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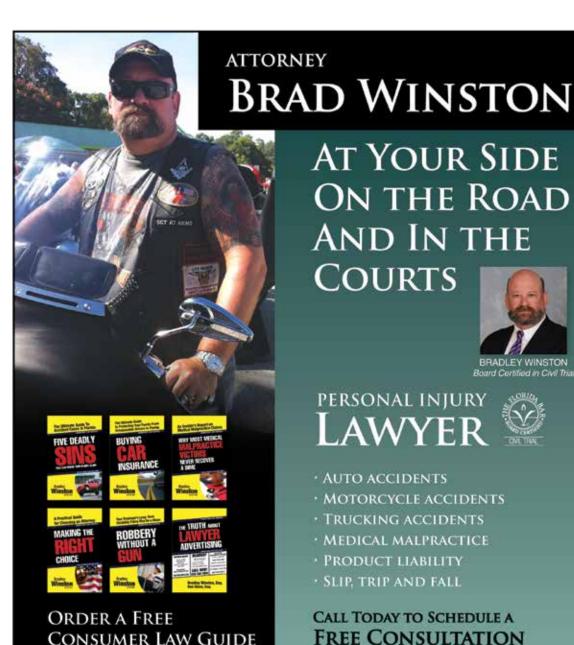
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- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving 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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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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### From Your President

I hope everyone in our community realizes how lucky we are to have such a close-knit community, that cares about and helps each other. I am just on a high right now, from all the fun I've been having lately.

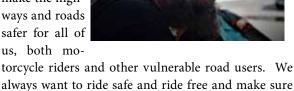
We had a beautiful ride down to the Glades Club for the US Military Vets MC Dirty Dozen Chapter's Annual. They had great food and an awesome band. We had a lot of fun.

The next weekend, we went to AOA's Valentine's Day Party. It's one of my favorites, but I couldn't stay long, and for a great reason. It was my grandson's 6-year birthday party and his parents got him a motorcycle, a little dirt bike. I just had to be there, so we could ride together. I am so proud of him. He already rides so good, and he started riding 4 years before I did. I hope he cracks the throttle for the rest of his life, just like his Papa.

The next weekend, we went to the Wheels of Man MC Poker Run, which was another great night, with great friends. And then, the Sunday after that, after our Chapter meeting, we went to Mickey's for Minnie's 5th birthday party. That's a perfect way to end an awesome weekend.

But the month's not over yet, as we still have Scurvy Few MC Pirate Party the last weekend of February. You know that party's gonna rock at Mickey's.

For those of you who haven't been to a Chapter meeting yet, or lately, you should really come and check it out. It will only take a couple of hours of your day. The American Legion Post 142 does an amazing breakfast at a great price. And come and see what your ABATE Chapter is all about, and what we are up to. You can read the Meeting Minutes in the newsletter too, but brotherhood is better face-to-face, just sayin', you know. Everyone is welcome. Let's all do our part to help make the highways and roads safer for all of us, both mo-



always want to ride safe and ride free and make sure to have an "out". And for those experienced riders out there, when in doubt, punch it.

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 ABATE!!!!

God bless America!!!!

Peace, Johnny Rose President Southeast Chapter





ABATE of Florida, Inc - Southeast Chapter

### COMMON (AND NOT SO COMMON) SENSE TIPS FOR BIKERS

Updated By CD

With Contributions from The Quick Throttle Staff

Minimize the parking lot drama – when you pull in, get your space and park. Don't re-position the bike 4 times to get the ideal angle, view, etc. The girl who thought you looked like her perfect Biker fantasy, just lost interest.

It ain't about show, it ain't about go. It's about the combination of the two that excites YOU the most – not your friends, and not some damn magazine.

If you're a new rider, take a damn Rider Safety Course. Period.

Don't ride at the very front of the column unless you don't mind being the one who hits the oil slick and goes down. True story.

If it looks like rain, and you've parked the bike, don't hang your helmet over the handlebar grip – put it face down on your seat – that way, if it does rain, your seat and your helmet lining stay dry.

Use the term "Biker" conservatively, or liberally, but not both. There are too many connotations to remember, and who you're talking to or about may have a different one that you.

When pulling into a gravel parking lot, keep your speed steady, use the rear brake, turn in a wide arc, shift smoothly, and above all, don't show off for the babe at the door...

If you're a new rider, shut up and listen.

If you're an old biker, don't get caught spouting off about what makes a "real biker" – that subject has been relegated to the pages of cheezy books and magazines with bad attitudes. Does anyone even care anymore?

"Old School" doesn't ALWAYS mean wise, straightforward and no-nonsense. Sometimes old is just OLD.

When riding a carburated bike, don't forget to turn your gas ON when you start, and OFF when you park. Amazingly simple thing, and amazingly simple to forget.

Give sister riders the respect they deserve - it takes just as much "grit" for them as it does for you. Maybe more.

If you're an old rider, never forget to be totally paranoid of cagers. They just don't see you. In fact they can look you right in the eye and still not "see" you.

Always carry bungee cords, duct tape, and a flashlight in your saddlebags. If you don't have saddlebags now, you will...

If you don't have room for extra clothes, take a pair of clean socks. Nothing makes you feel refreshed like a clean pair of socks.

If you're gonna lane-split, you better have nerves of steel. If you don't, just don't do it.

If you trailer your bike, you're missing out. But you also deserve to have a good time once you're there. If anyone gives you any lip, take your lumps. Just play it off with a joke about sipping a latte and playing your Abba tapes on the way there.

Every piece of riding apparel should put function first, looks second. Leather is still best, heavy engineer boots are heavy for a reason, and if you're lucky enough to ride lid-free, doorags DO work to keep your forehead from getting sunburned.

If you're attending a true charity event, don't you dare complain about a single thing. Volunteer next time.

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**Memberships Due for March 2021** 

Vito Borzumato

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Dale Kirk

Hope Travis

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### \* PLEASE NOTE \*

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

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### New members for March 2021

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### From Your ROAD CAPTAIN

Use your Blinker and Hand Signal!

I don't have to tell you how crazy it is out there on South Florida roads. We have the luxury of riding year-round and what a great state to ride in, but let's face it, I'm not sure where most people got their driver's license. I-95 might as well be straight out of the movie Mad Max. All kidding aside, the reality is Florida has one of the highest accident/death rates for motorcycles in the country. Every week I dread Monday because I know I'm going to hear of another motorcyclist in the Biker Community go down. Sure, it's not always the cager at fault, but more than not someone in a cager has pulled out in front of them and it's the same line over and over, "I just didn't see them"

We all have been educated on driving defensively, but reading it and applying it is two different things. Riding a motorcycle can be exciting due to the overwhelming power that is available with just the twist of the throttle. We all want to revive our past hot rod days and weave through cars like we are on the Isle of Man TT race, but to bring the numbers down we have to stop, and remember we have loved ones that depend on us. We have to be responsible and make it home safely.

First start to being responsible is so easy - use your blinker. Yep, its as simple as that. When I ride, I constantly see fellow bikers that never use their blinker??? Not only does it let the other drivers know of your intent, the flashing light may be just what is needed for that cager to see you to avoid the infamous slogan above. It could not be even more important than when you're riding with a group of fellow bikers where reaction distances are even shorter while in a staggered formation. Just get in the habit and always use your blinker.

