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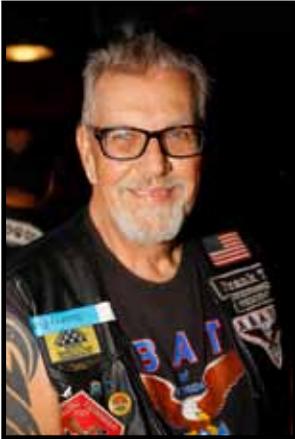
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From Your President

ABATE Southeast President's Message March 2016

It's March already and what a great time to be alive and live in South Florida. Daytona Bike Week is coming up as well as many other motorcycle events happening during this time of year. Actually, it's very difficult to keep track of all that's going in our area, and lots of events to choose from.

Everyone needs to support our local MC events listed on the South Florida President Council's (SFPC) Calendar. These calendar events are coordinated among the area's recognized clubs and associations so that everyone is not having an event on the same day and diluting an event's attendance. An example was our Chapter's event in January where there were two events that were not on the SFPC calendar happening on the same day as ours. Those events hurt us both in attendance and financially. Normally, we would have had around 400 attending our event but less than 200 turned out. The ABATE Southeast Chapter's events listed on the SFPC calendar are the only funding events that we hold and the monies from which continue our motorcycle safety and legislative biker rights activities. Remember all ABATE members are non-paid volunteers and the only paid person within ABATE of Florida Inc., is our State Lobbyist.

This month's Southeast Chapter meeting was held at the Davie Moose Lodge on February 21st. During the meeting several important issues on the State and Southeast Chapter levels were discussed.

State Level Issues: 1) The State ABATE By-laws amendment for membership dues increases that was enacted at the December 2015 state meeting (\$30 Annual Dues and \$600 Lifetime) was rescinded due to a parliamentary rules error, therefore, the dues reverted back to what is stated in the current By-laws: \$20 Annual and \$150 Lifetime. Amendments to correct the parliamentary error were proposed at the February 2016 state meeting and will be voted on at the next state meeting in mid-April 2016. The two proposals offered so far range from (1) keeping the dues at the current rate and giving all of the revenue to the State Office (currently the Chapters get a percentage) to (2) keeping the \$20 Annual rate and increasing lifetime membership to \$600. There will be more dues amendments to consider before the next State meeting.

2) Vulnerable Road Users Bill SB-332 & HB 253 has passed every committee in the House and is awaiting vote in the Senate where Palm Beach Senator Clemens has submitted an amendment to remove motorcyclists from the list of vulnerable road users!

3) The State ABATE party will be held the second weekend in October, location to be announced. The Annual Spooks and Scoots event was cancelled due to lack of participation.

4) A discussion of the bleak financial status of the State Office was held. At the appropriate time during the State meeting our Southeast Chapter representatives (Crittter, Ratchet, and Harry) presented a check donation in the amount of \$1000 to aid the operation of the State Office.

Southeast Chapter Issues: 1) Members who paid the \$30 Annual dues will be receiving a \$10



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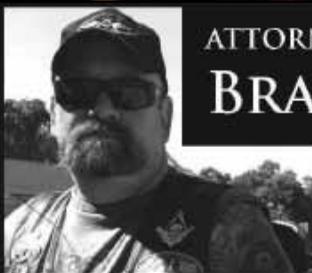
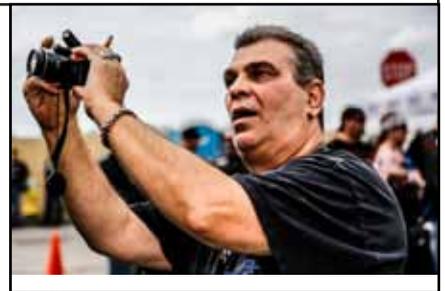


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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Feb 21, 2016

Sgt @ Arms Steve “Nighthawk” Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. There were 27 members and 3 guests in attendance. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence and a prayer by Suzanne in Poppi’s absence.

Presidents Report: Frank thanked Critter, Ratchet & Harry for attending that State Meeting for our chapter. He briefly spoke on the change to the Yearly dues and Life Members amounts. The State is rescinding the last vote on the issues and everything is back to the way it was \$20.00 yearly and \$150.00 for Life Members. Those who have paid \$30.00 or \$600.00 will be issued a refund by the Chapter. This will remain in effect till the vote comes up in April by the State. There should have been a bi-law change, and there wasn’t so the issue is void till April State Meeting. Frank recognized T-Man for completing a Motorcycle Instructor course. Frank also mentioned that our chapter donated a check to the State for \$1,000.00 to help cover the bike week drawing tickets that the chapter didn’t sell.

Vice-Presidents Report: Poppi was excused. He is celebrating his 50th

Wedding Anniversary with family and friends. Congrats Poppi and Joanne.

Secretary’s Report: A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed, seconded, and no discussion. Motion was passed.

Treasurer’s Report: T-man read the financial report for February. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor, and the motion was passed.

