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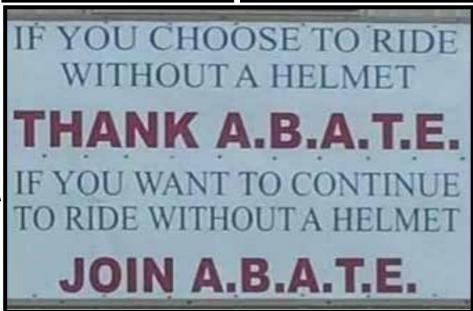
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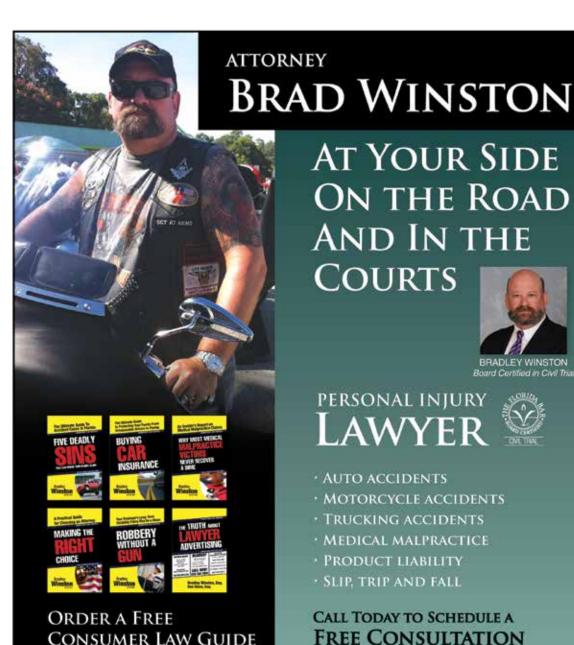
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- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.
- We promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness.
- We fund 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.
- · We serve and support our country and believe in freedom.
- We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.
- 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.
- WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.

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Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.
- We've become the 4th largest State Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the country (IN & IL are 1&2, we regularly switch for 3rd & 4th with PA).
- · We got the handlebar heights law modified.
- We successfully fought a bill that would forbid our children from riding on our bikes.
- We successfully fought the bill that would confiscate motorcycles for going 30MPH over the speed limit.
- We developed an effective MSAP program that has raised motorist's perceptions and awareness of motorcycles, and have received funding from the State of FL totaling over \$750,000 to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.
- We successfully fought the bill against vertical tags that had over \$1,100 in fines for a first offense.
- Supported and fought for a texting-while-driving ban for the last few years.
- Our 2009-2010 Stiffer Penalties Bill made it through five of the FL House & Senate's committees; this is the farthest it has gone in the number of years we have tried. On the last day of session, a committee member strenuously attempted to attach a revival of the helmet law to our Bill. To avoid a new helmet law in Florida, we had to kill the Bill.
- We publish monthly Press Releases and/or Articles of Interest in many online & print publications, including Florida Full Throttle.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. has been asked to be on and currently sits as a member of The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C. The Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation may appoint a representative from only two State MROs throughout the entire U.S.A. to be on this council.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. sits as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Collation of Motorcyclists (NCOM). NCOM has over 1000 member organizations.

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"This page sponsored by Frank T. and Lisa"

From Your President

Wow what a busy month. I would first like to thank everyone who helped during our 41st Memorial Day Party. I would also like to thank all the vendors for showing up and I would also like to thank all the businesses that gave us door prizes. You guys rock! This is why our community is so close.

And on a sad note, this year, we had to say goodbye to four of our ABATE brothers and sisters. They are on the next ride in the next realm. They are gone but they will never be forgotten; Boots, Trash, Wisconsin Les, and Chazman. As is our new tradition, we rode around Lake Okeechobee and wrote notes on river rocks and dropped them in the Lake with messages to them. Rest in peace. A special thanks to Kim for always doing these rocks for us.

The three most important things to me in the world are family, God, and America. The United States of America and the Constitution are so very important to me, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. I am so proud of my grandson, Odin. We had our grandkids for the weekend of our May Chapter meeting and Odin led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He did such a great job. This is his fourth time doing this. The first time he did it, he was only 4 years old, and he didn't need any help. Now he's at the ripe age of 6 and riding his own motorcycle. He even insisted on signing in, as a member (his Grandmama made him a special membership card, but he's not official, sshhh don't let him know).

Then after the meeting, some of us met up for a friends' ride to Hermandad MC Annual. Troy, who is the Road Captain for our Chapter, also takes on the role of friends ride road captain, and always has a meeting before any rides. He discussed the route we were going to take and how we would change lanes. He told everyone that we were going to ride staggered and use both hand signals and turn signals. He demonstrated the different hand signals. He said he would put on his turn signal and use his hand signal and everybody behind him would do the same thing until it reached the back rider. Then the back rider would move over into the lane and then we would all move into that lane from back to front. It was pretty cool and very safe. One time, on a ride, we even got a thumbs-up from the State Troopers. Troy also said that



we were not going to speed.

Odin stuck around after the meeting because he wanted to see all the bikes leave together. He listened to Troy so carefully, trying to remember everything. Remember, he is also a biker (motocross for now). Odin was so impressed at watching us lineup and listening to Troy during the pre-ride meeting, that on the way home, he told Grandmama Sheila that he wanted to be a Road Captain when he gets bigger, and he was practicing the hand signals, and used them for every turn and kept reminding Grandmama to stay in the speed limit. How cool is that?

So, I guess what I'm saying is that May was an awesome month, and it was also Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Please support all your American Legions and VFWs. God Bless America, the military, and the veterans who have helped keep this Country free.

And to the younger people out there, you have the chance to inherit an organization that stands up and fights for biker rights and safety. Help us make a difference, now, and for the future!

ANYONE WHO RIDES SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF

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God bless America!!!!

