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President's Thoughts

I would like to start by thanking everyone who had the confidence in me to elect me as your new President. I am so excited about working with the new board this year. I find myself in such a good position to do my job. I'm not sure but I never heard of a President stepping down to VP to let someone else be the President. That's what Oldhippy did for me. THANK YOU Bob Leavitt. Paul Melcer is our new Secretary once again. THANK YOU Paul. THANK YOU Joe Baker for stepping up to be our Treasurer, a job he has done well for us in the past. So you see what I mean. Not to mention the fact that most of the other positions will remain the same, with the exception of "Geo", stepping up from Road Captain to Sgt-at-Arms, and Frank Tomasek as our new Road Captain. We also have a new Safety Director Dave Gregory. Jimmy Les Lesniak has been there for us making sure we don't miss any important meetings. He has been so important to our chapter. THANK YOU everyone. You all are the reason I can feel comfortable in my new position.

Now I would like to thank everyone who has put in so much time in their position and done such a great job for our chapter. Special thanks to Alice, Commander Louie, BigWheel and Teddy Bear... You all ROCK!!

Let's make South East Chapter one of the biggest in the state. Remember, the more members we have in ABATE of Florida, Inc. the more power Doc our Lobbyist will have in Tallahassee to protect our rights. I don't know about you, but I do this so we can make a difference in the biker community and save lives for all motorcyclists.

Peace, Johnny Rose



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**ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting
Minutes
June 19, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 10:22am by President Old Hippy 51 signed-in members, 0 guests and no At-Large members in attendance. Total signed-in attendance: 37. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Poppi .

Presidents Report

Old Hippy presided the meeting by welcoming all. Lots of events going on. After the meeting we are going to Holiday Park to clean up the memorials. My report is brief.

Vice-Presidents Report

Johnny Rose glad to see everybody here and the room is packed. Wish every month was like this. Nothing further to report.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of May's meeting as printed. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Alice read February financial report. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurers report. All in favor, motion passed.

Sergeant at Arms Report

Big Wheel thanked all for being S/A.

Road Captain's Report

Geo nothing to report. Thanks to all for having been elected this past year as R/C.

Safety Directors Report

Teddy Bear nothing to report.

Products Report

Jackie not present.

Events Coordinator

Jackie Stanly not present. Already planning next event.

State Reps Report

Valerie reported about what the State Officers will purchase with the new state funding. She discussed about the Orlando news report on motorcycles in Florida and general state meet-

ing business.

Membership Report

George reported a total of 648 members. Busy month this coming month. 2 new Life members were signed up, Donny and Nancy.

Newsletter Editor

Lee Ann "Wildcat" states please get your articles as soon as possible.

Legislative Report

Nothing to report.

Public Relations

Fern is passing out applications at the many events she is attending.

Advertising

Hope asking for help to deliver bills with newsletters. Old Hippy

Events Coordinator

Jackie not present. Next event will be at Mickeys.

Social Directors Report

Karin reported the party went very well. Next month the birthday will be held at Shanks.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob Anz reported that everything was 100%.

Photographer's Report

Please send Wildcat any photos.

Web-Master's Report

Website is up.

Legal Council

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Elections were held. Val reported the following posts as official:.

President: Johnny Rose

Vice President: Old Hippy

Secretary: Paul Melcer

Treasurer: Joe Baker

Sgt at Arms: Geo Bograkos

Road Captain: Frank Tomasek

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New Business

Old Hippy would like to open up the position of Historian whose duties would include to maintain the Memorials at Holiday Park. Once a quarter, he proposed that we would go to the Memorials as a group and clean maintain the park. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Good of the order

Marty and Suzanne asked for all to help in the collection of goods for the Forgotten Soldiers organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43am.

These minutes are summarized and respectfully submitted.

"Commander Louie"

Luis "Louie" Subirats
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Everybody that knows me, knows I feel the most of drivers we have to look out for are women in minivans on cell phones. They somehow seem to be ones that I see the most until recently. Now with all the work on I-595 they seem to be surpassed by truckers and some of them are a hauling a bomb in fuel.

What's up with that?

You are aware that the work on I-595 with American Tax Money is done by a company in Spain, and what I have noticed it seems most of the workers are of Latin decent also.

What's up with that?

Work on I-595 is not safe to cars let alone Motorcycles!

Ever notice that it seems like you are in an Olympic type obstacle course when on it? With left and rights and no arrows to show them coming up making it very interesting, and judging by the accidents I have seen shows this was well planned out, right?

