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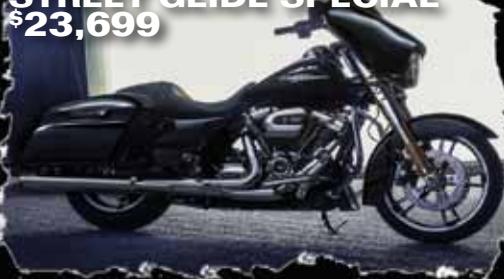
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- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.
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- We fund our work by holding a series of annual events at different locations within our service area and other motorcycle activities.
- We are your neighbors and friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community.
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- We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.
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The more members and voters we have, the more pressure our lobbyist can put on Lawmakers to pass legislation that helps us and stop legislation that hurts us. Join us not only in our fight for our freedoms, but also in the camaraderie in the brotherhood/sisterhood of ABATE of Florida, Inc.

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello brothers and sisters, and thank you for picking up and reading yet another issue of our newsletter!!!

I would like to thank those that stepped up and volunteered once again to hold key positions in our chapters' ranks, that enables it to continue to function and not fold up. As you will see in the upcoming pages, the new board was elected via a motion of acclamation at the June meeting. I also want to thank those members that came out to American Legion Post 222 on June 18th to attend our chapter meeting. Suzanne Keen gave the opening prayer for the meeting, and did an outstanding job of it!

Critter and I went to St. Augustine in our capacity as State Representatives for this chapter and had a great time while obtaining pertinent information from the State and the other Delegates. I would like to thank the members that showed up and went to the events with us the weekend of 6/24 & 25; Leatherneck's Summer Party and ABATE Palm Beach Chapter's Annual.

The last thing I would like to convey, but most assuredly not least, goes to those who may pickup this newsletter to read it whom are not members. If you are a motorcycle rider, no matter what make or model, or just a motorcycle enthusiast, or someone who is a family member of a rider or enthusiast, I would strongly urge you to consider becoming a member. I urge you to attend a meeting in order to get a firm grasp of how we do things and what we stand for.

So with that, I'd like to thank everyone for their continued support of our chapter and state organization!

May Saint Christopher, Holy Patron of Travelers, guide and protect you and your loved ones so that you may RIDE FREE AND RIDE SAFE my brothers and sisters!!!

With Honor and Respect,
William G. "MAGNETO" Prewitt, President
ABATE of Florida, Inc.





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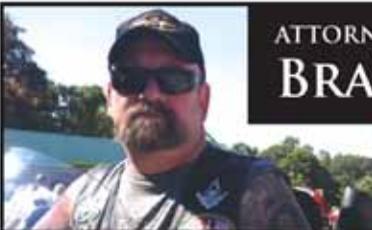
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You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership, or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any changes.



**Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at American Legion Post 222
June 18, 2017**

Magneto (Mr. President) called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM. There were 22 members and one guest. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence and a prayer by Suzanne Keen.

President's Report: Magneto thanked everyone for attending the meeting on Father's Day. He spoke on the state meeting he and Critter attended in St. Augustine. The next State Meeting will be in Lake County, Tavares, FL - it's their 30th Anniversary. The hotline is no more. It will most likely be switched to the State's hotline. We have other forms of communications to let everyone know what's going on.

Vice-President's Report: Poppie was under the weather and excused.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed, seconded, no discussion, all in favor. Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Critter read the financial

report for May. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor. Motion was passed. Critter spoke about some of the financial topics from the state meeting. There was discussion on a few topics brought up by the State involving chapter monies, insurance issues and other State operations.

Sergeant at Arm's Report: Steve thanked everyone for their help at the May event.

Road Captain's Report: Jon thanked all the clubs that were in attendance at our meeting. He had a special thanks for Jimmy Les for his help at our May event. He spoke about the Monday night dinners at States MC. Jon also spoke about no one showing up for rides and how it doesn't look good when only three or four of us show up for an event. We realize that a lot of Abate members are present at the events, however, a large portion are there wearing club colors. There are enough of us that are not club members that we should be able to have a nice size group ride in together to as Abate members.

Safety Director's Report: This position is open so there was no report.

Products Report: Jon reported we have products and, with the new displays he has made, the products booth has been getting a good amount of attention. He mentioned going to Petersons North once a month and setting up a products/safety booth. We could use some volunteers to help out with that.

Events Coordinator: This position is also open, so there was no report.

State Representative's Report: Critter reported on the state meeting that she and Magneto attended. The next state meeting meeting will be in Tavares, FL, hosted by Lake County and it's their 30th anniversary. It will be the 2nd weekend in August. Critter spoke on the insurance that we are provided as a benefit of being an ABATE member and the company that offers it. The company had an issue with the beneficiary cards being sent to the State office and not their office. We will be able to keep the insurance, but members may get a call from the company asking if they are interested in purchasing extra insurance. Members are under NO obligation to buy additional insurance. If you are not interested simply tell them that when/if they call. The 2019 NCOM convention will be held in Orlando in May (Mother's Day weekend). Larry Crow has resigned as state counsel for ABATE; Jerry T has taken his place. One chapter has closed – Interstate; one new chapter has been formed - North Orlando. Darrin (Scribe) reported that the Helmet Law has been squashed. Our governor has once again vetoed the safety money that was budgeted for us. This is Rick Scott's last year as governor so hopefully we won't have this problem in the future. One of