It may seem old fashion to some but I can always tell a safe, seasoned rider, when I see them changing lanes or coming to a turn and they turn on their blinker......and then the arm comes up also in unison signaling the correct hand turn signal. Getting in the habit of always using the combination may not just save your life but your fellow riding brother or sister also. Ride Safe and Use your Signals!

Your Road Captain, Troy



### TEN BIG ISSUES TO WATCH DURING THE 2021 SESSION

February 22, 2021 Jim Saunders

TALLAHASSEE --- The 2021 legislative session will start March 2, with Gov. Ron DeSantis giving the annual State of the State address.

Lawmakers will take up a wide range of issues during the 60-day session, along with negotiating a budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Here are 10 big issues to watch during the session:

BUDGET: With the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic reducing expected tax revenues, legislative leaders have warned repeatedly that they likely will make budget cuts. But Gov. Ron DeSantis in January released a record \$96.6 billion budget proposal for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, which will start July 1. DeSantis' proposal is a starting point for lawmakers, who have continued to offer a less-rosy view of the state's finances.

EDUCATION: Continuing years of Republican efforts to boost school choice, lawmakers are considering a major school-vouchers bill that includes expanding eligibility for scholarship programs and creating what are known as "education savings accounts." Meanwhile, public schools will be a key budget issue, in part because lawmakers will have to decide how to address nearly 88,000 students who did not enroll as expected this year during the pandemic.

ELECTIONS: Republican leaders are backing controversial proposals that would change the vote-by-mail process. As an example, one proposal would require voters to request vote-by-mail ballots more frequently, while another would prevent volunteers from collecting vote-by-mail ballots from people outside of their families. Critics argue the proposals are aimed at reducing mail-in voting, which Democrats used heavily during the 2020 elections.

ENVIRONMENT: DeSantis is asking lawmakers for

\$625 million to continue a multi-year effort to restore the Everglades and address other water-related issues, such as springs restoration. But he also is pitching a new "Resilient Florida" program, which would involve issuing bonds to help provide \$1 billion over four years to state and local governments to address climate-change impacts, such as rising sea levels.

HEALTH CARE: As the largest part of the state budget, health and human services will play a key role as lawmakers negotiate a new spending plan. One closely watched issue will be Medicaid reimbursement rates for hospitals and nursing homes. Lawmakers could look to reduce state dollars going into Medicaid without slashing rates, possibly through a new hospital arrangement that would involve local money being used to draw down federal matching funds.

INSURANCE: Senate leaders are backing a long-debated idea to eliminate Florida's no-fault auto insurance system and the requirement that motorists carry personal-injury protection, or PIP, coverage. The proposal would lead to motorists being required to carry bodily injury coverage. Also, lawmakers could make changes in the property-insurance system, as premiums increase and more homeowners turn to the statebacked Citizens Property Insurance Corp.

LIABILITY: Health-care providers and other businesses are clamoring for protections from coronavirus-related lawsuits. The House is poised to quickly pass a bill that would shield non-health care businesses from liability, But lawmakers are wrestling with some thorny issues, including details of protections for nursing homes and assisted living facilities, which have seen more than 10,000 deaths during the pandemic.

PROTESTS: One of the hottest debates during the session could center on proposals by Republican leaders to enhance penalties associated with violent protests, create new crimes when mobs attack property or police and make it difficult for cities to trim law-enforcement Continued on page 49

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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Held at American Legion Post 142 171 SW 2nd St Pompano Beach Fl, 33060 February 21, 2021

Sargent of Arms Mike "Bubba" Travis called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and there were 21 members present. This was followed the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by our Chaplain, Chrissy.

### President's Report:

Johnny Rose thanked everyone for coming. He then introduced some Girl Scouts who are selling cookies in the main room at the post. The girls let us know they would be selling cookies after the meeting. Johnny said we need to support them and the youth of American. He thanked all the members who helped at our Semi-Annual last month. He let everyone know that our Memorial Day event, in May, will be at Mickey's Tiki Bar. Sheila has reached out to Sandy Nininger VA Nursing Home, to see if we can get some of them to come to our event. In the past, they would bring over some of the veteran's as our guests, food, and drink on us, but with the Pandemic, it is doubtful, but we asked. Ada said to please let her know, if they can come, as she will help arrange an escort with the different American Legion Riders.

### Vice President's Report:

Wavy said that he put some flyers on the table, showing how a law is made. They Safety Money bill has been filed, but not yet in committee. The Vulnerable

Road User bill is in committee, and Senator McCain is sponsoring it.

### Secretary's Report:

"Pete" is excused, so Sheila is sitting in for him. She asked for a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from January, as printed in the newsletter. Motion was made, seconded, and all in favor. Motion was passed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Sheila Rose read the Treasurer's Report and asked for a motion to accept the Report. Motion was made, seconded, and all in favor, motion was passed. She also read the Profit Report from our Semi-Annual. This is the best one since May of 2019.

### Sergeant at Arms Report

Mike "Bubba" Travis mentioned that when we are out, representing ABATE, to always conduct yourselves in a best possible manner. He mentioned that he has seen a lot of people driving very badly, not paying attention, so all to pay extra attention when riding. Nighthawk said to please be extra careful in school zones, as BSO has already written 110 tickets for school zone violations.

### Road Captain's Report:

Troy is BACK!!! He is riding a lot and noticed that people are really driving crazy these days. He said to please take extra time when riding and watch for people pulling out in front of you without looking.

### Safety Director's Report:

"Wavy" reported that we will have a Safety Booth at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson on March 6th & 7th for Customer Appreciation Days, and also on the 19th to Bike Night. He said that he needs everyone who can, to please come out, even if it is only for an hour or so, to show people who we are, to talk to them, spread awareness. We want everyone who rides, to know who we are, that we are out there for them. There is a safety checklist on the flyer table.

### State Representatives:

Our Chapter was excused from the February State meeting, but Marie attended. Hope read her notes, which are, in brief:-new COVID release forms to be used at all meetings and events

- -Tallahassee Ride cancelled until next year, as the Capitol is closed to the public. April State meeting will be in Ft. McCoy
- -next State Podcast will be about Membership
- -use care when posting on Facebook or other social media
- -there is a new membership application, that includes the beneficiary card
- -all Bills are pending, and the Safety Money bill is not in committee yet
- -NCOM will be in Des Moines IA in June, then San Diego following year

We are looking for a second Alternative State Representative.

### **Products Report:**

Product sales at our Semi-Annual were very successful, over \$400. We have placed a new order for shirts, ball caps, and patches. We will start offering 10% off shirts at our events, for anyone who shows a current ABATE membership card. If anyone needs custom shirts, see Bull.

#### **Events Coordinator:**

Gabe absent and excused. Johnny reminded everyone that the Memorial Day event will be held at Mickey's on May 30th (pending State approval, of course). American Legion Post 142 will supply the Honor Guard

### Membership Report:

Sheila read in the Membership report. We got a lot of new members at the Semi-Annual, and Thunder is always getting new members at Alligator Alley HD and hands out our newsletter to anyone who is interested.