Sergeant at Arms Report: Steve reminded everyone about flashing lights at school zones, Please obey them.

Road Captain’s Report: Gambler spoke about going on rides. He touched on an incident at Cagney’s. If anyone saw the person that cut the fence please tell Cagney’s. We will be riding to Candy’s Cycle and Ballers after the meeting.

Safety Director Report: Gambler spoke on his mishap and slippery water and pavements. He mentioned if you’re going to act like a fool and be stupid take off your vest. Don’t disgrace the ABATE name Airborne (aka Postal) invited us to have a safety booth at State’s 50th Anniversary Party April 3rd.

Products Report: Joel and Kathy were excused but we do have our new shirts in different colors.

Events Coordinator: Frank said he is appointing Harry Ness to help our VP head up the committees for all our events. Our Next event is May - Memorial Day - the place to be determined. We are still exploring options.

State Representative Report: Critter, Ratchet & Harry attended the State Meeting. Critter reported from her notes of the meeting.

Membership Report: T-Man reported we had 17 new members join, 6 renewals and 0 new Life members for a total of 516 active SE Chapter members. A reminder, when submitting all membership forms PLEASE fill them out completely, send it in a timely manner, so that we can read it. Thank you very much for your support and membership to the Southeast Chapter.

Newsletter Editor: Squeezer was present and needs all ads and posts by end of today

Legislative Report: Brad reported that the Road user bill passed in house but not the Senate. They are trying to take out the word motorcycle and kill the bill. Also call Audrey Gibson and tell her you are AGAINST Senator Clemen's amendment, (Palm Beach County) # is 1-850-487-5009.

Public Relations: Fern was excused. She is always out there promoting ABATE

Billing and Invoicing: Pixie reported all is good. She reminded everyone, when

getting new ads remember to get the application filled out and get the check.

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Social Director's Report: Patty was present and did bring a beautiful Birthday cake for the February Birthdays which we will be celebrating after our meeting.

Newsletter Distribution: Poppy is in charge of the Newsletter Distribution. Frank reported for Poppy and all is going good. He is doing a great job.

Quartermaster Report: Bob had nothing to report.

Photographer's Report: Ada is still taking pictures.

Web-Master's Report: Rogue was present and reported everything is up and running good.

Legal Counsel: Demetrios was not present to report.

Old Business: There was no old Business to report.

New Business: There was no New Business to report

Good of the Order: N/A

Going's On:

Following the meeting we are going to Candy's Cycle and Ballers on Hallandale Beach Blvd. for Jimmy D's Birthday Bash. Feb 27: Benefit for Scurvy Few VP

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Youngblood & Wife at Mickey's
 Feb 28; Hermandad Annual at the Doral Booby
 Trap at noon
 Mar 4-16 Daytona Bike Week
 Mar 6 Vets & Pets event at Mickey's
 Mar 13 US Military Vets Chapter 1 Mickey's noon
 Mar 20 SE Chapter monthly Meeting at the
 Davie Moose 10 a.m.
 Mar 20 – Keltics MC annual at J.P. Mulligans,
 Pembroke Pines at noon
 Mar 27 CMA Easter Service at Peterson North

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for,
 seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting
 date is March 20, 2016, at the DAVIE MOOSE.
 Hope to see everyone there.

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Marie Baxter
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2) Chapter nominations for officer and trustee positions begin in April and the election is held in June. If any member would like to run for any office, you are encouraged to do so.

3) Rick T-Man Molina was recognized for earning his Motorcycle Safety Instructor certification and patch. As a reminder the Southeast Chapter will provide professional one-hour free safety training to any club, business, or organization. The training is focused on "driver awareness" of motorcycles because a majority of motorcycle accidents involve cars hitting us head-on and/or not seeing the motorcycle. If you or your business would like to have our safety instructors visit you, please contact me or our Safety Director Jim "Gambler" Willard at safety@abatese.us.

ABATE Southeast Chapter members were out and about this past month visiting clubhouses and events. I had the pleasure of visiting the Kingdom of Brothers MC clubhouse for the first time this past month, and I encourage everyone to stop in and visit their house and say hello. We were in attendance at Wheels of Man MC 43rd Annual Event which had a very nice turnout. Stopped by on Thursday night at the Scurvy Few MC clubhouse and visited with Gypsy, Ray, Tammy, Kool-Aid, and others. We attended Candy's Cycle Shop engine giveaway and Jimmy D's birthday party as well as the AOA Ft. Lauderdale Annual event.

On a personal note being the Southeast Chapter President is fun in that I have an opportunity to work for something I believe in "motorcycle safety issues and individual motorcycle rights" and encouraging others to join and support the cause. This position provides me with the opportunity to meet and get to know lots of people and that's the fun part. However, in this position I get to know lots of the Brothers and Sisters who have been injured and even killed on our

highways. Having the honor and responsibility to speak at one's memorial service is not a fun part of the job. The past several months there seems to be an up-swing in accidents and deaths and increase in fund-raising activities for those involved. So be careful out there!!