the 2018 candidates, Adam Putman, is ABATE friendly. Both of the Vulnerable Road Users Bills died as the end of the last session. Since 2018 is an election year, the next session starts in January so there will be a Ride to the Capitol in February. We need a lot of bikes and riders to show up at the Capitol to make our voting power it known in Tallahassee. At the next state meeting there will be the bids for the 2018 state meetings. Southeast Chapter picked up a certificate for the most new members for April. Critter has tickets for the state drawing in December. First prize is a Henry 30/30; second prize is a 12 gauge shotgun. The drawing will be held at the December state meeting. The Fall State Biker Bash will be November 3-5 at the Peace River Campground in Arcadia, FL. Critter has tickets: \$30 in advance includes admission and tenting camping for the whole weekend. There are discounted rates available for RV's if you mention ABATE. Leadership seminars are in Ocala, 2nd weekend in July. All new board members should attend training for their positions.

Membership Report: George was not present so there was no report.

Newsletter Editor: Critter reported she needs the articles for the newsletter today. All photos are welcome.

Legislative Report: Brad was excused.

Public Relations: Fern was not present.

Billing and Invoicing: Pixie was not present to report. Although Sheila has not officially taken over the position, she has been very

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involved since her nomination. She reported pretty much everything is up to date.

Social Director Report: Patti was not present, however Sheila brought the monthly birthday cake.

Newsletter Distribution: Jon reported all is going well. He thanked Teddy Bear, Postal, and Bars for all of their help. He also mentioned that we can use some additional volunteers to help with distribution. If you can take on any of the stops, please contact Poppie or Jon.

Quartermaster Report: Bob was not present.

Photographer's Report: Barry was present but had nothing to report.

Web-Master's Report: Rogue was excused, but everything is up and running.

Legal Council: Brad was excused.

Old Business: There are no contested positions, therefore the secretary called for a Motion to Elect by Acclamation. All were in favor; the new Southeast Chapter Board is:

- ***President:*** William "Magneto" Prewitt
- ***Vice President:*** Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff
- ***Secretary:*** Marie Baxter
- ***Treasurer:*** Joanne "Crittter" Napoli
- ***Sgt. at Arms:*** Stephen "Nighthawk" Chomiak
- ***Road Captain:*** Jon "Wavy" Viger
- ***Safety Director:*** Vacant
- ***Products:*** Jon "Wavy" Viger
- ***Events Coordinator:*** Vacant
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- ***Membership:*** Vacant
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- ***Social Director:*** Vacant
- ***Billing and Invoicing:*** Sheila Rose
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- ***Legal Counsel:*** Brad Winston and
Demetrios Kirkiles
- ***Chaplin:*** Frank "Poppie" Cocchi

New Business: The new board took their places and called the meeting order. We welcomed Teddy Bear as our new VP.

Good of the Order: Monday night dinners at States MC. If you have never been there, you are missing out on a feast of good, home-cooked food. Please try to go and support States MC as they have helped and supported us many times.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is July 16, 2017, at American Legion Post 222 in Oakland Park, FL.

Hope to see everyone there.

See you on the Road,

Marie Baxter,
Secretary
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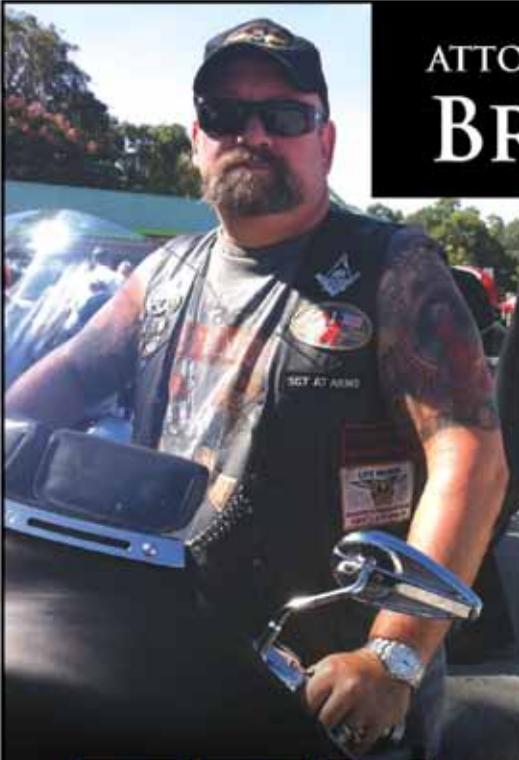
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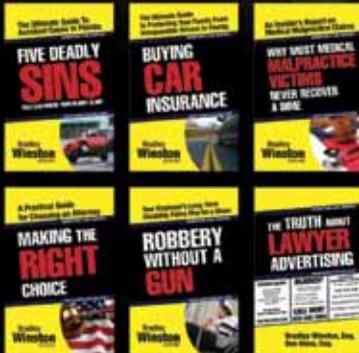


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A Message From Your Vice President

As your new VP of the Southeast ABATE chapter, I would like to thank everybody for their confidence in me taking over this position. I hope to be able to serve this board as well as my predecessor Poppie has done in the past. I have never been good at these writings, such as when I was a safety director for this chapter as well as when I was in the Illinois ABATE chapter.

