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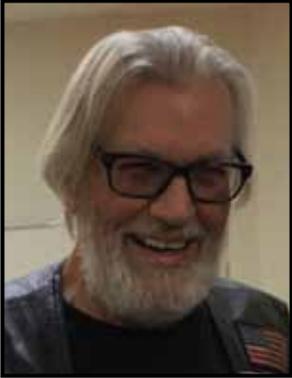
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From Your President



Abate Southeast Chapter President's Message July 2015.

This is my first newsletter article serving as your President of ABATE of Florida Southeast Chapter and I am honored to represent the State's largest Chapter and its 556 members, and looking forward to celebrating its 34th year. For those of you who are looking at this newsletter for the first time, ABATE of Florida, Inc., is the only Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in Florida and has a mission to provide motorcycle education, safety, and driver awareness as well as fight to protect our constitutional rights as citizens and motorcycle enthusiasts.

Many of you don't know anything about me and probably don't care. I think a very brief bio would be appropriate at this time to introduce myself: Born in Southeastern Kentucky; getting ready to celebrate my 69th orbit around the sun; military retiree 20+ years; Doctorate degree in Education; a family man and grandpa; so far, a cancer survivor; ABATE Life member; American Legion Member Post 321 and the A.L. Riders 321; Patriot Guard Rider; and motorcyclist, among other things. I am committed to continuing to improve upon the Southeast Chapter's efforts in to provide motorcycle safety, education and driver awareness in regard to motorcycles, and fighting for our constitutional rights.

On June 21st the Southeast Chapter conducted our Annual Elections, and the Executive Board for 2015-16 is as follows: President: "Frank T." Hammons; Vice-President: Frank "Poppi" Cocchi; Secretary: Marie Baxter; and, Treasurer: Rick "T-Man" Molina. This meeting's attendance was higher than normal and hopefully continues to increase. It was great to see many of our Life Members in attendance. Many of them established this Chapter from the ground-up. It was great all of you being there. In order to manage the Chapter's activities and operations it requires over 20-plus positions, several need multiple people. I want to personally thank all of the members who volunteered to work in the positions that needed to be filled and to thank all of our members that came out, voted and showed support. We are planning on a fun, productive and safe year for the Southeast Chapter.

I would be amiss in not recognizing and thanking our outgoing Executive Board Members for their service, which is voluntary, as all the positions in ABATE of Florida, Inc., the only exception is our full-time ABATE lobbyist. Beginning with Robert "Bars" Calabrese who has served as President the past three years. He led our Chapter through a very difficult period. The Chapter was on the brink of bankruptcy three years ago and thanks to his stern leadership the Chapter now has some financial breathing room to continue our mission. It was not an easy task. He was tirelessly out-and-about promoting our Chapter among the local MC's and other organizations, as well as encouraging people to join ABATE. THANK YOU Bars!!! Paul A. Melcer served as our Chapter's Secretary on and off for 15 years, and his expertise and experience served as an anchor for the Chapter. THANK YOU Paul!!!! Others leaving positions of note are: George Torrance; Jimmy Les; Daniel "Postal" Ortner; "Shaky Bob" Neiman and Princess Sharon; Debbie and Charlie Corso. On behalf of the Southeast Chapter, we sincerely thank all of you very much for your dedication and service to the mission of ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Short Legislative Update: For the past several years, ABATE of Florida has been lobbying to get a "stiffer penalties bill" enacted. This basically would impose criminal charges on drivers who are at fault for injuring



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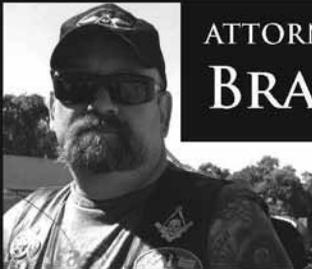
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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes June 21, 2015

Sgt @ Arms Steve “Nighthawk” Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:13 am. There were 50 members, no guests. Total in attendance: 50. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence and a prayer by Poppi

Presidents Report

BARS thanked all members for coming. We do not have any new members today but we have a member making his first meeting, welcome Scott. Again as always we have a great show of support from our brother MC’s and Associations with representation today from the Brothers of the Third Wheel, American Legion Riders Post 321, Post 180, American Freedom Riders Post 36, Widows and Sons, Masonic Riders, Keltics MC, States MC and with us today representation from the Wings of Gold MC, their President of the Ft. Lauderdale/Mother Chapter Dave “Tattoo Dave” Amchir. BARS thanked his executive board, trustees and chapter members for their support over the past 3 years he has served as president. Last week at the Wings of Gold MC event, we won the trophy for the largest organization present. This is the 3rd year in a row we won the award. Thank you to all. Tattoo Dave thanked the chapter for our support and discussed the changes to their event next year if they decide to hold the event at this year’s venue.

Vice-Presidents Report

Poppi thanked the board and the members for their support for the past 3 years. Especially those who work so hard at our events to make them successful. Also thanked Tattoo Dave and the support from the Wings of Gold MC for all the MC’s who go above and beyond to support us.

Secretary’s Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of Mays

meeting with the following corrections: Trustee position for Billing and Invoicing was left off in error. Amy “Pixie” Sonnenfeld is the trustee. A second correction to page 11 Good of the Order, the statement was not from the New Legion Commander. Motion seconded, all in favor motion passed. Paul thanked the Executive board and all the chapter members who have supported him over the years. Marie Baxter will be taking over as secretary. When Paul was elected secretary he took over the position from her. Please give her the same support you have given me over the years. Speaking of years, Paul was the longest running executive board member in chapter history serving as secretary for a total of 15 years out the chapters 34 year existence. Paul discussed on what is needed by the members regarding the new board members transitions. Give them the time to get to know each other. If you need to say something, say it to their faces, send an email or whatever mode of communication you want, but show common sense, respect and don’t say it behind their backs.

Treasurer’s Report

Frank read the financial report for May. A motion was made to accept the financial report; the motion was seconded, all in favor motion passed

Sergeant at Arms Report

Nighthawk thanked all the members who always come out to support our chapter. Discussed school zones. Even though the majority of schools are out for the summer, there a number of summer school classes taking place. If you see the yellow flashing lights of a school zone, slow down to the posted speed limit, BSO will be out in force.

Road Captain’s Report

Postal has excused. BARS thanked Postal for all his help.