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the Southeast Chapter's monthly meetings and events. Currently the monthly member birthday party is being held after the Chapter meeting. **Our next meeting is March 20th at the Davie Moose Lodge 1798, 4483 SW 64th Ave. Davie, FL at 10 a.m.** Prior to the meeting a breakfast buffet is provided for a nominal fee by the Lodge. To keep up-to-date with the ABATE Southeast Chapter, checkout our **website (abatese.org)** or call our **Hotline 24/7 (954-310-4636)** for current Chapter information and notices. You may always contact me at **pres@abatese.us**. RIDE FREE RIDE SAFE!!!

With respect,

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Also wanted to let you all know why I missed the last chapter meeting. I had all my family here to help my wife and I celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary that weekend, and I wanted to spend as much time with them as I could, we don't have that happen too often.

It amazes me that my wife Joanne put up with me for 50 years.

Thank you Jesus, without You it could never have been done, You get the Glory.

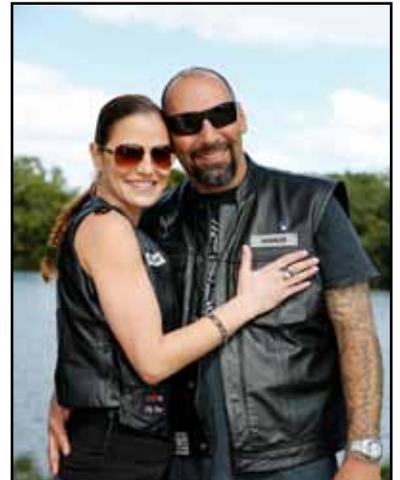
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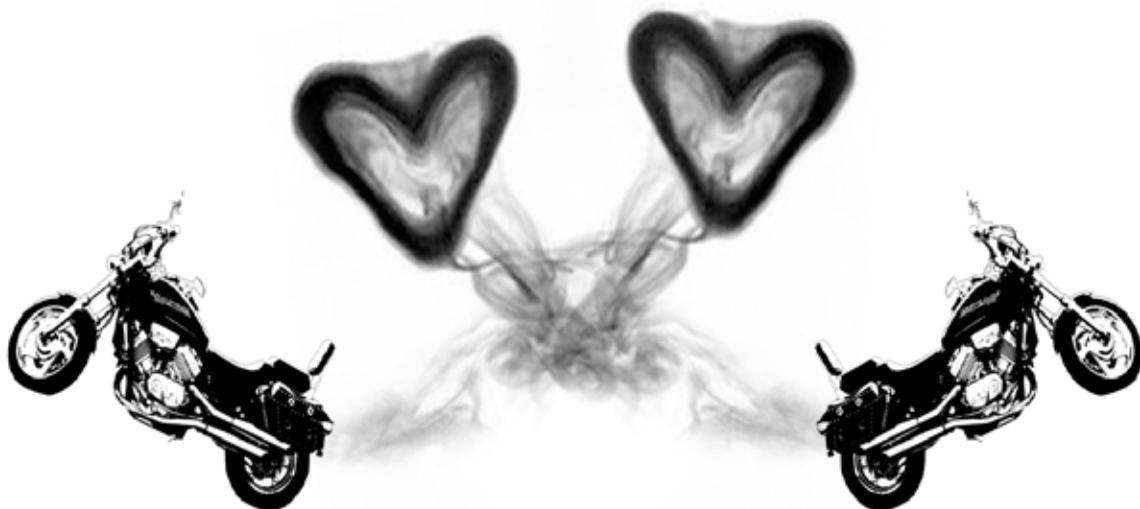
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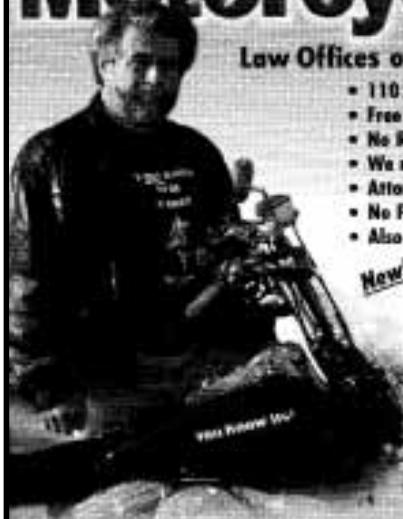
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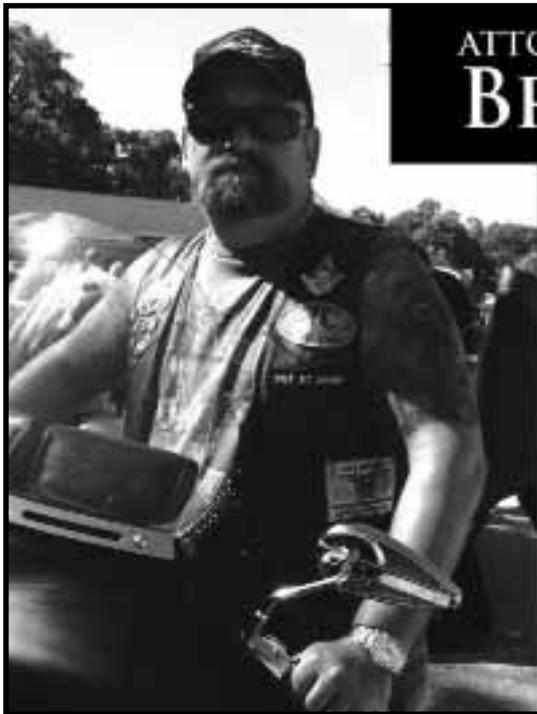
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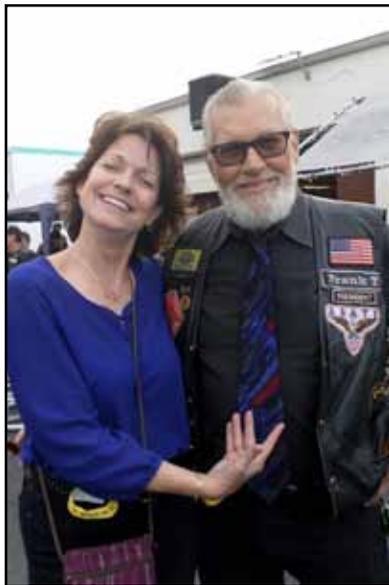
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March