I also like the way they remove the old stripping by grinding and leave a groove so deep that it almost takes control of the bike, not counting rough as hell. It can grab your bike and take it right into a barrel or a barrier.

What's up with that?

President comes to Miami for a fund raiser the same time I was watching a program on what a Boeing 747 uses in fuel, which is roughly 1 gallon per second, or about 5 gallons per mile or \$50,400.00 for two hours of flight time. Not counting all the other support planes and land vehicles, let alone personal. How many \$35,000 meals do you think they need to be sold to break even?

What's up with that?

The infrastructure of the US is crumbling and we are going to spend money to rebuild the ones that were destroyed in the war instead of here.

What's up with that?

We have to pass laws made up by Lawyers that only Lawyers can understand that are enforced on common citizen to counteract or clarify other Laws that other Lawyers wrote and one still on the books for Florida is you may not fart in a public place after 6 pm on Thursdays,

What's up with that?

I called customer support for a major company with the name starts as American and had to ask for an American person State side to avoid taking to someone that sounded like I was trying to buy a pack of Parliament lights.

What's up with that?

Now that I am through venting for now.....

Hot off the Press!

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) released its yearly update to its "Top Ten Most Wanted" list Thursday, June 23rd. The list is a targeted group of the safety board's ten priorities for the year.

Last year for the first time, motorcycle safety was a target. However, the safety board missed the mark. Their answer to motorcycle safety, at the time, was to ask each State to pass mandatory helmet laws. This was not acceptable to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF).

The NTSB has an extremely brief and inexperienced history with motorcycle safety, so the MRF led the charge with educating their board members and staff. The agency has investigated just 6 motorcycle accidents in their 44 year history of surface transportation investigation. Compare that to the 60,000 other surface transportation incidents and their lack of expertise is obvious.

The MRF and ABATE was pleased that the new recommendations for motorcycle safety no longer call for a helmet law. What the NTSB is now asking for is voluntary helmet use and puts equal importance on crash prevention. The MRF has been one of the key player in getting all government agencies to focus on crash prevention over injury reduction for decades.

"Of course, the NTSB has a long way to go before they can even be considered amateur motorcycle safety specialists, but this is certainly a step in the right direction" said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. "This should be considered a victory for motorcycle rights groups who have engaged on this issue" he added.

That's it for me this month...Till next time

Keep the Shiny side up and the Greasy side down,

OldHippy



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The U.S. Military Vets M/C, along with the Air Force Association Gold Coast Chapter 351, and the Patriot Guard, are hosting this event for the 4th year in a row and we would like to take this time to invite everyone to come out and REMEMBER with us the sacrifices that were given for our freedom.

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What a wonderful Birthday Party at Lefty's for all the June "Baby's" we had 28 of us celebrating, thanks to the staff for the great service and the cake. Special thanks to KC for doing a great job and Bob Anz for saving the cake. Thanks to all for attending your brothers & sisters Birthday celebration.

The Birthday Party for July 2011 will be at Shank's on July 23rd, there will be drink specials for us.

We'll meet at the same time as always between 7-8pm and for directions check the news letter or listen to the hotline please. Hope to see ya there!



Happy Birthday to all those below, please come and have fun at YOUR party!

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Pops

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Beverly Swasey

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Julio Aspillaga

"Psycho"

"TeddyBear"

"Old Hippy"

"Mater"

"Tumbleweed"

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Remember if your name is not included, please contact me. Birthday information is not automatic when you register to be a member. Please see me at any meeting, or give me a call if your name is not on our list.

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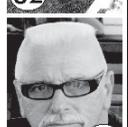
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With the Chapter elections, I sort of had gone down a few pages now in this, and upcoming newsletters. No big deal, the changes I feel will help to continue to steer us in a positive direction that prior Boards and Trustees have worked so hard in the past to accomplish. For the ones who decided to accept a nomination for a position in this past election, it shows the willingness and ability to step up to their commitment for the cause. They all deserve our thanks, because trust me it is a lot of work for everyone, especially members of the Board to continue the tradition of being one of the premier Chapters of Abate of Florida in the state.

We had our annual Memorial Event at the Casino in Coconut Creek, which, even though the attendance was not as large as the one's we have done in the past at Café 27, we still managed to make it successful with all the supported people who attended and with all that the Casino support they provided. It was a pleasure to put. The couple of things that I, personally enjoyed was that for one, it did not rain and second, that even though it was hot that day you could escape it by going in the Casino and cool off. We will be entertaining the thought of using this location in the future, if not for Memorial, but maybe some other events in the future.