Safety Directors Report

Gambler reported summer is here. Stay hydrated. Do not wait until you are thirsty to drink water. If you are thirsty dehydration has started to set in. Hydration means water, not a cold libation or soda. He had applications for Veterans Award for Service. Just fill out and send in.

Products Report

Joel reported if you need anything, fell free to give them a call at 954-818-4481. We are in need of XXL shirts. BARS advised we need to order 12 at a minimum. If you need this size shirt, please let Joel know.

Events Coordinator

Shaky and Sharon were excused. They are now living in Cocoa and yes they are now married. BARS thanked them for their work as Events Coordinators.

State Reps Report

Ada reported on the state meeting. Full details are in the Masterlink. Highlights include: Changing rules regarding poker runs, \$300,000.00 earmarked for safety was reduced to 150,000.00. Call or email the governor. The bill has passed but Governor Scott can line veto the money. Discussed the incident that happened at a toy run in Brevard county. Since this is an ongoing issue, our chapter attorney advised to cease and desist discussing the issue. Southeast received recognition for the most new members. Discussion on chapter dues. Our chapter voted months ago not to raise yearly dues and that information was given to the state. No vote was taken at the state as they wanted to get more information. Question on the use of a product like SQUARE giving the chapter members the ability to use a credit card to pay for membership, products etc. We did have one, however no one wanted to use a credit card. Currently the state allows the use of a credit card with the card holder paying for the additional use fee. Further information will be forth coming. WACO Texas, what happened in WACO stays in WACO. No comment by ABATE. ABATE of Florida will be hosting a 3 day event in Avon Park Florida. This will be the biggest fundraiser the state will have. Set up is 10/1/2015; tear down is 10/5/15. The event is scheduled for 10/2, 3 and 4.

In addition to financial support from every chapter, the state is requesting **manpower support from every chapter**. The success of this event depends on the

support of the chapters.

Membership Report

George reported we have **566** members on the books. We have 2 New Life Members cards for: Paul Baglio and Allen "ACE" Ryant Congratulations' to both. Reminder when you get your renewal in the mail, **PLEASE** take the time to fill out completely, send it in timely and when you fill it out, please do it in a way that we can read it. We are not mind readers.

Newsletter Editor

Squeezer reported all articles are due today with the exception of our Presidents report and the minutes of today's meeting by our chapter secretary.

Legislative Report

Brad clarified what can and what cannot be discussed regarding the law suit. Advised all members to contact Governor Scott regarding the safety money. Here is the email sent by our state legislative trustee: The House and Senate have just passed the 2015-2016 Florida Budget which included the Motorcycle Safety Awareness money. The final stop for the Budget is for Governor Rick Scott to sign in to law. The Governor does have the ability to line-item veto any part of the budget for any reason. So we need to contact Gov. Scott's office and ask him to keep the motorcycle safety awareness money in the budget. Please mention to him that ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a grassroots volunteer organization and that 100% of the money will go towards promoting motorcycle safety awareness all across the State of Florida. The budgeted money comes from the \$2.50 motorcycle registration fee that ONLY motorcycle owners pay. The fee goes into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund (Florida Statute 320.08) to be implemented for motorcycle safety awareness programs (Florida Statute 322.025)The budgeted money comes from Florida motorcyclists to be used by Florida Motorcyclists to save the lives of all motorcyclists in Florida. Who is better at effectively teaching Motorcycle Safety Awareness, a motorcyclist that actually rides or a person who sits behind a desk and has never ridden a motorcycle? Thank you for your consideration,

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Public Relation

Fern was excused. She is set up at most events promoting ABATE. Thank you Fern and for doing a great job with the hotline.

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Social Directors Report

Jimmy Les reported there was nothing to report.

Newsletter Distribution

Charlie wanted to thank all the members who deliver our newsletter on a timely basis. Debbie and him are moving, they bought a place in the Kissimmee area. They will be a half mile away from their daughter and there is only 1 house between us. Cannot make too many phone calls, not too much cell coverage. John Viger has stepped up to take care of the newsletter distribution. Thank you John.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob was excused no report.

Photographer's Report

Ada reported please send all your picture to our newsletter editor and our web-master.

Web-Master's Report

Rogue reported the web up and running, no issues reported. Over 20000 hits to our web-site.

Legal Council

Demetrious reported there was nothing to report, but to advise him on any motorcycle related tickets or issues.

Old Business

Our chapter secretary cast his vote on behalf of the chapter for all positions running unopposed. We have a brief recess while the votes are being counted. Alice Calabrese elections chairperson announced the results of the voting for positions with multiple

members running for office. The results are:
Vice President - Frank "Poppi" Cocchi
Treasurer - Rick "T-Man" Molina
Sgt @ Arms - Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak
Road Captain - James "Gambler" Willard
Membership - Rick "T-Man" Molina
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Congratulations' to all.

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The board was changed. The meeting was called back to order by the new board.

Minutes up to this point are respectively submitted by:

Paul A. Melcer

NEW BUSINESS

Frank took the floor and spoke on how proud he was to serve on the Board with Bars and Paul. He presented them both with a special thank you and not leaving out a special thank you to Alice for all of her hard work and efforts. He also gave a special mention to Shakey Bob & Sharon for all of their hard work and support. And

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Ms. Beverly, a thank you for all of your help and we will lean on you some more for your guidance. Charlie and Debbie are leaving a special thank went out to them. They **ALL** will be missed.

Frank spoke on attending the State Meeting in Spring, Florida and how it was stressed that the Avon Park Event is critical to the existence of ABATE. There are over 6,000 ABATE members in State of Florida, and we need to organize and become more powerful. He then touched on a few issues brought up at the State Meeting as in announced rides, Toy Runs, and raising the fees for Life Members. Our chapter voted to keep it the same. We have drawing tickets at \$5.00 a ticket with 10 in a book. He also showed us the new membership pamphlet in a new eye catching color and that a referred by line has been added. He stressed our chapter will be in existence for 34 years this coming December. We all should be proud of the fact we are still here and going strong. I personally have seen thru the years, many chapters fold and never come back.

Frank recognized our past president, Chuck Widle and Jimmy Les, who were in attendance, and asked that a special photo be taken. Hey, Chuck, WTFRW! Good times and friend.

