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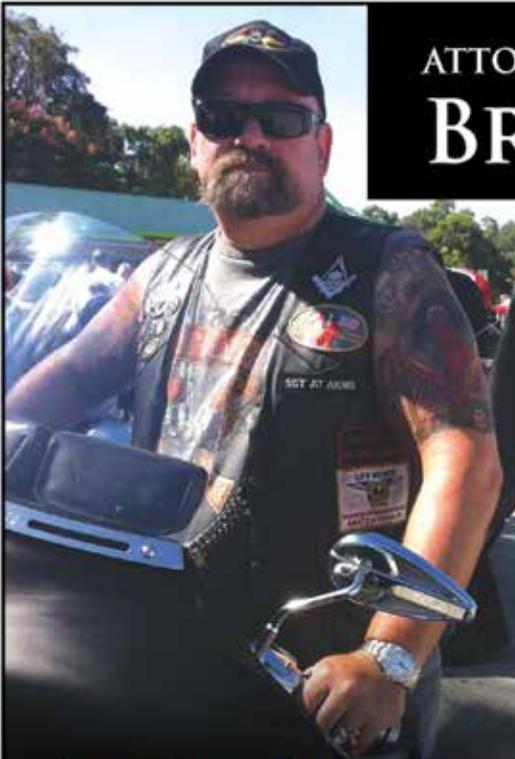
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- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving 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.

ABATE is open to all individuals age 18 and older interested in motorcycle rights, safety or education. It doesn't matter what you ride or even if you ride. Everyone is welcome to join ABATE of Florida, Inc., which ensures YOUR opinion and views on motorcycle laws will be heard.

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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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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. (GBNF) & Lisa  
From Your President



At the end of April, me and some other ABATE members helped the Wings of Gold MC judge the 33rd Annual Southeast Police Motorcycle Rodeo. We had a good time and got to see some really great riders. I was quite impressed with the way they could throw those big bikes around the courses. Police officers from all over Florida and even a group from Texas participated. Another good thing was that the announcer kept thanking the Wings of Gold MC and ABATE Southeast Chapter for helping out with the Rodeo. Just in case you were wondering, they do it on motorcycles, not horses, hah! This event was filmed and it's probably somewhere online. Anyway, it was really good because this way, when we have our Toys in the Sun Run, the police department will help us as well.

Then in May, a bunch of us had a great ride over to Fort Myers for the annual Five-Star ABATE event. I rode in a group of over a dozen people, riding across Florida. It was a beautiful ride and a great event. It was really nice to get to hang out with other ABATE members, from other Chapters in the State. We are all united for the same cause. We took the long way home, going a little north, for an early dinner at Roland Martin Marina in Clewiston. It was another beautiful ride, but...

On the way home, we got hit with love bugs, that's right guys and girls, it's that time of year again, so if you don't want to get a lot of protein, I suggest you keep your mouth shut when you're riding down the road, ha-ha. And we also got hit by a heavy rainstorm. You know what they say, if you're going to ride a motorcycle in Florida, you're going to get wet. I have to say, it was nice to have the rain wash the love bugs off our faces and glasses. It rained so hard we had to pull over and stand out in the rain because we couldn't see more than 5 ft in front of us. It only lasted for 15 minutes or so. Then it cleared up a little and we all made it home

safely. So, if you get caught in a hard rainstorm, please pull over in a safe spot so the cagers don't run you over. Heck, you're already wet, so at least be safe.

After our May Chapter meeting, a group of us road over to the Leathernecks MC party. They have a great clubhouse and put on a great party. It was nice to see so many of our friends there. To the members of Leathernecks MC, thank you for your service!!

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!

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Johnny Rose  
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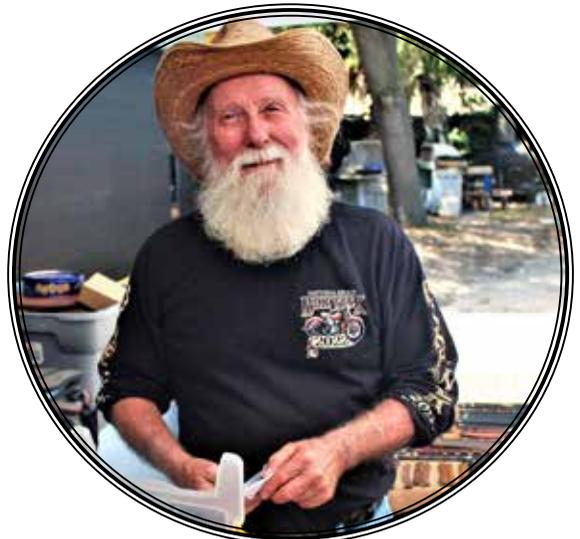


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# Vice- President

## STUCK AT A RED LIGHT

If you're a rider, you've almost certainly been at a light that refuses to change at some point. This has happened to all of us bikers at one time or another but did you know why that happened? There is a ton of motorcycle information like this at the Ride Smart Florida website so go check it out.

There are two categories of traffic lights; timed, and demand-actuated. Timed lights cycle at fixed intervals, so no problem there. With the timed light cycles, signal cycle lengths usually follow multiples of 60 seconds. For smaller intersections (low volume, 2 lane by 2 lane) riders may have to wait for a full cycle length depending on their arrival time. For larger sections (4 by 4, 4 by 6, and 6 by 6), riders may experience longer wait times that exceed 120 to 180 seconds depending on the demand and time of day congestion. All you have to do is just wait it out.

The problem is with demand-actuated signals because the sensors that activate the lights are calibrated specifically to detect cars and trucks not motorcycles. To help avoid future frustration at intersections here is some tips to help you behind your wait. Some signals use inductive loop sensors cut into the pavement to prompt a light cycle. Inductive loops may provide the most challenges for riders for the inductive loops work by sending a pulse to the signal controller when a metal object is detected. The challenges with this type of sensor often arise when a motorcycle is stopped outside of the detection area. While most of the time even just the exhaust pipes of motorcycles are enough to trigger a pulse to be sent to the controller, one tip to enhance detection is placing your motorcycle at the top of the lane in the "high-sensitivity" areas to enhance detection and also try to stop with your wheel near to or better yet, on top of one of the loop cuts in the pavement. Also note, not all loop cuts are visible from the surface so estimate by the stop bar where it might be located.