Peace, Johnny Rose President Southeast Chapter



















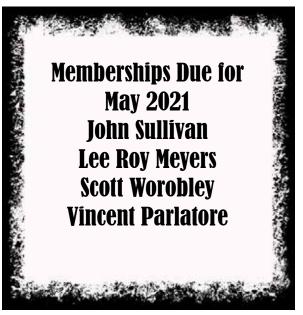


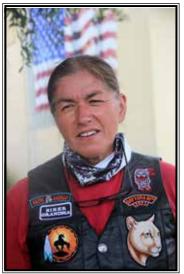












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President Good Day,

Well this will be my last V.P. article as I am stepping down as Vice-President. I would like to thank everyone for all of their support. It was my pleasure to have this position. I would like you all to know the person taking this position will be an awesome V.P. and do a great job, most likely better than I did. So please support him, don't forget it's a volunteer position.

Thank you, Jon "Wavy" Viger







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Still one of my favorite motorbike pictures ... as our little group was riding through
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I just happened to grab my camera and took the picture over my shoulder and it came out just super, IMO

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You may know us as the motorcycle organization that got the helmet law repealed in Florida or from our motorcycle rights and safety rally's throughout the year. ABATE of Florida is not a club, we are a motorcycle rights & safety organization dedicated to promoting motorcycle safety while remaining ever vigilant of the legislative issues concerning motorcyclists' nationwide.

We Are Not ANTI-HELMET, We are ANTI-HELMET Law!

One of the most popular misconceptions about ABATE is that we are anti-helmet. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are "anti-helmet law" if you choose to ride with or without a helmet it's your choice, it is your right to decide whether wearing a helmet is right for you. ABATE is an organization fighting to protect your rights.

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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes **Held at American Legion Post 142** 171 SW 2nd St Pompano Beach Fl. 33060 May 16, 2021

Sargent of Arms Mike "Bubba" Travis called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., and there were 26 members present. Odin led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and then a prayer by our Chaplain, Chrissy.

President's Report: Johnny Rose:

Memorial Day Party 05.30.2021. Honor Guard from American Legion Post 142 will be at the event. The veterans from Sandy Nininger's Veteran Nursing Home will not be able to attend due to Covid. A card will be available to be signed at our Memorial Day party, and will be delivered by Little Bit, Sheila, Thunder and Sandy. Door prizes are needed, please donate, ask when out and about for donations or gift certificates. Donors will be shown at the event and in Newsletter. Please sign up to volunteer.

Update on Sean: Johnny dropped of the "Get Well Soon" card that we all signed at the last meeting and Sean called him to thank him. He is improving and getting his memory back.

There will be a friends Memorial Ride on 05.29.2021. Chase cars will be driven by Sheila and Hollie (Dreamer). Kim gets us river stones to write words to the brothers and sisters who have passed, and some friends ride around Lake Okeechobee, and place them in different spots.

Vice President's Report: Jon "Wavy" Viger:

Elections, today is the last day to nominate someone for a position. Remember positions are a one-year commitment

Secretary's Report: Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff:

Pete is out of town and Hollie is filling in for him. Minutes were in the newsletter. Motion made to accept the minutes,

seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sheila Rose:

Gave report of funds in checking and savings. Motion to accept the report, seconded, motion passed.

Sgt At Arms Report: Mike "Bubba" Travis:

When wearing ABATE patch / items, and are out and about, remember that you are representing ABATE. No speeding, behave respectable at all times.

School zones / busses, when you see flashing lights for school zones please slow down. Speed limit is highly enforced. Speed limit is only 15 mph in school zones. School bus drivers are taking pictures of license plate and vehicle when being passed when lights are flashing and stop sign is out. Please stop and wait.

Road Captain's Report: Troy Waugh:

Vikings Custom Bike Night event - Rained, very few attended, but still a lot of fun. Will try again next month.

Cinco de Mayo at Naked Taco - Was beyond packed, went to a place next door. Chatted with some people and was able to get a few new members too.

After the meeting a few of us friends are going to Hermandad MC Annual at Cheetah.

Der Krieger MC is having a BBQ on May 21st.

Memorial Ride around the lake on May 29th.

Wings of Gold MC Off Annual on June 6th.

Freedom Ride by Operation Underground Railroad on July 24th.

Safety Director's Report: Jon "Wavy" Viger:

Covering Legislative, No updates as of yet on the bills. House Bill 2489 currently in Appropriations Committee, filed by Senator McClain to get ABATE of Florida's Safety money back.

House Bill 1643 & Senate Bill 278: Vulnerable Road Users Act - Stiffer Penalties for car / truck users if they hit motor-ABATE of Florida, Inc - Southeast Chapter cycles, bikes, joggers etc. Some possible sentences could be house arrest, loss of driver's license, classes, etc. This is still being discussed by legislature.

Hot Weather - Be prepared with bottled water in case of a breakdown. Keep yourself hydrated.

Motorcycle Readiness - Wavy handed out a checklist of things to check on the motorcycle prior to riding.

Handed out information on crash facts.

Alligator Alley Harley Davidson - third Friday of the month, come stop by, help, wear patches, they love to see the patches.

State Rep's Report: Mike "Bubba" Travis:

Next state meeting is in June in St. Augustine. August meeting will be in Lake County.

Gun Raffle: Tickets are available. \$5.00 each. Can check out a book to sell them.

Products Report: Laurel "Little Bit" Conner:

Big order has been delivered and will be available after the meeting and at our Memorial Day event on May 30th.

Membership Report: Sheila Rose:

We currently have over 650 members.

Events Coordinator Report: Gabe Carrera:

Gabe was excused.

Newsletter Editor's Report: Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs:

Articles are due today. If you have any, send them in.

Facebook, need someone to help to keep the page updated. Sheila stated she would.

Needs the Gun Raffle Flyer scanned.

Photos: Must be appropriate, have names, and no children without an adult with them.

She may not attend the Memorial Ride, please take pictures.

Distribution Report: Jon "Wavy" Viger:

Got May's newsletter out before the first.