We are still currently trying to reach out to the sport bike community and with the help from some of the groups or clubs like the El Couqi Motorcycle Group, who just happens to make it mandatory for all members to join Abate; it has helped to make it easier for us to make connections with them. It is important for all of us to bring in the younger generation who may not be aware of all of what the older generation had to go through to protect the rights of riders. And let's face it most of us are not getting any younger.

In closing I want to say, Thanks again to all the past Board Members and Trustees, for all they have done in this past year, and I am looking forward to working with the new Board Members and Trustees with some new faces in this upcoming year.

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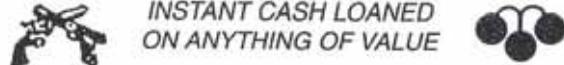
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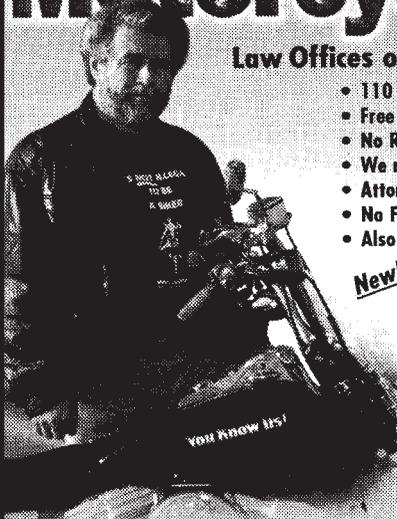
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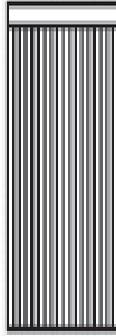
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JULY

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					1	2 Luke's Place Bike Night
3 USMV MC South Broward Party	4 Independence Day! 	5	6 Mickey's Bike Night	7 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	8	9 StatesMC Pomp Clam Nite Starting @ 4 pm Luke's Place Bike Night
10	11	12	13 Mickey's Bike Night	14 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	15	16 Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off and Party
17 <i>ABATE Chapter Meeting</i> States MC Lake Worth Party	18	19	20 Mickey's Bike Night	21 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	22	23 <i>ABATE B'day Party at Shank's</i> Luke's Place Bike Night
24 Black Pistons MC Ft. Lauderdale Annual	25	26	27 Mickey's Bike Night	28 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	29	30 Chrome Angels MC Summer Bash Party
31 AOA MC WPB-12th Annual B'day Bash						

Additional Info:**July 9 - States MC (Pompano) Clam Nite - see pg. 7**Always **Check** the **Hotline** for more additional information: **954-310-4636** ...

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AUGUST

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Mickey's Bike Night	4 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	5	6 Luke's Place Bike Night
7	8 71st Annual Sturgis Bike Week Begins	9	10 Mickey's Bike Night	11 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	12 16th Annual South FLA Tattoo Expo Begins	13 Luke's Place Bike Night
14 AOA MC 44th Anniversary Party	15	16	17 Mickey's Bike Night	18 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite, Bikini's & Live Music	19	20 Biker Appreciation Night for ABATE SE at Mickey's
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28	29	30	31 Mickey's Bike Night			

Additional Info:

August 8-14 - 71st Annual Sturgis Bike Week
August 12-14 - 16th Annual South Florida Tattoo Expo
August 21 - Wings of Gold MC, Port Saint Lucie Annual

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JULY

- 3 - USMVMC South Broward party
- 10 - AOA MC WPB moved their party to July 31st
- 16 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off & party
- 17 - States MC Lake Worth party
- *24 - Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud. Annual**
- 30 - Chrome Angels MC summer bash party
- *31 - AOA MC WPB 12th Annual Birthday Bash**

AUGUST

- 8-14 71st Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 12 to 14, - 16th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 14 - AOA MC 44th Anniversary party
- *21 - Wings of Gold MC Port Saint Lucie Annual**

SEPTEMBER

- 9 (Friday) - Outcast MC Party
- 11 - States Pompano MC 18th Key West Tuneup party
- 17 - USMVMC Wreaths Across America Kick-off
- 15-18 Phil Peterson's 38th Annual Key West Poker Run
- 18 - Wings of Gold MC Miami "After Key West party"
- 25 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party