### Newsletter Editor:

Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs reminded everyone that she needs articles or pictures today. She always tries to get the newsletter out before the 1st of the month. They can be submitted directly by email. If you'd like to place something on our Facebook page, please contact Ada. If you want to write an article for our newsletter, email the article to her

### **Legislative Liaison:**

Brad Winston was absent and excused as he is still out of town.

### **Legal Counsel:**

Brad Winston had nothing to report.

### **Public Relations:**

Thunder was absent and excused.

### **Billing and Invoicing:**

Hope spoke about getting more advertising in the newsletter. We have a new advertiser, Bullet's Lawn Service, and there are some cards on the flyer table. We also lost 2 advertisers, so glad to have Bullet. Wavy also spoke about All American Cycle, a long-time advertiser of ours and they do M8 Performance upgrades, which increase the power of your motorcycle.

### Social Director's Report:

Bear brought yummy cheesecake cupcakes.

#### Newsletter Distribution:

Wavy said that we are printing 700 newsletters for distribution around South Florida. He said we have an awesome printer, Planet Printer, who always helps us out. If you know anyone who needs a printer, please send them there, they are the best!!!

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### Quartermaster Report:

Bob was absent and excused.

### Photographer's Report:

Please take lots of pictures when you are out and about.

### Webmaster's Report:

Rogue absent and excused, all is going well.

### Chaplain:

Chrissy was present and we were so happy to see her. She went down 2 months ago and had more than one close call because of it. She said that she is a miracle. She reminded us that we all have a divine place and time on this earth. If we are breathing the air right now, that is because God is not done with us yet. She said we need to double up and press on, no matter what. She thanked everyone for their prayers. She said that even though she does not live in Broward county now, she is still talking to people, reaching out, praying, sending cards, and that she has Bear and Paul as her "boots on the ground" here, and those two are also working with and keeping in touch with those who need it.

#### Old Business:

Johnny and Wavy talked about how good the Semi-Annual went. Sheila said the only thing we forgot, and it was mostly her, was to send someone around with the Door Prize bucket, as we had so many good ones, but everyone got a ticket when they came in, so it was still good.

### New Business:

Johnny spoke about a new magnetic stand we are going to order, and memorial plaques to put on it, for our members who have passed. We are going to set it up when we have events. He said we used to have a Memorial Garden at Holiday Park, but had to move it to Café 27 when the county started renovations there, and again, had to basically shut it down at Café 27, because of the county. So, we wanted something, a memorial, as it is nice, at events, when people can see it, and remember their friends who have passed, talk

about the fun times they had with them, and then our GBNF brothers and sisters live again, in the memories and stories. We have ordered new yellow and black Look Twice for Motorcycle magnets, which we will sell for a few bucks, as we have had multiple requests for them.

### Good of the Order:

Some of us will be riding over to Mickey's after the meeting for Minnie's 5th Birthday party. Scurvy Few MC's Pirate Party will be on February 27th. There is finally a date for Angelo Taranto's memorial mass, which will be March 31st at 1pm, at Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Sunny Isles. It is a Wednesday, but if you can come, please do. More info at our next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 11:35am, seconded, all in favor. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:am on March 21, 2021.

Sheila Rose, sitting in for "Pete" Purcell Secretary, Southeast Chapter



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Arrive at group rides 1) early, 2) with a full gas tank 3) an empty bladder, 4) some money in that wallet.

They call it an "iron horse" because you ride it, and you and the bike should move as one. If you haven't formed a bond with your bike, take it for a very long ride. If that still doesn't do it, then sell the bike and get a different one.

Most H.O.G. chapters are riddled with politics. Avoid that part. They're also filled with lots of good people. Come for the rides, try to help out, and if you're nominated for an office, don't take it too seriously.

When you're riding with a group, and they stop for gas, and you're not sure if you need any, top off anyway. You don't want to be THAT guy...

Not everyone aspires to ride the same motorcycle as you, so don't act superior (or feel inferior) because of what you ride. Just enjoy your ride, and let others enjoy too.

If you're riding all day and into the night, especially in the desert, dress in "packable" layers. It may seem counterintuitive, but long sleeves are best even in the hot desert.

When on toll roads, keep your money handy, maybe in a windshield bag. Often only coins are allowed. Also, be careful at the toll takers' booth - it's like a dump for oil and other slippery crap there.

When riding in a group, keep a steady pace. When on city streets and at a slow speed, side by side is o.k. But if you don't know the other rider, or you're on the freeway, STAGGER.

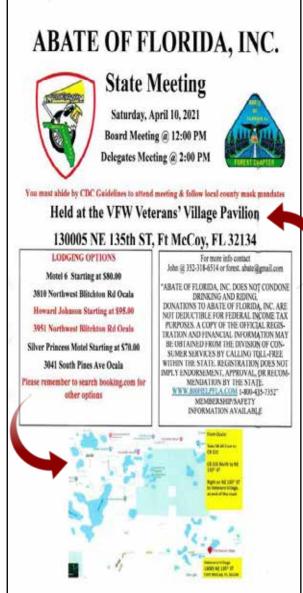
When scheduling service or new parts installation on your bike, try to plan the work in sections – if something requires removal of the rear wheel, for example, take care of other mods or items at the rear. The more streamlined the work, the better your chances of getting a discount on the shop's hourly labor rates...

If you're a new rider, don't try to fit in. Just chill out,

ride as much as you can, and next chance you get, ask a brother about his scoot"

Ray Seidel,





### Vice- President

### Good Day,

I would like to thank the Biker Community for all the support they give to ABATE, especially the MC's. Also thank you to all the advertisers in our newsletter, they help keep our newsletter going and I hope they get something out of it to help their business. So let's support these businesses so they can continue to help support us. Even though sometimes it is easier and maybe cheaper to buy from the internet, we really need to support our local small businesses.

Our newsletter has started again a sponsorship page where your name will be at the top of a page. You can find all the information you need, if you are interested, in this and every newsletter. This is another way "we" can help with the cost of this informative newsletter as the cost keeps going up, like everything. So if you can, and you want to see your name in our newsletter, check it out. This is the only newsletter in town that keeps you informed and up to date with the events and legislative news that is important to our biker community.

Thank you, Jon "Wavy" Viger Vice-President

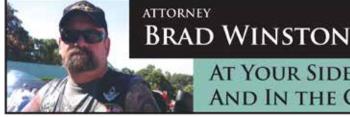
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ABATE of Florida Inc. has a safety program which is mostly designed for non-riders. This program is called MSAP (Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program). It is designed to make drivers of other vehicles more aware of motorcycles. This program is conducted by trained members of ABATE all across the state of Florida. The program is free of charge and takes approximately 45 minutes to one hour. It is intended for any organization, school, group or even an individual that is concerned or interested in helping make it safer for motorcycle riders and themselves. Maybe you work with people that may be interested or possibly the company you work for. If so, please contact us at –

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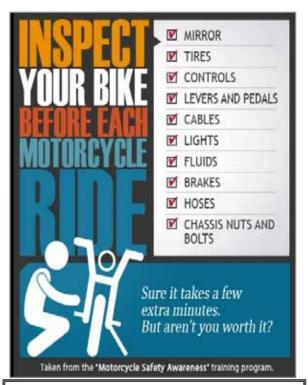
Or ABATE of Florida Southeast Chapter safteydir.abatese@gmail.com 954-261-9242 Jon "Wavy" Viger Safety Director ABATE Southeast Chapter

Thank you and hoping to hear from you soon.