Donations for Memorial Day event are needed. We also need small items for the flea market at the event.

Legislative Liaison Report: Brad Winston:

Excused (See Safety Report)

Legal Counsel Report: Brad Winston:

No report

Public Relations Report: Dawne "Thunder" Kirk Waters:

No report - Excused

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Social Director's Report: Barry "Bear" Crown:

Homemade brownies and cheesecake cupcakes

Quartermaster's Report: Bob Anz:

No report - Excused

Photographer: Barry "Boatman" Blundell:

Get pictures!

Also mentioned that Kim has river stones for the memorial ride around the lake. Please see her after the meeting so you can write on them.

Webmaster's Report: Mike "Roque" Hager:

Accepted nominations via text to Johnny Rose.

Visit our website, lots of educational and useful information and videos

Chaplain: Chrissy Leonhardt:

Chrissy is back, doing MUCH better! She spoke about her experience and to always know that God will take care of you. Thanked everyone for the card.

Old Business:

Memorial Display Stand: Ordered and received magnetic stand. Some plaques have been ordered and should have them in time for the Memorial Day Event. The stand will only be on display at our three annual events and the Toy Run. This will give people a chance to remember those that have passed and share memories.

State Gun drawing tickets for sale, can check out a book. 1st prize: Henry Big Boy 44 Magnum rifle. 2nd Prize is a Henry Golden Boy 22 S/L/LR rifle.

Tickets \$5.00 each drawing is December 11th. Meeting passed to Teddy Bear for Nominations.

New Business:

Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff, as the Officer of Elections, took us through the second and final round of nominations:

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President:

Johnny Rose – accepted,

Troy Waugh - declined

Vice-President:

Jon "Wavy" Viger – declined, Troy Waugh - accepted

Secretary:

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff - accepted

Treasurer:

Sheila Rose - accepted

Sergeant at Arms:

Mike "Bubba "Travis - accepted

Road Captain:

Troy Waugh - accepted,

Michael "Bull" Blackford - declined

Safety: Jon "Wavy" Viger - accepted,

Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff will assist

State Representative:

Mike "Bubba "Travis - accepted,

Hope Travis - accepted,

Michael "Bull" Blackford - declined,

Troy Waugh - declined, Johnny Rose - declined,

and it was noted that Alt State Reps Troy and

Johnny could be appointed at next Chapter

meeting

Products:

Laurel "Little Bit" Conner - accepted

Membership:

Sheila Rose - accepted,

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff - declined.

Dawne "Thunder" Kirk Waters- declined

(by text)

Events Coordinator:

Gabe Carrera – accepted (by text)

Newsletter:

Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs - accepted

Distribution:

Jon "Wavy" Viger - accepted

Legal Liaison:

Brad Winston – accepted at April meeting

Legal Counsel:

Brad Winston - accepted at April meeting

Public Relations:

Dawne "Thunder" Kirk Waters – accepted (by text)

Billing & Invoicing:

Hope Travis - accepted

Social Director:

Barry "Bear" Crown - accepted

Quartermaster:

Bob Anz – declined (by text),

Mike "Bubba" Travis - accepted Photographer:

Barry "Boatman" Blundell - accepted

Webmaster:

Mike "Rogue" Hager, - accepted (by text),

Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs - declined

Chaplain:

Chrissy Leonhardt, - accepted,

Barry "Bear" Crown will be Assistant

Nominations for this second round were closed. There are no contested positions. New Board and Trustees will be announced at June Chapter meeting

New Business:

There was no new business

Good of the Order:

05.22.2021 American Legion Post 142 is having their yard sale and car show.

Johnny Rose was complimented on how he interacts with others by one of the newer members.

Freedom Ride by Operation Underground Railroad - Supports rescuing and rehabilitating children of human / sex trafficking. \$25 registration fee. July 24th starts at Alligator Alley. KSU at 10:00AM

Motion to adjourn at 11:30am, seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff, sitting in for "Pete" Purcell Secretary, Southeast Chapter



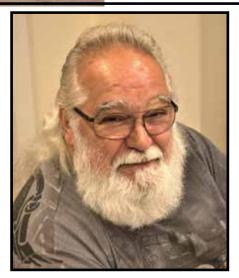






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SAFETY DIRECTOR

Good Day,

Well the hot weather is here, so get ready, be prepared. Such as, always have water with you as you never know when you will need it. Also check your bike. Ya'll know that summer is hard on motorcycles. So maybe think about getting a full service. Make sure tires are GOOD! We have some advertisers in this newsletter, use them if you can't do it yourself. They keep this newsletter going.

I would like to thank all that came to our 41st Memorial Day Event. Without your support, Abate SE Chapter would not exist.

Remember, Abate of Florida Inc. has a motorcycle safety awareness program for any organization, school, business or individual and it is a free program. For more information or to arrange for a presentation, contact Abate Safety Director, Jon (Wavy) Viger at safetydir.abatese@gmail.com or call my cell 954-261-9242, please no calls after 8:00 pm.

Remember your bike will take care of you only if you take care of it. Besides, it's also your sanctu-

ary.

Thank you,

Jon (Wavy) Viger Safety Director Abate of Florida Inc Southeast Chapter







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From Your Road Captain

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What can be better than after a long day or week of work and going riding. There's something about it that can't be explained. Some people may use the term to describe the feeling as Freedom while others may call it wind therapy. Whatever you label it as, it's the same for all of us, that brief moment in time when all the worlds and life's troubles are erased from our mind and we are alone in our own thoughts just you, your motorcycle and the open road. For that brief moment your able to reflect on anything you want without all the distractions of the TV blaring, kids running around the house, and now adays your cell phone going off every 5 seconds. Life can still be bliss, what can be better.