I know I have not been to a lot of events, but as I have already started to change that. I am going to be showing up to as many events as I can.

You can always come and talk to me as I don't bite unless you bark 1st.

Thanks again

Teddy Bear,
VP Southeast Chapter



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Top 5 Motorcycle Safety Tips

By Alex Chacon
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We all know that age-old statistic that motorcycles are inherently more dangerous than cars. Still that doesn't stop millions of people around the world from jumping on one and going for the ride of their life!

As a seasoned rider with over 200,000 miles in 50+ countries under my belt, safety is my #1 priority whenever I get on a motorcycle. Here are the top 5 safety tips I've learned over the years to help keep you safe on your next ride.

1. Defense is the best offense

I am able to dodge and avoid many dangerous situations on the road by being a defensive driver when I ride. The moment you start your ride you should be on the lookout for road hazards like gravel, trash, pedestrian crossings, bad drivers and more. You should always leave plenty of room between yourself and the vehicles in front of and behind you. This will give you enough space and time to react in case the unexpected happens. Remember, most motorcycle accidents are caused by other drivers.

2. Gear, be smart about it

Proper safety gear like a helmet, jacket, pants, gloves and boots, are essential to keeping you safe in the event of an accident. Bright gear makes you more visible to other drivers, and protective eye wear keeps your delicate eyeballs safe and glued to the road. A good jacket, gloves and boots will help keep you warm and dry while protecting you from road debris, and can even protect your skin in an accident. Wearing full gear can also help boost rider confidence.

3. Know and choose the right bike for you

Everyone has a different skill level and goal when it comes to riding. Riders get into trouble when they buy more bike than they can handle. I have seen riders on bikes where their feet don't reach the ground. How you want to use your bike is also important to consider. A dirt bike with off-road tires on a highway at high speeds is also not ideal. It is important to consider both skill level and where you will ride the bike when picking one out. Things to think about: bigger bikes are heavier so they will drive differently; off-road tires are difficult in corners; and high handlebars affect the stable handling of the bike.

4. Making tough choices quickly

Your personal safety is in your own hands when you ride. As a rider you should be prepared to make smart choices when the unexpected happens. I always assume the worst of other drivers when on the road. I imagine they all have one eye covered when they drive, so I never presume they will see me as they merge or change lanes. Another preventative technique is to place yourself in a position where you have two different escape points. An open space to both your left, and right to merge into quickly at any given moment is key.

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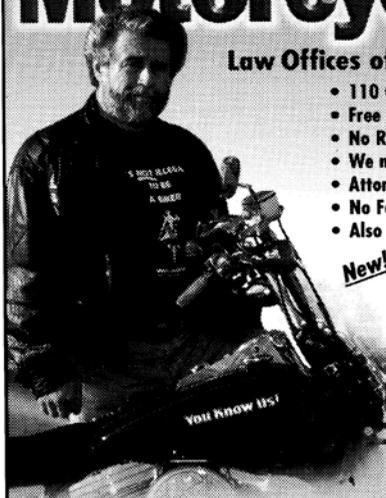
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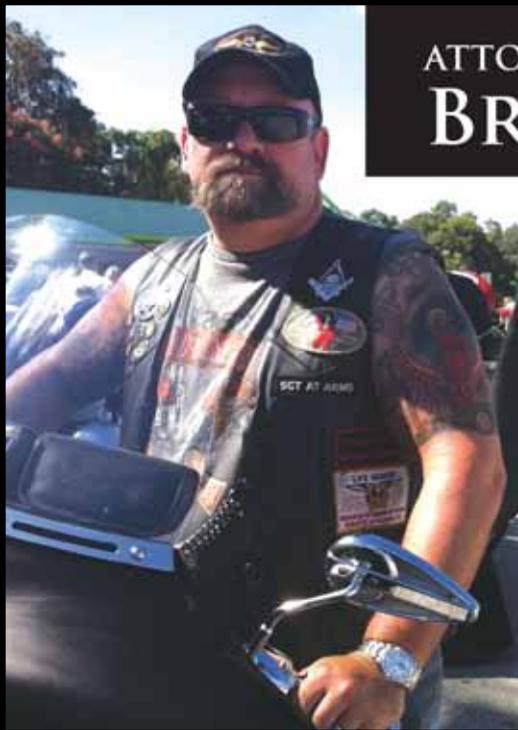
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If you find yourself in an uncomfortable or dangerous position on the road sometimes overtaking a vehicle or pulling over and letting them pass is the best preventative measure to keep you both safe. And finally, on the highway you are statistically safer going with the flow of traffic, so follow everyone else to stay safe.

5. Don't get distracted and maintain your bike

The open road is indeed beautiful, but remember traffic and obstacles are waiting around the corner for you and you need a properly maintained bike to stay safe. Be hyper aware of your surroundings and constantly changing conditions. Keep your eyes on the road when you ride. Ignore distractions like your radio, cell phone, the beautiful girl in the red convertible next to you, and people staring at your bike as you fly by.