Jon







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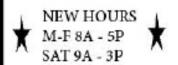
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I'm not sure what you're going through right now. You may be one of the more fortunate whose job is secure and there's more work than you can handle. Your health is stable and so is your family. And best of all, your bike is in top running condition, ready for all the Spring runs on the 2021 ABATE calendar.

Or – you may be unemployed with no paycheck in sight. Covid 19 may have taken its toll on your family and worst-case scenario, you can't get out to ride because your bike needs expensive repairs, which would be terrible!

I was able to be in South Florida at the end of February and talked with many brothers and sisters I hadn't seen in a while. Everyone's scenarios have shifted... some to the good, some to the bad. In fact, it seems like the world has markedly changed in just a few short months. But here we are.

No one REALLY likes change (if they are willing to admit.) But change is inevitable. We can hardly keep up with some of the changes: wear a mask, don't wear a mask, wear TWO masks!

Here is my answer to 'change': stay flexible so the bend-20

ing doesn't cause you to break.

John F. Kennedy's father Joseph P. Kennedy coined the phrase, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." It's not easy, but it's true. Change isn't always easy but the challenge of carving a new pathway is healthy. We've all been down and out and needed a voice of inspiration, or a push out of the ditch. But it's important to remember to shake off the past, let go of what was, and be happy with what is, while looking forward to what you hope to achieve in life.

In Genesis 17, God showed up to 99-year-old Abram and told him about big changes coming to his life. God told him He wanted to make a covenant or agreement between the two of them. He said, "I am The Strong God, live entirely before me, live to the hilt! I'll make a covenant between us and I'll give you a huge family." Abram was so overwhelmed that he fell flat on his face. Then God said to him, "This is my covenant with you: You'll be the father of many nations. Your name will no longer be Abram, but Abraham, meaning that 'I'm making you the father of many nations.' You'll be a father of fathers and kings will come through you. This agreement includes your descendants, a pledge that goes on and on and on, a promise that commits me to be your God and the God of your descendants. And I'm giving you and your descendants this land where you're now just camping, yet this whole country of Canaan will be yours forever."

Talk about the changes Abraham had to consider in the Golden Years of his life! The only thing God wanted from Abraham was an obedient heart. God also thought a fresh start would be the reset Abraham needed to make the transition successful. Abraham had to leave his country, his family, and his father's home for a land that God said He would show him. Imagine yourself in his old, worn out boots! Just when you thought it was time to settle down into retirement and polish your chrome, God offers a challenge, a promise that can only be fulfilled if you pull up stakes and follow His lead. Would you be willing to leave all that you've known if you knew it would Continued on page 49

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### In Loving Memory Jesse 'Half Ton' Yeoman 12/31/2020



The MC community mourns the loss of one of our younger members from the Kingdom of Brothers MC, Jesse 'Half Ton' Yeoman, who passed away suddenly on December 31, 2020. Stevi 'Nix' Jedkins and their son Bryant survive him.

Jesse's residence was Naples, Florida. He was a family man and enjoyed spending as much time with his family as he could. When he wasn't with family, he could be found enjoying one of the '3 B's... Beer, Bikes, and Brotherhood.'

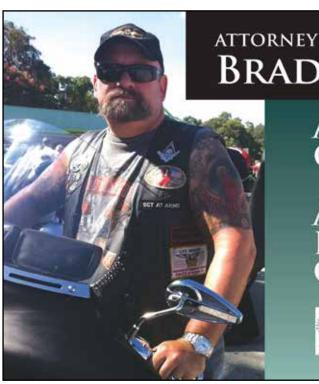
And a true Brother he was. Not only was he a big man in stature, his MC brothers said he had a heart to match. He was the kind of guy you could count on for anything. But by far, one of the highest compliments is when another man can say he was an excellent father, and that was often said of Jesse Yeoman.

When death is sudden and catches us unaware, it often takes longer for us to adjust to our loved one's absence. We look for them to come in the door after work, or fill the empty chair at the dinner table. We feel the void at events and wish he could take his customary position on the run just one more time. Sadly, his family will never be the same without his presence in their lives. And for the Kingdom of Brothers MC, there are no words to say about how huge the hole will be without him.

The Bible says to be absent from our bodies is to be present with the Lord. This means no more sorrow and pain is no longer. As believers, this is good news we can dwell on. But what about those who are left behind? Please say a special prayer for Stevi, Bryant, and the Kingdom of Brothers Motorcycle Club.

God's Richest Blessings, Chrissy Leonhardt Chaplain ABATE SE





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> 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

#### WEDNESDAY

>Blues Nite at Mickey's

### **THURSDAY**

>Mickey's Bike & Cruise Night 7:30PM

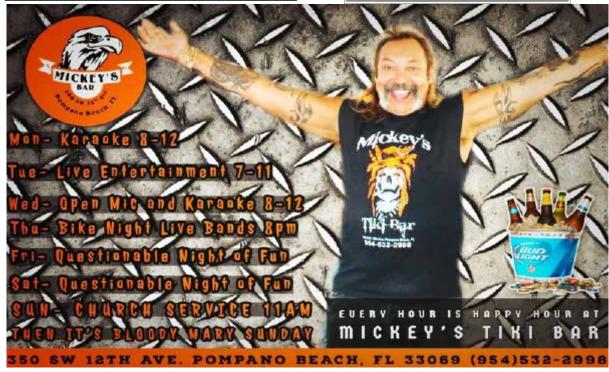
### **FRIDAY**

>4th Fri - Fly-in Wheels Open House

### <u>SATURDAY</u>

>2nd Sat - Fly-in Wheels Open House





### 2021

### MARCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 80th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK	6
7 80th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 80th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK	15	16	17	18 E-Board Meeting	19	20
21 ABATE SE Mtg Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY	28	29	31			

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### APRIL

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 CMA EASTER SERVICE	5	6	7	8	9	10 ABATE Of FL Inc State Meeting
11 MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY	12	13	14	15 E-Board Meeting	16	17
18 STATES MC\ ANNUAL ABATE SE Mtg	19	20	21	22	23	24
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MARCH

5th-14th 80th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK

17th-Wed St. Patrick's Day

21st-Sun HERMANDAD MC -ANNUAL Cancelled

**27th-Sat** Fly-In Wheels Annual

28th-Sun US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY

<u>APRIL</u>

3rd-Sat

4th-Sun CMA - EASTER SERVICE

10th-Sat

11th-Sun MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY

17th-Sat

18th-Sun STATES MC - ANNUAL 23rd-25th FESBURG BIKEFEST

#### <u>MAY</u>

1st-Sat

2nd-SunSOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL8th-SatOUTCAST MC - ANNUAL

9th-Sun Mothers Day 15th-Sat LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY

15th-Sat 16th-Sun

NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL

22nd-Sat 23th-Sun 30th-Sun

S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

31st-Mon Memorial Day

<u>JUNE</u>

5th-Sat AOA SOUTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL GBNF

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6th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - PARTY
12th-Sat MIDNIGHT CLUB REAPERS MC - ANNUAL

13th-Sun 19th-Sat

20th-Sun Fathers Day

26th-Sat US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD -

ANNUAL

27th-Sun

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JULY 3rd-Sat

4th-Sun Independence Day

10th-Sat

11th-Sun **ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL** 

17th-Sat

18th-Sun SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BRO

WARD - ANNUAL

24th-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC -

CHILI COOK-OFF

**AUGUST** 

1st-Sun

6th-15th 81st STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY 13th-15th SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVEN-

TION

15th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. -51st ANNIVERSARY

PARTY-

21st-Sat

22nd-Sun SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL

28th-Sat 29th-Sun

**SEPTEMBER** 

4th-Sat SOUTHERN MC TEDDY BEAR RUN

5th-Sun

6th-Mon Labor Day

11th-Sat

12th-Sun STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP

PARTY

17th-19th PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN

??????