That's when the problems can begin. The intoxication can be so hypnotizing that your mind can go into auto pilot and the next thing you know you wake up out of your trance to find you've missed your turn and with the crazy drivers we have in South Florida, the last place you want to be on auto pilot is on I-95 or any road for that matter. Whenever you're on a motorcycle you have to stay focused and always be on the defensive. The focus has to be on every cager you meet and try to anticipate what its going to do next. I find myself looking at each cagers front wheels if I'm passing them, for I know that's the first point I will notice if the cager starts to swerve or move into my lane. I'm also always trying to look at the driver's head movement. If the person is constantly looking down or somewhere else other than focusing on the road they are probably texting or surfing the internet while driving which is a pure indication of a potential accident waiting to happen. At every exit I'm consistently waiting for that cager to realize they are about to miss their exit and cut across 3 lanes to still try and make it happen. We have all seen these scenarios, usually at least one of them every time we ride

So, when we are riding and enjoying that moment of bliss you have to make a conscious effort to never let

your guard down. It could mean the difference of being able to ride again tomorrow. Stay on your guard at all times and as always, still enjoy the ride.

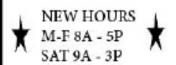
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Speaking of manure, I'm sure you've seen the bumper sticker that says, 'S*#t Happens'. It does... all the time... everyday... in every way, especially to ME. I used to have a friend I texted with and we would compare our days events to see whose day was worse. But I've come to realize that God is in the business of 'making all things new' (Rev. 21:5). He also says in Romans 8:28, 'And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Could it be that's the adverse situations I face in my life...

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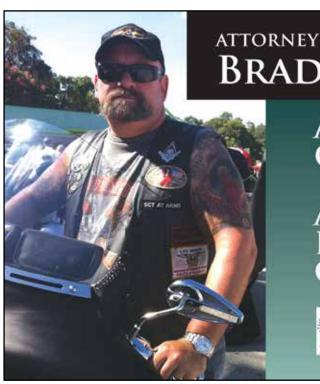
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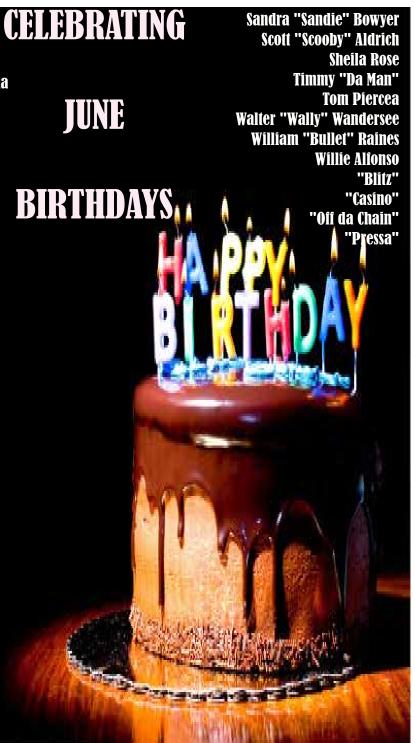








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*Educate, don't legislate – stuff we thought you might like to know

-by: Sheila, Sandy, Little Bit, & Thunder



We were sitting around, talking about how crazy traffic has been lately, like everyone lost their dang minds during the pandemic, and didn't get them back. We all admitted it too, that during the shut-down shelter days, when the roads were empty, we did sometimes go over the speed limit. The roads were empty, no traffic jams, no rush hour, just emptiness. We are now back to normal, with rush hours and traffic jams. So, then we started talking about motorcyclists and lane splitting. When you are on a bike and sitting in slow or stopped traffic, you will think "why can't I just ride up the middle between these cars?" It sounds like a great idea, right? But what about those bikers that lane split even when traffic is running smooth, some of the same people who have lost their dang minds, just always in a hurry. Is it okay for them to lane split?

Lane splitting, also called "white lining", is a very controversial subject. You either love it or hate it, there doesn't seem to be a middle ground. It is frustrating to people in cars because they think bikers should have to wait their turn, like everyone else. And there is also lane filtering, where the biker picks his/her way through slow or stopped traffic, weaving between the cars, like at a stoplight. And Hawaii has legalized "shoulder surfing" where you can use the shoulder during traffic congestion. You have to have a healthy survival instinct to do any of these, but hey, riding is a bit risky anyway.

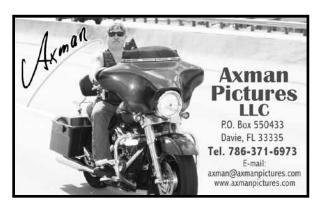
The American Motorcyclist Association has suggested that lane splitting is one of the safest options for motorcyclists, as they can easily get trapped or struck from behind without being able to use lane splitting. There's even evidence

from a 1981 study that found lane splitting can reduce crash frequency for motorcyclists. Lane splitting is a common practice in Europe and Asia, but not so much in the United States.

Some of the reasons that proponents of lane splitting give are:

- •Motorcycle riders can remove themselves from the very dangerous position behind stopped vehicles. This helps reduce the likelihood that the motorcycle will be rear-ended. After all, rear-end collisions are the most common type of accident.
- •Lane-splitting riders involved in accidents are much less likely to suffer serious injuries than motorcycle riders involved in other types of accidents. One study found that only 9 percent of riders involved in accidents while lane splitting suffered head injuries while 17 percent of riders involved in other types of motorcycle accidents did suffer head injuries.
- •Reduces traffic congestion as allowing motorcyclists to ride in between cars greatly reduces the number of vehicles occupying each lane by creating an extra flow for motorcycle traffic. This helps traffic move along much quicker and more efficiently while saving both drivers and riders time on the road.
- •Reduces air pollution, and vehicle emissions are a leading source of air pollutants. Traffic levels have increased exponentially over the last 20 years. Higher levels of traffic mean longer travel times. Unfortunately, longer travel times equate to greater levels of

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Lane splitting can be dangerous just as any other type of driving or riding maneuver. Some of the reasons that opponents of lane splitting give are:

- •Motorcyclists can easily be struck by cars suddenly changing lanes, especially when other drivers fail to use turning signals. The rider's safety will depend on the actions of the drivers in traffic. For example, the sudden and untimely opening of a drive door can lead to devastating consequences.
- •Drivers will take time to get used to watching motorcycles and other two-wheeled vehicles pass by them in traffic. Most drivers are easily irritated when motorcyclists engage in illegal lane splitting and often take preventative measures.
- •Many drivers try to prevent motorcycles splitting cars by positioning their vehicle in a way that blocks the motorcycle from passing.
- •Can be very dangerous at high rates of speed as reaction times are greatly reduced.