Your VP  
Troy

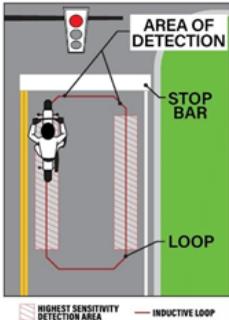
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- 1 INDUCTIVE LOOPS**

are embedded in the road and send a signal when it detects a metal object. Stop on the loop, as shown in the image, to enhance detection.
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**ABATE SOUTHEAST CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**

Held at American Legion Post 142  
171 SW 2nd St  
Pompano Beach Fl, 33060  
May 15, 2022

Mike “Bubba” Travis called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., and there were 34 members present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Bubba, and a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, Barry “Bear” Crown.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT – JOHNNY ROSE:**

Johnny thanked everyone for coming. He said he’s keeping it short, as we have a lot to do today, State elections by ballot, and final round of nominations for our Chapter. He spoke about our upcoming Memorial Day Event in May, sent around a volunteer sign-in sheet, and asked members to get us door prizes when they were out and about at different stores and restaurants. For any vendors, it is first come first serve for the best spots. LB, a Palm Beach Chapter member, recently passed away, a hit and run driver, who was later caught, we sent our condolences, and please keep his family and his Chapter in your prayers.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT – TROY WAUGH:**

Troy welcomed all. He spoke about the upcoming BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) ride on May 21st. The ride starts at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson and is a 100-mile ride. The ride is being done by every chapter of BACA, world-wide. The South Florida Tattoo Expo is on for August 12-14th. The SPFC Toys in the Sun Run is in the works, more details in upcoming months.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT – HOLLIE “DREAMER” SADOFF:**

Motion to approve minutes in newsletter, motioned, seconded, approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:**

Sheila read the Treasurer’s Report for April, motioned, seconded, approved. Also noted, we have flyers for our event, to give to businesses to post, on the front table.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT – MIKE “BUBBA” TRAVIS:**

Bubba spoke about slowing down in school zones, especially after school and on the weekends as kids have extra-curricular activities, sports and other activities. Reminded all again, when wearing anything with ABATE on it, you are representing ABATE, please keep that in mind and act respectfully.

**ROAD CAPTAIN’S REPORT – TROY WAUGH:**

Troy spoke about the ride that a group of friends went on, yesterday, to the ABATE 5-Star Event, we had 10 bikes, one “chase” car, and 12 people go over to the west coast. It was a great event and great ride.

Sunday, May 15 – Leathernecks MC Party at their club house

Saturday, May 21 – BACA 100 Mile Ride, 9am kick stands up, Alligator Alley Harley Davidson

Saturday, May 21 – ABATE Southeast Chapter Safety Booth 12-5pm, Alligator Alley Harley Davidson

Sunday, May 22 – ABATE Palm Beach Event in Palm Beach FL

Sunday, May 29th – ABATE Southeast Chapter Memorial Day Event at American Legion Post 36 from 12-5pm

Sunday, June 5 – Wings of Gold MC Off-Annua  
l at their clubhouse  
Saturday, June 11 – Midnight Club Reapers MC,  
no info yet  
Saturday, June 11 – ABATE State Meeting in  
Ft. McCoy, Florida  
Sunday, June 12 - Southern MC Annual – at Glades Club  
Saturday, June 18 – Fly-In Wheels MC Hard Times Party  
at their West Palm Beach clubhouse  
June 17th-June 19th - NCOM Convention in Nashville, TN  
Saturday, June 25 – US Military Vets MC South Broward  
Annual at Slackers Bar & Grill  
Sunday, June 26 - ADA South Florida GBNF 1%er at their  
clubhouse  
August 12-14, 2022 - Tattoo Expo at Coral Springs Marriott

#### SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JON “WAVY” VIGER:

Wavy will have a Safety Booth set up at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson on Saturday, May 21st from noon to 5pm, and will also take donations for BACA, for any who were not able to make the ride. He let all know that BACA meetings are the first Sunday of the month, at 10:30am, at Alligator Alley HD and all are welcome to attend. He told us that he went to the Outcast MC party and had a great time. He spoke about a safety & skills refresher checkup he will be doing after the meeting on June 19th. after the meeting, for some friends.

#### STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT- MIKE “BUBBA” TRAVIS & HOPE TRAVIS:

Hope spoke and let us know that today, we will be voting for the State elections. All members present were given bios for all the candidates and will vote by ballot. State President nominees were James “Doc” Reichenbach II (our current President), Will “Griz” Deaver from Lake County Chapter, and Martha Harris from Gulf Coast Chapter. Public Relations Trustee nominees were Bill Bird from Peace River Chapter and Bridgette “Bridge” Pace from Forest Chapter. The candidate who received the most votes, will be our Chapter’s vote at the next State meeting, in Ft. McCoy on June 11th.

#### PRODUCTS REPORT – LAUREL “LITTLE BIT” CONNER:

Little Bit was excused. Sheila let us know that many t-shirts

have been marked down to \$10 and will be for sale at our event. ABATE members who show their membership card will get a 10% discount on all shirts. We will have some new gray t-shirts with a new design at our event.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read in the Membership report, we have over 600 members.

#### EVENTS COORDINATOR – GABE CARRERA:

Excused.

#### NEWSLETTER EDITOR – ADA “ABBY NORMAL” HIBBS:

Articles due today. Please take pictures when you are out an about, as she always likes more pictures, and send to Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. If you want to write an article, or took a trip on your bike and want to write an article about that, she welcomes all.

#### NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – JON “WAVY” VIGER:

Going well, going back up to 800 newsletters due to demand. We distribute our newsletter to over 55 drop-off locations

#### LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Excused. Sheila let all know that all members would be receiving orange beneficiary cards, and you only need to fill them out if you want to change or update your beneficiary. The letter that was mailed with the cards will explain it all

#### LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON:

Excused.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS – DAWNE “THUNDER” KIRK-WATERS:

Excused. She is working at Alligator Harley Davidson and always promoting ABATE.

#### BILLING AND INVOICING – HOPE TRAVIS:

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SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:

"Bear" brought his now famous delicious chocolate brownies and mini cheesecakes for the May birthdays.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT – MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS:

Nothing to report, but to let all know, he will be having a BBQ at his and Hope's on June 18th to celebrate June (and late May) birthdays, including his, Johnny's, Hollie's, Sheila's, and Martin's, sorry if we left anyone off, not intentional.

ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT – ADA "ABBY NORMAL":

Send pictures to her, if you have them, for newsletter and Facebook. Tag us and follow us on Facebook. Also send pictures to the Webmaster.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT – MIKE "ROGUE" HAGER:

"Rogue" was excused, all is going well.

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN – BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:

Be safe when you are riding.

OLD BUSINESS:

State Gun Raffle - received books from State, please sign out and sell them. They are due in December. Please note you are responsible for all books you sign out.

State elections ballots were passed out by Bubba and Hope, and explained that all members were to choose one from the President section and one from the Public Relations section. Results were tallied and announced to the membership and will be brought to the State meeting in June.

Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff, as Officer of Elections, conducted the second round of nominations, and a few new nominations were made, included below. Those who accepted or declined, also noted below.

PRESIDENT:

Johnny Rose - accepted

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Troy Waugh - accepted

SECRETARY:

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff - accepted

TREASURER:

Sheila Rose - accepted

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Mike "Bubba" Travis - accepted

ROAD CAPTAIN:

Troy Waugh - accepted

Ross Haertter - accepted

SAFETY DIRECTOR:

Jon "Wavy" Viger - accepted

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

(we need 4, 2 main, and 2 alt):

Mike "Bubba" Travis - declined

Hope Travis - declined

Troy Waugh - accepted

Isabel Gallardo - declined by text

Johnny Rose - accepted

Martin Nebojic - accepted

PRODUCTS:

Laurel "Little Bit" Conner - accepted, by text

MEMBERSHIP:

Sheila Rose - accepted

EVENTS COORDINATOR:

Gabe Carrera - accepted, by text

NEWSLETTER:

Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs - accepted

DISTRIBUTION:

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LEGAL LIAISON:

Brad Winston - accepted, gave permission to

Johnny Rose as his proxy, at a prior meeting, to accept the nomination

LEGAL COUNSEL:

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Johnny Rose as his proxy, at a prior meeting, to accept the nomination

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Dawne "Thunder" Kirk Waters - accepted, by text

Martin Nebojic - accepted

**BILLING & INVOICING:**

Hope Travis - accepted

**SOCIAL DIRECTOR:**

Barry "Bear" Crown - accepted

**QUARTERMASTER:**

Mike "Bubba" Travis - accepted

**PHOTOGRAPHER:**

Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs - accepted

**WEBMASTER:**

Mike "Rogue" Hager - declined by text

Rick Szambelan - declined by text

Ivan Marte - accepted

**CHAPLAIN:**

Chrissy Leonhardt - accepted, by text

**ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN:**

Barry "Bear" Crown, - accepted

Nominations for this second and final round were closed. The final vote, by ballot, for contested positions, will be at the Chapter meeting in June.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

BACA ride on May 21st will be rain or shine and cars are welcome too.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Flyers on the table for upcoming events.

Motion to adjourn at 11:35am. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on June 19, 2022.

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff  
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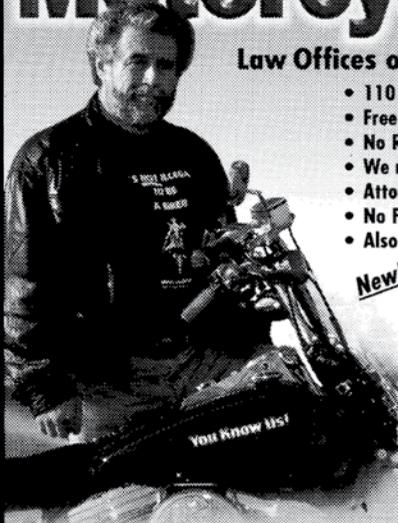
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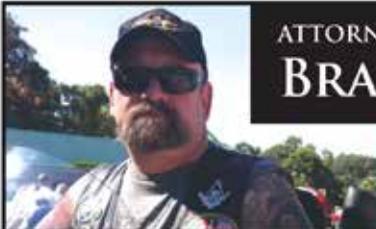
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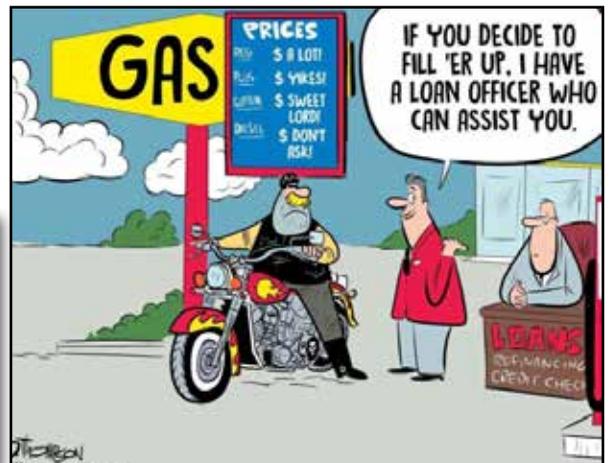
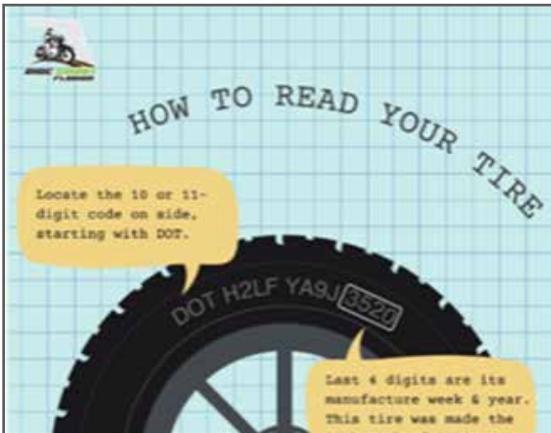
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**M-F 8A - 5P**