Frank spoke about the upcoming runs:

June 27th Palm Beach ABATE

June 27th Chesters HD

June 28th Military Vets Duces Wild Chapter Annual

June 28th Miceys

July 12th Alternative MC

July 18th Wheels of Man Chili Cook Off

Ada read a special report on Gabe and that he's heading back to the US Border.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is July 19th. Hope to see everyone there.

A Special Note: It's funny how the circle comes round. When I left being secretary after 10 years it was handed over to Paul, and now Paul has handed back to me. Paul you served this chapter well, with hard words, work and love. I hope to do the same. See you on the Road - Wheels up.

Marie Baxter
Secretary S.E. Chapter

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motorcyclists in lieu of just getting off with a minor traffic citation. This year, the legislation has evolved into the Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) Bill [SB 908 and HB 231] that includes everyone on a roadway, motorcyclists and passengers, pedestrians, bicycles, highway workers, etc. Long story shortened, the legislation died on the table because the Florida House of Representatives decided to go on vacation early and leave three days before the end of the scheduled session and did not finish the business at hand. Unbelievable!!! Remember this neglect of duty when you vote!!! Our State lobbyist shared that the mandatory helmet issue was mentioned quietly in Florida's legislature this year but no action taken. This particular issue is always monitored by ABATE's lobbyist.

Safety and Training Funding: Florida charges fees to license and register your ride, a small portion of which is set-aside for motorcycle education and safety. Some of those funds used to be provided to ABATE to do just that. However, last year our Governor line-item-vetoed ABATE's request. A few days ago notification was sent out that the request was back again in the Governor's office for signature. A call-to-action was sent out to email and/or telephone his office to encourage the approval of these funds, to which I responded. However by the time you have read this it will be too late for you to respond because on June 23rd the Governor again vetoed this request.

If I had my wish, I would be able to electronically contact every ABATE SE member who had expressed the desire to participate and support such issues. Would you have contacted the Governor's office if notified? If so and you want to become an ABATE SE activist, please share your email address with me. You will be notified and provided with info on legislative bills being addressed and how/who to express your opinion, as you see appropriate.

Fun Stuff: Southeast ABATE Chapter members, along with American Legion Riders Post 321, a bunch of whom are ABATE members as well, went to the Wings of Gold MC Fort Lauderdale, Stars and Stripes Event. The event was packed with people, bikes, car show, vendors and lots of stuff to do and see. Particularly at the bikini bike-wash where I bumped into Axman,

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Anon

Frank T. Hammons, President, ABATE of Florida Inc., Southeast Chapter.

These are a few of my perceptions, as President, on what steps the ABATE Southeast (SE) Chapter must take this year in order to grow and improve upon its mission requirements and support of its members.

Develop an ABATE SE Political Advocacy Group: The SE Chapter has the potential to become a powerful advocate and voice for motorcycle education, training, driver awareness, and our constitutional freedoms. We have some clout just in the size of the SE Chapter’s membership. As of April 2015, the Chapter has 556 members of which 455 (82%) are voters. However, contacting SE Chapter members to make phone calls and/or emails to our government officials to make our voices and opinions heard as a group is not organized in a fashion designed make any significant difference to politicians. We must be able to contact as many members as possible quickly. As issues arise we must strike quickly to have any impact. For example, in late June several of us received an email ‘Call to Action’ giving instructions to call or email Gov. Scott’s office to support a legislative bill. This bill included funding for ABATE to provide driver education awareness, safety and training. It was on the Governor’s desk awaiting his signature. By the way, last year he line-item-vetoed ABATE’s request and we received no funding. Several of us shared this “Call to Action” with those few members we were able to contact. A few calls/emails, in my humble opinion, are not much of an influence on politicians. After all, it is just a few votes. If we could have gotten a majority of the SE Chapter’s membership to call/email the Governor’s office, I believe that 500+ calls/emails from this Chapter would cause him to take notice. In other words, our voices of support must be heard on those issues that support us. Email them electronically and “give them hell,” in a respectful and legal way. The times when we get what we want we should again contact them and thank the politicians for their support. How does this Chapter unite as “one voice” using available technology to allow us to be more politically active? That question is a “work in progress” and we will keep you informed and work on a plan to do so. I was ready to send this piece out for print when I received the following notification: “Today Gov. Scott vetoed a record \$461.4 million from the budget and WE were one of the cuts.” Next year, I am planning on SE being ready to fight back!!!

Membership Recruitment and Expansion: The SE Chapter represents Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. After a review of our current membership roster and the addresses listed, our Chapter is seriously lacking SE ABATE members living in Miami-Dade County. Currently, SE Chapter’s membership consists of 95% Broward and 5%, or 30 members, living in Miami-Dade. The SE Chapter must expand our membership base to include Miami-Dade and reach out to the riders living here. The tri-fold SE ABATE membership forms have been updated with new information and brightly colored paper. They are at the printer now and will be distributed as soon as possible. The SE Chapter’s website has a membership form link where you can print out a membership form, if needed. If any individual, organization or club located in Miami-Dade County needs information on ABATE, please contact me or one of the other listed Executive Board Members or Trustees.

This article expresses my take of the issues facing ABATE of Florida and the Southeast Chapter. I hope that you will join with as members and assist in surmounting these foreseen future challenges.

“United we stand, Divided we fall.” With respect, ft.

...President's Message continued from page 4

pretending to take pictures (I've got to buy me a fancy camera). Soulcide was there and had the place rocking and rolling. Also the ABATE Southeast Chapter was presented with the "most people from a group or club who signed in" Trophy, which our Chapter has won for three consecutive years. Thank you Wings of Gold! It was a fun event and I enjoyed seeing and meeting old and new friends and acquaintances.

A reminder to our ABATE Southeast Brothers and Sisters who may be sick, in the hospital, or suffered a loss and are grieving: Please let us know so we can be there for you and help. Contact our Chaplain and VP "Poppi" or me, your Pres. Our contact information is on the second page of this newsletter. If we don't know, then how can we help?

In closing, you are cordially invited to join us at our SE Chapter's July 19th meeting. Even if you are not an ABATE member stop by and check us out. We meet every third Sunday of the Month (unless otherwise posted) at American Legion Post 321, 9081 SW 51st St., Cooper City, FL, at 10 a.m. If you have any questions or concern regarding the ABATE Southeast Chapter, you can contact me at your convenience.

