra Cards (\$ 1.00 Each ) at the End of Run
Numerous Door prizes and 50/50 Raffle
Fun Afternoon at the end with Great Food, Mixed Drinks, Cold Beer, Sodas, and Music
Pre-register starts on 6/25/10 and must be in by 7/5/10
Pre-register will be between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM at the American Legion Post 321

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July-2010						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 ABATE Freedom Run USMVMC South Broward
4 Inde- pendence Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Legion Riders AOA WPB	12	13	14	15	16	17 WOM Chili Cookoff
18 ABATE Chapter Meeting States Lake Worth	19	20	21	22	23	24 ABATE Birthday Party
25 Black Pistons	26	27	28	29	30	31

# August-2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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### ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT LET'S RIDE!

Well, it's a new year with a new Board and a fresh start. Let's all contribute ourselves and our POSITIVE energies to this Chapter to make it the best it can be. No whiners or obstructionists please! You know who you are.

The office of Road Captain was beset with tragedy last year with my predecessor, Chris Brennan, going down and suffering serious injuries. I begin my new duties as your Road Captain with Chris & Diana in mind and I am sure we all wish the best for Chris as he rehabs from his injuries.

As your former Safety Director, you can be sure we will be very safety minded as we plan some rides, some local and some distant. Key Largo, Lake Okeechobee, Key West, Naples, etc.

This year, I'd like to reorganize the Road Captain's cadre and supplement it with some Assistant Road Captains (ARC's) and Road Guards (RG's) like we had a few years back. Therefore, I am requesting that any experienced riders who would like to become an ARC or RG please see me at the next meeting or contact me.

This year on July 1st, the Red Light Camera law takes effect. We have to rethink our strategy for riding as a group through intersections. Unless we have a police escort, which we do not always have, we can no longer block intersections with RG's and proceed through them when the light is red. After all, how would it look for ABATE, the organization that promotes motorcycle safety, to be running red lights on camera? Can you spell Carmel Cafero?

I have identified strategies used by other groups for this and other logistic scenarios, which I will share with you during my Road Captain's report at the next meeting on July 18th as well as going over hand signals and additional group riding strategies to keep things safe and fun for us all. Suggestions for new ride destinations will be discussed as well.

Check the hotline for weekly updates as to what's going on and where we can ride to as a group. We will usually meet at the American Legion Post 321 as a starting point.

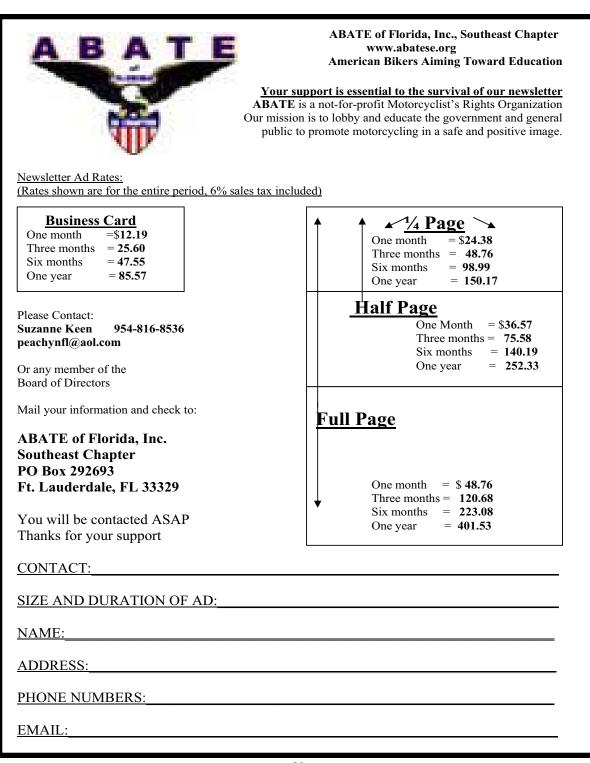
Some upcoming rides we will be going to:

July 3rd - USMVMC FL2 Annual Party at Pirate Republic Bar July 11th - AOA MC West Palm Beach Party July 17th - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cookoff & Party July 18th – States MC Lake Worth Party July 18th – Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud. Annual Aug. 15th – AOA 43rd Anniversary Party September 16th -19th KEY WEST POKER RUN Details & hotel info TBA

More to come. Stay tuned and stay tuned up!

With Respect, "Geo"

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### A special Thank you message from your Social Director

On Sunday May 30th 2010 we had our annual Memorial Day Celebration at Café 27 which was another great success.

Words cannot express how proud I am to have been a part of this great

family we have and it does not seem to be enough just to say thank you.