2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 DAYTONA BIKE WEEK (DBW)	5 DBW
6 DBW Vets & Pets event at Mickey's	7 DBW States MC Pompano Dinner	8 DBW	9 DBW	10 DBW	11 DBW	12 DBW
13 DBW USMV MC CH.1 - PARTY	14 States MC Pompano Dinner	15	16	17	18	19
20 Chapter Meeting KELTICS MC - ANNUAL	21 States MC Pompano Dinner	22	23	24	25	26
27 CMA EASTER SERVICE	28 States MC Pompano Dinner	29	30	31		

Additional Info:

03/04-13/16 - DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
 03/06/16 - Vets & Pets event at Mickey's
 03/13/16 - USMV MC CH.1 - PARTY
 03/20/16 - ABATE SE Chapter Meeting
 03/20/16 - KELTICS MC - ANNUAL
 03/27/16 - CMA EASTER SERVICE

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2016

April

2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 STATES MC - 50th ANNUAL	4 States MC Pompano Dinner	5	6	7	8	9 MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
10	11 States MC Pompano Dinner	12	13	14	15	16 OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL
17 <u>Chapter Meeting</u>	18 States MC Pompano Dinner	19	20	21	22 LEESBURG BIKEFEST	23 LEESBURG BIKEFEST
24 LEESBURG BIKEFEST	25 States MC Pompano Dinner	26	27	28	29	30

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04/03/16 - STATES MC - 50th ANNUAL
 04/09/16 - MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
 04/16/16 - OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL
 04/22-24/16 - LEESBURG BIKEFEST

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MARCH 2016

4-13: DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
13: USMV MC CH.1 - PARTY
20: KELITICS MC - ANNUAL
27: CMA EASTER SERVICE

APRIL 2016

3: STATES MC - 50th ANNUAL
9: MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
16: OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL
22-24: LEESBURG BIKEFEST

MAY 2016

1: SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL
15: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL
22: LOS COQUIS MC - ANNUAL
29: S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
30: Memorial Day

JUNE 2016

11: AOA SO FLORIDA MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers
12: WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL
19: Fathers Day
26: USMV MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL

JULY 2016

4: Independence Day
10: ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL
17: SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BRO- ANNUAL
23: WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

AUGUST 2016

7: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
8-14: 76th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
12-14: SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION
14: AOA FT. LAUD. 49th ANN. & MOLDY'S B-DAY
20: LOS COQUIS MC - SMOKEY & DIESEL B-DAY
27: OUTCAST MC PARTY

SEPTEMBER 2016

4: SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
5: Labor Day
11: STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
16-18: PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
25: KELITICS MC - PARTY

OCTOBER 2016

2: MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL
8: NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL
9: S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL
14-16: DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
22: WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY
30: CMA - MEMORIAL

NOVEMBER 2016

5: HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL
11: Veterans Day
12: USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL
19: LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL
20: ALTERNATIVE MC PARTY
24: Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER 2016

4: SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
10: PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
10: HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO PINO TOY RUN
11: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN
17: SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY
25: Christmas

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On January 31 we rode over to the Cagney's for Der Krieger's Annual Party. The place was packed and the band was rocking. The special guest star was National Recording Artist Jasmine Cane. If you don't know who she is google her or check out I-Tunes. She has several albums out. Great performance and as always a great time.

AOA had their Annual Valentines Party on February 14th held at their Club House. The band Jack's was playing all day. These guys can rock it out. Really good turn out and I think every Club was represented along with several independents. If you didn't go, you missed a really great time. These guys must control the weather because it was a perfect day.