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## **HE TOOK THE HIT**

On April 13th, 2022, my almost 99-year-old Dad, Joseph James Bifano, moved from his life on this earth to heaven. He was a devoted husband, incredible father and led his entire family to consider the cross of Jesus. Joe was a WWII veteran and was proud to serve his country in the US Naval Air Force from 1942 to 1945. He had a young start as a professional musician, playing drums on many stages. While stationed in the Panama Canal Zone during WWII, he led the Officers Club Naval Band. I am proud to be one of his six children and have a Dad and Mom who would have been married almost 72 years!

I helped care for him, took him to his appointments, and oversaw all his health decisions. This wasn't an easy task since I frequently traveled between Pompano Beach and Melrose, Florida. Yet the good Lord made a way for me to be available to him and my Mom. When I look back, I'm so grateful I had that responsibility. During our times together, we had many opportunities to share our hearts and get even closer than we already were..

Once again, I grieve. I thought maybe it would be easier, having lost a husband six years ago. Maybe since my Dad had lived such a good long life, the pain would be less. That isn't true. Every day, I miss my Dad, the first man I ever loved.

Psalm 23:1-6 gives so much comfort to those who grieve. Most of us know it, but it bears repeating: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

My pastor shared a true story at my Dad's Cel-20

eboration of Life. It comes from Donald Barnhouse, one of America's leading Bible teachers in the first half of the 20th century when he lost his first wife. I hope he doesn't mind me giving it a Biker twist!

A brother in the motorcycle community lost his wife to cancer, leaving him with a 12-year-old daughter. On the day of the funeral, he rode to the service with her on the back of his Harley. On the way home from the service, he wondered where he would ever get the words to bring comfort to his troubled little girl. He prayed and asked the Lord to somehow give him the right words. Before they exited the highway, a large semi-truck passed them in the other lane, casting a large, noticeable shadow across them and their bike. That's when God gave insight to the father. Kickstand down and helmets off, the brother turned to his daughter as she looked with sadness at the empty house. Recalling the long semi-truck that passed them just before their exit, he asked his daughter, "Remember that truck that rolled past us on the highway? Tell me, Sweetie, would you rather be hit by that truck or its shadow?"

Looking curiously at her father, she replied, "By the shadow, I guess. It just makes things dark for a moment." Then he said, "Your mother has not been hit by death, but only the shadow of death. That is nothing to fear."

2000 years ago, the truck of death ran over Jesus so that only its shadow might run over us. When you die without Christ, the truck hits you; only the shadow hits you when you die with Christ. Maybe that's what the Psalmist meant in Psalm 23: 4. Notice how it's called the valley of the SHADOW of death, not the valley of death.

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Chrissy Leonhardt - Chaplain



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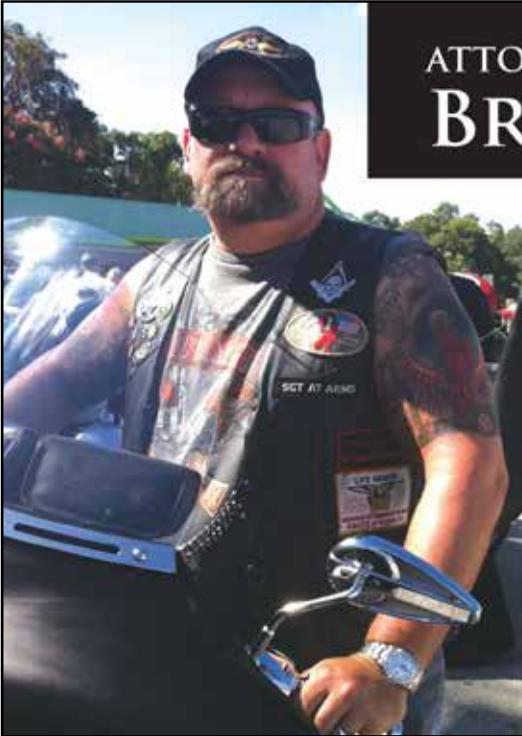
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ABATE SE Chapter EBoard Meeting  
ABATE SE Safety Booth Hosted by Viking Customs 6-9



## SUNDAY

- > Free pool at Sharkey's Lounge Margate
- > Wind Rider Church Services at Mickey's

## MONDAY

- > Ladies Nite at Sharkey's 9PM-2AM 2-for-1 drinks
- > Mickey's Karaoke 8PM-12AM

## WEDNESDAY

- > Blues Nite at Mickey's
- > Mickey's Open Mic and Karaoke 8PM-12AM

## THURSDAY

- > Mickey's Bike Night Live Bands 8PM

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JUNE

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			1	2	3	4
5 WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - PARTY	6	7	8	9	10	11 ABATE OF FL State Meeting MIDNIGHT CLUB REAPERS MC - ANNUAL
12 SOUTHERN MC- ANNUAL	13	14 	15	16 E-Board Meeting	17	18
19  ABATE SE Chapter Meeting	20	21 	22	23	24	25 US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL
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States MC Taco Tuesday 6:30-9PM