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Thank you for having the confidence in me by re-electing me as your Vice President. I will try to do my best, as I've done in the past year. I am looking forward to working with the new Board of Directors, Pres Frank T, Sec. Marie, and Tres. T Man.

We have moved the Southeast Chapter in the right direction with the help of all the membership. The coming year, with all your help, we can keep Abate SE the best Chapter in Florida. We can try to do a little bit more, of what we have been doing. It seems to be working,

I thank you once again and you can count on me doing my best.

Your V.P.
Poppie

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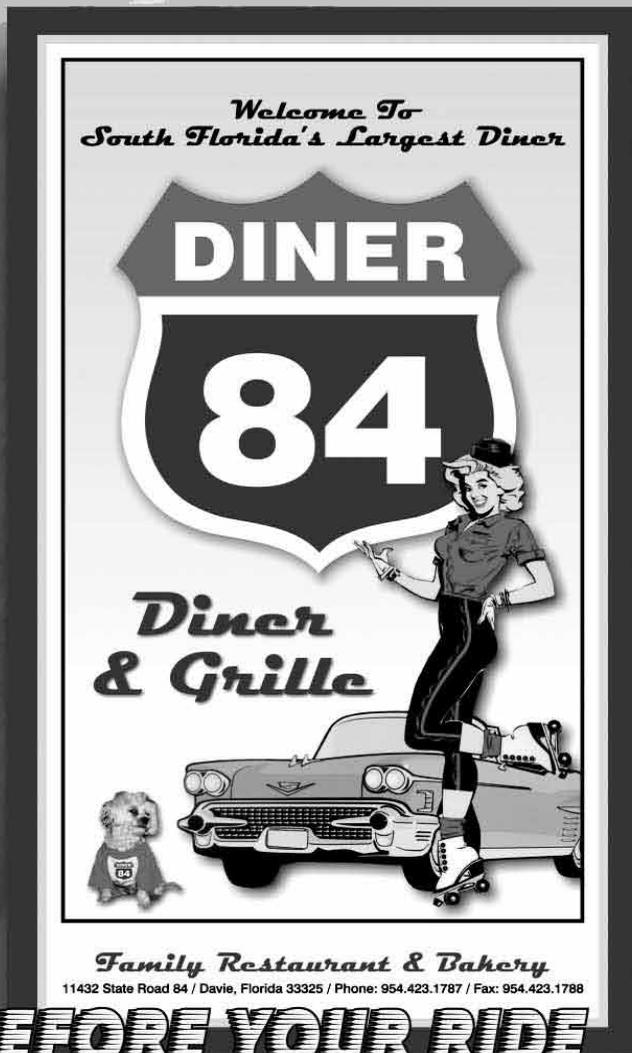
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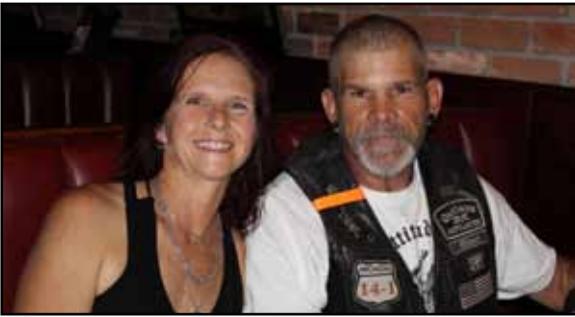
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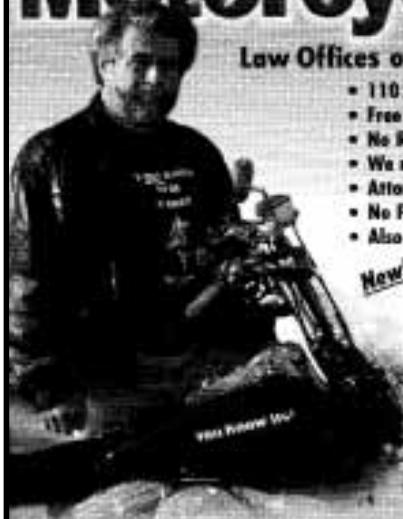
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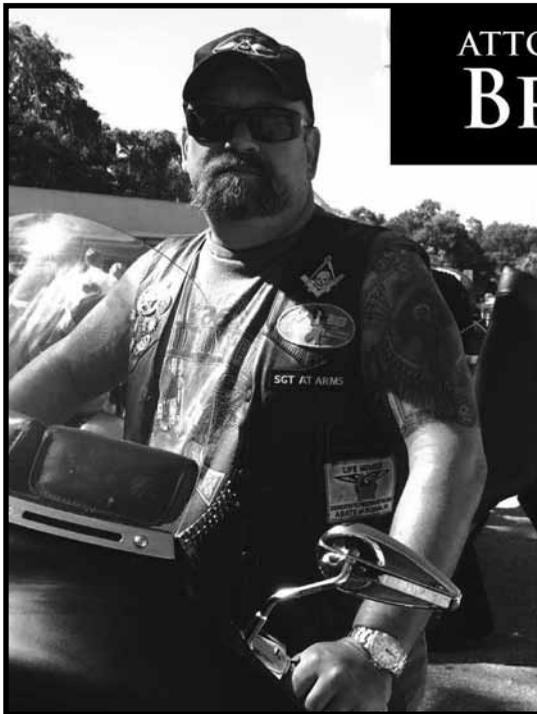
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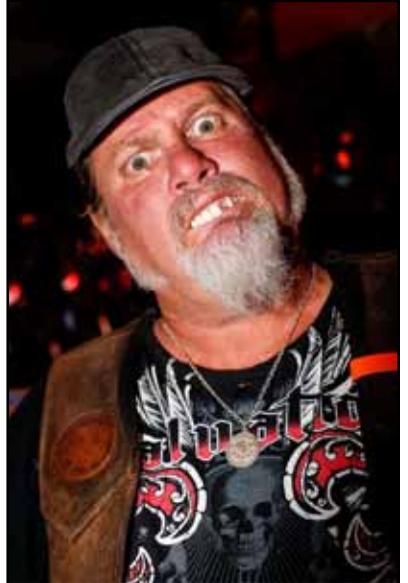
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July