Following the ABATE meeting on February 21, we took a ride over to Baller's in Hallan-

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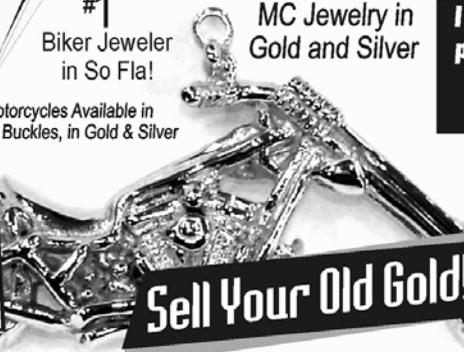
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If I may digress for a moment...

Who is right Apple or FBI?

It's not as easy as some would like to think.

The facts are that two people, Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik, committed a terrorist act on US soil. Around the time of the attack, on social media, they posted their allegiance to ISIS. This attack ended the life of 14 people and injured 22 others, forever changing the lives of all the victims, their families, and all that witnessed the attack or were involved in emergency services. And we as a nation want answers, but at what costs?

The FBI was able to recover their laptop, with the hard drive missing, and 3 cell phones. Their 2 personal phones were destroyed to the point that nothing was recoverable and Syed's work phone, a County owned phone, was left completely intact. Most companies, and I would assume all government agencies, have a policy that employees have to sign off on, letting them know that the company has the right to monitor any communications or work performed on their company owned phones. You would think anybody with malicious intents would avoid using a company phone for making their plans. Common sense would tell us that if they left that one intact, it's because they had no information on that phone that would be of any use. After all, why would they go through the efforts of destroying the other media, but not this one? But, who knows? People make mistakes.

The FBI is unable to unlock the County owned iPhone, due to an encryption software, created by Apple, which will delete all the data after 10 failed attempts at unlocking it. The FBI and most of us, myself included, would like to know if there is anything on the phone that could help prevent a future attack. Now here is the catch. The FBI does not want Apple to somehow turn off the 10 attempts and delete feature for them; they want Apple to develop and "GIVE" them a software that will turn off the 10 attempts and delete feature. This is where they run afoul of the Fourth Amendment. The FBI is basically asking for a skeleton key that will allow them to unlock any phone in their possession.

When news first broke of this, it was assumed that the FBI just wanted to unlock this one phone due to a terrorist threat, but now we know that the FBI has a couple of dozen other phones that they want to unlock that also have this feature, and in New York they have 197 phones that they want to unlock this feature on. So now we are talking about one phone with possible terrorist ties and over 200 phones with no terrorist ties, some for petty crimes or just pure suspicion. Oh how the picture has changed! Once the FBI has their hands on software like this, will they use it indiscriminately without ever getting search warrants? A government agency would never use their power to violate the rights of its people, would it? NSA wiretaps come to mind. And what about other countries then demanding to have the same software for the same reasons that the FBI is demanding it? Once they give it to one government, they would need to give it to any other government that demands it; Cuba, Venezuela, China, etc.

I believe the FBI should have to get a search warrant for each phone that they want to unlock. For the sake of security, let's not give up our rights. Especially this one:

The Fourth Amendment - The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Your editor - "Squeezer"





Be still and know

You know we all ask God for something now and then. Whether we call it Prayer or just asking. It could be for ourselves or someone else, and if we ask we should always expect an answer. Remember the answer may not be the one we want, but you will always get an answer. Maybe not when we want it, but it will come in His timing. God is never late and is never early, He's always right on time. He knows exactly what we need and when we need it. I'm saying these things from personal experience of the things that I had happen throughout my life.

I've had up's and down's, like all of us have had throughout our lives. Some real serious and some not so serious, but in retrospect, I realize God was in control of all aspects of my life, good and bad, and that He always took care of me, whether I knew it or not.

Sometimes I tried to take care of things myself, He gave me that option, but to no avail God made all the decisions, and I thank Him for that, He is always right. Just remember that once you're in His hands, He will always be there looking out for you, In Romans 8:31 it says, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" Psalm 48:10 states, "Be still, and know that I Am God"

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I do a lot of research for these articles and I ran across one called “Spills and Thrills”, that I ran back in October 2014, that I would like to share it with you. Not one of my originals, but I feel it has some good information on how to handle slick surfaces and since I dropped my bike last month because of a slick surface its worth repeating. Let us begin.

Some of the slipperiest surfaces you will encounter on a motorcycle are those where liquid has overflowed or something like gravel has spilt onto the road from a truck. Most of the time we never see the vehicle leaving their mark, but it just so happens that most spills are at intersections, curves and corners where gravel, diesel oil, or landfill waste/poop has overflowed its container. In the wet, during a rainy day, the rainbow effect of oils is easy to spot and even smell, but at night it is nearly impossible to spot without proper lighting. Diesel fuel is the liquid most often spilled on the roadway, it evaporates slower than gasoline and leaves an oily film, so heads up when you are near a truck stop, landfill, or industrial area where big trucks might be.