25th-Sat KINGDOM OF BROTHERS MC -

ANNUAL

26th-Sun

**OCTOBER** 

2nd-Sat

3rd-Sun MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL

9th-Sat OUTCAST - PARTY
10th-Sun S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL

14th-17th DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST 23rd-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC -

HALLOWEEN PARTY

24th-Sun CMA - MEMORIAL 30th-Sat FEARLESS MC - ANNUAL

31st-Sun HALLOWEEN

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**NOVEMBER** 

6th-Sat **HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL** 

11th-Wed Veterans Day

13th-Sat USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL 14th-Sun Fly-In Wheels Annual

20th-Sat **LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL** 

26th-Thurs Thanksgiving Day

**DECEMBER** 

5th-Sun SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
11th-Sat ALIGATOR ALLEY TOY RUN BIKE

DRAWING???

11th-Sat HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEMORIAL

AND TOY RUN

11th-Sat USMVMC - WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

19th-Sat 20th-Sun

25th-Sat Christmas Day













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

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



Sheila's grandson, Odin (the Viking) just turned 6 and his parents got him a dirt bike for his birthday. We were sitting around, looking at videos and pictures of him, and it got us talking about the different ages that people learn to ride.

Johnny, our President, learned at 10. You can see more of his story in Johnny's Rant. Sheila learned in her 40's. I wanted to ride earlier, but my mother was against it (she had her reasons), and I had kids to raise and a degree to earn. One year, I got a little bit more back in my tax refund than expected and on Valentine's Day, bought myself a 1994 Sportster. Once I learned to ride, I never looked back, wind therapy, for sure.

Thunder's mom rode with the Gypsy Tours in the late 1950's. I grew up on a farm in the country. My youngest memories, actually pictures, show me, even before I could walk, in a saddle bag or on the gas tank of motorcycles. I can't remember what age I started riding, but it was young, and not only motorcycles, but horses, and tractors too.

Chrissy, our Chaplain, learned to ride 10 years ago. She bought her bike just before she got her endorsement, and then went to Neverland. She is never going to grow up. She felt that God was leading her to ride, as a huge life lesson, to teach her courage, and it worked!

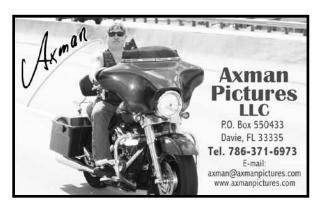
Marie, our long-time Secretary (now retired) and current State Rep, was in her 30's when she got the Cycle Bug. She had been dating a man who had a dresser, he named Taffy, because of the color. He had recently sold

his business and was going to ride around the country and Marie joined him when she could, working for an airline had its advantages. They were in Utah and stopped for gas, when she moved from the back seat to the front. He came back and said, "Hey, do you think you can handle her?" She said, "Like this!" She stood Taffy up, put her in gear, and was ready. Soon after that, they went to Bike Week and she found her my first bike. It was an 80 Shovelhead, AMF. Unfortunately, her friend had a bad accident and couldn't ride anymore, but he smiled every time Marie pulled up to his driveway. (Personal note from Marie to Skeet... Thank you my dearest buddy Skeet, I know your smiling down and watching me ride. Miss you, my friend.) Another good thing that came from Skeet, he was the founder of the Scurvy Few MC Bahamas and Stateside.

Troy, our Road Captain, has this story:

One night it all Changed. I was six, almost seven years old and my older brother, who was close to nine, went as a family to an evening dinner at my father's co-worker's house. The daughter of the co-worker, who was a little older than my brother, had something that I had never seen before, there it was, something that would change my life forever. A Sears Craftsman Mini-Bike. That night we rode it like no tomorrow and the addiction, you may even call it a curse, was born. From that moment, me and my brother had to have a mini-bike of our own. All we did was dream and talk about having a mini-bike night and day. Shortly after that night, our dad came home from work and said he had to go to Sears around the corner

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and look for some tires for the car. Knowing that at that time Sears had their mini-bikes on the auto parts showroom floor, we were both in to tag along. Even though that day was over 50 years ago, I can remember it as clearly as if it was yesterday. My brother and I were standing there looking at this lime green, 3 ½ horsepower Briggs and Stratton motor, Craftsman Mini- Bike. It might as well have been a full-blown Harley Davidson Ultra Classic Dresser, it was beautiful. As we were staring at the bike, I said, "Man, I wish that was ours." My Dad looked at us and said, "It is, I just bought it for you." Still to this day, that was one of the most memorial moments in my life that I will never forget. I still own that Mini-Bike today, 52 years later. As I grow older, I've come to understand, yes it was a day that a little boy's wish came true, but it was far more than that. It was a day that my Dad, in his own way, was able to show the love he had for his two sons.

Then we did a little research, to see what the consensus was, what was the perfect age to learn to ride. Most places that we looked, basically said the same thing, it depends. For children, the earliest to be on two wheels, with an engine, seems to be at four or five years old. Children usually have enough balance and coordination to learn to ride. They should start with light weight bikes, because they are going to fall sometimes, and you don't want to start them with too much power. They should work their way up, and they will. The older they get, the more speed and power they will want, but you want to make sure they can handle it. Just like adults learning to ride, the kid will either love it or hate it. The ones who love it will only know two speeds, "stopped" and "going as fast as the bike will go". And for the ones who hate it, back up parents and grandparents. Don't push them. Let them come to it on their own.

Some other famous motorcycle riders got their start at different ages too.

Evil Knievel started riding sometime around 8-years old. Evil Knievel's son, Robbie, began riding motorcycles at age seven. At age eight, he did his first show

at Madison Square Gardens, and by 12, was on the road touring with his father.

Charles Lindbergh, the famous pilot, started riding in high school. He was considered a shy and quiet young man, but he rode his bike fast and hard. It sometimes seemed like he wanted to see how close to the edge he could push it.

James Dean got his first motorcycle at age 15. He was the only one in his small town to have one, and rode it full throttle, loosing a couple of teeth in a crash.

Steve McQueen, before becoming an actor, made money competing in motorcycle races. He bought his first bike at 21, a 1946 Indian Chief. He didn't have a lot of money and needed a way to get around to auditions. He loved dirt racing and continued racing through the major circuits throughout his life. Check out the motorcycling documentary that he produced, and you all probably know it, "On Any Sunday".

Jay Leno fell in love with motorcycles when he was six. Most of us know that he is a great motorcycle enthusiast and has many, many rare bikes. Here's an old biker saying he likes to quote "There are old motorcyclists, and there are bold motorcyclists, but there are no old, bold motorcyclists." Think about that before you start riding.

