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- We are your neighbors and friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community.
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- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of Florida as a motorcycle rights organization or MRO. We are currently the only political MRO in Florida representing the interest of its members and the motorcycling public at-large.
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Become informed – ABATE of Florida, Inc. Southeast chapter publishes a monthly newsletter (online & in print) that provides first-hand knowledge of legislative updates, bills & regulations that are being proposed, introduced or up for vote in the Florida House and/or Senate, as well as some regulations coming out of the Federal Government that affect or could affect us as riders.

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Isn't your freedom worth \$20.00 a year? Join us now.

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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'm taking this opportunity to give my condolences to the Wings of Gold M.C. and the family of David "Tattoo Dave" Amchir for his sudden passing. On behalf of ABATE SE Chapter our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. Tattoo Dave, like his father before him, was a pillar of our community! Tattoo Dave's contribution to this community was immeasurable and he will sorely be missed!

I thank all those who came out to support our 37th Annual Memorial Day Event at Micky's Tiki. It is always a great event to celebrate and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation. I also want to thank Gina and Martian from Candy's Cycles for hosting the "Moldy's Sticks of Death" Barstool Jousting. And last but most assuredly not least, a special thank you goes out to Alan Brownfeld for everything he did to help make this event possible!

The final round of nominations took place at the May meeting and most of the positions for the new board were filled. Although nominations are closed, we will gladly accept any help that can be offered to support the vacant slots of membership, safety director, and events coordinator. I again thank Alice from States M.C. for officiating the nomination procedure. She always does a great job of that for us.

The last thing I would like to convey, but most assuredly not least, goes to those who may pickup this newsletter to read it who 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
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**Abate SE Chapter would like to thank
everyone who contributed to our
Memorial Day Event**

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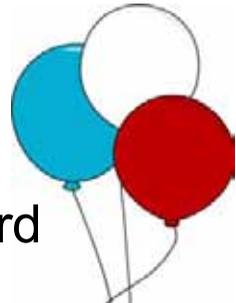
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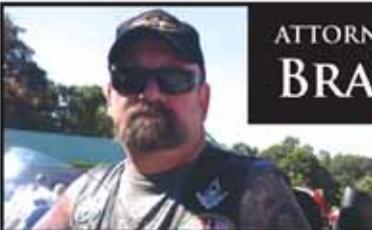




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* PLEASE NOTE *

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
May 21, 2017**

Magneto (Mr. President) called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM. There were 28 members present. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and a prayer by Poppie.

President's Report: Magneto spoke on our upcoming May event being held at Mickey's on Saturday night, May 27. We are still in need of door prizes. He again spoke about why the event was changed to Saturday. The outcome of this year's event will determine whether it changes back to Sunday or remains as is. He also mentioned that some members had the wrong idea about what is going on with the chapter and our event. Instead of posting misinformation on social media, come to a meeting and get the facts. Please stop relying on hearsay.

Vice-President's Report: Poppie thanked everyone for coming asked asked for special prayers for a few members and their family. He spoke on the fact we are still in need of volunteers to help at the event and spoke about holding a position. If you are interested in a position and no one nominates you, nominate yourself.

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

Treasurer's Report: Critter read the financial report for April. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor. Motion was passed. Critter spoke about certain advertisers that are not paying their bills. There was some discussion about the pricing for advertisers. Magneto spoke about the upcoming event and why it was changed and maybe for next year we can move it back to Sunday.

Sergeant at Arm's Report: Steve spoke on the event at Mickey's. Steve suggested that all our past military people should wear a pin, hat, uniform or whatever you have that shows you served and represents your pride for our country.

Road Captain's Report: John reported the ride to Southern MC's Annual went well. We need more people to join in on our rides. It makes Abate look good when we ride into an event as a group.

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

Products Report: Jon reported we have products and they will be at Mickey's along with more

red/white/blue tie dye shirts that are perfect for Memorial Day. Jon has done some really cool stuff that he is bringing out for our run. The man is talented (my opinion).

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

State Representative's Report: There was no state meeting last month. The next state meeting will be hosted by Vintage Chapter, June 10 in St. Augustine.

Membership Report: George reported that we have a total of 499 members. There were 6 renewals and 2 new members last month. Reminder, when submitting all membership forms PLEASE fill them out completely and legibly. Thank you very much for your support and membership to the Southeast Chapter.

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

Legislative Report: Brad told us that the Legislative Session is over and that all the bills we were worried about died. The safety money is still in the hands of the Governor. Steve spoke about the E15 ethanol gas and how it kills bikes.

Public Relations: Fern was here but had to leave before giving her report.

Billing and Invoicing: Pixie was not present to report.

Social Director Report: Patty was not present, but we do have a cake to commemorate the May birthdays. Please stay after the meeting to celebrate with us.

Newsletter Distribution: Poppie reported all is going well. He thanked Teddy Bear, Postal, Bars and Frank T for all of their help.

Quartermaster's Report: Bob was present but had nothing to report.

Photographer's Report: This position is open also. Critter is filling in and taking photos and Axman has been helping quite a lot.

Web-Master's Report: Rogue was not present but everything is up and running.

Legal Council: Brad had nothing to report.

Old Business: Alice asked the Secretary to record the second round of nominations for the Southeast Chapter of Abate. Nominations were then opened and each position was read called for three times.