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 States MC Pompano Dinner	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 States MC Pompano Dinner	10	11
12 ALTERNA- TIVE MC - PARTY	13	14	15	16 States MC Pompano Dinner	17	18 WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK- OFF
19 <u>Chapter Meeting</u>	20	21	22	23 States MC Pompano Dinner	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 States MC Pompano Dinner	31	

Additional Info:

07/12/15 - ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY

07/18/15 - WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

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2015

August

2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY	3	4 74th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY	5	6 States MC Pompano Dinner	7	8 SO FLORIDA TATTOO EXPO
9 AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNIVERSARY PARTY	10	11	12	13 States MC Pompano Dinner	14	15
16 <u>Chapter Meeting</u>	17	18	19	20 States MC Pompano Dinner	21	22 LOS COQUIS MC - SMOKEY/DIESEL B-DAY
23	24	25	26	27 States MC Pompano Dinner	28	29
30	31					

Additional Info:

08/02/15 - WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
 08/04/15 - 74th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
 08/08 - 10/15 SO FLORIDA TATTOO EXPO
 08/09/15 - AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNIVERSARY PARTY
 08/22/15 - LOS COQUIS MC - SMOKEY/DIESEL B-DAY

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- 12-ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY
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AUGUST

- 2-WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
- 4-74th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
- 8th-10th SO FLORIDA TATTOO EXPO
- 9-AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNIVERSARY PARTY
- 22-LOS COQUIS MC - SMOKEY/DIESEL B-DAY

SEPTEMBER

- 6-SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
- 12-OUTCAST MC - PARTY
- 13-STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
- 18th-20th PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
- 27-KELTICS MC - PARTY

OCTOBER

- 4-MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL
- 10-NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL
- 11-S.E. ABATE RIGHTS RALLY
- 16th-19th DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
- 25-WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY

NOVEMBER

- 7-US MILITARY VETS MC CH 1 - ANNUAL
- 8-CMA - MEMORIAL EVENT
- 14-HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL

DECEMBER

- 6 SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
- 12-PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
- 12-HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEM/TOY RUN
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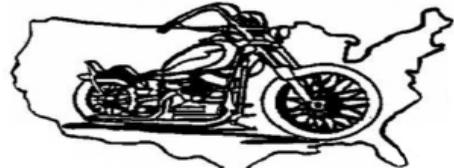
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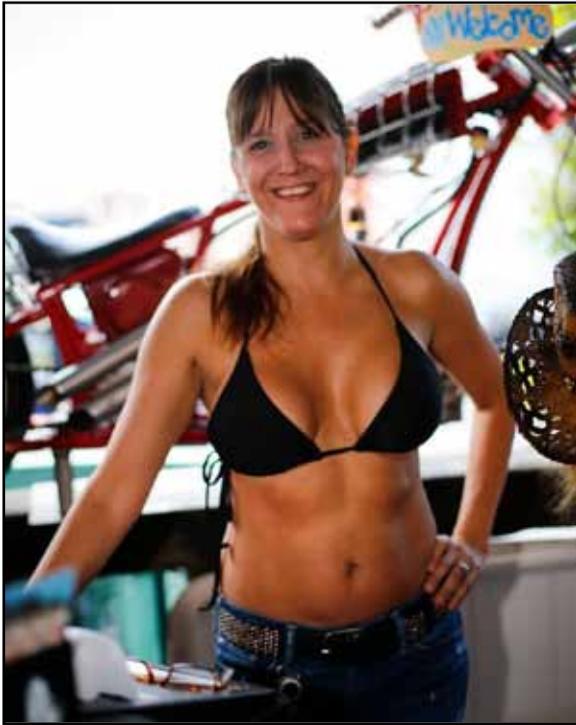
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We take a lot of rides to all the club parties but I would also like to propose that we just take fun rides as well. For example, around the lake, to Clewiston, the Keys, just to name a few. What are your ideas? Just send me an email and give me your suggestions. My contact information is in the newsletter. Let's have fun.

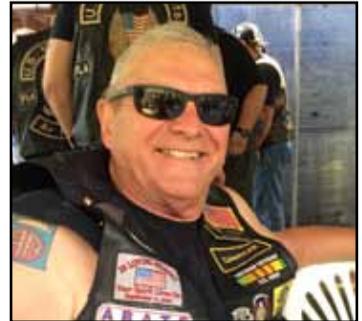
I think that was the good news, now here's the bad.

I had surgery on June 25th and may be out of commission for a month or so. Ace has graciously volunteered to be Assistant Road Captain until I get back on my feet and able to ride. Please support him as you would me.

Thank you once again.

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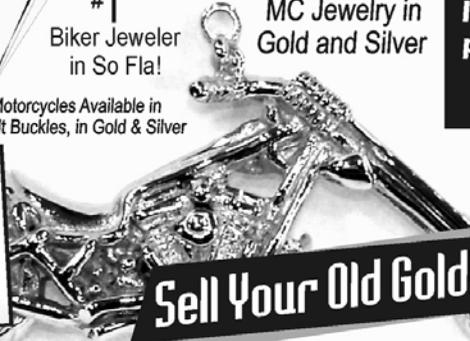
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If I may digress for a moment...

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It seems we are seeing a lot of incidents now a days that involve teens and police. Why are we seeing so many of these? Is it that police are looking for teens to mess with or is it that perhaps some of these teens were not taught to have respect for themselves and others? Some folks seem to enjoy complaining about police having to use force on teens, but they never seem to care about what led the police to the scene where the teens were to begin with. In most cases, lack of respect was what led to the use of force. For sure, lack of respect for the law enforcement officer was what led to the use of force. And it was most likely lack of respect for someone else or someone else's property that led the police there to begin with. Where does the fault lay? Does it lay with the parent/s, school, society, or the person himself/herself? Or, perhaps it could be a combination of these?

