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President's Thoughts

This is the busy time for the Chapter. We are currently in the midst of the election process for the upcoming year for our local Board of Directors. We are also doing the final plans for the Memorial Event at the Casino in Coconut Creek and will be enlisting all the help we can get to make this a success.

We will also be out getting donations for the Drawing tickets for the chance of a Cruise for 2, with other great stuff from many other locations, along with the flyers this month.

The proposed State By-Law change has been put on hold by the "State" Board of Directors till further study is completed.

Our efforts to get the Stiffer Penalty bill through, has hit a snag in the House. It appears the Chairman is not too supporting of it and as of now, has not scheduled it to be presented. We are still hopeful that this could still happen in the session.

That's it for me this month and I hope to see everybody at the Event!

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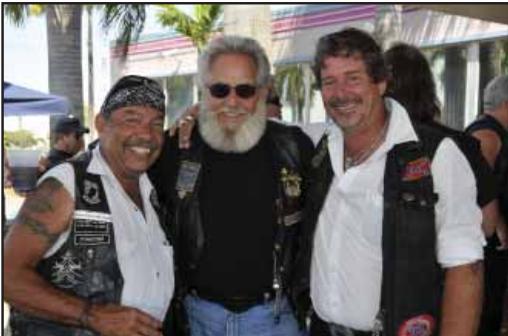
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ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes April 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:22am by President Old Hippy 36 signed-in members, 1 guest and no At-Large members in attendance. Total signed-in attendance: 37. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Tumbleweed.

President's Report

Old Hippy presided the meeting by welcoming all. Lots of events going on. Thank you for coming. Ace is back in town. We have a lot to discuss at the state level. My report is brief and Alice the Treasurer could not make it today due to being under the weather.

Vice-President's Report

Johnny Rose - Glad to see everybody here. We need to invite all the independents to show up to our event in May. Thanks for all that have come today. Happy to have our next event at the Casino. We are here to help save lives and protect our rights. Nothing further to report.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of March's meeting as printed. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Alice not present. Old Hippy read February's financial report. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. All in favor, motion passed.

Sergeant at Arm's Report

Big Wheel attended the Tallahassee Rally. Our Facebook has over 900 members.

Road Captain's Report

Geo not present. No Report please read the newsletter for more information.

Safety Director's Report

Teddy Bear not present. Nothing to report

Products' Report

New products are in. Check it out with Jackie at the table.

Events Coordinator

We are having our next event for Memorial Day; it will be

held at the Coconut Creek Casino. Next meeting for Event Planning at: VFW Post 9697 on Apr 28th at 07:30pm.

State Reps Report

Chris Sharp reported on the Rally at Tally. Next year's rally will be in February. Chris discussed the different issues currently being held in committees. Stiffer penalties bill not looking good to come out of committee. The Committee chair says it has to do with the "Tim Tebow Reasoning". If you would please send the Comm Chair emails about this senseless reason. Bike Week camp ground not good this year. In July the Leadership Seminar will be held in Clermont. Bylaws have been withdrawn by the State Board due to their own reasoning. The Bylaws will be reviewed again and then it will come back. Vertical tag no longer requires a Sunpass Transponder.

Membership Report

George reported a total of 611 members. Busy month this coming month. 6 new Life members were signed up.

Newsletter Editor

Lee Ann "Wildcat" states please get your articles no later than April 20th.

Legislative Report

Demetrius reported that Rep Matt Hudson came to speak at the State meeting. It seems that the state reps are asking more often to come to speak to us as compared to us coming to ask them to speak.

Public Relations

Fern not present.

Advertising

Hope asking for help to deliver bills with newsletters.

Social Directors Report

Karin reported the party at the VFW post went very well approximately 40 showed up. Next month the Birthday Party will be held at the American Legion.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob Anz reported that everything was 100%.

Photographer's Report

Please send Wildcat any photos.

Web-Master's Report

Mike Hager not present. Website is up.

Legal Council

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Val chosen by the President to run the Nominations for upcoming Elections. Old Hippy's new cell phone is now 954-770-7366. Second round of nominations were remade this month and will be officially reported again at the next meeting.

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Safety Director: Papa Harley, Teddy bear, Video Vulture

New Business

Hope is asking to buy an updated Quick Books software for billing. It was moved, and voted in favor to look into non-costs alternatives first, but if this doesn't work then to spend no more than \$300 to update the Quick Books software.