- ***President:*** William "Magneto" Prewitt, accepted
- ***Vice President:*** Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff, accepted
- ***Secretary:*** Marie Baxter, accepted
- ***Treasurer:*** Joanne "Critter" Napoli, accepted
- ***Sgt. at Arms:*** Stephen "Nighthawk" Chomiak, accepted
- ***Road Captain:*** John Rose declined
- ***Safety Director:*** Paul Baglio, declined; John Rose, declined; Jimmy Les declined; Danny "Postal" Ortner declined
- ***Products:*** Sheila Rose, declined; Terry Lang, declined; Bruce Sonnenfeld, declined; Alice Calabrese, declined; Jon "Wavy" Viger, accepted
- ***Events Coordinator:*** Bob Anz, declined;

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John Rose, declined; Gina Currid, declined

- **State Reps:** Brad Winston, declined; Joanne “Critter” Napoli, accepted; Demetrios Kirkiles, declined; Steve “Nighthawk” Chomiak, declined; Suzanne Keene, declined; William “Magneto” Prewitt was nominated and accepted; Brad Winston was nominated and declined; Jon “Wavy” Viger was nominated but declined
- **Membership:** George Torrence, declined; Teddy Bear was nominated but declined; Sean Malone was nominated but also declined
- **Newsletter Editor:** Joanne “Critter” Napoli, accepted; LeeAnne “Wild Cat” Lefkowitz, declined; Cesar “Squeezer” Tajera, declined
- **Legislative Liaison:** Brad Winston, accepted
- **PR & Communications:** Fern Cameron, accepted; Sheila Rose, declined
- **Social Director:** Patty Dollard, declined; Paul Baglio, declined
- **Billing and Invoicing:** Sheila Rose, accepted
- **Newsletter Distribution:** Frank “Poppie” Cocchi, accepted; Barry “Teddy Bear” Sadoff, declined; Frank Hammonds, declined; Pete “Trash” Straut, declined
- **Quartermaster:** Bob Anz, accepted
- **Photographer:** Barry Blundell, accepted
- **Web-Master:** Mike “Rogue” Hager, accepted
- **Legal Counsel:** Brad Winston, accepted; Demetrios Kirkiles, accepted; Chris Sharp, declined
- **Chaplin:** Frank “Poppie” Cocchi, accepted; Suzanne Keene, declined; Paul Baglio, declined

Brad Winston made a suggestion to those individuals that expressed they are willing to support and help whoever needs help and support in their positions (i.e. newsletter distribution). If you can help, please get with Poppie and he will let you know how you can help. Same goes for legal, Demetrios can help just as well as Brad can. (God knows both of them are busy but willing to help)

Nominations are closed. There are no contested positions. The new board will be voted in and take over at the next chapter meeting that will be held June 18, 2017.

New Business: There was no new business.

Good of the Order: Monday night dinners at States M/C. If you have never been there you are missing out on great home cooked food. Please try and go and support States M/C. Critter and Magneto are riding to Mickey’s after the meeting if anyone wants to join them. Don’t forget to stay for birthday cake.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is June 18, 2017 at the American Legion Post 222, in Oakland Park, FL.

Hope to see everyone there.

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Marie Baxter,
Secretary S.E.
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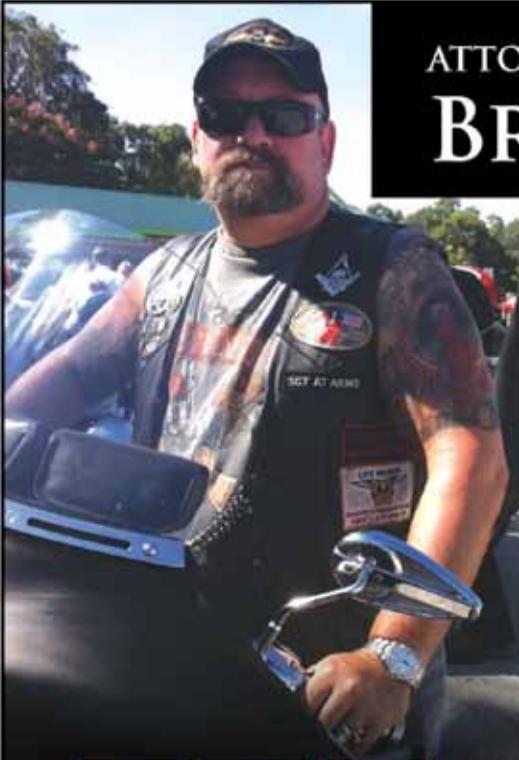
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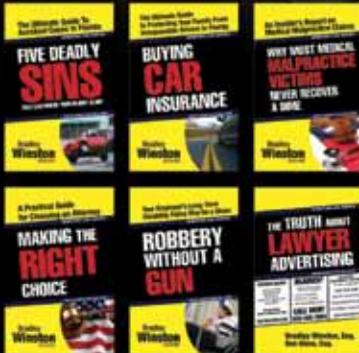


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A Message From Your Vice President



This is my last article as V. P. of Abate SE. It's been a pleasure to be lucky enough to have served on the board of directors. I thank all of the members for being so helpful and for making my job so much fun. I consider you all my friends and I'm not going too far. Just a different seat.