**WEDNESDAY**

**2nd and 4th Wed**

Hernandad MC Open House 8PM- 2AM

**THURSDAY**

**1st & 3rd Thurs -**

Leathernecks MC Open House 8PM - Midnite  
Hernandad MC Open House, 8PM-2AM  
Scurvey Few MC Texas Holdem/Karaoke -7:30PM

**FRIDAY**

Mystic Seven MC- Open House - 8PM  
Scurvy Few MC Open House at 7:30PM  
States MC - Fri Night Pizza 6-8PM  
Gideons Motorcycle Club 8PM

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

Kingdom of Brothers MC Open House

**Every other Friday**

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**3rd Friday**

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Fly-In Wheels Open House 9PM

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17 SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD - ANNUAL <hr/> ABATE SE Meeting	18	19	20	21	22	23
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## JUNE

4th-Sat AOA SOUTH FLORIDA  
MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers

5th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - PARTY

11th-Sat **MIDNIGHT CLUB REAPERS MC - ANNUAL**

12th-Sun **SOUTHERN MC – ANNUAL**

18th-Sat

19th-Sun Fathers Day

25th-Sat **US MILITARY VETS MC  
S. BROWARD - ANNUAL**

26th-Sun AOA SOUTH FLORIDA  
MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers

## JULY

2nd-Sat

3rd-Sun

4th-Mon Independence Day

9th-Sat

10th-Sun **ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL**

16th-Sat

17th-Sun **SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC  
BROWARD - ANNUAL**

23rd-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC -  
CHILI COOK-OFF

24th -Sun

## AUGUST

5th-14th 82nd STURGIS MOTORCYCLE  
RALLY

12th-14th 25th Annual South Florida  
Tattoo Convention

14th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. -  
56th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

27th-Sat

28th-Sun **SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL**

## SEPTEMBER

3rd-Sat SOUTHERN MC  
TEDDY BEAR RUN

4th-Sun

5th-Mon Labor Day

10th-Sat

11th-Sun STATES MC -  
KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY

17th-Sat

18th-Sun

24th-Sat **KINGDOM OF BROTHERS MC -  
ANNUAL**

25th-Sun

## OCTOBER

1st-Sat

2nd-Sun MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL

8th-Sat OUTCAST - PARTY

9th-Sun S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL

13th-16th DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST

22nd-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC -  
HALLOWEEN PARTY

23rd-Sun CMA - MEMORIAL

29th-Sat FEARLESS MC - ANNUAL

31st-Mon HALLOWEEN

## NOVEMBER

5th-Sat HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL

11th-Thu Veterans Day

12th-Sat USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL

13th-Sun Fly-In Wheels Annual

19th-Sat LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL

24th-Thurs Thanksgiving Day

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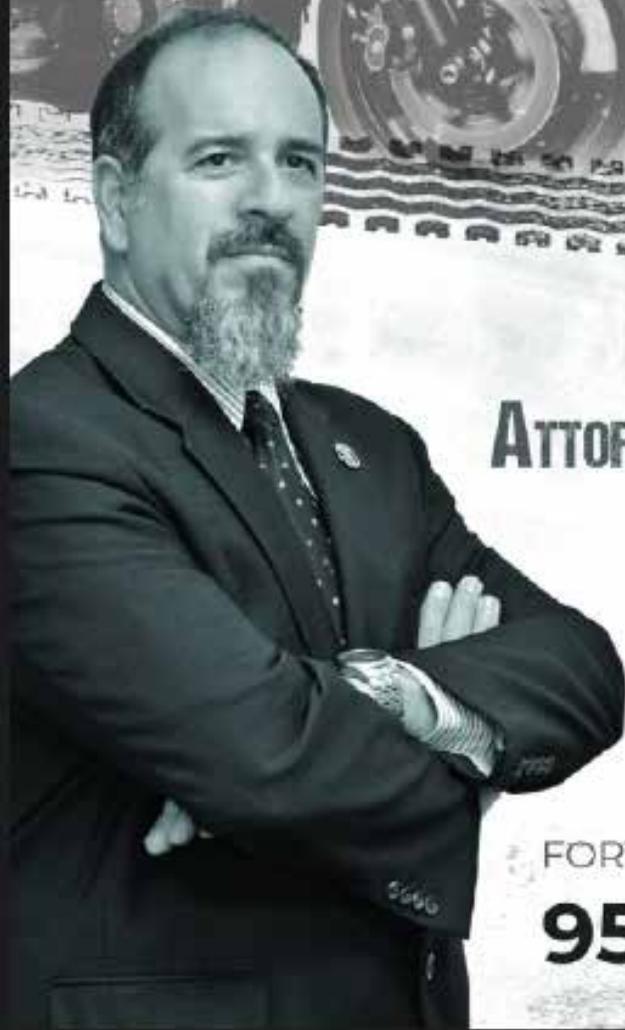
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We were sitting around, talking about our how long our Chapter has been around, coming up on our 42nd Memorial Day Event at the end of May, and starting wondering how ABATE got started, and we found a lot of articles, but the one below, seems to say it best, so it is here, basically word-for-word.

A Brief History Of Bikers Rights In America As seen by Bill Bish , National Coalition of Motorcyclists ABATE of California <https://abateofidaho.org/about-abate-of-idaho/a-history-of-bikers-rights-in-america-as-seen-by-bill-bish-of-ncom/>

My name is Bill Bish, and I'm the former Executive Coordinator of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists and Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM & NCOM), and have been active in bikers rights for over fifteen years. I have served in various state positions with ABATE of California, including two terms as Chairman of the Board and two terms as State Director.

Sooo, for you history buffs, I'll try to piece together some of our early beginnings, with apologies to those who were there from the start. I wasn't, so this is only from my early conversations with people like Deacon Dave Phillips, Ron Roloff, Keith Ball, Sherm Packard and others who were there, as well as my own research and admittedly spotty memory. But, to help validate this version of Biker History, I ran the article by most of the people mentioned herein.