Billy Joel has loved motorcycles since he was a teen, but it wasn't until 1977, when he started to get famous, that he kicked off his riding career. He also has an impressive collection, somewhere between 50 & 75 bikes, all road ready. At 71, he also has a 38-year old wife, and 2 young daughters, 5 & 7. Go Billy!

Let's go back to Odin. This kid, Sheila's best friend, had an incident with a big dog when he was young, so he had a fear of them. He was never scared though, when his Papa (Johnny Rose) would rev up his Harley. Sheila's pipes are louder, but Johnny's bike is bigger. Anyway, last Thanksgiving, on a family trip to High Springs, Odin was at his Uncle Scott's house, in the middle of the woods, lots of acres, and Scott has something like 10 grandkids, all ages, so also, all kinds of



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### **OLDHIPPY'S CORNER**

(Throwback March 2009)

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I am writing this before Bike Week and hope that the ones that were able to make it had a good time. Hopefully the weather and law enforcement didn't put a damper on the event.

Bike Week is one of ABATE of Florida's State sponsored events. It takes, just like the 3 events SE Chapter does a year, a lot of different volunteers putting in a lot of time trying to make it a successful event for everybody.

Coming up, SE Chapter has our Memorial event and there is already a group of volunteers behind the scenes working on it. That's one of the differences between a MC and an organization. Without people willing to donate their time to help this and any other chapter of ABATE, it would be very difficult to work to accomplish the goal of Organization, which is listed in the newsletter. Without the help of the volunteers and advertisers the newsletter would either be non-existence or at least reduced to near nothing.

I ask for all SE ABATE members to try and help out when possible, especially at the Memorial event. This will not only help our Chapter and cause, but will also help share the workload on some of our brothers and sisters.

I just got to tell ya, some guys get lucky and this time I just happen to be one. Lynn Hara, (for those who don't know is the "call girl" for our Chapter and also happens to be "my ole lady"), did something that I'm still in shock about for Valentine's Day. Marjorie who is a salesperson for Rick Case Honda and also an ABATE member, informed me that they just got in a beautiful 07 Screaming Eagle Ultra in, with low miles and I need to come take a look. Well, I took a look and boy is it a pretty! Only had 1,300 miles on it, all the bells and whistles, not counting a 110-cu inch engine, made me kind of drool. I told Lynn Hara about it and we went by to see "her". Next thing I knew she pulled Marjorie

aside plopped down some cash to hold it and said I'm buying it. It caught me by surprise some much that my face went blank and everybody kept coming up to me and asking if I was alright. I'll hopefully be able to get "her" around the tenth.

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Enough of my stuff right now ... time to get back to what I spend a lot of time on and don't get paid for.

There is a bill proposed in the Senate, sponsored by Senator Rudy Garcia Republican from Dade County, District 40 that would impose a stiffer penalty for drivers that cause an accident involving a motorcycle. This would also include mandatory jail time. It is HB 968, and here is a brief rundown:

- 1) A person convicted of a moving violation that causes serious body injury to a person riding a motorcycle will be second degree misdemeanor shall pay a fine if not less than \$500 and serve a minimum of 30 day in jail and have his license revoked for not less than 30 days. (Makes sense, he or she will be in jail anyway)
- 2) A person convicted of a moving violation that results in the death of the rider, it becomes misdemeanor in the first degree, and shall pay a fine of no less \$1,000, serve a minimum of 90 days in jail, attend an advanced driver improvement course, plus lose their license for not less than 1 year.

This proposed bill spells out what it is for motorcycle involved crashes, which I feel will impede the bill's progress in House and Senate with its wording alone. I hope that at least if they modify the bill, they do what I have seen in other states. They have a right-of-way bill, where any vehicle infringes in your right-of- way and causes an accident, the fines will be increased. These right-of-way infringements examples are,

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turning in front of you, lane changes, pull out in front of you, and so on.

CONTRACTOR OF STREET

On the national level there a few things going on that we should keep an eye on. The National Transportation Research Board (TRB) had their annual meeting and there were several sessions aimed at areas of motorcycle safety and research as well as a meeting of the Motorcycle and Moped Committee of the TRB.

Some of the topics discussed were the aging community and motorcycling, eye tracking research, conspicuity, anti-lock brakes and exposure. Also, there, was the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety which gave a brief report on their studies that explored ABS systems (they work) and one that definitely got my attention, "damageability" of specific motorcycles. Clearly tired of paying expensive repairs for damages that is the same no matter if involved high speed motorcycle crash or just tipping while parked. This study will, undoubtedly rate motorcycle on their sturdiness, so expect to pay more for insurance depending where your bikes rates on the forth coming list. US House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is chaired by James L. Oberstar, Democrat from Minnesota. We have several representatives from Florida which hopefully will keep the Motorcycle communities' interest at heart. They are:

- Corrine Brown, Democrat representing the 3rd district (Jacksonville/Gainesville area)
- John L. Mica, Ranking Republican Member representing the 7th district (Orange/Flagler area)
- Mario Diaz-Balart Republican representing South Florida district 25
- Vern Buchanan Republican representing 13th district (Sarasota area)

Of great importance to us, is this committee will draft the next version of the highway bill. This is the bill that has fueled motorcycle safety funding, the creation of the Federal Highway Motorcycle Advisory Council and the NHTSA lobby ban. On the other side, this bill has also been used as blackmail, by holding highway funds where states do not have man-

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datory helmet laws in place. Personally, I have seen the groundwork in place, all the changes in helmet identifications and construction, requirement for DOT certification, leads me to believe that has been a well-planned endeavor by Government to snatch another right. "THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE"

On a good note, with the passing of HR 1 we get a little break in the purchase of a new ride! In this bill, tucked away is a provision that will give us ability to deduct all state and local taxes from the purchase of a new motorcycle as long as you make less than \$125,000 and the bike cost less than \$49,500 (I think most of us fit in this category).

To Quote from Will Rogers (1879-1935) "I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts."

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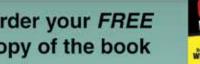
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# Johnny's Rant

### Old school, new school, WTF

Anyway, I'm going to take you back to 1967. I was 10-years old and lived in the woods, in upstate New York, with my family. My neighbor, Mike, was a year younger than me, but about a foot and a half taller. He outgrew his Honda 50 Mini-Trail and his parents got him a Honda 70. And guess who got to ride the 50? That's right, me. We're talking motorcycle gas tank and 3 gears to shift. That ain't no mini-bike to a 10-year old, it's a big ole Harley Davidson.

So, it's the middle of winter, and we are about 30 miles from Kingston, NY, kinda near Woodstock. There's a foot and a half of snow on the ground and we decided that we were going to ride on the frozen lake. There was also a gravel runway out there, with a pole and a weathervane to tell the wind direction.

We always hung out there. It was our favorite place to hang. We used to fish there and ride our bikes yearround, but we had never seen an airplane land there before.

But this one day, when we crossed the runway, it was plowed. You know we couldn't resist that, so we took off on our bikes, down the runway. And then, all of a sudden, we heard this loud noise coming up from behind us. We pulled over in the snow and saw an airplane landing. It turned out that it was the guy who owned the property. We told him that we always pick up all the trash we find out there and burn it in the fire pit we made by the lake. We told him we try and take care of the place.