I will continue on with any position I am asked to fill. I will stay on as newsletter distribution and as Chaplain.

Good luck to the new board. Thank you all again.

As Always,

Poppie, VP Southeast Chapter



We've all read/heard about the dangers of using E15 in our motorcycles. Now there's a website dedicated to providing a list of ethanol-free gas stations across the U.S. and Canada. As of 5/22/17, Pure-gas.org lists 749 stations in Florida alone – from Alachua to Yulee and everything in between. There's even an app that can be downloaded to your phone (available for android & iPhone). What you see to your left here is a card that can be printed right from the website. Carry them around and tell your friends!



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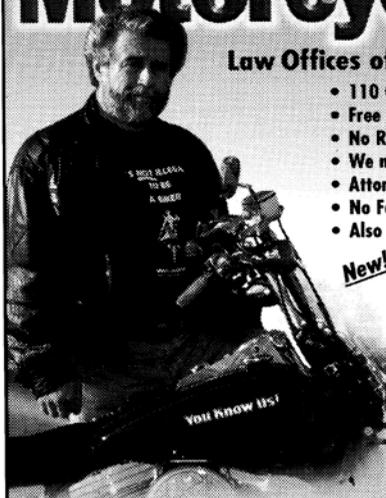
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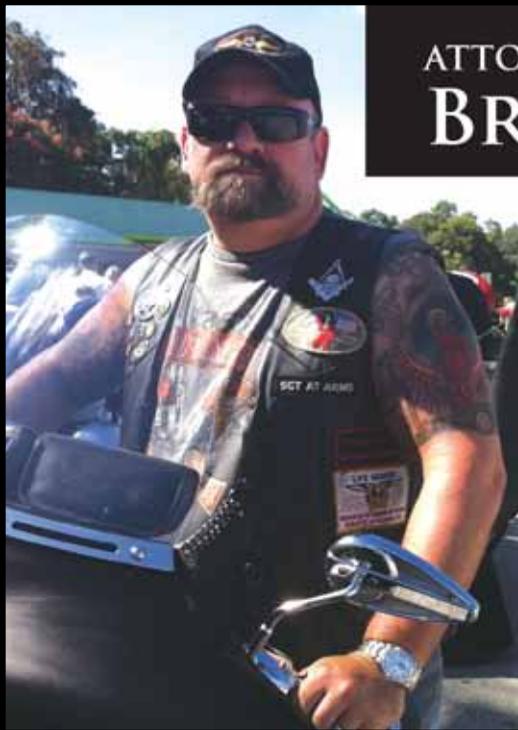
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FATE OF BUDGET NOW IN SCOTT'S HANDS

By LLOYD DUNKELBERGER AND DARA KAM
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, May 31, 2017..... With a narrowing deadline and an uncertain outcome, Florida legislative leaders on Wednesday sent the new \$82.4 billion state budget to Gov. Rick Scott, as education leaders urge a veto of all or major parts of the spending plan.

Scott has not tipped his hand. But the Republican governor remains angered over the Legislature's decision to slash spending for economic development and tourism incentives, as well as rejecting his call for \$200 million to repair the Herbert Hoover dike around Lake Okeechobee.

"I have a lot of options," Scott said Tuesday in Orlando. "I can veto it. I can veto a section or any line. I'm still reviewing it."

One certainty is that a new budget must be in place by the July 1 start of the fiscal year or Florida will face some type of a government shutdown, with agencies, ranging from schools to prisons, being forced to operate on an emergency basis.

With the 451-page appropriations bill (SB 2500) delivered to Scott at 12:09 p.m. on Wednesday, the governor has 15 days to act on the legislation.

He may not need the full review period, as he and his budget staff are very aware of what is in the bill and Scott could act quickly. It took him only four days to act on the 2015-16 budget bill, after lawmakers broke an extended deadlock by passing a budget on June 19.

If Scott takes the full 15 days and issues substantial vetoes, it would give lawmakers little more than two weeks to pass a new or revised budget before the start of the fiscal year. And that period would be further narrowed by a required 72-hour "cooling off" period before lawmakers can vote on an appropriations bill.

The budget outcome is complicated by a series of related bills, which are not yet in the governor's possession. Part of the mix includes a key education policy bill (HB 7069) that includes \$419 million in charter-school incentives and pay bonuses for teachers and principals but is opposed by major education groups.

Here are some of the possible budget scenarios that could play out in the next month:

--- THE NUCLEAR OPTION: Scott could veto the entire \$82.4 billion bill and call lawmakers back into a special session to pass a new budget. It would give Scott a chance to renew his pitch for \$85 million in economic-development incentives and \$100 million for tourism-marketer Visit Florida. In the budget passed May 8, lawmakers did not provide money for economic-development incentives and included \$25 million for Visit Florida.

But a full budget veto is a rare maneuver, last carried out by Gov. Lawton Chiles in 1992.

A budget veto could prompt calls for an override, which would require two-thirds votes by the House

FATE OF BUDGET NOW IN SCOTT'S HANDS

Continued from page 21

and Senate. That last occurred in 1970 when lawmakers overrode Gov. Claude Kirk's veto of the annual budget bill.