Make sure you do a visual inspection before you jump on the bike. You should check that your turn signals, brakes, headlight, tires and horn are in working order before you take off every time. A quick visual inspection to make sure all your wires, cables, chains and components are in good condition and where they need to be is also important. This can help you prevent a catastrophe when you are on the highway.

Whether you ride out for the weekend or just the day, be sure to follow these 5 tips to make your next ride as safe as possible.



BATTLE BEGINS ABOUT APPOINTMENTS TO SUPREME COURT: The battle over the future makeup of the Florida Supreme Court began in earnest Wednesday, as a pair of voting-rights groups asked justices to determine whether Gov. Rick Scott has the power to reshape the court. A petition filed by the League of Women Voters of Florida and Common Cause called on the court to clear up a simmering dispute about who has the right to name the successors to three justices whose terms will end the same day that Scott leaves the governor's mansion. The three outgoing members of the court --- justices Barbara Pariente, R. Fred Lewis and Peggy Quince --- are part of the court's more-liberal majority and have been an annoyance to Republicans for years. Scott has already replaced one liberal former justice, James E.C. Perry, with the more-conservative Alan Lawson. Scott, who is term-limited, has already indicated that he has the right to appoint the justices' replacements, because he will still essentially be governor for part of Jan. 8, 2019, the day when their terms end. But many legal observers have questioned that assertion, saying previous Supreme Court decisions and the wording of the Constitution suggest otherwise. In their filing with the court, the voting-rights groups argue that the conflict needs to be sorted out well before a potential constitutional crisis engulfs the judiciary. Pariente, Lewis and Quince will have to leave the court at the end of their current terms because of a mandatory retirement age.



"Although the general election is over a year away, there is simply not time for this case to work its way through the circuit court to the district court and back to this (Supreme) Court for final resolution," the petition says. "The importance of deciding this issue before Governor Scott attempts to make the subject appointments cannot be overstated." Under the Constitution, the new governor comes into office on Jan. 8, 2019, the same time the terms expire. But governors often are not inaugurated until around noon, a window that could allow Scott to name new justices in the interim.

BIPARTISAN, BICAMERAL BILL INTRODUCED ADDRESSING MOTORCYCLE PROFILING

WASHINGTON, DC – [On May4], Representatives Tim Walberg (R-Mich.), Mark Pocan (D-Wisc.), Michael Burgess (R-Texas) and Collin Peterson (D-Minn.) along with Senators Ron Johnson (R-Wisc.) Jeanne Shaheen (D-New Hamp.) jointly introduced a bipartisan and bicameral resolution concerning the profiling of motorcyclists.

The bill defines the practice of motorcycle profiling and expresses the sentiments of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives on the issue of motorcycle profiling. Additionally, the bill promotes increased public awareness on the issue and encourages collaboration, education and training for the motorcycle and law enforcement communities in order to end instances of profiling.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), which has been advocating for a national solution to address motorcycle profiling with the support of the Motorcycle Profiling Project, will work over the coming months with states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders to advance the measure.

President of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Kirk 'Hardtail' Willard, stated this with the bill's release: "For too long motorcyclists have felt the effects of discrimination from law enforcement. Riding a motorcycle doesn't make me suspect. We hope that, with this bill's introduction, we can shine a national spotlight on this issue that affects every rider in every state, and helps put an end to this unconstitutional practice."

About Motorcycle Riders Foundation: The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.

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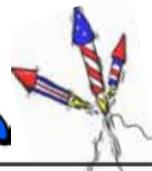
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						1 US Military Vets M/C Annual (S. Broward)
2	3 States MC Pompano Dinner	4  4th of July	5	6	7	8 ABATE Leadership Seminars
9 ABATE Leadership Seminars	10 States MC Pompano Dinner	11	12	13	14	15
16 Soldiers for Jesus M/C Annual CHAPTER MEETING	17 States MC Pompano Dinner	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 States MC Pompano Dinner	25	26	27	28	29 Wheels of Man M/C Chili Cook-Off
30	31 States MC Pompano Dinner					



AUGUST 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 77 th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Aug 4-13	5
6 Wings of Gold MC Party (Miami)	7 States MC Pompano Dinner	8	9	10	11 22 nd S. Florida Tattoo Expo Aug 11-13	12 ABATE State Meeting
13 AOA 50th Anniv. & Moldy's B-day Party	14 States MC Pompano Dinner	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 States MC Pompano Dinner	22	23	24	25	26 Outcast MC Party
CHAPTER MEETING	28 States MC Pompano Dinner	29	30	31		
27	28 States MC Pompano Dinner	29	30	31		

2017 CALENDAR

MANDATORY CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD



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Keltics MC Open House
1st Fri - Soldiers for Jesus Open House 7-10PM
1st Fri - Enforcers MC First Friday of Month Party
1st & 3rd Fri - Kingdom of Brothers Open House
3rd Fri - Wings of Gold MC Open House Davie
4th Fri - American Legion Post 36 Bike Night

SATURDAY

1st & 3rd Sat - AOA MC Dania Open House
2nd Sat - USMV MC Ft. Laud. Open House
2nd & 4th Sat - Mystic 7 Open House
2nd & 4th Sat - Kingdom of Brothers Open House