There were so many who helped, I'm sorry that I'm not able to mention every one by name.

First and foremost Thank you to all Veterans for all you have done for your country ,

to those who are still serving and those who have passed on GBNF.

To those who helped me and also provided me with the equipment for the ceremony from the American Legion Post 321 and the VFW 9697 this could not have been done without you. Thank you!

To those who came to the Alexander "Sandy" Ninninger VA State Nursing Home to visit with those who can not leave. Thank you!

To those from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 321 who helped the Veterans all day. Thank you!

To the police officers who gave their time to escort the buses to Café 27. Thank you! To those who participated in the Honor Guard, carried our flags and the 21 gun salute. Thank you!

To those who helped by bringing the disabled Veterans to the front for the ceremony and then brought them back to their seats. Thank you!

To those who took time out of the party just to go have a conversation with the Veterans from Alexander "Sandy" Ninninger VA State Nursing Home and shake their hands. Thank you! You all made their day very special and a lot of you are Veterans also so thank you again for giving up some time out of "your" day.

To Seamus from Café 27 who made sure our disabled Veterans had their lunch free of charge. Thank you!

To all of ABATE SE Chapter who have taken them into their hearts as I have. Thank you! If I have forgotten to mention something/someone please accept my apologies and please accept my special Thank you!

The Veterans from the Nursing Home enjoy our company, they also love all the bikes and if at any time some of you would like to visit them, please do so, you can spend a whole day there and never see everybody. They also join us at the American Legion Post 321 (same place we have our meetings) every third Friday of the month at 7 pm for some dinner and dancing maybe some of you can stop by there to see them.

Ride Safe and Free *Karin* 

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I was thinking why do I want Jesus with me all the time? I thought back about a ride I took to spooks and scoots state meeting in Brooksville a few years ago. Chuck Widle, Big Ed, Big Wheel and Val, Chris Sharp, Harry, and myself. We met at the arena in Sunrise early on Friday morning. Big Ed asked me if I would say a prayer before we left, of course I said yes and we circled up and said a little prayer, and we were on our way, with Chuck in the front. We got on the Sawgrass Expressway to go to 595 West, when I realized we were in the wrong lane. We were headed to I 75 south. I thought to myself why we weren't in the right lane to merge to 595. Just about that time a truck went by us on our right in the lane we were supposed to be in, and as he passed us a big piece of sheet metal came flying off that truck and landed right on the road where we should have been. If we were in that lane, it would have hit us and needless to say what could have happened. I think you all know!!!!! When I got a chance to ask Chuck why we weren't in that lane, as we looked at each other, he said he didn't know, I said I knew. Jesus was protecting us!!!

That's only one incident, out of many we all have experienced, at one time or another. That's why I want Jesus with me all the time, as a matter of fact I would like all of us to ask Jesus to be with us all the time.

If I said it once I've said it a hundred times, it's very easy to do, just ask and you can have the protection and comfort that Jesus wants to give you, because Jesus loves everyone of us no matter what!

Your Chaplain as always

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Always remember you can contact me at 305 331 8000.



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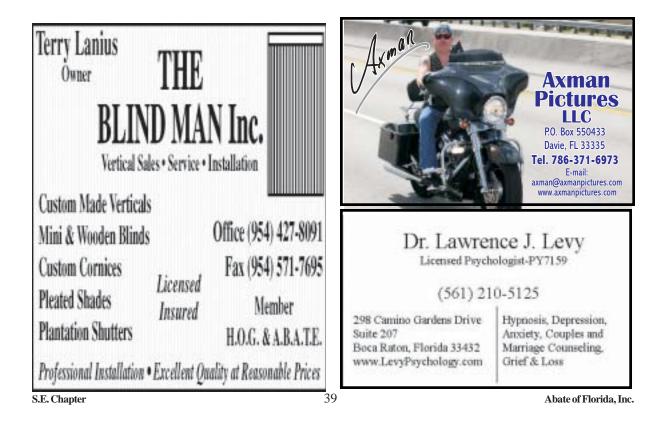
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## NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

#### MYRTLE BEACH HELMET LAW OVERRULED

The South Carolina Supreme Court unanimously ruled Myrtle Beach's motorcycle helmet law is invalid because it conflicts with state law and said there is an overriding need for uniform laws across the state. In its ruling, issued June 8, 2010, the court invalidates not only the city's helmet and eyewear requirement, but also overturned several other municipal ordinances that the city council enacted last year to discourage motorcyclists from attending bike rallies there.

The high court decision was in response to a lawsuit filed on behalf of 49 riders who were ticketed during a helmet law protest ride on the first day of the new law, being represented by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) attorney Tom McGrath of Virginia.