OCTOBER

- *2 - Mystic Seven MC Annual**
- 9 - AOA MC Treasure Coast party
- 13-16th Daytona Biketoberfest (Note: originally 20-23rd)
- 16 - Keltics MC Miami party
- 22 - USMV MC Homestead benefit party
- 23 - SE ABATE 31st Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally
- 29 - Wheels of Man MC 38th Annual Halloween party
- *30 - Alternative Treasure Coast Annual**

NOVEMBER

- *6 - USMVMC National 24th Annual**
- 12 - Soldiers for Jesus MC party
- 13 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach party
- *20 - CMA Memorial Annual Event**
- 27 - Heaven Cycles 34th Anniversary party
- 27 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

DECEMBER

- 4 - ABATE West Palm Beach Annual
- 10 - USMVMC Wreaths Across America ceremony
- *11 - 24th Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run**
- 17 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami
- 17 - SFLCOC Christmas Dinner party
- 17 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
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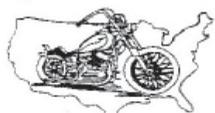
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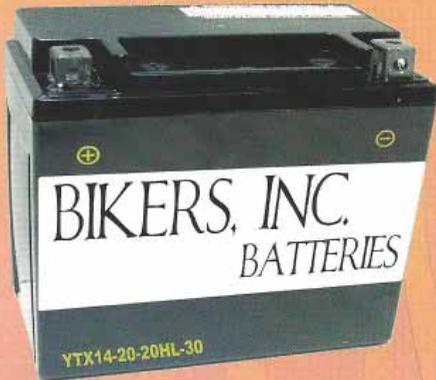
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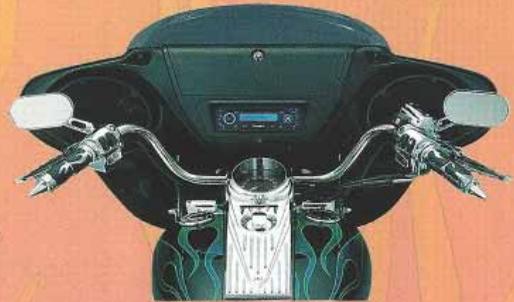
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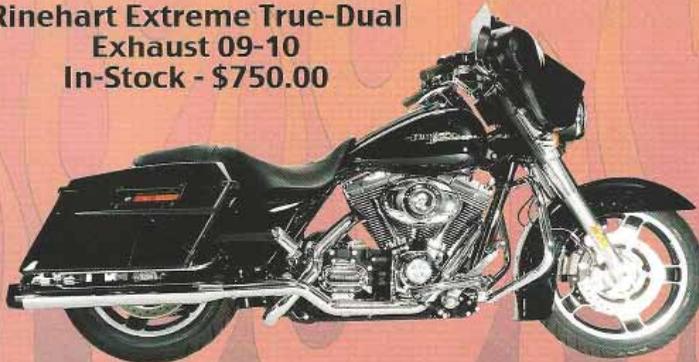
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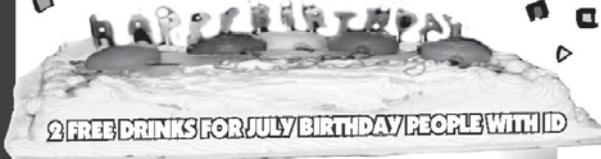
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NEW HAMPSHIRE PROHIBITS MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS

In an unprecedented victory on the motorcyclists' rights front, New Hampshire became the first state to bar motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints. HB 148, co-sponsored by longtime biker activist State Rep. Sherm Packard, prohibits the acceptance of federal funding for the discriminatory roadblocks.

"No law enforcement agency of the state or a political subdivision of the state may accept federal funding the purpose of which is to establish motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints," states the new law, which takes effect 60 days after passage.

Packard was one of the first biker-legislators in the country, and as an original member of the NCOM Legislative Task Force he literally wrote the book on "Getting Elected To Public Office", a pamphlet that can be ordered free of charge through the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or via the internet at www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

On the flipside, however, Virginia recently joined New York, Georgia, Utah and Maine in conducting such controversial roadblocks, with the Arlington County Police Department setting up a motorcycle-only checkpoint on May 28th during the annual Rolling Thunder POW/MIA rally in Washington D.C. over Memorial Day weekend.

Also, on May 16th ABATE of New York held their annual Freedom Rally/Ride to the Capitol and as participants departed in small groups to return home, law enforcement units pulled over many of the riders and issued numerous citations of dubious legitimacy, primarily for helmets and exhausts.