SUNDAY

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WEEK DAYS

Mon - States MC Pompano Dinner Nite 6:30pm start
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Tues - Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House
Last Tues - USMVMC Palm Bch Open House
Wed - Scurvy Few MC Open House 954-325-6838
Wed - Blues Nite at Mickey's
Thurs - Leathernecks MC Open House 8-mid
Thurs - Hermandad MC Open House, 8-2am
3rd Thurs - Peterson's Harley South Bike nite 6-10pm

JULY

1: US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL
4: Independence Day
16: SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD - ANNUAL
29: WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

AUGUST

6: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
7: 77th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
11-13: S. FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION
13: AOA FT. LAUD. 50th ANNIV. & MOLDY'S B-DAY PARTY
19: LOS COQUIS MC - SMOKEY & DIESEL B-DAY
26: OUTCAST MC PARTY

SEPTEMBER

3: SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
4: Labor Day
10: STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
15-17: PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
24: KELTICS MC - PARTY

OCTOBER

1: MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL
7: NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL
8: S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL
19-22: DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
21: WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY
28: ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY
29: CMA - MEMORIAL

NOVEMBER

4: HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL
11: Veterans Day
11: USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL
18: LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL
23: Thanksgiving Day

OTHER EVENTS



**States MC July 4th Party
at the Clubhouse
Food and Fireworks
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ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Happy 4th of July!

This will be a good month for me as my wife and I are going up to see my sons and grandkids, which we do not get to do often enough, but enough about me.

I would like to thank the new E-Board members and all the others that are taking positions on Southeast Chapter's Board of Directors. Thank you for your dedication.

Thank you to all who came to our Memorial Day Event. Because of all who support ABATE, our event was a great success.

And of course, thanks to all the MC's for your continued support and thanks to the independents.



Some 4th of July trivia anyone? (answers found somewhere in this issue)

1. What was the main reason the U.S. declared independence?
2. How many people signed the Declaration of Independence?
3. Whose signature is the largest on the Declaration of Independence?
4. How many hotdogs are consumed on the 4th of July?

That's all for now, have a great 4th of July and remember what a GREAT NATION we live in!!!

Till next time - ride free and ride safe,
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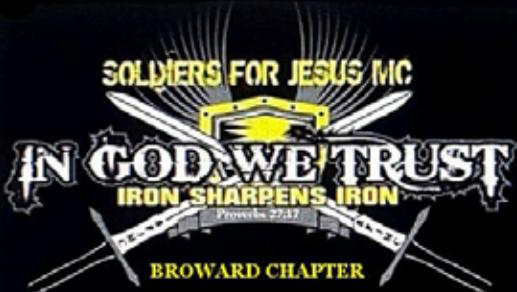
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We have to prepare for just about anything we do if we want things to go better.

You have to prepare for school, we have to prepare for our jobs, and our relationships. I could go on and on about preparing. We are bikers so we have be prepared for expected and unexpected things, like what the people in cages are going to do next. Sometimes it seems they're out to get us.

When we ride we have to be prepared for rain, cold, and all kinds of weather be it good or bad. That means we have to be more prepared than most, otherwise it could mean our lives! My point is...it's an everyday way of life especially for us.

Anyone who knows me knows where I'm going with this subject of being prepared. We're all prepared for all that I mentioned. From when we start our as kids till we retire (yes, we have to be prepared for that also), and then until we die. Now, are you prepared for that? Life expectancy is about 85 years give or take a few. When we die its forever, which it a long time when you compare 85 years to eternity. We will all die, are you prepared for that? Give it a thought.

Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the light.” Jesus also said, “The only way to the Father is through Him.” Now where is the Father? He's in Heaven and that's where I want to go, because I will have life everlasting with the Father for eternity. But you can get there also by asking Jesus into your life now, while you have the chance. Knock - the door will open!!

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By LLOYD DUNKELBERGER
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PUTNAM LEADS MONEY CHASE IN STATE RACES

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, June 13, 2017..... Candidates seeking to follow Gov. Rick Scott are off to a fast fundraising start, with new reports showing **Adam Putnam** holding a money advantage in the 2018 governor's race.

Putnam, the two-term Republican state agriculture commissioner who kicked off his campaign May 10 in Bartow, raised nearly \$1.2 million through the end of May for his campaign account, according to a report filed Monday with the state Division of Elections.

His political committee, Florida Grown, raised another \$1 million in May, bringing the total to \$12.35 million for the fund, which Putnam created after his re-election to the Cabinet in 2014.

Between the two accounts, Putnam had about \$10 million in cash available to spend on his campaign as of May 31.

Major contributors to his political committee in May included \$100,000 from A. Duda and Sons, an Oviedo-based agriculture company, \$100,000 from the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association and \$50,000 from the phosphate industry.

Also, Florida Grown in May received a transfer of more than \$221,000 from a prior fund, SSLP Political Committee, records show.

On the Democratic side, former U.S. Rep. **Gwen Graham** of Tallahassee piled up about \$1.6 million after she joined the governor's race in May.

She raised more than \$435,000 for her campaign account and another \$1.16 million for her political committee, Our Florida, bringing the fund's total above \$1.8 million, records show. After expenditures, Graham had about \$1.9 million to spend on her campaign.