Like many, I am of the belief that this education should start at home, and early. If you, as a parent, do not start teaching your child to have respect for themselves and others from the time they are a baby, do not blame others for what happens to them later in life. Be it the inability to keep a decent job or frequent involvement with law enforcement. My mother taught me to have respect for myself in how I act, dress, and speak. When I failed to follow the rules of respect that she instilled upon me, there were consequences. If she caught me using grammar or language that was not correct, she made me say it correctly, and then made me write it 100 times. I was allowed to pick out clothes that I liked, but she had final approval on what was bought. One time, when I was 7, my mom saw me with a toy that she did not buy me. She pressed me until she found out where it came from. When she found that I lifted it from the five and dime on the corner, she dragged me there by the ear, made me confess to the owner, paid for the toy, threw it out, and then dragged me there every day for a week to sweep the store for him. It was not school nor society that thought me respect for self, others, and other people's property, it was a 5'3", single woman who wanted her son to become a productive member of society. If you are not doing this for your own child, do not blame anybody else for their short comings. I sure as heck made sure that my daughters learned these lessons.

If you do not have respect for yourself, don't expect me to have respect for you. If you have so little respect for yourself that you leave the house wearing a wife-beater t-shirt, with your underwear showing, and your pants riding under your ass instead of covering it, don't blame me for prejudging you and looking upon you negatively. If you were born, raised, and educated in this country and only speak in street slang, you have to **"Aks yo-self why dat be"**. There is absolutely no reason for you to have less command of the English language than someone for whom English is their second or third language, you should be ashamed of yourself. And you should know that you have disrespected the country that you call home, the teachers that tried to educate you, your parent/s that worked hard for you to get an education, and yourself for limiting yourself from the potential you could have had. If others look at you differently because you do not dress properly and cannot properly speak your native tongue, don't say it is because of the color of your skin or because of society. You are the one that disrespected yourself. How can you expect anybody else to respect you?

Your editor - "Squeezer"



Faith

What do you have faith in?

The definition of faith is:

- Strong or unshakeable belief in something, without proof or evidence belief that does not rest on logical, proof or material evidence.

Faith, the stuff we all have in our lives, like our family and friends, cars, motorcycles, homes, even jobs. All these things can and probably will either, get old, wear out, or fade away, and some will disappoint you in one way or another.

The one thing you can always depend on is the Faith you can have in Jesus Christ's love for you!!! He will never leave or forsake you. Jesus Christ will always be there for you and will always fulfill all your needs whatever they are.

I ask this question because everybody has faith in something. We all have faith that the sun will rise tomorrow, but are we positive it will? Will you wake up in the morning? Is that for sure?

I tell you the truth that when Jesus Christ says "I will never leave you or forsake you" you can have "Blind Faith" that He will stand by His word!! Yet in Luke 18:8 when Jesus asks "when the Son Of Man returns Shall He find faith on the earth?" "Why would He ask that question? I'm not sure, I think it's because at that time there was little faith in the fact that Jesus is the Son of God, the Father, and that He is the one, that was sent, to suffer and die for our sins and be resurrected from death on the third day, so that we can have everlasting life with Him in Heaven.

With what we now know through the teachings of the Holy Bible, there should be no doubt in our minds that Jesus Christ is Lord of all. In that we must have FAITH in Him.

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I have been reelected as your Safety Director for a third term. Of course once again I ran unopposed. I have only taught four safety classes during my terms and feel I can do much better. Manning a Safety and Membership Booth does get the word out about motorcycle safety and recruit more members and supporters, but are we reaching the right people? No, not really. We need to do more. First, we need to recruit the younger bikers. Especially the ones on sport bikes and teach them about safety and respect for other drivers. Find out where they hang out or have their bike nights. Secondly, Our Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Classes are geared toward the drivers of cages. I'm talking about all enclosed vehicles. If you own a business that employs drivers, or work for a company that employs drivers and they have safety meetings, contact the Personnel Office and tell them about the course and see if they will allow us to speak at one of their Safety Meetings. Even better, find out whom the contact person is and I will contact that person. Don't let me or the Chapter down. Let's do what we are supposed to do and teach motorcycle safety and awareness. My contact information is in the newsletter.

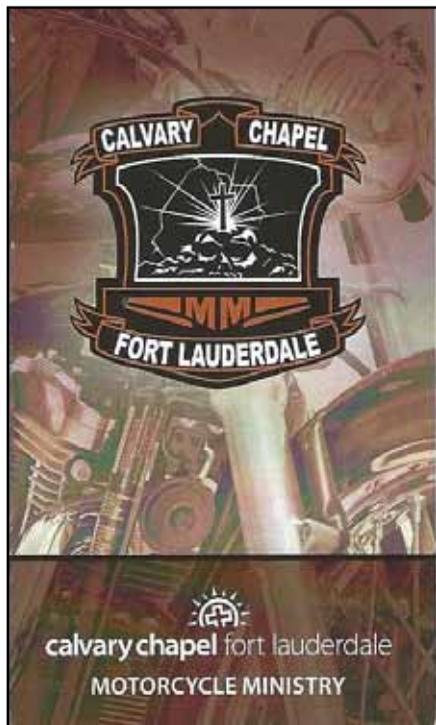
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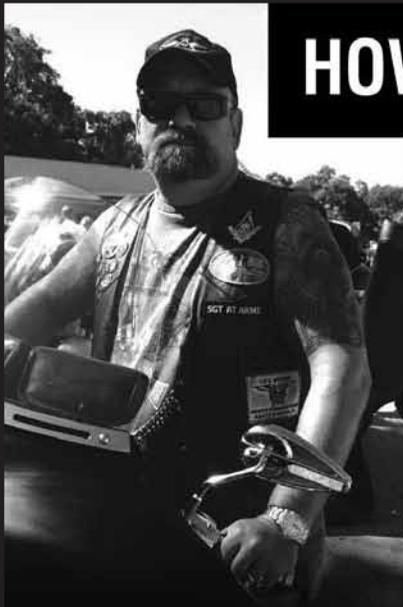
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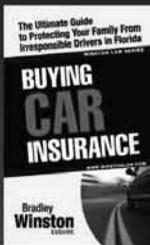
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DOT REGULATORS TO CRACK DOWN ON NOVELTY HELMETS

U.S. transportation regulators on Wednesday, May 20 called for stronger rules for motorcycle helmets, proposing additional safety requirements in an effort to crack down on “novelty” helmets that do not meet federal standards. Department of Transportation officials say such uncertified helmets are unsafe and do not protect riders in crashes despite being sold and marketed for use on the road.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposes to amend Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 218 to modify the existing performance requirements of the standard by adding construction requirements. Its Proposed Rulemaking changes would further define what makes an acceptable motorcycle helmet, from its thickness to its compression ability, “in an attempt to help riders and state law enforcement officials identify inferior helmets.” Such changes aim “to reduce fatalities and injuries resulting from traffic accidents involving use of motorcycle helmets” that fail to meet federal standards, DOT regulators told Reuters news agency, adding that rider deaths are disproportionately high due in part to the high number of motorcyclists wearing substandard helmets.