Through NCOM and ABATE of California, I have traveled across the United States to preach unity and spread information, and I will always treasure my memories of the places that bikers' rights has

taken me and the friendly faces that have greeted me. Because our issue is so emotional and deeply personal, I have developed close relationships with many Freedom Fighters throughout the country who I am proud to call Brothers and Sisters.

It was this deep sense of "Family" within the motorcycle rights community that inspired me to trace our Family Tree. Much has been said of the coming new millennium, and of the opportunities and pitfalls our future holds in store, but one thing is certain... "YOU CAN'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING UNLESS YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'VE BEEN!"

Easyriders magazine editor Lou Kimzey issued a plea in issue #3, October 1971, for bikers to come together to fight impending restrictions from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) by joining a new national bikers' rights organization called the National Custom Cycle Association, but because of a conflict with the acronym the name was changed in February 1972 to A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (ABATE). I recall Joe Teresi, publisher of Easyriders, telling me that they had a contest around the office to come up with a new name, and one of the secretaries came up with "ABATE". He told me they were on deadline and had to come up with a logo real fast, so they took a stylized German eagle and transformed it into the logo used by many ABATE's to this day.

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Deacon, founder of ABATE of California, once related to me that the 60’s fad of ridiculously high sissy bars came about because the government started requiring “grab bars” for passenger safety, so the riders of the day flaunted the law by building them as long and garish as they could get by with.

Almost every state during this time began passing handlebar height restrictions, eyewear requirements, motorcycle licensing requirements, lights-on laws and other equipment regulations and many other restrictions. The government claimed that the restriction against our “Freedom Machines” were coming down the pike to make motorcycle riding “safer”. Funny, but back in the sixties they just wanted to force bikers off the streets. Publicly they tooted that they wanted to Save Us from ourselves!

In most states, before motorcyclists became politically organized, the clubs were the first to fight helmet laws and other restrictions. In many instances clubs founded the states’ motorcycle rights organizations.

Before MMA or ABATE of California came into existence, some MCs had succeeded in keeping the state of California helmet-free even though Congress had passed legislation in 1966 requiring every state to pass a helmet law or lose 10% of their federal highway funds, (this should sound familiar, since we just recently faced the same type of national helmet law in the nineties). Rumors still circulate around Sacramento about 1,000 bikers on the Capitol lawn, and camped out on the door steps of legislative opponents. Soon the old intimidation tactics wore thin and club leaders realized that they needed to legitimize their efforts by creating a more sophisticated political lobbying arm. In the case of California, the MMA of California was founded. Various states have similar history with local clubs which were the roots of their MRO.

About this same time, the American Motorcyclist Association began to recognize the motorcyclists rights movement and they established the AMA Government Relations Department, but not until 1976.

As the rights movement grew, Don Pittsley, a member of an MC in Connecticut convinced his congressman, Rep Stewart McKinney, to introduce H.R.3869 to end the Federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet laws. In July of 1975, Rob Razor of the AMA, Ron Roloff of MMA and Ed Armstrong of ABATE of Chicago presented the House Sub-Committee on Surface Transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the mandates. California was being sued by the DOT, because Governor Ronald Reagan refused to comply with the federal mandate. Roloff helped convince California Senator Alan Cranston to offer the language of the bill as an amendment to the 1975 Federal Highway Act, which passed with overwhelming support from the California delegation because of the impending lawsuit. It was signed by President Gerald Ford on May 5, 1976. Not bad for a rag tag bunch of bikers with little or no previous political ambitions.

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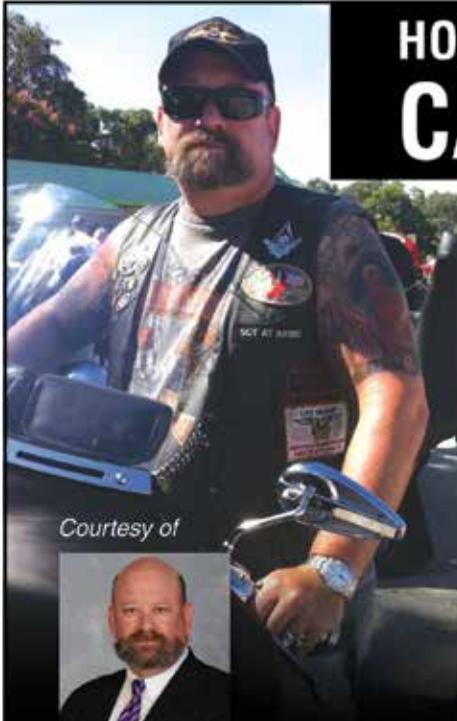
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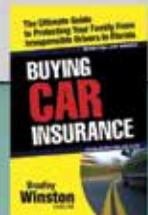
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# JOHNNY'S RANT

I guess I'm disappointed by the lack of support for a recent event I went to. It was put on by five groups, and the event is every year, around the same time. We showed up with 10 bikes and 12 people and it was over a 2 ½ hour drive. There were other groups that I expected to show up as well, that had a lot shorter ride than us, and they didn't show. It wasn't my event, so I can't get too upset, as those five probably are, but still....I know, here in Broward, we all show up for each other's events, all the clubs and riding groups, and of course, ABATE.

It has just been brought to my attention that a group of 12 bikers got hit by a car and run off the road. I heard that this driver has a previous record of driving without a license and reckless driving. I guess they are just luckily that nobody was killed. All I can say is WTF?

And on a matter more close to my heart, one of our ABATE Chapters recently lost a long time member, who was just out riding his motorcycle and got hit by a car, and a few weeks before that, another ABATE Chapter lost a President, also out riding his motorcycle, and hit by a car. Come on man, when's this sh-t going to end?

I mean, all we want to do is to ride our motorcycles free and safe. Is that too much to ask for? That's what ABATE does, every single day, not only fighting for biker rights and safety, but educating the public, the cagers, to watch out for us. Our cage is just skin.

So, if you hear about an ABATE event, even if it's not in your town, please go and support it.