Her political committee was bolstered by a transfer last month of \$950,000 from a prior congressional campaign fund, records show. Major contributors to Graham have included \$100,000 from James Finch, a Lynn Haven developer, and \$50,000 from Wayne Hogan, a Jacksonville trial lawyer.

Andrew Gillum, the Democratic mayor of Tallahassee, raised \$97,000 for his gubernatorial campaign fund in May, bringing the total to \$499,000. He had raised a total of \$662,000 for his political committee, Forward Florida.

Gillum had about \$763,000 to spend on his campaign. Major contributors have included \$150,000 from George and Alex Soros and \$50,000 from television producer Norman Lear. (Emphasis is mine because they are from outside Florida - Scribe)

Chris King, a Winter Park businessman, raised some \$221,000 for his Democratic gubernatorial campaign in May, records show. It included \$100,000 for his campaign account, bringing the total to nearly \$1.5 million. King previously made a \$1 million personal donation to his campaign account.

His political committee, Rise and Lead, raised \$121,000 in May, bringing its total to about \$544,000. King had about \$1.6 million to spend on his campaign, records show.

His largest contributor in May was \$100,000 from Sam of Heathrow, an Orlando development company. Prior major contributions included \$179,000 from Paul Morgan, one of King's business partners, and \$166,000 from David King, his father who is a Winter Park attorney.

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State candidates and political committees were required to file updated campaign-finance reports by a Monday night deadline. The 2018 election cycle is expected to be costly, at least in part because the governor's office and three Cabinet seats will be on the ballot.

In the race to replace Putnam as **agriculture commissioner**, state Sen. **Denise Grimsley**, R-Sebring, raised nearly \$50,000 for her campaign in May, bringing her total to \$384,000. Her political committee, Saving Florida's Heartland, has raised more than \$1 million. She had about \$722,000 available to spend on her campaign as of May 31, records show.

Rep. **Matt Caldwell**, R-North Fort Myers, raised about \$102,000 for his agriculture commissioner campaign in May, the first month of his campaign, records show. His political committee, Friends of Matt Caldwell, had raised a total of \$763,000. He had about \$720,000 in cash on hand.

Paul Paulson, an Orlando businessman and another agriculture commissioner candidate, had raised \$396,000 for his Republican campaign, including \$393,000 in loans, records show. He had spent \$108,000.

Former state Rep. **Baxter Troutman**, R-Winter Haven, entered the agriculture commissioner's race this week. Although he hasn't filed a report yet, his campaign announced he would loan \$2.5 million to the campaign.

On the Democratic side, **Michael Christine**, a University of Miami law student, had raised \$3,559 for his agriculture commissioner campaign.

In the race to succeed **Attorney General Pam Bondi**, state Rep. **Jay Fant**, R-Jacksonville, raised about \$80,000 in May, the first month of his campaign, records show.

His political committee, Pledge This Day, had raised nearly \$226,000 through the end of May, with the largest recent contribution of \$9,000 coming from J.B. Coxwell Contracting in Jacksonville. He had a total of \$157,000 to spend on his campaign.

Republican **Ashley Moody**, a former Hillsborough County circuit judge who has the backing of Bondi, was not required to file a report this week because she opened her campaign account June 1, the day after the end of the reporting period.

Democrat **Ryan Torrens**, an attorney from Hillsborough County who opened his campaign account on May 22, raised \$3,618, records show.

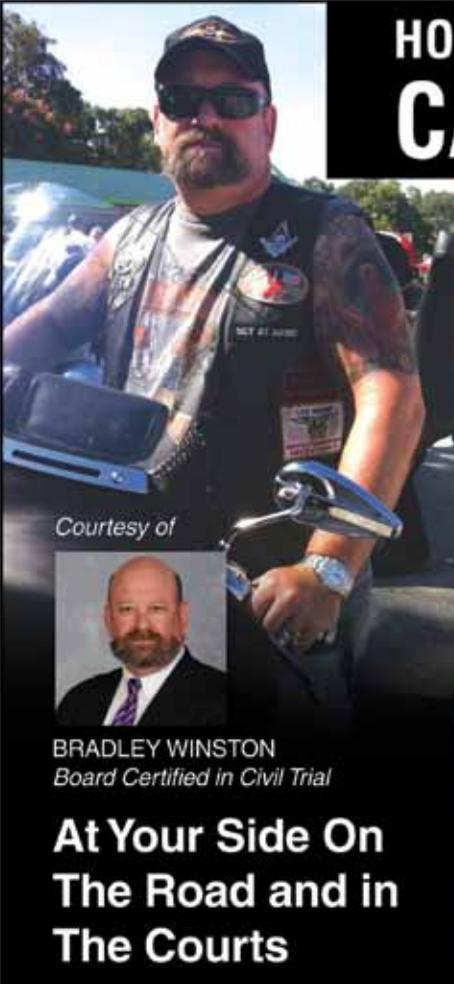
In the race for **chief financial officer**, former Democratic state Sen. **Jeremy Ring**, who opened his campaign account on May 30, reported no financial activity. But a political committee affiliated with Ring, Florida Action Fund PC, reported raising \$18,500 last month and spending \$12,000, records show.