And although the new budget bill passed overwhelmingly, an override could be blocked by Senate Democrats, who control 15 of 39 currently occupied seats and could use their leverage to increase spending on public schools.

--- EDUCATION VETOES: Upset by a budget that includes a small \$24.49 per-pupil spending increase, the Florida Education Association, the Florida School Boards Association, the Florida Association of District School Superintendents and a number of school boards are urging Scott to veto the \$20 billion-plus portion of the budget related to school financing.

If he vetoes the K-12 budget, it would force lawmakers back into session and essentially open up the entire budget, as lawmakers would have to find additional funding for the schools.

A K-12 budget veto last occurred in 1983, and then-Gov. Bob Graham was successful in using his veto power to force lawmakers back into session to increase education funding.

State college advocates are also asking Scott to veto their \$1.2 billion portion of the budget, with the hope it would force lawmakers to restore a \$30 million cut in remedial-education funding for the 28-school system.

--- LINE BY LINE: As he has done with the six prior annual appropriations bills, Scott can use his line-item veto power to reject individual projects and spending items. Last year, he cut \$256 million from the budget, with his record of \$615 million in line-item vetoes set in 2011, his first year in office.

If Scott exercises his line-item veto power, it would not prompt the need for a special session. The new budget, with its reductions, would take effect on July 1.

The downside for Scott in such a scenario is that eliminating budget line items does nothing to restore funding for his priorities, including economic incentives, tourism and public education.

--- LET'S MAKE A DEAL: Not surprisingly, lawmakers and Scott are already negotiating on a way to bring the 2017-18 budget in for a landing. The challenge is finding a path for the governor, the House and Senate to each claim a win, or at least, a partial victory.

Scott has clearly outlined his priorities. House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O'Lakes, wants the bill with charter schools (HB 7069) to become law while still opposing economic incentives and supporting a reduced tourism-promotion budget. Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, wants to defend his state university initiatives in the budget as well as a related policy bill (SB 374).

Additionally, legislative leaders have said they would use a special session on the budget to try to resolve an impasse over legislation enacting the November constitutional amendment on medical marijuana.

(See page 31 for related info)

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| 4 New Attitudes M/C Party | 5 States MC Pompano Dinner | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 AOA S. Fla. Memorial ABATE State Meeting |
| 11 Wings of Gold MC Annual (Ft. Laud) | 12 States MC Pompano Dinner | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18  <i>Happy Fathers Day</i> CHAPTER MEETING | 19 States MC Pompano Dinner | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Leathernecks MC Party |
| 25 | 26 States MC Pompano Dinner | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

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JULY 2017



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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 | | | | | |

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JUNE

- 4: NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY
- 10: AOA SOUTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers
- 11: WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
- 18: Fathers Day
- 24: LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY

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



MONTHLY EVENTS

FRIDAY

- Outlaws MC WPB Open House at 7PM
- USMV MC Ch 2 Open house at 8PM (Dania Beach)
- Der Krieger MC Open House at 8PM
- Mystic 7 MC Open House... Ladies drink FREE!
- 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

- Free pool at Sharkey's Lounge Margate
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WEEK DAYS

- Mon - States MC Pompano Dinner Nite 6:30pm start
- Mon - Ladies nite at Sharkey's 9-2, 241 beverages
- 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

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Oh Boy!! The monthly Road Captain newsletter article; something I look forward to every month. NOT! (LOL)

First thing I would like to say is Thank You to all the board members for your dedication thru the last year. You all held the Chapter together no matter what obstacle came up. If not for you all, there would be no SE ABATE chapter.



Well, some of us rode to M/C events and those that didn't sure missed out. There were nice rides and good times. Once again I would like to thank all the M/C's for their support and for inviting ABATE to their events.

I would like to remind everyone that the HOT season is here, please stay hydrated with water, Gatorade, etc. Also, be sure to give the bike a checkup in preparation for the summer heat.

A couple of trivia questions about Harley Davidson – (answers found somewhere in this issue)

1. The very first Harley-Davidson was created by 3 brothers and their friend, what are their names?
2. Where was the first Harley-Davidson building located?
3. What year did the police start using Harley-Davidsons?

Well that's all for now till next month. Ride smart and stay cool.

Jon "Wavy" Viger
Road Captain



Walter Davidson with
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UPDATES from our State Legislative Rep - Darrin “Scribe” Brooks

The 15 day clock starts today!!! (May 31, 2017)

NEW STATE BUDGET GOES TO SCOTT

Little more than a month before the July 1 start of the fiscal year, the Legislature on Wednesday sent an \$82.4 billion budget to Gov. Rick Scott. The governor will have 15 days to act on the budget (SB 2500), which was approved May 8 by lawmakers. Scott can sign the spending plan, use his line-item veto powers or veto the entire budget. Scott also received 12 other bills Wednesday, including what is known as an “implementing bill” (SB 2502) to carry out parts of the budget. The News Service will have a full story on the budget later Wednesday.

If you would like to email the Governor to politely ask if he would please keep the budgeted motorcycle safety awareness education money in the budget.

Feel free to add a BRIEF description as to how ABATE of Florida, Inc. uses the money in your local Chapter area. We basically need to demonstrate why we do a better job of educating the public and saving lives than the FDHSMV will do with the money. ABATE of Florida, Inc. does provide a much bigger and better “bang for the buck” all across the State than any government department can provide.