California is the only state where lane splitting is officially legal. The lane-splitting guidelines were that a motorcycle should not go more than 10 miles per hour faster than traffic and to only do this when traffic was going under 30 mph. The thinking was that lane splitting keeps bikers safer by decreasing exposure to rear-end collisions and also helps move the rest of the traffic along, removing the bikes from the traffic lanes. The safest lanes to use are the left ones. as in a traffic jam, many cars move over to the right, to get off at the next exit. If you see another biker lane splitting ahead of you, back off a little, as cars may be adjusting to get out of that biker's way, and into you. Be extra careful trying to fit between two parallel cars, as they could move a little towards the middle, and your gap is smaller. (added by us, especially these days, with so many people texting and distracted driving, we see it all the time, cars weaving across the lines). You also need to think about the car's side mirrors when you are looking at your gap. The guidelines also offer some do's and don'ts:

- •DON'T make drivers over-react. If you ride too fast, all they're going to see is something flash-by in their peripheral vision.
- •DO stay in a gear that keeps the revs low. Both of these actions may cause a distracted driver to swerve.
- •**DON'T** be physically prepared without being mentally prepared for riding between traffic. Yes, your survival instinct needs to be on full alert, but do ride with a positive, mental attitude.
- •**DO** be aware of splitting in wet conditions. Riding on painted lines reduces grip when it rains.
- •DON'T think that the law protects you from riding badly. Bill AB-51/21658.1 makes the physical act of lane splitting legal under set circumstances and CVC 22400 makes it illegal for drivers to block or impede a motorcyclist. These facts, however, don't preclude anyone from extending common courtesy to other road users when executing the maneuver, so do be courteous!
- •DO watch out for lumps, bumps, and uneven surfaces as they can upset the handling of your bike.
- •**DON'T** lane share at night or in the dark. Lane sharing in the dark could confuse divers into making them think you are a four-wheeled vehicle rather than a two wheeled vehicle.

Lane splitting is illegal in most of the states, even though many states are trying to reform their motorcycle laws. Some states that are considering making lane splitting officially legal are Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Oregon, Virginia, and Texas. Montana and Utah allow lane filtering. So, you know what? We don't live in those states, so what about Florida? Will it ever be legal here?

Florida, especially South Florida, is hot and humid almost year-round. While most people sitting in traffic enjoy the luxury of air-conditioned vehicles, bikers are forced to endure the elements. Many bikers cannot tolerate riding in stand-still traffic when temperatures become unbearably hot. They don't want to be forced to choose between overheating or





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(Throwback June 2009)

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Well, we are now in the month of June, which translates to the beginning of the Hurricane season, the rainy season, Legislation session is over, our Memorial Event is in the past and the elections are on for the Board for Southeast Chapter of ABATE at the next meeting.

Regardless of who is running and who ends up getting elected, it will be a challenge for anyone who stepped up and volunteered to be on the Board. Just ask any of the past participates of the Board. They have all sacrificed lots of their time and, in most cases, monies to help keep the Chapter moving forward and the current Board is no exception.

I want to give a special thanks to all the current Board members and Trustees for the hard work they have done for our Chapter and I'm going to start out with our current Pres.

Jimmy "Les", he works on almost a daily basis for countless hours on some form of Chapter business. He is the person who is always there for any function, setting a positive image of the organization and we can always call on him for information and he has helps keeps the Chapter motivated and informed. Caution!!! He has had extensive training in "Ballroom" dancing and has been known to make the rest of us look bad trying to keep up with him. (And yes, I am one of those guys he makes look bad.)

Jimbo, who is the VP and the Road Captain for the Chapter, he is always there for us, and is also at all the functions that we do. He has the duty of filling in for the President and also trying to get us together for group rides for fun or to events but is also responsible for leading us there without too many "ABATE U-Turns".

Alice, who has done a great job, being the Treasurer for the Chapter, which is tuff behind-the-scenes job that doesn't get enough credit for the work effort she does for the Chapter, she makes sure our books and finances are in order and we are in compliance with the State. She keeps track

of every nickel and dime the Chapter brings in and spends, making sure that the State gets their required share. She is the small lady in statue that you see at our events, at the gate collecting admission. At times it looks like a good gust of wind would blow her over, but. don't let the size and friendly demeanor fool ya.... She can be tuff when it comes to doing her job and some people can attest to that.

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Leo, with the help of his staff, maintains the security of Chapter equipment and has been a vital part of the success we have had at all our events. It encompasses parking, First Aid, gate and so on at the events, not counting when we are at other events. (Can't miss him, he's the one that makes it easier to find the due to his height)

Special thanks go out to Bars (1st Assistant), he done remarkable job dealing with the task associated with the Chapters equipment, such as the storage unit and coordinating the equipment used, which deals with loading/unloading of the trailer.

Paul, who is the Secretary for us, has the dubious job of keeping Minutes of the meetings to be published in the newsletter and making sure that some of the stuff a certain call girl says sometimes does not go in for publication. (If I had to do it, forget it, I never was good at taking notes and making out what I wrote later.)

Bret, our products guy, who has the dubious task of hauling and with the help of Marjorie (she also rides to a lot of different places promoting the Chapter) sells products at events and meetings. Because of this he is forced to drive in a cage instead of riding because of all the stuff he has to bring, which makes it hard for him to attend some of functions later after the meeting.

Karin, our animal loving German social director, who pain-stakingly plans all our birthday parties and is always there looking out for all the members.