I'm going to leave you all with this saying, "shiny side up, rubber side down".

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### **U.S. PRESIDENT RECOGNIZES MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**

As the month of May kickstarts the riding season around the country, and Motorcycle Awareness Month reminds drivers to watch out for us riders, so comes a welcome acknowledgement of our safety concerns by none other than the President of the United States, who himself has been spotted aboard a Suzuki Hayabusa and a Harley or two.

“My Administration remains committed to ensuring the safety of everyone who rides a motorcycle and all who travel across our Nation,” President Joe Biden wrote in a letter dated May 1, 2022.

The acknowledgment comes on the heels of the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, intended to benefit and modernize America’s highways, roads, and bridges. “All of us who travel America’s roads have an important role in securing a safe motorcycle-riding environment,” added Biden.

“The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) has worked closely with the Department of Transportation (DoT) and the Biden administration to bring issues facing motorcyclists to the forefront,” commented Scott Schloegel, senior vice president of government relations for MSF.

“This administration has placed a priority on reducing highway deaths and on educating the motoring public,” Schloegel continued, “and we appreciate that this presidential recognition is one of many ways they are working to accomplish that goal.”

### **TRAFFIC DEATHS TOP 16 YEAR HIGH**

Traffic fatality figures for 2021 were the highest in 16 years, with nearly 43,000 people killed last year as Americans returned to the roadways following the coronavirus lockdowns and travel restrictions.

A 10.5% jump over 2020 numbers was the largest percentage increase since the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) began its fatality data collection system in 1975.

“Exacerbating the problem was a persistence of risky driving behaviors during the pandemic, such as speeding and less frequent use of seat belts, as people began to venture out more in 2021 for out-of-state and other road trips,” analysts told the Associated Press (AP) in a May 18th report.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said America faces a crisis on its roads, and urged state and local governments, drivers and safety advocates to join in an effort to reverse the trend.

Preliminary figures recently released by the agency show that 42,915 people died in traffic crashes last year, up from 38,824 in 2020. Final figures will be released in the fall.

Forty-four states as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico had increases in traffic deaths in 2021 compared with the previous year, led by Texas, California and Florida. Posting declines were Wyoming, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Maryland and Maine.

Americans drove about 325 billion more miles last year, 11.2% higher than in 2020, which contributed to the increase.

### **TEENAGERS MORE LIKELY TO DIE IN A CAR CRASH THAN BY COVID**

Teen driving is nearly four-times deadlier than CoViD-19, and the “100 deadliest days” of summer are most dangerous of all with a 21% spike in teen traffic deaths between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend when kids are out of school, on the roads more, and we have more daylight hours.

Those contributing factors mean an estimated 1100 to 1600 young people will die on our roads, as compared to estimates that fewer than 400 could lose their life to coronavirus.

That's why the National Road Safety Foundation has created a virtual campaign designed to remind young people on social media that when you're behind the wheel, distractions by your friends, your phone, or your radio could get you killed.

Tips focus on driving safely and being responsible, and talk about everything from speeding to distractions to how to select a driving school.

You can find out more by looking up teen driving tips at The Safest Summer Ever.

SADD, which stands for Students Against Destructive Decisions has also teamed up for the program that runs through Labor Day.

### **EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLISTS FIGHT TO PROTECT RIDER DATA**

Envisioning a world where your motorcycle tracks, records, and reports your departure and arrival time, speed, and GPS location, the Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations (FEMA) is taking proactive steps to address the potential issues at stake.

Far from fantasy, automotive manufacturers and legislators are actively considering privacy bills to protect vehicle owners' data from misuse, as autonomous, vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V), and vehicle-to-everything (V2X) advancing technologies allow manufacturers and consumers to turn over more of the driving responsibilities to computers.

To combat misuse, several states in the U.S., including California, Virginia, and Colorado, have introduced bills regulating the collection and use of such data, but FEMA wants to get ahead of the curve internationally when it comes to motorcycles.

On one hand, autonomous motorcycles may be a long way off, but V2V and V2X tech would certainly improve a motorcyclist's visibility to fellow motorists, greatly enhancing safety, but while such future technologies present clear benefits, the privacy issues may be a deal-breaker for some riders. In a prepared statement, FEMA explained that, "The owner of the motorcycle must be in control of the data and be able to decide who gets access to it."

For those familiar with computers or smart devices, this type of permissions-based check is the norm. Whether collecting browser cookies or accessing your phone's photo gallery, firms must ask for the user's approval before gathering data. FEMA recently sent a letter to the European Commission (EC) expressing that the same standard should apply to your vehicle's data.

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE OUTLAWS MOTORCYCLE PROFILING**

It is now illegal in New Hampshire for law enforcement to pull over, search or arrest anyone simply because that person "rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related paraphernalia."

Governor Chris Sununu signed House Bill 1000 into law on Friday, May 20, 2022, making New Hampshire the fifth state to prohibit the discriminatory practice behind Washington (2011), Maryland (2016), Louisiana (2019) and Idaho (2020).

Co-sponsored by longtime bikers' rights leader Sherman Packard, House Speaker representing Londonderry, the bill prohibits law enforcement agencies from engaging in motorcycle profiling, and states: "No state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency shall engage in motorcycle profiling. In this section, 'motorcycle profiling' shall mean use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related paraphernalia as a basis for deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle under the United States Constitution or the New Hampshire constitution."

Packard, an original member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Legislative Task Force, testified before the House Transportation Committee that a previous encounter with a local police officer convinced him New Hampshire still has a "small problem" with some profiling of motorcyclists; "This is a problem, not as major in New Hampshire as it is in some other states, but I have personally been a victim of it."

According to the text of HB 1000, "This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage."

## **SEEKING SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL ANTI-PROFILING MEASURE**

Congressman Tim Walberg (R-MI) has sent a “Dear Colleague Letter” to all members of the U.S. House of Representatives on May 4, 2022 asking his fellow Representatives to cosponsor H. Res 366 to prevent the discriminatory profiling of motorcycle riders by law enforcement.