Do not panic if your tires happen to find that slick spot on the road, intersection, or curve. Easy does it on making any move including backing off on the throttle too fast. Remember braking will lock up your wheels very easily giving you no control on where you go, and too much leaning or steering in the grease will take you down faster than a quick look at a cute girl with your wife on the back. (Poor attempt at humor) In the grease, keep yourself and your bike as upright as you can, sit up straight with a slight knee squeeze on the tank, arms relaxed and a gentle grip on the handgrips.

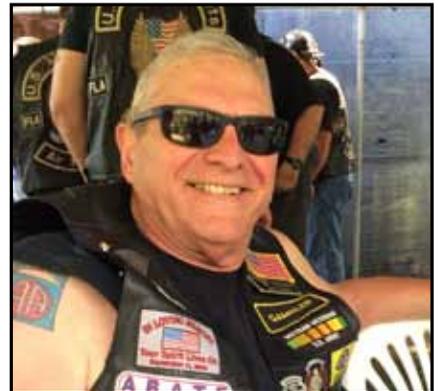
Now you have made it through the mess, but don't get too excited. Your tires have brought some of the hazard with you and it will take a mile or two to wear the slick off, so ride accordingly. Remember, spills and thrills in the grease are like a bad mother-in-law, (another poor attempt at humor) if you encounter a hazardous slick spot on a curve or corner you will probably see more of the same around the next bend. Be prepared by backing off a little more than normal and scanning the road ahead by at least 12 seconds.

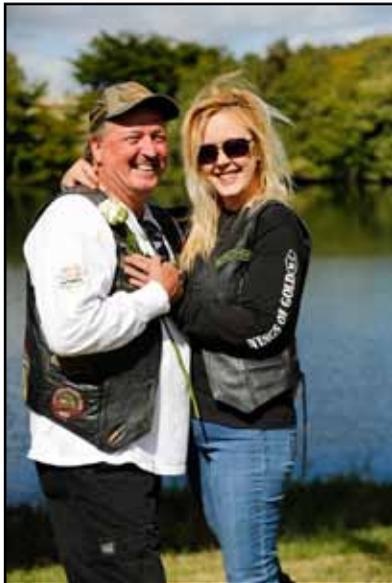
Remember; don't gamble with your safety or the safety of others.

Until next time, be safe, stay safe.

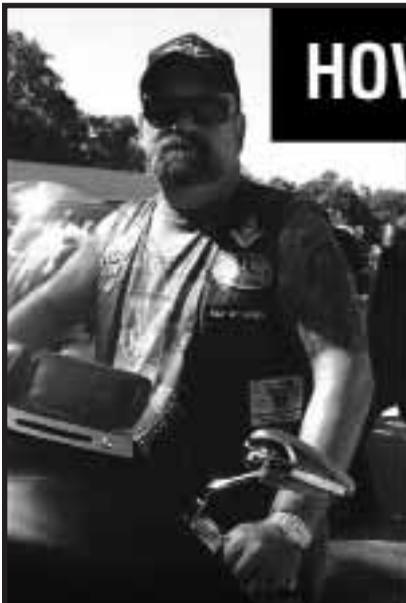
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RIDING "OFF THE GRID" -- HOW TO ESCAPE GPS TRACKING ON YOUR MOTORCYCLE

Freedom of the Road isn't that free these days. "We often talk about what you can do to protect your privacy, but more often than not we accept the technology given to us by large corporations with government influence," writes Gil Mellen, ABATE of California's rep to the Southern California Confederation of Clubs (SCCOC), "And with that ease our phones store more than just our private information, they are a collection source for who we are, what we do and where we go 24/7."

Turning your phone off or on airplane mode doesn't cut it either, he explains. In order to truly be undetectable to ANYONE you must use a first line of defense on your phone, such as Silent Pocket. By employing a Silent Pocket "Faraday cage" (conductive material surrounding a piece of equipment to exclude electrostatic and electromagnetic influences) you can block all wireless signals to and from your mobile device.

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So if you're heading to a large biker event and want no one to know your whereabouts, simply put your phone inside the case and wherever you go is OFF THE GRID. Once you remove your phone, any missed voicemails, data, or messages are downloaded. Your location is also known at that point.

"Silent Pocket is in the privacy accessory market for the long haul." stated Aaron Zar, Silent Pocket Co-Founder. "As the methods hackers use to compromise security continue to evolve, so will our products."

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BIKER ATTIRE ALLOWED IN NEW MEXICO COURTHOUSES

Declaring "A great victory for our community," Annette Torrez, chair of the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (NMMRO) and National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) board of directors, announced that; We received the following message from Chief Justice Judge Nash concerning motorcycle vests in District Courthouse, "Please be informed that the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department will NOT be requiring members of your organization to turn their vests inside out upon entry into the Second Judicial District Courthouse and its' Courtrooms in the future."