Here is the info on emailing the Governor. Go to this website and complete the online form.
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SUPREME COURT RULES AGAINST SLOT MACHINES

By THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

In a ruling that likely has implications across the state, the Florida Supreme Court on Thursday blocked a small pari-mutuel facility in Gadsden County from offering slot machines. The Supreme Court upheld a decision by gambling regulators to deny a permit for slot machines at Gretna Racing. Gadsden County voters had approved a referendum to allow the machines. The case has been closely watched because voters in seven other counties --- Brevard, Duval, Hamilton, Lee, Palm Beach, St. Lucie and Washington --- also have approved slot machines in referendums. The News Service will have a full story later Thursday.



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leaves and goes to a local park, he sits on a bench and starts eating his sandwich, and then an old man sits down with him. The boy asks the old man if he would like to share his sandwich. The old man answers that would be nice, the boy tears the sandwich in half, gives it to the old man, and they eat it. The boy breaks the Twinkie in half and they share that also. They talk a little and they part. The boy goes home and his mother asks him if he saw Jesus. The boy answers he did, but then he said, "I was surprised that Jesus was older than I had thought." The old man goes home and tells his wife that he went to the park and he saw Jesus! His wife says, "Really!" The old man then says to his wife, "I was surprised to see that Jesus was a lot younger than I thought!"

The moral of the story is: through the kindness the boy showed the old man, he saw Jesus in the boy and through this sharing the boy saw Jesus in the old man's acceptance of his kindness.

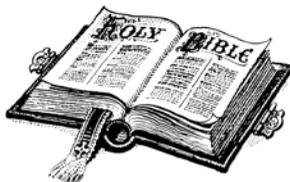
This is what we as Christians should show the world through the things we say, what we do, and the way we treat each other. When you except Jesus into your life, people will see Jesus in YOU the way the boy and the old man saw Jesus in each other.

Jesus is love, and that's what we should all be about, loving each other like

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Election 2018 has started...

CALDWELL KICKS OFF AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER CAMPAIGN: State Rep. Matt Caldwell on Monday formally launched his 2018 campaign for Florida agriculture commissioner, saying he plans to build a grass-roots campaign across the state. Caldwell, R-North Fort Myers, made the announcement at Sun Harvest Citrus in Lee County. He touted his conservative credentials and discussed his family's deep roots in Florida. He also pointed to the importance of water issues in the state. "Our most precious asset, our water, will continue to define our success," Caldwell said. "Balancing the demands of growing cities with the needs of our farmers and our environment is the key issue on which the next commissioner of agriculture must be the leader." The kickoff event came two weeks after Caldwell announced that he was running for the Cabinet post. He is poised for a Republican primary race against Sen. Denise Grimsley, R-Sebring. Orlando Republican Paul Paulson also has opened a campaign account for the primary. Incumbent Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam cannot seek another term in 2018 and is running for governor.

PUTNAM COMMITTEE PILES UP MONEY IN EARLY MAY: With Republican Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam formally starting his 2018 gubernatorial campaign, a closely aligned political committee continued raking in money in early May. The committee, known as "Florida Grown," raised at least \$235,000 during the first five days of the month, according to a list of contributions posted on its website. Coming into May, the committee had nearly \$8.24 million in cash on hand. The contributions in early May included \$100,000 from Oviedo-based A. Duda & Sons, Inc., a land and agriculture business. Also, the website indicates Florida Grown received \$50,000 from a phosphate-industry political committee. Florida Grown in June will file a report with the state showing complete financial information for May. Putnam opened a personal campaign account for the gubernatorial race on May 1 and held a kickoff event Wednesday in Polk County.

KING SINKS MONEY INTO GOVERNOR'S RACE: Winter Park businessman Chris King plowed another \$62,000 into his gubernatorial campaign in April, as he prepares to do battle with former Congresswoman Gwen Graham, Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum --- and potentially other candidates --- in next year's Democratic primary. In all, King's campaign brought in \$201,000 in April, with \$62,000 of that coming from the candidate, according to a report filed this week with the state Division of Elections. King also put \$1 million into the campaign in March. The campaign reported having about \$1.18 million in cash on hand as of the end of April.

DEMOCRAT TAKES FIRST STEP TO RUN FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL: Hillsborough County Democrat Ryan C. Torrens has opened a campaign account to run for attorney general in 2018, becoming the first Democrat to take the initial step toward trying to succeed term-limited Attorney General Pam Bondi, according to the state Division of Elections website. Torrens joined Rep. Jay Fant, R-Jacksonville, as the first candidates to emerge for the race. Fant formally launched his campaign after the legislative session ended this month. Also in recent days, Melbourne Republican Robert White and Miami Republican David Andrew Adams opened accounts to run next year for governor. Gov. Rick Scott cannot seek another term and is widely expected to run for U.S. Senate.