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Suzanne, this lady is amazing to me, with what duties she has taken on and what she has accomplished for the Chapter. Let's see, Newsletter Editor (that's enough for anyone), next is Safety Director, which along with several other members go into High School classrooms to educate the new drivers and hopefully save a few bikers. Did I also mention that she also takes time off to travel and represents us at State meeting along with the other delegates? She has been the behind-the-scenes backbone of the Chapter for some time and also does the so many little things she needs a BIG THANKS.

We have so many other Members to mention and I'm already over my word count that I just have to list a few of so many more.

Rick and Maureen, they have newsletter distribution and have done a superior job on these past year's events we have done. Shaky Bob, always there to help any time he is called upon and can always be counted on. (We can't wait for the rebuilt Bar-B-Q that he did to be put into good use.)

All the new members, old member and past Board members like Chuck, Big Wheel, Valerie, Squeaky, Phil, Nell, Harry, Tree, Blindman, all the Charleys, Bobs, Ricks, Susans, Sharons, Jimmys and all the names out there that I can't remember. I give you all, A BIG THANKS!!!

If it wasn't for all of us pulling together, this Chapter would not be as successful as it is today and, in the future.

I apologize for not mentioning everybody, but I'm out of space and time.

Till next time.

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Keep the shiny side up and the greasy side down Ride Safe and Free!! Old Hippy









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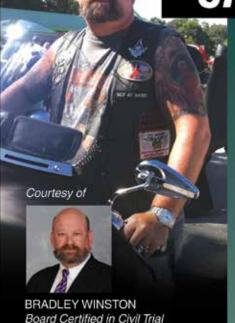
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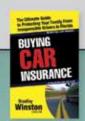
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Johnny's Rant

Well, again, I really don't have anything to rant about this month, so I'm going to preach about the same old thing, and tell you, that one of the most important things you can do, to make the road safer for everyone that's not in a cage, is to join ABATE. Oh yeah, for those of you who don't know, a "cage" is a car or truck or something where you are enclosed in metal.

So, check this out. You don't even have to ride a motorcycle to join ABATE. All you have to do is care about motorcycle rights and safety. I know everyone out there knows someone who rides a motorcycle, whether it's family, friends, or co-workers. It only cost \$20 a year to join. And you get \$4,000 Accidental Death and \$2,000 Dismemberment insurance included for that \$20. We never want you to use it, but it seems like a no-brainer to me.

ABATE of Florida Inc. is a nonprofit organization that fights for bikers' rights and safety. ABATE of Florida has been around for over 40 years. We have a lobbyist that has been working for us in Tallahassee for over 20 years. Doc is also the State President of ABATE. Doc has been able to accomplish a lot of things and you will see some of our accomplishments in the first few pages of our newsletter.

So, make sure you check out the whole newsletter. ABATE is also neutral when it comes to politics. We need the support of all of the politicians in Tallahassee, to get a bill passed or changed, there is no Republican, Democrat, Reform, Libertarian, Socialist, etc. side to the bill. It is to help ALL motorcyclists. We will let you know which politicians are motorcycle friendly. After all we don't want to lose the rights that we have now and we don't want anyone telling us where, when, and how we have

to ride. Just saying..... Ride free and ride safe

Peace, Johnny Rose







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NCOM CONVENTION WELCOMES RIDERS TO AMERICA'S HEARTLAND

Mark your calendar now for July 23-25, and plan on joining hundreds of fellow biker's rights activists from across the country at the 36th annual NCOM Convention at the Holiday Inn Des Moines - Airport, located at 6111 Fleur Drive in Des Moines, Iowa.

Some of the nation's finest Freedom Fighters will address legal and legislative topics of concern to all riders, from helmet laws to anti-profiling to lane-splitting, autonomous vehicles, the fate of internal combustion and much more.

In the meantime, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have passed away over the past year, since last October's NCOM Convention in Indianapolis, so that we may honor their memories with the traditional "Ringing of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications should be e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at NCOMBish@aol.com, or can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board.

Reserve your hotel room at (515) 287-2400, and mention NCOM for Special Room Rates.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$85 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. For more information, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at

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OREGON LANE SPLITTING BILL GOES TO THE GOVERNOR

After years of legislative attempts, Oregon may soon join with neighboring California and a host of other states that have approved of lane splitting for motorcyclists. The state House of Representatives on Monday, May 17, gave its blessing to Senate Bill 574, a bipartisan proposal that allows motorcyclists to operate in between lanes of traffic under certain circumstances. After a 42-14 vote in the House, preceded by an 18-6 vote in the Senate, the bill now heads to the desk of Governor Kate Brown (D) for her consideration.

According to one news source, SB 574 has received more testimony than nearly any other piece of legislation this session, as proponents flooded legislators' inboxes clamoring for the idea. Their argument: That allowing motorcyclists to bend the normal rules during traffic jams would be good for both safety and improving congestion.

Oregon state representative Ron Noble (R-McMinnville), who is himself a rider and who also carried the bill in the House, told Oregon Public Broadcasting KVAL; "It will provide me personally with another option to ride safe."

As described in a Legislative staff report: "Lane Filtering" is "meant to allow motorcycles to continue moving when the general flow of traffic is slowed or stopped, and is meant to prevent overheating of motorcycle engines, rider fatigue, and protect the safety of riders by preventing them from being rear-ended in areas with high levels of traffic congestion."

Under SB 574, motorcyclists are allowed to split lanes only on multi-lane highways with a speed limit of at least 50 mph. When traffic slows to 10 mph or less on those roads, motorcyclists are permitted to ride between cars, at no more than 10 mph faster than the flow of traffic. The law does not apply in school zones or work zones.

California has long allowed lane splitting, under different circumstances than Oregon's bill, and Montana recently passed a law of its own. Utah allows lane filtering when traffic is stopped at an intersection. Hawaii permits motorcyclists to utilize the shoulder when traffic is congested.