Testifying before the bench, McGrath argued that the ordinance was invalid because it pre-empted state law, which provides that anyone over the age of 21 is not required to wear a helmet. The S.C. Supreme Court agreed, adding that conflicting equipment requirements would "unduly limit a citizen's freedom of movement" throughout the state; "Were local authorities allowed to enforce individual helmet ordinances, riders would need to familiarize themselves with the various ordinances in advance of a trip, so as to ensure compliance."

According to McGrath, the favorable ruling is important because it "sets a precedent by saying that cities, counties and towns cannot supersede state law. Where the state legislature has spoken on an issue, it's the final word."

Although the ruling dealt specifically with the helmet-eyewear law, the court also found that the city impliedly repealed many of the new laws itself when it repealed its own administrative court ordinance after the court's chief justices opined that the creation of a special courts system was unconstitutional. As a result, "All the civil ordinances got tossed because there is no administrative hearing process to resolve the citations," explains McGrath. Only the ordinances involving misdemeanor violations remain in effect in Myrtle Beach, but those include an onerous exhaust ordinance that is far stricter than that enacted by the state legislature.

Therefore, on Tuesday, June 15, The Law Offices of Tom McGrath filed suit on behalf of several plaintiffs including ABATE of South Carolina, asking the 15th Judicial Circuit Court to find the muffler ordinance to be unconstitutional and therefore invalid. A successful challenge could affect other cities enacting noise laws and exhaust requirements that are not in accordance with existing state laws.

#### HELMETS STINK

Helmet LAWS Suck, but new technology can make helmets smelly too! Helmet manufacturers inform buyers that they should replace their helmet every couple of years because miniscule cracks can develop over time rendering them structurally unsound, or to discard a helmet immediately if it is involved in an accident or even dropped. It's sometimes difficult to determine with the naked eye when a helmet loses its effectiveness, but researchers at the Fraunhofer Institute for Mechanics of Materials in Germany have developed a way for your nose to tell when your lid has outlived its usefulness. When your helmet is getting past its prime, it will start to smell. If it develops any large cracks... well, your nose knows.

The secret lies in odoriferous oils, enclosed in formaldehyde resin microcapsules. These microcapsules are in turn added to liquid polypropylene, which is injection-molded to form the shell of the helmet. When the shell breaks, the capsules rupture, and stinking ensues. The Fraunhofer researchers used a computer simulation to calculate the number of capsules needed, then used mechanical testing to check that they would rupture shortly before complete structural failure.

"Smell detection is already in use for coated metal components. We are applying the process for the first time to polymer materials," stated Fraunhofer's Dr.-Ing. Christof Koplin. "The cycle helmet is being used as a demonstrator. Work on the capsules has finished and we are now completing characterizing tests on individual configurations." Possible other

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applications could include pressure hoses, and water and gas pipes.

#### U.S. DEFENDERS ASK JUDGE TO SEND MANSLAUGHTER CASE TO TRIAL

A state district judge in Texas has rejected a plea bargain that would have placed a blind woman on deferred probation in the traffic death of motorcyclist. Judge Ralph Strother of Waco's 19th State District Court refused to accept the plea deal in a felony manslaughter case that involves a visionimpaired 39-year-old who was driving without a license and was cited at least twice before for the same offense.

The U.S. Defenders, a politically-active arm of the Confederation of Clubs, conducted a "Call to Action" and Judge Strother's office was inundated with 1,200 letters from motorcycle enthusiasts who urged him not to accept the prosecutor's recommended plea deal.

Trena Evette Mitchell, who is legally blind and had four children in her car when she turned in front of Richard Craig Schroeder's motorcycle last December as he was returning from a toy run, withdrew her guilty plea and her case is now set to go to trial in mid-August.

Mitchell had been scheduled for sentencing in late July, but the judge moved up her case after more than a thousand motorcyclists said they would ride to the courthouse to show support for Schroeder, known as "Hat Trick" to his biker friends.

"Last year we worked with the legislature to net a minimum fine for those who injure or kill an innocent party by encroaching on their right of way," said Sputnik, State Chair for the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association (TMRA-2) and Chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF). "We did not receive a single no vote in the House or Senate on SB 1967. Unfortunately we did not take into consideration a Plea Bargain where they could be given adjudication and end up not being found guilty. It is apparent that we shall have to return to the bill's sponsor Senator Carona and reconstruct SB 1967 during the upcoming session to make allowances for such an occurrence."

# ABATE OF FLORIDA RECEIVES STATE FUNDING FOR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

As Florida Governor Charlie Crist signed the 2010-2011 Florida Budget (HB 5001) into law on May 28, ABATE of Florida will receive a quarter of a million dollars specifically to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.