REPUBLICAN FILES FOR MORAITIS HOUSE SEAT: With Rep. George Moraitis, R-Fort Lauderdale, facing term limits next year, a Republican candidate has emerged to try to succeed him in Broward County's House District 93. Pompano Beach Republican David Hasenauer opened a campaign account Tuesday to run for the seat in 2018, according to the state Division of Elections website. Three Democrats --- Emma Collum, Jonathon May and Stephanie Myers --- have also opened accounts to run for the open seat. Meanwhile in Central Florida, state Rep. Colleen Burton, R-Lakeland, has drawn a new Democratic challenger as she seeks to win another term in 2018. Lakeland Democrat Jason Montgomery opened an account last week to run in Polk County's House District 40. Lakeland Democrat Shandale Terrell earlier opened an account for the race. Burton had raised \$34,000 for her re-election bid as of May 31, according to the Division of Elections website.

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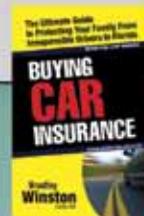
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BIKER ANTI-PROFILING MEASURES UNDER CONSIDERATION IN CONGRESS

H.Res.318/S. Res.154: "Promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling," was referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations on June 2, 2017. Concerned motorcyclists are encouraged to contact their federal lawmakers in the U.S. Senate & House of Representatives to co-sponsor and support these bills.

Under the companion measures in the Senate and House, "motorcycle profiling" means "the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION COULD PROLIFERATE E15 GAS

Despite objections that the proliferation of E15 gasoline into the U.S. marketplace will negatively impact every American who owns a car, lawnmower or boat, two new federal bills have been introduced to expand availability of the higher concentrate ethanol fuel.

Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE) and U.S. Representative Adrian Smith (R-NE) introduced the "Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act" (S.517 & H.R.1311) amending the Clean Air Act to allow the sale of E15 (15% blend ethanol gas) during summer months (June 1 - September 15).

Motorcycle and ATV owners risk damaging their machines by even inadvertently putting E15 in their tanks, as the higher blends of ethanol can cause engine and fuel system damage, void manufacturers' warranties and violate federal law.

Motorcyclists should also be concerned about the availability of compatible fuel supplies if gas stations primarily provide E15 gasoline that's EPA-approved for the majority of their driving customers -- but no on- or off-road motorcycles or ATVs appear on the EPA's list of vehicles approved to use E15.

ZERO MOTORCYCLES NEW "DON'T WAIT FOR WASHINGTON" E-BIKE PROGRAM

The recently launched program was created to advocate for electric motorcycles and assure buyers they will get the Electric Motorcycle Federal Tax Credit. "Don't Wait For Washington" assures "up to \$1,869 on a Zero motorcycle if the government fails to reinstate the Electric Motorcycle Tax Credit."

The initiative serves the dual purposes of driving the conversation on electric motorcycles forward while legislation languishes in Washington, and of motivating would-be electric motorcycle riders to join the e-movement.

Should the federal government fail to reinstate the tax credit by the end of the year, then Zero will step up and send 10% cash back to buyers, matching the expired tax credit for new, eligible 2017 Zero motorcycles.

MAINSTREAM MEDIA PROMOTES RIDERSHIP

According to the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC), a not-for-profit national trade association, their 2014 rider survey reports that “56% of Generation Y riders use their motorcycles as a primary means of transportation,” and that factoid recently appeared in a Ride To Work Day graphic on the front page of the June 19 edition of USA Today’s Life section.

“This major mainstream media placement is especially significant to the MIC as the industry association is actively promoting motorcycles as transportation and seeking new generations of riders,” says the MIC communications department, which has previously worked on Ride to Work Day segments with “Good Morning America,” ABC’s national morning news show, and with “The KTLA Morning News,” the biggest morning news program in Southern California.

The MIC exists to “preserve, protect and promote motorcycling through government relations, communications and media relations, statistics and research, aftermarket programs, AIMExpo, development of data communications standards, and activities surrounding technical and regulatory issues.”

LOUISIANA TO TEACH NEW LICENSEES HOW TO INTERACT WITH POLICE

Louisiana Governor Bel Edwards has signed into law a requirement that driver education classes must include a segment on interacting with police in their course curriculum.

Introduced by Senators Ryan Gatti (R-Bossier), Wesley Bishop (D-New Orleans) and Gary Smith Jr. (D-Norco) on March 20, 2017, SB17 “Provides for driver education to include instruction on appropriate driver conduct when stopped by a law enforcement officer.”

The bipartisan measure was signed by the governor on June 16 as Act No. 286 with an effective date of January 1, 2018.

HANDLEBAR HEIGHT LAW MODIFIED IN MARYLAND

Maryland has become the most recent state to modify or repeal their antiquated and discriminatory handlebar height law, which many states enacted in the sixties to provide a law enforcement tool for pulling over bikers on their choppers.

Governor Larry Hogan approved Senate Bill 668 on May 25, 2017; “Increasing, from 15 inches to 20 inches, the maximum height that the handlebars of a motorcycle may be above a specified part of the motorcycle seat in order for a person to lawfully operate the motorcycle.”

SB668 was introduced February 3, 2017 by lead sponsor Senator H. Wayne Norman, Jr. (R-D35) and becomes effective October 1, 2017, and ABATE of Maryland advises to “Remember that the height is measured from the seat to the highest point on the handlebars, not from the bottom of the handlebar to the grips or highest point.”