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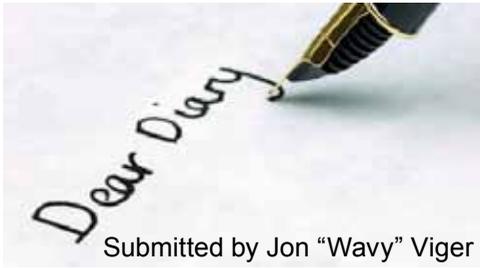
JUSTICES TO HEAR AVENTURA RED-LIGHT CAMERA CASE

With similar legal questions raised in various parts of the state, the Florida Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to take up a case that challenges a red-light traffic camera program in the city of Aventura. Justices, in a brief order, did not immediately set a date for oral arguments. The Aventura case, like others, focuses on whether the Miami-Dade County city gave too much authority to a private company that contracted to help run the red-light camera program.

The 3rd District Court of Appeal upheld the Aventura program in a decision involving a motorist who received a ticket for improperly turning right at a red light. In challenging the ticket, motorist Luis Torres Jimenez contended the city had illegally given “unfettered discretion” to a red-light camera company to review images of potential violations and to print and send out citations. After the appeals-court ruling, Jimenez’s attorneys asked the Supreme Court to decide the issue. The Supreme Court announced it would hear the Aventura case hours after dismissing a challenge to a red-light camera program in the city of Oldsmar in Pinellas County. The Supreme Court agreed with Oldsmar that the case was moot because the plaintiff won in a lower court for other reasons.

OLDSMAR RED-LIGHT CAMERA CHALLENGE SHORT-CIRCUITED

The Florida Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed a challenge to the validity of a Pinellas County city’s red-light camera program, agreeing with arguments that the case was moot because the plaintiff won in a lower court for other reasons. The case, stemming from a citation that motorist Tammy Vo Trinh received in 2014 in the city of Oldsmar, has been part of a series of legal challenges across the state to red-light camera programs. Trinh argued that the Oldsmar program was legally invalid because the city gave too much authority to a red-light camera contractor that sorted through images from red-light cameras and, later in the process, sent out violation notices to motorists. The 2nd District Court of Appeal last year ruled in favor of Oldsmar, but Trinh’s attorneys argued that ruling conflicted with a 4th District Court of Appeal ruling in a Hollywood case. In a brief asking the Supreme Court to take up the issue, Trinh’s attorneys wrote that the conflict created a situation in which “over 80 local governments and 1 million motorists throughout the state who have been cited or may become subject to scrutiny for a red-light camera violation are now without clear direction about the lawfulness of the many affected red-light camera traffic-enforcement regimes.” But Oldsmar attorneys last month filed a document contending the case was moot because a county judge had ruled on other grounds for Trinh. The Supreme Court agreed with that argument and said it would not hear the case.



Submitted by Jon "Wavy" Viger

Her Diary:

Tonight I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it. Conversation wasn't flowing, so I suggested we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed,

but he didn't say much. I asked him what was wrong: He said, "Nothing." I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me, and not to worry about it. On the way home, I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly, and kept driving. I can't explain his behavior, I don't know why he didn't say, "I love you, too." When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly, and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent. Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted, and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep – I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts were with someone else. My life is a disaster.

His Diary:

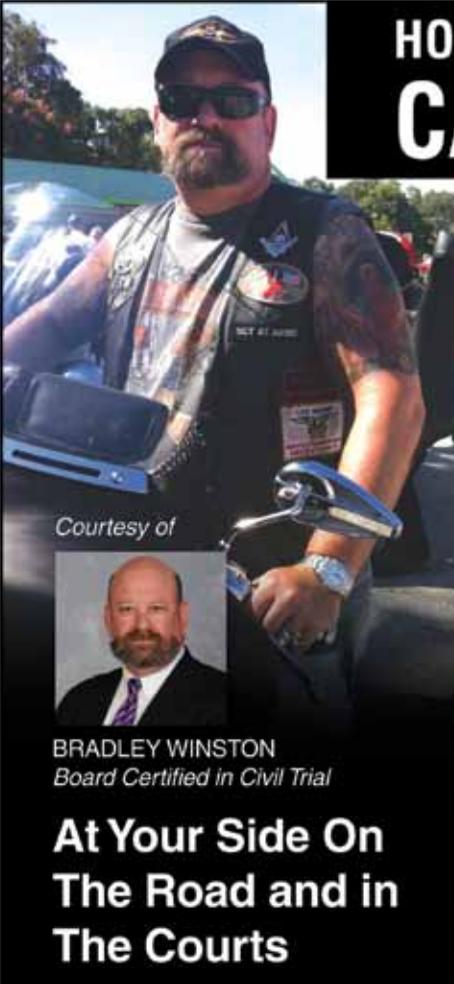
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BIGGEST LITTLE NCOM CONVENTION IN RENO

Like "The Biggest Little City in the World," this year's 32nd annual NCOM Convention in Reno NV may have experienced a slight reduction in numbers, but it continues to be the largest gathering of bikers' rights advocates on the planet with hundreds of representatives from Motorcyclists Rights Organizations (MROs), clubs and associations across the country.

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) board of directors moved to broaden the spectrum of programs aimed to assist bikers' rights groups while expanding outreach to active segments of the motorcycling community such as the Confederations of Clubs, women riders, clean & sober, Christian Unity, sportbikers, tourers and veterans. The NCOM Legislative Task Force likewise took action to provide supportive services on the legislative front, while the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) nationwide network of biker attorneys continually develops new strategies for litigation on a litany of motorcycling issues.