Then he said, "I'll tell you what, boys, if you let me take your bike for a ride, I'll take you up in my airplane." As kids, we had no fear, so of course we said yes. He jumped on the 70 and rode down the runway. When he came back, we all climbed into the plane and he took us up for about an hour. We each got to fly the plane. And that was my first time in a plane.

And my parents never knew. Now that's old school. Do you think that could have happened nowadays?

No way!! He was a complete stranger, no way!! Back then, things were so different. You could breathe the air and drink the water and sex didn't kill. Oh yeah, and our social media was called "outside".

And it's a true story, and I remembered it because Mike called me the other day to check in on me and I asked if he remembered that day and he did, and we talked about it for a while. Just sayin', you know, now it's up to us to teach the new generation, sometimes it's okay to just live and have fun.

Peace, Johnny Rose





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### ARE GAS-POWERED VEHICLES ENDANGERED?

More than three years after President Trump pulled the U.S. out of the Paris climate agreement, we're back in. On Biden's first day in office on January 20th, one of his first priorities was to sign an executive order to re-enter the global pact to slow climate change. Rejoining the accord was simple; the next step gets harder: How can the world's second-largest polluter shrink emissions 45-50% by the end of this decade to comply with the deal?

One of Joe Biden's campaign promises was to "Transition away from oil" and create a "carbon pollution-free power sector" by 2035, as part of a \$2 trillion investment to build back the economy by investing in green infrastructure.

The Paris Agreement does not prescribe exact methods for eliminating emissions behind global warming, but establishes binding targets for avoiding worrisome temperature thresholds. Research conducted by the German Aerospace Centre, says that passenger car engines as we know it need to be completely phased out from new sales before the end of the next decade in order for Europe to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, the most ambitious part of the Paris pact's "well below 2 degrees Celsius" overall aim.

More than 14 countries and over 20 cities around the world have proposed banning the sale of fossil fuel vehicles at some time in the near future.

GM SETS 2035 TARGET TO PHASE OUT GAS-,

### DIESEL-POWERED VEHICLES GLOBALLY

General Motors has set a 2035 target date for phasing out gasoline and diesel powered vehicles from its showrooms globally, among the first major auto makers to put a timeline on transitioning to a fully electric lineup.

One of the world's largest automakers, GM wants to end sales of combustion engine vehicles by 2035 as part of a broader pledge to become carbon neutral by 2040. Other car companies committed to the climate pledge include BMW, Ford, Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen and Volvo.

### DOUBLE-DIGIT MOTORCYCLE SALES IN-CREASE DURING WORST YEAR THIS CENTURY

In spite of the economic and health uncertainty posed by the Coronavirus pandemic for the bulk of 2020, the powersports sector experienced an 18.4% increase in sales for the year.

The double-digit growth was owed largely to a big bump in off-highway bikes and ATVs, which jumped 46.5% & 33.8% respectively, but new-model motorcycle and scooter sales were also up 11.4% over 2019, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council Retail Sales Report.

"Overall, the industry had a good year under difficult circumstances," noted Erik Pritchard, president and CEO of the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC), stating; "The COVID-19 pandemic forced all of us to be nimble and to make the changes we needed to survive. In the end, many in the industry saw strong growth, and now our opportunity is to keep all of these new riders riding and to inspire even more people to join us on two, three, and four wheels."

This positive turn after years of dwindling sales figures, with the industry as a whole reaching in every possible direction to inspire a new generation of dedicated riders, is quite encouraging, and hopefully the trend will continue into the future.

# ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE BUYERS GET A U.S. TAX CREDIT THROUGH 2021

If you're thinking about buying a new electric motor-

cycle this year, and you live in the USA, here's some good news: the federal tax credit that went into effect for new electric bike models at the end of 2019 has been extended until January 1, 2022.

Any electric motorcycle that can go at least 45 mph is eligible for a 10% tax credit, up to \$2,500.

Electric motorcycle owners new and old should also know that, at the same time that electric motorcycle credit got extended, the 30% EV charger installation credit was re-upped by the federal government as well. For 2021, you're eligible for a credit up to \$1,000 for home installations and up to \$30,000 for business installations on new EV chargers.

"The electric motorcycle industry is rapidly responding to our country's need for affordable and environmentally responsible transportation," said Zero Motorcycles' CEO Sam Paschel, adding that "These tax credits represent an investment in a cleaner energy future, and also effectively create jobs in the ever-growing electric vehicle industry."

Details are still being hammered out, but other concurrent federal government plans include additional federal tax incentives to get everyday people to switch from gas to EV, though it's unknown at this time how those will specifically affect the electric motorcycle industry.

### VR COULD ALLOW CONSUMERS TO 'RIDE' MOTOR-CYCLE PROTOTYPES

It seems virtually unreal, but Virtual Reality is starting to fulfill futuristic promises, and it's even forged a place in the real-world development of motorcycles. VR has long straddled the line between sci-fi and sci-fact, with crazy promises made in movies from 'Tron' to 'The Matrix', but the tech is coming of age and moving from the living room to Yamaha's boardroom.

Far from VR computer gaming, Yamaha VR opens new doors to improve product development, and possibly expanding consumer marketing.

Masayuki Miki, a member of the joint research team in the Fundamental Technology Research Division at Yamaha's Technical R&D Centre, explained to Cycle World, "Yamaha has been using riding simulators built around actual motorcycles for some time."

"Since VR allows us to 'ride' a wide range of products on all kinds of road environments we've created, our simulators and VR equipment play an important role in our research into rider—machine dynamics. It also goes toward achieving our Jin-Ki Kanno development ideal [which is about bikes providing fulfillment as well as transport]."

Miki went on to explain that VR means a far bigger group of people (perhaps even customers) will be able to 'ride' prototypes, saying: "If this project leads to a substantive solution, it'll be possible to have riders with different techniques and perceptions participate in tests."

# FIRE GUTS LACONIA MOTORCYCLE WEEK HEADQUARTERS

A catastrophic Christmas Day fire tore through the offices of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association, destroying decades-old memorabilia and rally archives detailing the history of the nearly 100-year-old event, often referred to as the Oldest National Motorcycle Rally with roots dating back to 1916 when a Gypsy Tour gathered for several days at Weirs Beach on the southern shores of Lake Winnipesaukee.

"It was absolutely terrible," executive director Charlie St. Clair told Ridin' On. "We lost almost everything. We lost all of our memorabilia. Photos and archives from more than 50 years." All Motorcycle Week-related stuff "is pretty much all gone" including their entire inventory of just-arrived 100th anniversary T-Shirts and promotional apparel.

"It was literally a museum in itself," said St. Clair, much of it irreplaceable, estimating the total loss will be in the "hundreds of thousands" of dollars.

In calling for help from the public, in terms of rebuilding and gathering new Laconia Motorcycle Week artifacts and collectibles, St. Clair said they would welcome donations of such items and reports a Go-

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FundMe page was also launched by Friends of Laconia Motorcycle Week at (www.gofundme.com/f/we-love-laconia-motorcycle-week).

Laconia Motorcycle Week will mark 98 years in 2021, and while "staging the upcoming event is not going to be easy," the show will go on.... June 12-20, 2021.