It is not clear why so many motorcycle riders use inferior helmets, said the regulators, but they say part of the problem seems to be that riders do not understand the risks. Novelty helmets can also be cheaper and appear “more comfortable or stylish,” they added. So-called “Novelty” helmets generally cover a smaller area of the head, have thin liners and are often sold with disclaimers stating that they are not for highway use “yet they are sold to highway users and used in great numbers by motorcyclists.” Tougher standards are expected to help authorities prosecute sellers of noncompliant helmets in states where helmets are mandatory, regulators said. The public can comment on the proposal for 60 days, up until July 20, 2015, before the department moves to issue its final regulation.

“DOT LOBBY BAN” REPEAL ATTEMPT THWARTED

A provision contained in a federal appropriations bill could have struck down the “DOT lobby ban” implemented by Congress in 1998 to prevent the Department of Transportation from strongarming states on helmet laws and other unwanted legislation. However, thanks to the swift actions of national and state motorcyclists rights organizations, riders across the country rose to the occasion and supported an amendment introduced by Congressional Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI), Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI), and Reid Ribble (R-WI) to strip the offending provision.

When the U.S. House of Representatives addressed the 2016 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations act (H.R. 2577) on June 3-4, Section 102 was removed.

OREGON MOTORCYCLISTS GET “LIMITED EXCEPTION” TO RED LIGHTS

Changing traffic laws that affect motorcyclists often sparks plenty of debate in state legislatures, but that was not the case with a measure allowing two-wheeled vehicles to go through malfunctioning stoplights that passed the Oregon legislature unanimously and was signed into law by Governor Kate Brown on May 21st. Under SB 533, riders will be allowed to proceed through a red light only after it fails to go through one full cycle -- and then only if done with caution. State Representative John Davis (R-Wilsonville) calls it a “very, very limited exception” to the normal rules covering red lights.

Effective January 1, 2016, Oregon will join 16 other states with similar “dead red” laws that allow riders to proceed through red lights that do not detect their presence and fail to provide a green light: Minnesota (2002), Tennessee (2003), Arkansas (2005), Idaho (2006), Wisconsin (2006), North Carolina (2007), South Carolina (2008), Missouri (2008), Oklahoma (2010), Kansas (2011), Virginia (2011), Illinois (except Chicago – 2012), Nevada (2014), Indiana (2014), Kentucky (2015), and Washington (2015). In Texas and California, state law requires stoplights to be fitted with sensors that detect motorcycles.

NEVADA AMENDS HANDLEBAR HEIGHT LAW

After passing the state Assembly unanimously, AB422 was signed into law by Governor Brian Sandoval on May 21, 2015 to amend the state’s handlebar height law.

Effective October 1, 2015, Section 1 of this bill prohibits a local authority from enacting an ordinance

governing the operation and equipment of a motorcycle or a moped which is in conflict with any existing state laws. Under existing law, a person is prohibited from driving a motorcycle or a moped equipped with handlebars which extend above the driver's shoulders. Section 2 of this bill provides that handlebars may extend not more than 6 inches above the driver's shoulders.

MOTORCYCLE LICENSE BILL PASSES IN ALABAMA

Alabamians will need to have a motorcycle classification on their license, and take a written exam or safety course, under a bill that has passed the state Legislature and awaits the governor's signature. Alabama is the only state that doesn't require a specific motorcycle license, and this measure "will make sure that those who are riding motorcycles are qualified and know enough about motorcycle safety," said the bill's sponsor State Rep. Phillip Pettus (R-Greenhill). Pettus' House Bill 212 now goes to the governor for his signature. Currently, only motorcyclists age 14 and 15 have to take a written test and get the M classification. Those older than that may get the classification, but don't have to. Motorcyclists who already have the M classification will be grandfathered in. Upon Governor Robert J. Bentley's approval, the new licensure law will become effective January 1, 2016, and law enforcement will then be able to issue tickets to motorcyclists who don't have the M classification. The bill also allows drivers to complete a safety course instead of the written test. There's a \$5 fee for the written test.

TEXAS LAW LEGALIZES SLINGSHOT THREE-WHEELER

A new law now legalizes the three-wheel Polaris Slingshot in Texas. Polaris' Slingshot reverse-trike ended up in legal limbo last year after it was determined that it didn't fit the letter of any of Texas motor vehicle laws. It didn't have the safety equipment required to define it as a car, but since it had seats, and not a saddle, it couldn't be considered a motorcycle, either. That changed last week when Governor Greg Abbot signed an amendment to the law that essentially removed the saddle requirement, allowing three-wheel "autocycles" to be registered as motorcycles, as they are in many states. A motorcycle license is still required to drive one, but you can take the test in a three-wheeler if you only plan to drive that type of vehicle.

The laws that govern vehicles like the Slingshot vary from state to state, and it's still not street legal in a few. That includes Connecticut, Hawaii and Maryland, while Indiana recently passed its own "autocycle" law authorizing its use. In most states it follows the same helmet rules as a motorcycle, but in California can be driven without one and only requires an automobile license to operate.

MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES DROP FOR SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR

Riding a motorcycle in the U.S. is continuing to get a little safer. Based on a preliminary survey of 2014 fatality data, the Governors Highway Safety Association is predicting a second consecutive year-over-year drop in deaths for the first time on record since 1997.

The GHSA is predicting 4,584 motorcyclist deaths in 2014, a 1.8-percent drop. The organization bases its forecasts on motorcycle fatality data for January through September in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. From this raw info, deaths fell in 27 states in 2014, increased in 19 and remained the same in four, plus DC.

While good in the short term, the GHSA still thinks there's a lot to do to reduce rider deaths; 28% of fatal crashes in 2013 involved riders with a blood alcohol concentration above 0.08, 34% of those killed were speeding, and 25% didn't have a valid motorcycle license.

Of course the GHSA recommends that all states adopt universal helmet laws, noting that currently only 19 states and D.C. require all riders be helmeted.