NEW HAMPSHIRE OKAYS COLORED HEADLAMPS FOR MOTORCYCLES, SAME AS CARS

New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu signed HB458 into law on June 8, 2017, an Act relative to motorcycle headlamps. Sponsored by Rep. James Spillane (R-Deerfield), “This bill allows headlamp colors approved by the director of the division of motor vehicles for automobiles to be considered approved for motorcycle headlamps,” with an effective date 60 days after its passage (August 7, 2017).

OREGON ENACTS LAWS EFFECTING TRIKES & AUTOCYCLES

In dealing with the increased popularity of three-wheeled vehicles, Oregon lawmakers have passed two new laws to make it easier for riders to get in the saddle.

House Bill 3125 was signed into law by Governor Kate Brown on June 14, 2017 to define an “autocycle” and provides that a person may operate one without a motorcycle endorsement. The Act takes effect immediately under the Emergency clause.

Sponsored by the Committee on Transportation Policy, under HB3125 “autocycle” means a motorcycle that: (1) Is manufactured to travel on three wheels; (2) Has a steering wheel for steering control; and (3) Has nonstraddle seating, and (4) is equipped with a manufacturer-installed three-point safety belt or safety harness.

Senate Bill 36 “Provides that Department of Transportation may waive skills test for person seeking motorcycle endorsement to operate three-wheeled motorcycle [trike],” and was also signed by the governor on June 14.

LICENSE PLATE MOUNTING OPTIONS FOR SOUTH DAKOTA RIDERS Effective July 1, 2017, motorcycle owners in South Dakota will be allowed to mount license plates to their motorcycle “in any visible manner other than upside down.”

Governor Dennis Daugaard signed Senate Bill 79 into law on March 9, after overwhelmingly passing through both chambers of the state legislature.

FAIR WARNING: MOST DRIVERS KNOW THEY’RE BAD DRIVERS Millions of drivers admit that they don’t always make thorough mirrors checks when pulling away, according a driver survey, with 25% admitting they don’t look in their mirrors when pulling out into traffic.

Of 2,025 drivers polled, 15% admitted not always looking at road signs, 68% admit rarely driving with both hands on the wheel, and over half (52%) believed bad habits such as these would

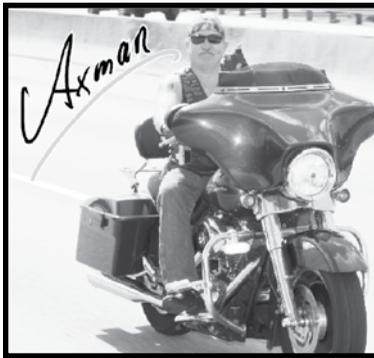
ensure they failed the driving test if they had to do it again.

Too many people are injured on the roads due to poor judgment and a lack of road skills says David Carter, spokesman for Accident Advice Helpline in the U.K., which conducted the research, adding: “It is worrying that more people don’t feel confident in their own skills on the road and feel that they’ve developed bad habits which would cause them to not pass their driving test.”

GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN This year has been tragic for our bikers rights family, suffering the loss of two past NCOM Board of Directors; Butch Harbaugh (NCOM Legislative Task Force) and Dennis “Big D” Watson (NCOM Region IX), both recipients of the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award (2003 & 2006) in whose memory the recent National Coalition of Motorcyclists’ NCOM Convention in Reno was dedicated, and now we regretfully report the passing of longtime biker advocate and Easyriders magazine writer “Twiggy” Blakeboro (73, of Lompoc, CA) who died June 11, 2017. Twiggy was much beloved by his peers and was a past recipient of the NCOM Silver Spoke Award - Media (1997). “Nuff said.” R.I.P. Brothers, Ride In Peace.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “If not me, then who?” ~ USMC 1st Lt Travis Manion (Nov 19, 1980 - April 29, 2007), upon his second Iraq tour; KIA saving his men from ambush (TravisManion.org)





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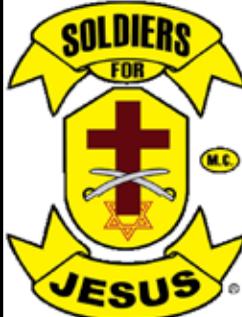


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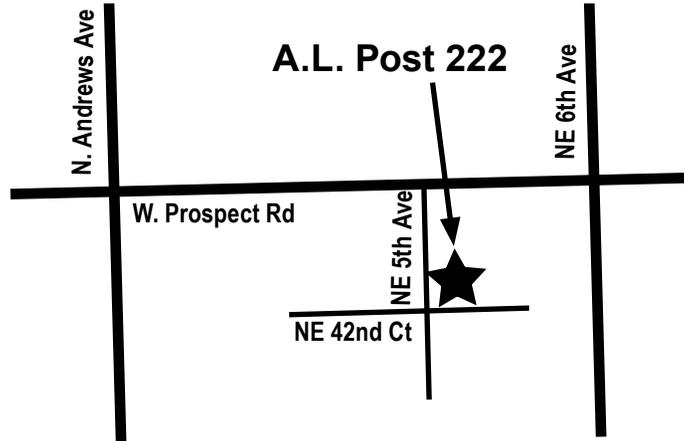
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