"The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles recognized ABATE of Florida for our continuing work attempting to make the roadways of Florida safer for all motorcyclists," said James "Doc" Reichenbach II, President of ABATE of Florida, Inc., and Chairman of the NCOM Board of Directors in a prepared statement.

The exact wording from the state budget's "CONTRACTED SERVICES FROM HIGHWAY SAFETY OPERATING TRUST FUND" reads; "From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2735, nonrecurring funds in the amount of \$250,000 are for the purpose of promoting motorcycle safety awareness through public information and educational campaigns. These funds are provided to the American Bikers Aiming Toward Education of Florida, Inc."

This is not the first time that ABATE of Florida has received state funding from the DHSMV. Over the last few years, the state government has recognized ABATE's valuable Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program (MSAP) for saving lives of motorcyclists statewide. ABATE's MSAP program has been presented to local civic groups, schools and public events by 32 ABATE chapters statewide, and an independent audit is provided to ensure that the funds are utilized to enhance motorcycle safety education.

# SURVEY REVEALS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PRACTICES

Consumer Report's latest survey reveals the safety habits of motorcycle and scooter owners across the U.S.

A little over half of more than 1,300 respondents said they had taken a formal riding instruction course. Nearly 1 in 4 said they don't always wear a helmet when they ride.

Half of the respondents reported regularly wearing protective boots, and less than half said they regularly wear gloves.

About 25% said they always wear a leather, or other protective jacket when riding.

Fewer than 10% always wear protective pants or clothing in high-visibility colors.

Three out of five riders admitted to riding in a shortsleeved shirt, and about a quarter said they rode in shorts.

#### MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS CHALLENGED

Since 2007, the New York State Police, along with other county and local police departments, have been conducting motorcycle-only police checkpoints on the roadways of New York State, often targeting major motorcycle events. Authorities claim that the purpose of these stops, at which they issue numerous tickets for helmet and exhaust pipe violations, is to advance motorcycle safety.

"Being a motorcycle rider myself, as well as the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney for New York State, I was asked by ABATE of New York to contest this infringement on the rights of motorcyclists," said Mitch Proner, who then advised the State Police and municipal authorities of his intent to file suit on behalf of ABATE and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists if the discriminatory roadblocks continued.

"My letter was ignored and consequently, with the help of then-President of ABATE, Robert "Prospector" Boellner, I found class representatives to bring my action against the New York State Police as well as the other municipal agencies and elected officials participating in these stops," explains Proner.

In the first lawsuit of its kind in the United States, the NYC law firm of Proner and Proner is challenging the constitutionality of this unwarranted police action on First, Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment grounds in the Federal Court for Northern District of New York.

"The United States Supreme Court has long recognized that when a motorist is stopped on the roadway, there is a 'seizure' under the Constitution," Proner notes, adding that "Whether or not this 'seizure' is unconstitutional depends on whether or not objective facts indicate that society's legitimate interests warrant the seizure and the degree to which it intrudes on the individual's personal liberties."

Although the lawsuit is still in the discovery stages, internal memorandum which police have been forced to disclose as result of the lawsuit indicate that members of the NYS gang unit are assigned to work the checkpoints and Proner thinks the Court will agree that the stops are designed primarily for law enforcement purposes as opposed to public safety purposes. "Rather than promoting any legitimate public safety concern, the checkpoints are intended to harass and intimidate motorcyclists attempting to attend motorcycle events thereby depriving them of their First Amendment right to freedom of assembly as well as their Fourth. Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment rights to due process, equal protection and freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures" he concludes.

## WEIRD NEWS: WOMAN FINED FOR "NOT HAVING A CLEAR FIELD OF VISION"

A woman driver wearing an Islamic face veil was ticketed by French traffic police for not having a clear field of vision. The 31-year-old French citizen was fined euro22 (\$29) in early April based on a rule that says drivers should have freedom of movement and a sufficient field of vision, her lawyer Jean-Michel Pollono said.

Pollono told reporters that he is protesting the decision, saying a veil is no different from a motorcycle helmet in terms of hindrance to vision; "If the veil is forbidden behind the wheel…then full helmets for motorcyclists should be banned, because you can't see on the sides."

Following months of parliamentary discussion and government talk about banning veils in public, the case has escalated in the media spotlight. The woman's husband has since been accused of polygamy and fraudulently benefiting from state financial aid for single parents paid to each of his four wives — all of whom wear veils.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "Patriotism is easy to understand in America; it means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country." Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933), Thirteenth President of the United States



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**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.

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