"This ride has been held without incident for 15 years," said Robert "Prospector" Boellner, a member of the NCOM Board of Directors representing the New England states, adding; "It is believed that this action by New York State Police was retaliation for a class-action lawsuit filed by AIM Attorney Mitch Proner against state police and DMV to stop the practice of motorcycle-only roadblocks."

CONGRESSWOMAN GIFFORDS CONTINUES MIRACULOUS COMEBACK

In what many have dubbed a miracle recovery, Arizona State Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ) continues to make amazing progress after being shot in the head at a political rally during a shooting spree that left six dead and 19 others wounded.

Her doctors credit her "will to live" with keeping her alive, despite initial news reports that she had been killed, and she is now expected to leave the hospital soon to continue her outpatient therapy and treatment from home.

Giffords remains seated in Congress and among her many duties she serves as co-chair of the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus

along with U.S. Rep Michael Burgess (R-TX). The bipartisan caucus is comprised of motorcycle-riding reps who promote motorcycling interests in Congress.

She and fellow rider Rep. Allen West (R-FL), newly-elected Congressman from Florida who also now sits on the motorcycle caucus, were selected by the NCOM Board of Directors to receive the Silver Spoke Award - Government at the National Coalition of Motorcyclists annual NCOM Convention in Albuquerque, NM this past May.

MICHIGAN POISED TO REPEAL HELMET LAW

After decades of protesting Michigan's 42-year old helmet law at rallies at the State Capitol, motorcyclists converged on the statehouse on Wednesday, June 8 for a "Call To Victory Rally" in anticipation of a repeal bill making it to the desk of newly elected Governor Rick Snyder.

Gov. Snyder has not committed either way, but he replaced Jennifer Granholm who twice vetoed repeals that were approved by the state legislature in 2006 and 2008. It appears that lawmakers are once again poised to approve legislation that will allow freedom of choice for many of Michigan's 241,000 motorcyclists.

The Senate Transportation Committee recently passed a repeal measure that will soon go before the full Senate, while a similar bill is pending in the House of Representatives. The Senate bill would allow those 21 and older to ride without a helmet if they have had a motorcycle endorsement for two or more years, or have passed a safety course. The House bill would allow those 21 and older to ride without a helmet if they have a \$20,000 medical policy in place.

Vince Consiglio, state director of ABATE of Michigan, said there are enough votes in both chambers to change the helmet law. "We're not opposed to helmets, but it should be a choice," Consiglio says, adding that the issue ought to be the education of motorcyclists and drivers of other vehicles to avoid collisions in the first place. ABATE pushes motorcycle training and education for riders, and awareness for those in other vehicles.

The battle over helmets has also been waged in courtrooms across the state, with A.I.M. Attorney Larry "Katman" Katkowski challenging the enforcement of the law on behalf of ABATE and the Michigan Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs.

BILL WOULD ALLOW SUNDAY MOTORCYCLE SALES IN PENNSYLVANIA

In the past, Pennsylvania "blue laws" prohibited the sale of nearly all products on Sunday because of religious reasons associated with the Sabbath, but a new bill is aiming to allow motorcycle dealers to open their doors seven days a week.

Right now, you can only buy parts and accessories on Sundays. "We always joke that you can sell all the parts to build a motorcycle but that you can't sell the motorcycle itself," said a spokesperson for State Senator Tommy Tomlinson (R-Bucks) who introduced legislation that unanimously passed through the Senate and now moves to the House.

Many dealers are eager for the change, especially since neighboring New Jersey recently lifted their ban on Sunday cycle sales and have posted positive sales figures. Motorcycle businesses in Indiana and Wisconsin have also been trying to overturn prohibitions on Sunday bike sales.

ALABAMA MAY EXPAND MOTORCYCLE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Alabama is the only state where a person can get a motorcycle license without ever sitting on a motorcycle. Would-be motorcyclists as young as 14 don't have to take a skills test to obtain a license, just a written one.

Rep. Allen Farley, R-Jefferson, and eight co-sponsors are behind the House version of a bill (HB-576) to require graduated licenses and mandate testing that includes riding. It would require future motorcycle licenses to include a written test and a skills test for ages 14-17. It also would introduce a graduated driver's license law that would restrict motorcycle operations for ages 14-17.

"Issuing a motorcycle license with a written test and no skills test is just setting people up for failure. The lack for a mandate of training and education can be directly linked to reports of accidents," said Richard Randolph, Alabama Motorcycle Safety program manager. "Sixty-nine percent of all motorcycle-involved accidents, the cause was the motorcycle operator. That's steady year in, year out."