The NMMRO and the NNMCO (Northern New Mexico Confederation of Clubs) sent Judge Nash a letter regarding an issue in which Bernalillo Sheriff Officers were asking the Guardians of the Children to remove their vests and turn them inside out so none of the patches were visible. "These vests and patches are what identify them to the abused children who they are there to support in court under difficult circumstance as these children have to face their perpetrators or have to sometimes testify," explained Torrez. "While we can all benefit from this victory, it is the abused children from our community who will benefit most, as now members of motorcycle community can continue to support and accompany them in court. Your voices were heard as we united in support."

Nash's message specifically denotes "members of your organization" which is why "it is so important we as motorcyclists join and support the NMMRO, an organization that stands and fights for your rights, freedoms and liberties," said Torrez, adding; "Thank you to Judge Nash for doing the right thing as we believe our 1st Amendment was being violated. We must also remember that we must be respectful at all times in our courthouse, we must be on our best behavior so that we may continue to wear our patches and motorcycle related attire in the courthouse. I want to thank the Guardians of the Children for bringing this to our attention. Thank you to Double D from The Motorcycle Profiling Project and Attorney Dan Sorey for their support and advice in addressing this issue."

MANIFESTO ON THE MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY AND FREEDOM OF THE ROAD

"I read your recent (NCOM Biker Newsbytes) report and the piece about the NCOM board requesting input on motorcycle issues to discuss at the upcoming NCOM Convention," writes Keith "Bandit" Ball of Biker-

net.com and former editor of Easyriders magazine. “I have a major bitch and a project that could save the custom motorcycle aftermarket and place freedom at the forefront of our nation once more.”

WHEN YOU CAN'T GIVE UP, WRITE -- A Brief Manifesto; “Sounds ominous but it’s not, then again it is a tough alteration to current government thinking. And I believe our industry could be at the forefront.

Why can’t we prove that Freedom always needs to be a consideration? Why can’t we prove that all the custom motorcycles in the country will never have any significant impact on the environment and agencies need to leave us alone?

If we were successful, this could place Freedom at the forefront in many applications from hot rods, to go carts, to speed boats.”

As evidence of governmental regulation usurping personal rights, Ball (Bandit@Bikernet.com) submitted the following news release on behalf of SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) entitled “EPA Seeks to Prohibit Conversion of Vehicles into Racecars”:

“The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed a regulation to prohibit conversion of vehicles originally designed for on-road use into racecars and make the sale of certain products for use on such vehicles illegal. The proposed regulation was contained within a non-related proposed regulation entitled ‘Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles - Phase 2’.

The regulation would impact all vehicle types, including the sports cars, sedans and hatch-backs commonly converted strictly for use at the track. While the Clean Air Act prohibits certain modifications to motor vehicles, it is clear that vehicles built or modified for racing, and not used on the streets, are not the ‘motor vehicles’ that Congress intended to regulate.

‘This proposed regulation represents overreaching by the agency, runs contrary to the law and defies decades of racing activity where EPA has acknowledged and allowed conversion of vehicles,’ said SEMA President and CEO Chris Kersting.

Working with other affected organizations, including those representing legions of professional and hobbyist racers and fans, SEMA will continue to oppose

the regulation through the administrative process and will seek congressional support and judicial intervention as necessary. The EPA has indicated it expects to publish final regulations by July 2016.”

BILL IN WASHINGTON WOULD ALLOW MOTORCYCLES ON SHOULDERS IN TRAFFIC

Washington State might give motorcyclists preferential treatment on some highways during traffic jams under a bill that has the support of the state Senate. The measure would give motorcyclists permission to drive on the far left shoulders of divided highways when traffic is moving under 25 miles an hour.

“It really is about relieving congestion,” said State Senator Tim Sheldon (D-Mason County), the bill’s sponsor. He tried passing a bill last year that would have allowed what’s known as “lane splitting,” allowing bikers to ride between cars stopped in traffic, but that bill failed.

Sen. Sheldon told CBS King5 News in Olympia that his proposal would alleviate traffic and make highways safer for motorcycle riders in heavy traffic. “When congestion basically stops traffic, a motorcyclist... they’re vulnerable to over-heating as well as being rear-ended.”

KANSAS HOUSE SPEAKER GIVES HORSEPOWER TO 3-WHEELER REFORM BILL

A House committee in Kansas kicked the tires of a bill creating a special driving examination and license for people who ride increasingly popular three-wheeled motorcycles. Under current Kansas law, individuals are required to take a test on a two-wheeled motorcycle even if they own and plan to ride a machine with three wheels. House Bill 2436 would establish a special class of motorcycle licensing that aligns the examination with the type of vehicle to be driven.

Three-wheel licenses issued under the proposed law would forbid the person from legally riding a two-wheeled motorcycle, but anyone passing the two-wheel test could ride both motorcycle variations.

House Speaker Ray Merrick (R-Stilwell) urged the House’s Vision 2020 Committee to endorse the “friendly, common-sense update to Kansas statutes.”