BIKER ANTI-PROFILING MEASURE INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

More than two years ago, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed a nonbinding resolution condemning the discriminatory profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement (S. Res. 154), and now the U.S. House of Representatives has once again introduced a similar bipartisan measure in the 117th Congress, H. Res. 366; "Promoting awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling."

Sponsored once again by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI), the anti-profiling resolution was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives on April 30, 2021 to thwart "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," as profiling is defined in the resolution.

H.R. 366 acknowledges nationwide motorcycle registrations "growing from 3,826,373 in 1997 to 13,158,100 in 2018," and notes that "complaints surrounding motorcyclist profiling have been cited in all 50 States."

Co-sponsored by Congressman Michael Burgess (R-TX), Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (D-IL) and Congressman Mark Pocan (D-WI), the bipartisan resolution denotes three actionable items:

- (1) promotes increased public awareness on the issue of motorcyclist profiling:
- (2) encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcyclist community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end motorcyclist profiling; and
- (3) urges State law enforcement officials to include statements condemning motorcyclist profiling in written policies and training materials.

All concerned motorcyclists are encouraged to contact their Congressional Representatives to ask that they join their colleagues as a cosponsor of H.Res.366 and help put a stop to law enforcement unfairly targeting motorcycle riders for traffic stops, questioning and citations.

In the meantime, efforts are underway to again include anti-

profiling language among other pro-motorcycle provisions in the Biden Administration's multi-trillion dollar federal highway bill.

U.S. MOTORCYCLE SALES WAY UP

New-model motorcycle sales among leading brands increased more than 37.2% in the first quarter of 2021, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council Retail Sales Report. The Q1 sales, compared to the same period last year, were up by double digits in every category: on-highway, off-highway, dual-purpose, and scooter.

"This is the fourth straight quarter of strong sales numbers, indicating continued and growing interest in riding among new and returning riders," said Erik Pritchard, MIC president and CEO. "Combine the new-motorcycle sales performance with the pace of tire sales and we know that more riders are putting on more miles."

Year-to-date sales of dual-purpose motorcycles were up the most, by 47%. Off-highway sales were up 45.4%. Scooter sales rose 34.6%, and on-highway motorcycle sales increased 31.4%.

<u>EUROPE SEES DOUBLE-DIGIT MOTORCYCLE SALES</u> GROWTH

Both here and abroad, new motorcycle sales are booming, with Europe experiencing Q1 year-on-year increase in the double-digits.

Despite a tough year for riders and non-riders alike, the European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM) reports that things are looking up for the five largest European motorcycle markets – France (+15.1%), Germany, Italy (+47.3%), Spain, and the U.K.-- showing a 10.3% overall increase in the number of bikes sold over the same period in 2020.

OEMs have so far been reporting good news, as well, with Ducati announcing a 33% rise, Polaris talking about 30% more sales, and Harley-Davidson seeing a 9% increase for the same time period.

If the past three quarters give any indication, this trend should hopefully continue.

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<u>AMERICAN MOTORCYCLE-MAKERS FACING MASSIVE</u> 56% EU IMPORT TARIFF

Harley-Davidson and others could face a devastating situation in Europe in less than two month's time after being slapped with a whopping 833% increase in tariffs. The rise in duty is the latest fallout from an escalating trade war between the old sparring partners of the United States and the European Union.

In June 2018, the EU placed a 25% incremental tariff (31% total) on motorcycles imported into the EU from the US. The tariff is scheduled to increase to 50% incremental (56% total) on June 1. Since June 2019, Harley has avoided most of the tariff due to Binding Origin Information (BOI) credentials, with certain Harleys produced at their international manufacturing facilities being subject to just 6% tariffs. However, Harley has since been told by the EU that after a decision by the European Commission their BOI credentials have been revoked, with the full 56% tariffs to be implemented on all products, regardless of origin, effective in June.

"This is an unprecedented situation and underscores the very real harm of an escalating trade war to our stakeholders on both sides of the Atlantic," said Jochen Zeits, CEO of Harley-Davidson. "The potential impact of this decision on our manufacturing, operations and overall ability to compete in Europe is significant. Imposing an import tariff on all Harley-Davidson motorcycles goes against all notions of free trade and, if implemented, these increased tariffs will pose a targeted competitive disadvantage for our products, against those of our European competitors."

As it stands, European bikes imported into the US are subject to tariffs ranging from 1.2% to 2.4% depending on displacement. Zeitz plans to launch an appeal to reverse the recent blow handed out by the EU in an effort to remain in the European market.

SINGAPORE MOVES TO BAN OLDER MOTORCYCLES

Singapore has made a massive statement of intent to curb emissions in the island nation, by completely banning old motorcycles (registered pre-2003) from their roads in 2028.

Until that date, and beginning April 1st 2023, stricter noise standards (equivalent to Euro 4) will be adopted, in line with United Nations emissions and exhaust noise levels, levels

which are much stricter than those currently in place in the small island nation in Southeast Asia.

Those who run older motorcycles will be forced to comply with the new regulations, or face hefty fines, starting in 2023 up until 2028, at which time they will be forced off the road for good.

During this time, the Singapore government will offer an incentive to de-register old motorcycles before the 5th April 2023, to the tune of \$\$3,500 (\$2,628 USD), not to buy or scrap affected vehicles, it's just to de-register them.

ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES PROTECT ENDANGERED AFRICAN WILDLIFE

Solar powered electric bikes have been adapted to sneak up on poachers in Africa to help park rangers working to protect endangered wildlife.

Swedish firm Cake has built the super-light 80kg Kalk AP (Anti-Poaching) bike for a project that aims to help officials combat the devastating effects of poaching on the continent's most precious species.

The bike isn't just for use in Africa, and if you buy one (@\$28,375 USD), the Kalk company will supply a second 'twin' machine as part of a 'buy-one-give-one' charity initiative to be delivered to an anti-poaching unit, complete with a solar panel and power station kit that enables the twin bike to operate in the African bush independent from the electric power grid.