As the co-chair of the House Motorcycle Caucus, Rep. Walberg wrote to each of the 434 House members on behalf of America’s 10 million motorcyclists during Motorcycle Awareness Month; “Motorcycles and motorcyclists not only represent an important part of our transportation network but are also an iconic part of the fabric of Americana. Over the years numerous motorcyclists have reached out to my office and others to discuss their concerns over the profiling of motorcyclists.”

He goes on to say that, “In response to these concerns, myself, Congressman Burgess (TX), Congresswoman Bustos (IL) and Congressman Pocan (WI) introduced H. Res. 366 a resolution that promotes awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encourages collaboration between the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling.”

As of his writing, 90 bipartisan members of the House had cosponsored the resolution including at least one member from 34 different states. In December of 2018, the U.S. Senate passed a nearly identical resolution on this topic. “I am hopeful we in the House can do the same.”

Please contact your state’s congressional delegation by calling the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask them to join Rep. Walberg in cosponsoring H. Res. 366 “and support the thousands of bikers back home in your district.”

## **CALIFORNIA MAY ESTABLISH PILOT NOISE CAMERA PROGRAM**

In mid-May, 2022, the California state legislature passed a bill that would create a pilot “noise camera” program to target excessively loud motorcycles and cars. The bill now goes to Governor Gavin Newsom for his signature -- and if he signs it into law, the pilot program will officially go into effect on January 1, 2023 and run through December 31, 2027, after

which point it will be repealed.

Under the language of SB-1079 as passed, a total of six yet-to-be-determined cities across California would implement a pilot program, using automated, so-called ‘noise cameras’ to “capture vehicle noise levels that exceed the legal sound limit.”

Complicating matters, the legal sound limits for cars and motorcycles in California have been in place for years, and are inexplicably different, with a limit of 95 decibels for cars and 80 for motorcycles built after 1985.

Noise cameras have been used in Europe and came to the United States last fall when New York began piloting their use. Earlier this year, Knoxville, Tenn., also began testing a noise camera, and Newark, NJ is currently exploring their use.

## **NCOM NASHVILLE - BE THERE IF YOU CARE**

The 37th annual NCOM Convention in Nashville, Tennessee will draw hundreds of bikers’ rights activists from across America to “Music City, USA” from June 17-19 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Nashville Airport, 10 Century Blvd. (615-871-0033 for room reservations), to discuss and develop legal and legislative strategies regarding issues of concern to all riders.

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The concept of unity was put to the test in the early 1990's, when Congress again attempted to force states into passing helmet laws, and American motorcyclists came together en masse, and in a coordinated effort between the MRF and NCOM virtually every state sent representatives from their State MRO to walk the hallowed halls of Washington, D.C., in search of their U.S. Senators and Representatives. The grand lobbying experiment WORKED, and in just FOUR YEARS bikers were able to convince Congress to once again repeal their misdirected and misguided "nanny" law and return the decision to the individual states. That same legislation also repealed the 55-mph minimum speed limit!

Soon afterwards, Arkansas modified their mandatory helmet law to allow Freedom of Choice for adult riders 21 and older. Texas soon followed, as well as Kentucky, Louisiana and, most recently, Florida. Today, the scoreboard reads 20 Helmet Law States vs. 30 Free Choice States!

As a result of our newfound political clout, motorcyclists have successfully approached Congress twice over the past few years, first in 1996 to grant federal protections against insurance discrimination based on mode of transportation because many companies (most notably Ruger Firearms and the Teamsters Union) were denying medical benefits to employees injured in motorcycle accidents). Although this legislation was recently nullified by new federal regulations written in the waning days of the Clinton Administration, this nationwide effort was textbook politics at its best. The fight continues but the movement WILL succeed in reinstating the intent of Congress to protect us against insurance discrimination.

Then, in 1998, motorcyclists united once again to put together a pro-active agenda for bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through Congress. Included in this "wish list" for bikers was a guarantee that motorcyclists would be included during the development of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technology, which ensures that motorcycles

are guaranteed access to any and all roads built with the use of federal highway funds (no road bans). This effort will restrict anti-motorcycle lobbying efforts by NHTSA and provides \$131 million for recreational trails development and maintenance!

During this active span of time, many state rights groups have become proactive within their states instead of RE-acting to legislative threats. Minnesota passed our nation's first law to make it illegal to discriminate against someone because they ride a motorcycle. Arizona, Iowa, Oregon and Washington have successfully repealed or modified their state's handlebar height laws. Virginia and Illinois have lobbied their states to reinforce the federally guaranteed access to roads by passing laws to protect our rights to ride on any roads within their state boundaries. Virginia and Maryland amended their state's parking laws to allow more than one bike per metered space. And several states have fought and defeated "No Fault" insurance proposals that are unfair to motorcyclists.

Also, now, through the work of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, patch holders in nearly 40 states and two Canadian Provinces have come together to form Confederations of Clubs to fight discrimination and police harassment through the courts, bringing the motorcycle rights network full circle with the rejuvenated interest of the motorcycle club community.

While our early bikers' rights leaders paved our way, other dynamic and concerned riders have come forward to take the reins and lead us into the new millennium. We should never forget the efforts and sacrifices of our predecessors who faced intimidation from law enforcement, indifference from legislators and animosity from a public that saw "The Wild One" one too many times. They got the job done. Were it not for their perseverance and dedication, we would not have become the respected and effective grass roots lobbying group that we are today.

So, there you have it. The roots of ABATE and the American motorcyclists' rights movement run deep in the hearts of those of us who have accepted and, in turn, passed on the torch of Freedom of the Road. To all those who came before, we salute you.

I'd like to leave you with a quote from Margaret Mead; "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that has."

Join a motorcycle rights group and support their efforts. Freedom will never die.

-Bill Bish, AIM & NCOM

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