Currently, there are 47 state-legislated rider training programs in the United States and all but five US states waive motorcyclist license testing for graduates of rider training courses. Only 15 states require completion of a rider ed course to obtain a motorcycle endorsement, usually for riders aged 18-21.

VERMONT TO CREATE MILITARY LICENSE PLATE FOR MOTORCYCLES

Vermont will soon have a special motorcycle license plate to honor Vermont's veteran and active duty members of the military who ride.

Governor Peter Shumlin signed the bill into law on Tuesday, May 24, and it takes affect on July 1. The new law also allows members of the military to get veteran license plates before they retire. The governor's office says in the past military personnel who have made a career of their service would have had to retire to receive the plate.

Adrian "Andy" Megrath, president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Rutland Chapter, told The Republic newspaper that the motorcycle plate is another way of showing "how proud we are of veterans, and how many of us there are."

TRAFFIC FINES BOLSTER BUDGETS

The economic downturn has put loads of stress on state and municipal budgets across the country, and with strong public pressure against raising taxes lawmakers are raising traffic fines instead. Communities and state governments are looking to balance their budgets on the backs of drivers, using the boost in revenue from traffic tickets to help pay their bills.

"Police are having a quick trigger finger," says Gary Biller, execu-

tive director of the National Motorists Association. "There's less tolerance, and tickets are being issued much quicker. We know the pressure being put on governments, but it doesn't justify what's going on."

Speed limits were originally intended to conserve fuel during the energy crisis of the 70s, but have evolved into a \$4.5-\$6 billion industry according to NMA estimates.

FoxNews.com recently reported that looming budget gaps have turned the roadways into a jungle for motorists, and cite the following examples of over-exuberant penalties across the country:

- * Parking in a fire lane in Pensacola, Fla., will cost you \$100, up from \$10.

- * Georgia recently added a \$200 surcharge for anyone driving more than 85 miles per hour.

- * Colorado increased fines for speeding from \$50 to \$135.

- * Portland, Ore., increased fines for parking in a handicapped spot from \$190 to \$450.

- * Parking fines in Boston doubled to \$40.

- * Speeding in Florida just 10 miles over the legal limit will cost you \$196, up from \$154.

Despite the increase in traffic citations, along with increased fines and fees, an estimated 95% of motorists simply pay up and don't bother to fight their tickets in court.

AIM/NCOM INFORMATIONAL DVD AVAILABLE

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists and Aid to Injured Motorcyclists have a new professionally produced DVD available to bikers and biker groups free for the asking.

Oregon AIM Chief of Staff Gunny Hutcheson, who was honored at the recent NCOM Convention with the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, wrote about the new DVD in his monthly Gunny's Sack column: "It features information about the annual NCOM Conventions, the various groups and committees within NCOM, bike insurance and accident info and more. Get with your AIM Rep or AIM Attorney in your home state, or contact AIM/NCOM directly at (800) ON-A-BIKE, and they will make sure you get your free copy to view with your own groups. Watch for AIM/NCOM booths at the biker runs - they should have some available there as well. The DVD is nicely done and very informative."

Gunny further noted that "Every year we are faced with more and more losses of our right to ride our machines, and the industry has to comply with ever more restrictive directives that control the manufacture of our rides. These are the reasons national organizations like the NCOM exist. My hope is that this DVD will encourage more rider groups to send representatives to every national NCOM Convention. They are held every year in a different city, so more can attend. It's always over Mother's Day weekend, and the 2012 NCOM Convention will be in Indianapolis, next May 10-13."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

(The following is quoted from the Editor's Column of the June issue of Quick Throttle Magazine, Rocky Mountain edition, and we appreciate the shout-out):

"Some More Good News -

- Motorcycle fatalities are down 2%
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- Laws are being enacted all over the United States to prevent police profiling and the singling out of motorcyclists for checkpoints and traffic stops
- Someday soon it may be legal to run those pesky red lights that don't turn green because your motorcycle isn't heavy enough to trigger them

For more related news, be sure to check out the AIM/NCOM website (AIMNCOM.com or ON-A-BIKE.com) and sign up to receive their free monthly e-newsletter. AIM/NCOM (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists/National Coalition of Motorcyclists) is a nationwide organization founded to bring motorcycle groups together and protect the rights of motorcyclists.

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