In addition to meetings and breakout sessions conducted Mother's Day Weekend, May 11-14 at the Silver Legacy casino, the NCOM Convention featured seminars on Federal Anti-Profilng Legislation, Civil Rights And How To Protect Them, Driverless Vehicles, and a special presentation by Sr. EMT Instructor Slider Gilmore on "The Diabetic Rider".

During the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to "Improving The Image of Motorcycling", including; GOVERNMENT: U.S. Senator Jodi Ernst of Iowa; MEDIA: Scott & Denise High of Thunder Roads Magazine - Tennessee; LEGAL: Christopher Slater, AIM Attorney for Oregon & Washington; ENTERTAINMENT:

Frank Fritz of "American Pickers" TV Show; SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Stephen Stubbs, NCOM Attorney – Nevada; and NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Boar, NCOM Liaison for Confederation of Clubs.

Next year's 33rd Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 10-13, 2018 at the Renaissance – Riverview Plaza Hotel in Mobile, Alabama. For further information, contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

ANTI-PROFILING LEGISLATION FILED IN U.S. HOUSE & SENATE

A bipartisan, bicameral group of lawmakers introduced a resolution to address the issue of motorcycle profiling and promote collaboration between the motorcycle and law enforcement communities. U.S. Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI), Mark Pocan (D-WI), Michael C. Burgess, M.D (R-TX) and Collin Peterson (D-MN) led the effort in the House (H.Res. 318), and U.S. Senators Ron Johnson (R-WI) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) introduced the Senate version (S.Res.154).

"This bipartisan resolution should send a clear message to relevant regulatory and law enforcement agencies across the country: motorcycle profiling has no place on our roads. Instead, we must foster collaboration and cooperation between these agencies and the riders in order to promote safety and ensure all motorists are treated fairly under the law," stated Rep. Pocan in a press release issued by Rep. Walberg, co-chair of the House Motorcycle Caucus.

"From coast to coast, Americans of all backgrounds responsibly ride a motorcycle as their means of transportation or simply to enjoy the open road. This bipartisan resolution aims to raise awareness about the reality of motorcycle profiling and foster an open dialogue between motorcyclists and law enforcement," said Walberg.

H.Res.318 – "Promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling," has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee, and defines profiling as; "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.”

CONGRESSIONAL MOTORCYCLE CAUCUS SEEKS

MEMBERS Since 2009, the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus has provided a forum for members of Congress who ride to support motorcyclists “through education and awareness in order to encourage responsible motorcycling.” The CMC also “serves to ensure that the motorcycling community is treated equitably by Congress as it considers infrastructure and environmental policies, as well as safety and education programs.”

U.S. Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI) and Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (R-TX) head the caucus, and with the new Congress being recently seated the two sent a “Dear Colleague” letter to their peers in the U.S. House of Representatives soliciting CMC memberships from those who ride or have an interest in motorcycle issues: “We invite you to join the CMC to help promote these and other initiatives,” and in addition to promoting sound policy, “CMC members can help highlight the safety of motorcyclists through the recognition of Motorcycle Awareness Month, hosting and participating in industry fly-ins, drawing attention to the national ‘Ride to Work Day,’ promoting rider awareness and safety at national events -- such as the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and Summer X Games -- ensuring motorcycle safety is remembered in the transportation reauthorization process, and working to remind operators to be aware of motorcycles with whom they share the roads and highways.”

If he or she rides, please encourage your Congressional Representative to join the CMC by contacting Rep. Burgess’ office at 5-7772 or Rep. Walberg at 5-6276.

HISTORIC VEHICLE REGISTRY A federal bill has been introduced in the 115th Congress “to establish a program to accurately document vehicles that were significant in the history of the United States.”

The National Historic Vehicle Register Act of 2017 (S.966) was introduced April 27, 2017 by U.S. Senators Gary Peters (D-MI) and Rob Portman (R-OH) and would require the U.S. Department of the Interior to create a register housed in the Library of Congress to preserve examples of historically significant automobiles, motorcycles, trucks and commercial vehicles.

This project is the first of its type to create a permanent archive of significant historic vehicles that would include

short narratives, photographs and engineering drawings of each vehicle. To be eligible for the register, vehicles must be connected to a significant person or event in American history, have a unique design or be a rare model.

The Senate bill has been referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

LIQUOR SALES CHARGE AGAINST MOTORCYCLE CLUB DISMISSED

A North Dakota district court judge has dismissed a liquor sales charge against a Minot motorcycle club, following motions to dismiss filed by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Justin Vinje and the prosecuting attorney.

The Ice Cold Ryders Motorcycle Club had been charged with engaging in the unlicensed sale of alcohol at their clubhouse. A police investigation of a nearby disturbance during the morning of November 29, 2015, led law enforcement to peer inside the clubhouse during a social gathering.

Inside, officers saw a large number of people socializing and drinking alcoholic beverages. Law enforcement concluded that unlicensed liquor sales were occurring. One officer testified in support of a search warrant, falsely claiming to have also seen a cash register in the clubhouse.

Law enforcement received a search warrant and entered the clubhouse later that morning, seizing the club’s security equipment, sound system, coolers, alcoholic beverages, and paper documents. Law enforcement also froze the club’s bank accounts.