### DAYTONA BIKE WEEK IS A 'GO'!

By a 6-1 vote on January 20, the Daytona Beach city commission endorsed plans for the 80th annual bike rally, scheduled for March 5-14. Daytona Bike Week's organizers feared they might have to pull the plug on the 2021 rally, due to a resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the event is a huge economic driver for the region, and with this year being the 80th anniversary, businesses were especially looking forward to the needed financial boost.

Masks, hand sanitizer stations, temperature checks, signs and social distancing come with the commission's new rules, and most bars, restaurants and other businesses will be required to limit occupancy to 60%, but otherwise Daytona Bike Week is a "GO!"

# AMERICADE POSTPONED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

This year's Americade Motorcycle Touring Rally, typically held in June in Lake George, N.Y. each year since 1983, has been rescheduled to Sept. 21-25 due to Coronavirus concerns.

Last year's Americade was first postponed to July before being canceled altogether because of the global pandemic.

# BILL COMMEMORATES ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL

Federal legislation was signed into law on December 23, 2020 to establish a commission to recommend ways to commemorate Route 66's upcoming 100th anniversary. The first all-paved U.S. highway was completed in 1926 and ran from Chicago to Los Angeles.

The new 15-person commission is to include representatives from the states through which the highway

ran: Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

# FUTURISTIC AUTOMATIC DE-ICING ROAD CONSTRUCTED IN FRANCE

Roads as we know them have been around since 4,000 B.C., but though those first paved tracks may seem a million miles from the blacktop of today, it doesn't seem like road-building has kept up with the times.

That could be about to change, reports visordown. com, as a French company named Eurovia announces a new type of tech that allows a road to heat itself in winter to clear snow and ice.

The road is built around the fairly basic principle of a heat exchanger and is not dissimilar to the pipes you find in under-floor heating. A fluid is passed through the pipes and depending on the road's ambient temperature energy can either be taken from or sent to the road's surface layer.

Because of the natural propensity for roads to absorb heat -- being black and facing directly upwards -- the system can also take in heat during the summer, store it and then release it in the winter. This could either be to help clear obstructions like ice or snow, or the energy could be diverted into heating nearby homes or buildings.

This project has advanced beyond the drawing board, with Eurovia already building an actual working version of the new "Power Road" tech, located along a 120m stretch of road recently opened in Égletons, France. The region has seasonal hot and cold weather, making it a perfect urban environment to try the road out... and it didn't disappoint. With some flurries of snow over the festive season, the automated road managed to clear snow and ice before it reached such a level that vehicles would have been inhibited.

While Eurovia clearly didn't set out to make it easier for motorcyclists to ride in the winter, that could be a very real bonus to its Power Road installations.

### MOTORCYCLE TAXI INDUSTRY CAUSING KIDS IN AFRICA TO QUIT SCHOOL

Difficult times have forced African youngsters to put their studies aside in favor of making a living driving motorcycle taxis. Many people rely on motorcycle taxis to go about their daily lives, and this unconventional means of public transportation fuels the livelihood of many individuals in developing countries like Asia and Africa, with lots of people making a living solely from ferrying people around aboard their motorcycles.

Now, the unfortunate global disaster caused a massive shutdown of nearly all schools, giving kids a lot of idle time as laborers were left jobless and without a stable income to support their families. So, students have begun dropping out of school and instead are getting into the motorcycle taxi business. As it turns out, kids would rather spend their time outside working, and ferrying food deliveries or people from point A to point B, rather than stay at home taking online classes. Idleness paired with affordable Chinese motorcycles has lured kids as young as fifteen to buy their own bikes as an investment to earn a living.

Naturally, the key to a developing region is education, and an uneducated future population poses a severe challenge to an already struggling economy, but at this point in time it appears there's simply nothing else the African youth can do to sustain themselves and their families until schools reopen and more employment opportunities pop up in the region.

### **QUOTABLE QUOTE:**

"The worst road trips make the best road tales."

~ Me

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things to ride, and all kinds of sizes, 4 wheelers and 2 wheelers. After seeing his cousins ride for a little while, Odin wanted to try, and then, it was a fight to get him to stop. He was all go, go, gone. And then, he wasn't even afraid of dogs anymore. Like Chrissy said, it gave him courage. His parents got him a dirt motorcycle for his birthday, and the addiction is real, like Troy said. He is a "biker" now. He goes as fast as the bike will let him; his dad clocked him at 35 mph. He does have all the safety gear too, the chest pad, helmet, boots, everything. His dad even built him some little jumps in the back yard.....and so it starts. Wait 'til you see this kid in a few years, and you will see him, as he comes to a lot of events with his Grandmama and Papa, but next time you see him, it might be pulling up in a pack with ABATE.

So, it seems that best time to learn to ride is.....ANY-TIME!!!

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Abraham had the one thing that tickled God's heart... the one ingredient that caused God to search the earth and pick him. That one ingredient was faith. It was a simple blind faith that caused Abraham to trust and believe what God said He would do. So he and his wife Sarah packed their saddlebags and set out on a journey with no exact destination.

We agree that change is difficult. But if you knew God was initiating a change in your life that meant His hand would be on you, setting you up for blessing in the years to come, wouldn't that make it worth the challenge?

Psalm 46:10 says, "Surrender your anxiety! Be silent and stop your striving and you will see that I am God. I am the God above all the nations, and I will be exalted throughout the whole earth." Stop right now and ask God to show you His will for your future. But don't be surprised if it involves some changes. Just stay open minded and remember that all His plans are good!

Chrissy Leonhardt Chaplain, ABATE SE



spending. The proposals have drawn criticism from Democrats who say they are unnecessary and divisive and could be used to squash peaceful assemblies.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Senate Republicans are backing a controversial proposal that would affect public-employee union dues, while also looking at possibly moving away from the state's traditional pension system for government workers. Unions have lined up to fight the union dues proposal, which would put additional requirements on the process for deducting dues from paychecks. The other proposal could shift new workers to a 401(k)-style system.

TAXES: With Florida businesses pushing for the change, lawmakers are considering a proposal that would require out-of-state online retailers to collect sales taxes on purchases made by Floridians. Currently, retailers that have a physical presence in Florida must collect and remit sales taxes for items sold in the state. The bill seeks to put the same responsibility on retailers that don't have such a presence but sell products to Floridians.

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks State Vice President State Legislative Trustee, ABATE of Florida, Inc. abatefloridainc.com



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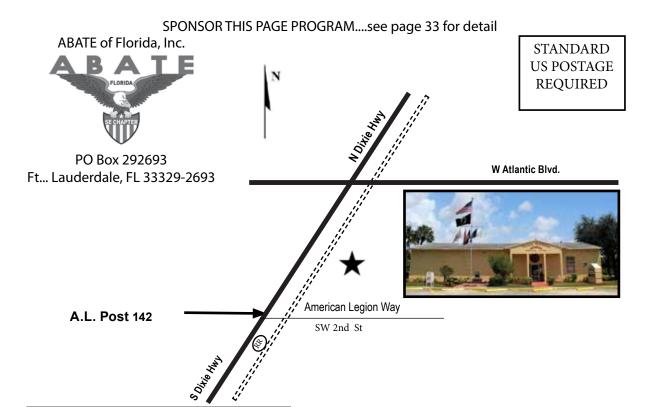
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To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

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.

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