NEW STUDY REPORTS LANE-SPLITTING CAN BE SAFE

California drivers often see motorcyclists zip by between the narrow space between two lanes of cars, known as lane-splitting, and a new report by UC Berkeley transportation researchers finds that such maneuvering does not necessarily pose a greater risk for injury.

An analysis conducted by researchers from UC Berkeley's Safe Transportation Research and Education Center (SafeTREC) found that lane-splitting is relatively safe if done in traffic moving at 50 mph or less, and if motorcyclists do not exceed the speed of other vehicles by more than 15 mph. "Surprisingly, we found that the difference in speed between the motorcycle and the surrounding traffic was a bigger predictor of injury than speed alone," said study lead author

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Thomas Rice, epidemiologist at SafeTREC, which is based at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health. "Above a 15-mile-per-hour speed differential, the risk of injury rose significantly."

California is the only state in the country where motorcycle lane-splitting is not illegal; and the researchers analyzed data on motorcycle-involved traffic collisions in California from June 2012 through August 2013. Of the nearly 6,000 accidents reported by the California Highway Patrol, 997 involved lane-splitting at the time of collision. "We have learned that when lane-splitting motorcycle riders are involved in collisions, the most common scenario is a rider traveling too fast when a motorist attempts to change lanes," said Rice.

The data used in the UC Berkeley SafeTREC report included details about the manner in which lane-splitting occurred, such as speed of vehicles, time of day and the kinds of helmets used. Reports also included information about any injuries sustained.

Compared with other motorcyclists, lane-splitting motorcyclists were more likely to ride on weekdays and during commute hours, use better helmets, and travel at lower speeds. Lane-splitting motorcyclists were also less likely to have been using alcohol and less likely to have been carrying a passenger.

Also compared with other motorcyclists involved in a collision, lane-splitting riders were less likely to suffer head injury (9 percent versus 17 percent), torso injury (19 percent versus 29 percent) and fatal injury (1.2 percent versus 3 percent).

PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS RIDE HIGH ON THE HOG

Demonstrating the political capital of motorcycles, seven of the Republican candidates running for President in 2016 descended on Iowa on June 6 to participate in freshman Senator Jodi Ernst's inaugural "Roast and Ride" fundraiser. Sen. Ernst hopped on her Harley-Davidson Softail alongside Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker on his Road King along with more than 300 motorcyclists in tow for a 38-mile ride from Des Moines to the Central Iowa Expo in Boone for the pig roast, which Ernst hopes will become an electoral tradition.

Former Governor Rick Perry, R-Texas, took a different route to the roast, riding in with a group of veterans from the town of Perry, and was the only other 2016 contender to arrive on two wheels. Carly Fiorina rode a tractor in a local parade and renewed her attacks on Hillary Clinton, and the audience remained engaged throughout the speeches of South Carolina Senator

Lindsey Graham, Dr. Ben Carson, Florida Senator Marco Rubio and former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee.

Now that former Florida Governor Jeb Bush has officially launched his presidential bid, Sen. Ernst invited him to the first-in-the-nation caucus state for a ride; "I'd love to see him on a Harley" and she offered to "hook him up" with a motorcycle.

Motorcyclists possess some of the traits she would like to see in a future president: "I think you have to be a leader and you have to make decisive determinations of what path you take," Ernst said. "Whatever that path is, you have to follow it."

WEIRD NEWS: COPS CREATE TRAFFIC JAM TO CATCH BIKERS SPLITTING LANES

New York police officers were recently caught on camera intentionally causing a traffic jam on the highway to catch motorcyclists splitting lanes through the stopped vehicles. The YouTube video has gone viral on the Internet, and was picked up by www.filmings-cops.com, a conglomerative blogging service documenting police abuse otherwise ignored by traditional media outlets.

The narrator of the YouTube clip claims that the police actually shut down the entire highway for the sole purpose of catching bikers driving in between lanes. Several unsuspecting bikers can be seen in the video being pulled over as cops demand their license and registration, while the video shows the rest of the traffic on the highway at a complete stop for some time so that the cops can generate ticket revenues; "This appears to be one of the most epic parasitic wealth-extractions in recent memory."

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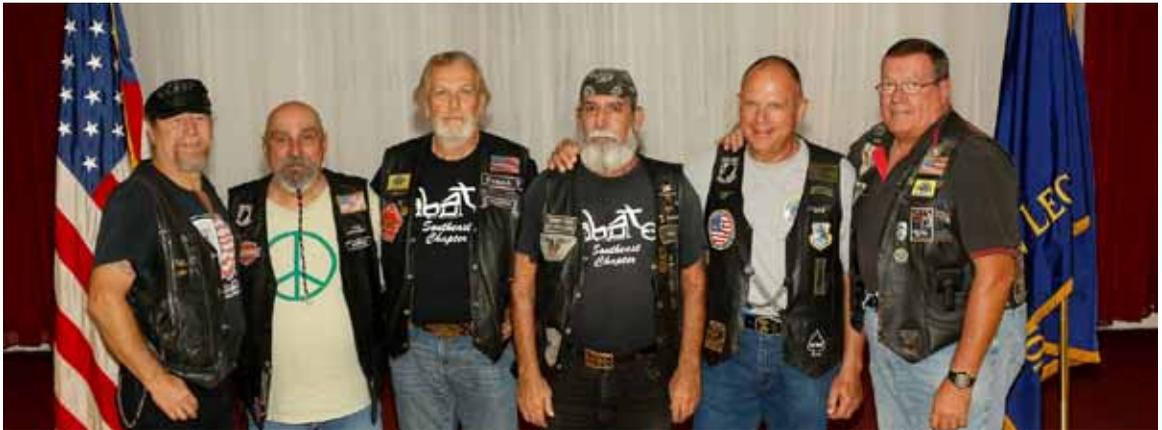
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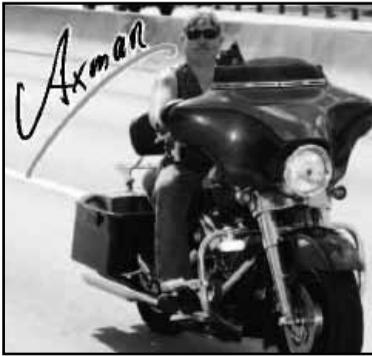
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