“Considering the vast differences in the physical requirements between two- and three-wheeled motorcycles,” Merrick said, “it is reasonable that a person

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who can only ride a three-wheeled motorcycle should be allowed to take their license training and test on the type of motorcycle they will be using.”

Brian Thompson, a lobbyist with ABATE of Kansas, said the reform proposed by the House bill would benefit young and old riders alike. “Those with less skills would be able to feel the independence and freedom of the road if they desire,” Thompson told the Topeka Capital-Journal newspaper.

NEW MOTORCYCLE HAZARD - TEENS WALKING WHILE DISTRACTED

Motorcycle riders have a lot to watch for when cruising through an urban environment such as a city or town. While the first focus may be other vehicles, a new study shows bikers should watch for teens crossing the road while distracted by their smartphone.

According to research released by Safe Kids Worldwide, with support from FedEx, distraction plays a role as 50% of teens admit they cross streets while using a mobile device, and an alarming 40% admit to actually being hit or nearly hit by a car, bike or motorcycle while walking.

Of the teens who have been hit or nearly hit report crossing the street while: 47% listening to music, 20% talking on the phone, and 18% were texting.

“Every hour of every day, a teen is hit or killed while walking,” said Kate Carr, President and CEO of Safe Kids Worldwide. “Texting and walking or driving can be fatal. That’s why we’re asking everyone to put phones down when crossing the street.”

TEENAGER CAUTIONED AFTER SERIOUSLY INJURING MOTORCYCLIST

A 14-year-old boy was recently “cautioned” by police after causing “life-changing injuries” to a motorcyclist by tying a rope between two trees on a woodland path. The 17-year-old rider was rushed to the hospital with serious neck and wind-pipe injuries after hitting the rope while riding in woods near St Neots, Cambridgeshire, UK, and he spent seven weeks in the hospital including two-and-a-half in an induced coma.

The boy, who admitted responsibility under questioning by police, was issued a youth caution for causing grievous bodily harm without intent. He must also attend sessions with the Youth Offending Service.

MOTORCYCLE SPEEDER WINS \$180,000 IN CASE AGAINST COP WHO BEAT HIM UP

On Aug. 3, 2012, Justin Wilkens was speeding on his Aprilia motorcycle and unwittingly passed Oregon State Police Officer Rob Edwards in an unmarked cop Camaro. After a few minutes of chase, Edwards rammed Wilkens off the bike, pulled a gun on him and kicked him in the chest.

If you think that sounds egregious, a jury agrees with you.

Dash cam footage shows Wilkens’ motorcycle speeding past cars and crossing double-yellow (no passing zones) lines near Veneta, OR when the officer pulls up behind him at an intersection, hits the bike and knocks the biker to the ground. Edwards maintained this was unintentional; a result of “brake fade” from the Camaro’s discs being overworked. At this point in the footage, Edwards enters the frame and lands a kick to Wilkens’ chest while drawing down on him with his pistol before cuffing him.

In an interesting plot twist, Edwards stated he did not know the police car’s dashcam was running. Wilkens suffered a broken left clavicle, a fractured rib and other injuries in the incident.

After being apprehended, Wilkens brought an excessive-force claim against Edwards. As explained by local news, a jury of eight people “awarded Wilkens more than \$31,000 in economic damages to reimburse his medical expenses and motorcycle repair bills; \$100,000 in non-economic damages for his injuries, pain and suffering; and \$50,000 in punitive damages,” which Officer Edwards will be forced to pay.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “History does not entrust the care of freedom to the weak or timid.” Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969) WWII Military Commander & 34th President of the U.S.



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dale to celebrate Jimmy D's Birthday. If you haven't been to Baller's you should go. Gina (Candy Cycle) has had several events there and everyone has been great.

I want to take opportunity to invite you to attend our monthly meeting and see what ABATE is all about and find out the latest issues and bills that are being introduced or are pending into the Florida Legislation. We meet the third Sunday each month at 10:00 AM. Our location may change so please call the Hotline for the location. Nominations for Officers and Trustees begin in April. Please attend and show your support. If you want to be considered for a position please come in and let us know. To hold a Board position you must be a member of ABATE. We are always looking for leaders and volunteers.

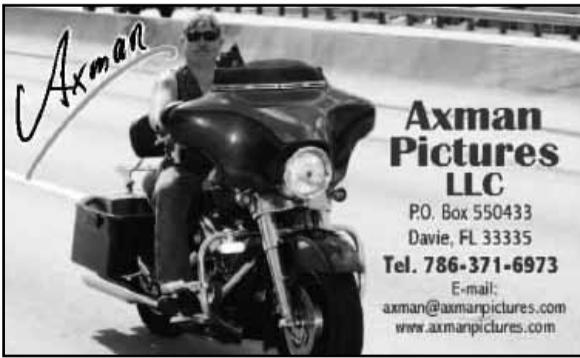
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Jim "Gambler" Willard
Road Captain - ABATE SE Chapter



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