NO LEFT TURNS

Sharing a posting from Bikernet.com, "Why UPS Drivers Don't Turn Left And You Probably Shouldn't Either," you might be interested to know that UPS delivery vans don't always take the shortest route between stops, with the company giving each driver a specific route to follow including a policy that drivers should never turn through oncoming traffic at a junction unless absolutely necessary.

UPS designed their vehicle routing software to eliminate as many left-hand turns as possible (in countries with right-hand traffic). As a result, the company claims it uses 10m gallons less fuel, emits 20,000 tons less carbon dioxide and delivers 350,000 more packages every year.

According to www.iflscience.com, "The efficiency of planning routes with its navigation software this way has even helped the firm cut the number of trucks it uses by 1,100, bringing down the company's total distance travelled by 28.5m miles -- despite the longer routes."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "I would unite with anybody to do right and with nobody to do wrong."

~ Frederick Douglass (1817-95), Abolitionist & Statesman

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On January 28, 1986 the US space shuttle known as the Challenger broke apart in mid air 73 seconds after takeoff. This event shattered peoples lives and shook the world. President Reagan in a speech to comfort the nation quoted from a poem called "High Flight", in which John Gillespie Magee a World War II pilot had written. McGee served in the Royal Canadian Air Force which he joined right before the US entered the war. He died in a mid air collision in 1941. Here is that poem...

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings. Skyward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth of sun-split clouds, and

Done a hundred things you have not dreamed of.... Wheeled and soared and swung high in the sunlit silence.

Hovering there, I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung my eager craft through Footless falls of air.

Up, up the long delirious burning blue I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace... Where never a lark or eagle flew.

And while with silent, lifting mind I've trod the high untresspassed sanctity of space-Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

-John Gillespie Magee

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In 1943 the USAT Dorchester left New York harbor bound for Greenland, carrying 902 men. This was a luxury liner that had been converted to a troop transport ship.

Most of the men on board were seasick. Moving among the men were four Army Chaplains, George Fox, Alexander Gooch, Clark Poling and John Washington. The Chaplains talked with them, soothing their apprehension and offering encouragement. Because they were in submarine waters the captain directed the men to keep their outer gear and life jackets on at all times.

An enemy submarine, undetected, fired a torpedo towards the ships stern, hitting its mark and exploding the boiler room and destroying the electric supply, there by releasing clouds of steam and ammonia gas. Many onboard died instantly. Some were trapped below deck. The ship taking on water rapidly began to sink.

Panic set in quickly. Over crowded lifeboats capsized. Rafts drifted away before men could get to them. Many men plunged into the dark churning water below never to be seen again.

The four Chaplains tried to calm the frightened men and preach encouragement and hope. They helped the men to get some spare life jackets. The supply of life jackets ran out with men still waiting for them. Deciding to go down with the ship the chaplains gave away their life jackets. These four Chaplains were not known as heroes but on that frigid February night in 1943, they gave their all to calm hundreds of panicked soldiers as they were all looking death in the face. Linking arms as the ship was sinking the Chaplains prayed aloud as they and 700+ Soldiers perished!

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On October 12, 1945 US Army medic Desmond Doss became the first conscientious objector to be awarded the Medal of Honor!

Doss was working in the Newport News Naval shipyard when the US entered the war. It would've been easy for him to receive a deferment especially for a man who refused to bear arms against another. But Doss felt a calling to serve his country and help his fellow men. He believed the war was just and believed he could do his part by saving lives, not taking them.

Doss was an exemplary soldier despite the bullying and harassment not only for refusing to carry or shoot a weapon but also for his religion.

For his bravery in treating wounded men under fire he was awarded not one but two Bronze Stars. (The heroic deeds of US Army soldier Desmond Doss are featured in the 2016 movie Hackshaw Ridge.) On October 12, 1945 president Truman presented Doss with the Medal of Honor in a ceremony on the White House lawn. The ceremony included these words, "private first class Doss refused to seek cover and remained in the fire swept area, treating the wounded under enemy fire".

Doss was wounded several times but continued to put other soldiers first. Saving many lives.

President Truman shook Doss's hand and told him, "I'm proud of you. You really deserve this (Medal of Honor). I consider this a greater honor than being president!"

Doss was the first... and only ...Conscientious objector to receive the Medal Of Honor during World War II.

Thank you for reading my articles.

Jody Swett



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being soaked while sitting in traffic for extended periods of time and breaking the law to get to their destination sooner.

Many bikers in Florida regularly split lanes, but it is still illegal under Florida Statute 316.209

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- (5) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply to police officers or firefighters in the performance of their official duties.
- (6) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in chapter 318.

In Florida, bikers who lane split can be ticketed as a noncriminal traffic citation. And be nice if you are stopped for this, because a police officer or trooper can cite you with careless driving or even criminal reckless driving under certain conditions involving higher speeds. If the biker is involved in an accident while lane splitting, the biker is usually the one cited by the police officer and presumed to be at-fault for causing the collision even though the accident might be the other driver's fault.

Usually, at the end of our article, we like to let you all know our opinion on what we are writing about, but as we stated, it is very controversial, and like the lanes, we are "split" on our opinions, and things got a little heated, so we all decided to agree to disagree, and leave it at that.

"Risk is good. Not managing your risk is a dangerous leap." Evel Knievel

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She will be glad to help you get what you need

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ATTENTION ALL ABATE SOUTHEAST CHAPTER MEMBERS REMEMBER:

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American Legion Post 142
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American Legion Post 321
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Heaven Cycle
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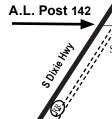


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To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.

To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

What's Happening Locally? **Call The Hotline!** (954) 480-3100 **Or Visit ABATE Southeast Chapter's Website** http://abatese.org



ABATE of Florida, Inc Southeast Chapter

UPCOMING SE CHAPTER MEETINGS

June 20, 2021** July 18, 2021 ** **American Legion Post 142,**** 171 SW 2nd St., Pompano Beach, FL 33060 **(954) 942-2448** Come & join the ranks

Of those who care to be involved!