On October 6, 2016, nearly a year after the raid, law enforcement charged the club with the unlicensed sale of alcohol. A.I.M. Attorney Justin Vinje represented the club and requested law enforcement’s investigative reports. Those reports mainly consisted of an analysis of the club’s banking records and an inventory of items seized. The reports also revealed that law enforcement never seized a cash register from the premises.

During the case, a confidential informant with ties to local law enforcement contacted Vinje, telling the club’s lawyer that law enforcement asked her to attend club gatherings and wear a wireless recording device to capture proof of unlicensed alcohol sales.

The informant wore a wire and attended two club gatherings in the spring of 2016. A SWAT team stood at the ready to raid the club in the event of illegal activity. No unlawful alcohol sales took place, but the government failed to provide any records of this to the defense.

Attorney Vinje filed a motion to dismiss the charge, due to the government's failure to turn over records related to the confidential informant's activities. Vinje also filed a motion to suppress evidence from the search, arguing that law enforcement testified falsely about the presence of a cash register during its application for the search warrant.

Three days later, the government filed a motion to dismiss the charge, citing insufficient evidence to proceed and that dismissal would serve the interest of judicial economy. The case was dismissed.

NEW HAMPSHIRE REPEALS HANDLEBAR HEIGHT LAW Without a federal standard, the regulation of handlebars on motorcycles rests with the states, and until recently New Hampshire was among more than 30 states that limit the height of handlebars.

On May 15, 2017 N.H. Governor Chris Sununu signed SB27; "RSA 266:77, relative to grips and handlebars on motorcycles, is repealed."

The Granite State began regulating handlebars in 1967, a time when many state legislatures associated motorcycling with the counter-culture captured by films like "The Wild Ones" and "Easy Rider," explained Charlie St. Clair, executive director of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association. "Law enforcement pulled people over for high bars as a tool for probable cause," he said in applauding the bill's passage, adding, "I have never heard of handlebars presented as a safety issue."

Unfortunately for attendees of this year's Laconia Motorcycle Week, held annually since 1923 during the nine days in June ending on Father's Day, the law becomes effective 60 days after passage, which will be July 11, 2017.

BILL ADDRESSES "MASKED" MOTORCYCLISTS BEING CITED IN LOUISIANA Louisiana has a law prohibiting the wearing of masks in public, and according to an article in the Baton-Rouge Times-Picayune, motorcycle riders are being "pulled over and ticketed under the mask-wearing law because they were wearing

helmets that concealed their faces." Louisianans are banned from "concealing their faces with masks or hoods, except during Mardi Gras, Halloween or for religious reasons."

Now a bill authored by Rep. Alan Seabaugh (R-Shreveport), HB161, would revise the law to exempt motorcycle safety helmets. By all indications, the bill will pass, and it is currently pending Senate final passage. Speaking before the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, Rep. Seabaugh said his bill arose out of complaints from motorcyclists in his district who said they have been harassed by "overzealous law enforcement officers." Riders have been pulled over at random, according to testimony by ABATE of Louisiana, claiming one officer in particular has targeted motorcyclists whose helmets and face shields concealed their faces.

Apparently recognizing the absurdity of ticketing motorcyclists for wearing helmets, when helmets are required by law, committee members unanimously agreed that the mask-wearing ban needs revision. They tacked on an amendment "clarifying that the exemption only applied to motorcycle helmets being used during a ride," then recommended the bill for full House approval.

Rep. Terry Landry (D-New Iberia), a former Louisiana State Police superintendent, thanked the committee for supporting the bill. "I think it corrects a wrong."

WEIRD NEWS: MAN ATTEMPTED SEX WITH MOTORCYCLE A man has appeared in court in Canterbury, England for allegedly attempting to have sex with Suzuki's most alluring model, a GSX-R. Mechanophilia, where a person is sexually attracted to cars, motorcycles, helicopters, ships, planes and other vehicles, is a crime in the U.K. and if found guilty, perpetrators can be placed on the sex offenders' register.

The 33-year old chap reportedly exposed himself in public and tried to engage in a tempestuous relationship with his motorcycle, after previously being seen punching and kicking the bike on the same day. Apparently drunk and on drugs, he claimed in court to remember dropping his trousers but denied exposing himself and has pleaded not guilty to indecent exposure and criminal damage.

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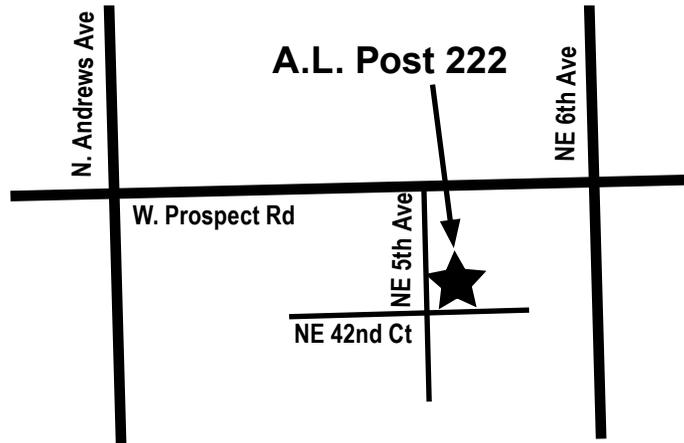
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