Good of the order

The Meeting in June will be held on Father's day – June 19th ...no change.
Southern MC is having their annual on May 1st down Highway 997/Krome Avenue. Please participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43am.

Karin Rylands won a free annual membership and Hope Lanius won the 50/50.

These minutes are summarized and respectfully submitted

"Commander Louie"

Luis "Louie" Subirats
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Early Days

Today we have motorcycles are all over; on the highways going and coming from everywhere. At the local waterhole, that cool burger stand on Friday night, ok you get the picture. Motorcycles are everywhere, being ridden by mainstream folks and those hardcore biker types who actually made the name "Harley Chopper" is what it stands for, today. As early as 10 or 15 years ago that wasn't the case, and motorcyclists were largely considered less than acceptable by the American populous, mostly in part to the "outlaw" stigma cast on bikers depicted in those low budget Hollywood movies from the 60's and 70's.

It isn't a coincidence either, that as the cowboy era faded away at that time. The mystique of motorcycles and the longing to ride the open road helped coin the name "Iron Horse" while quickly taking over the dreams of men who saved every penny they could in hopes of one day getting in the wind, and the whimsy of boys who rode their bicycles pretending they were their motion picture hero's.

As early as the 1920's there were daring men and women who made their living riding motorcycles on the infamous wall of death in Coney Island, New York simultaneously racing and crisscrossing in a raucous blur of fumes, and fury inside the equivalent of an over-sized wooden barrel. The sport had a strong run from the 1930s- 1960s (with Indian Scouts being the motorcycle of choice), but there are still hardcore enthusiasts to be found all over keeping it alive today that can be seen at motorcycle rally's like Sturgis, Leesburg, and others.

What helped gave life to the motorcycle lifestyle in the early years was the infinite freedom and passion exuded by these daredevils and motion picture rebels that excited men, women, and children who identified with these new social icons and wanted to be a part of it any way they could.

With the United States entering WWI and WWII, the motorcycle, and the men who rode them in the armed forces were bestowed with a patriotic honor and

reverence that depicted values of honesty, integrity and hard work that was held in high regard by the working class men who proudly rode their civilian Knucklehead Harley's.

As time marches on, the negative social thoughts of the motorcycle and those who live the biker lifestyle has almost been completely reversed, it is commonplace to see people from all walks of life, and social standing riding a custom Harley, or sportbike as their primary means of transportation like me, and not so much as the reply to the sky rocking price of gasoline, but more of a statement that says there is truly something unique and enticing about the rumble and roar of American pig iron between your legs and the feeling of freedom that comes from feeling the wind, the smells, and the scenery that now seems closer than before.

Till next time...

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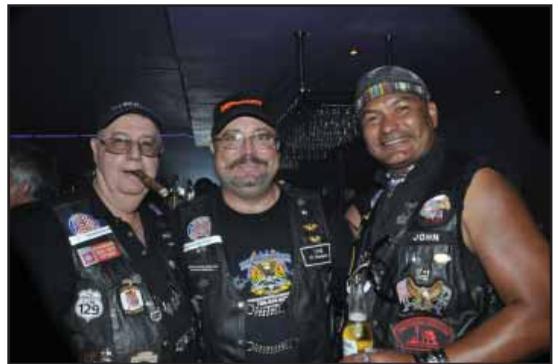
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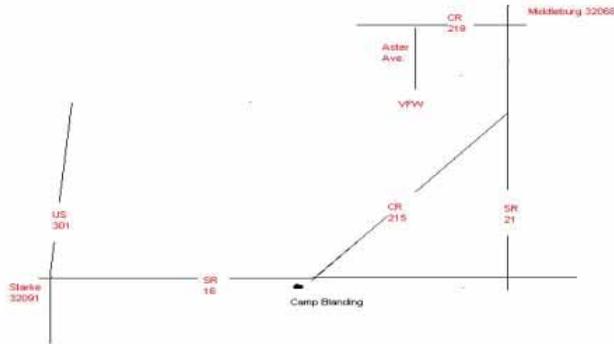
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While we're giving support, our next month's Party will be on May 14th at the American Legion Post 321. They provide the use of the Hall where we have our monthly meetings and they also support ABATE SE Chapter in many other ways, including our upcoming annual Memorial Day Event.

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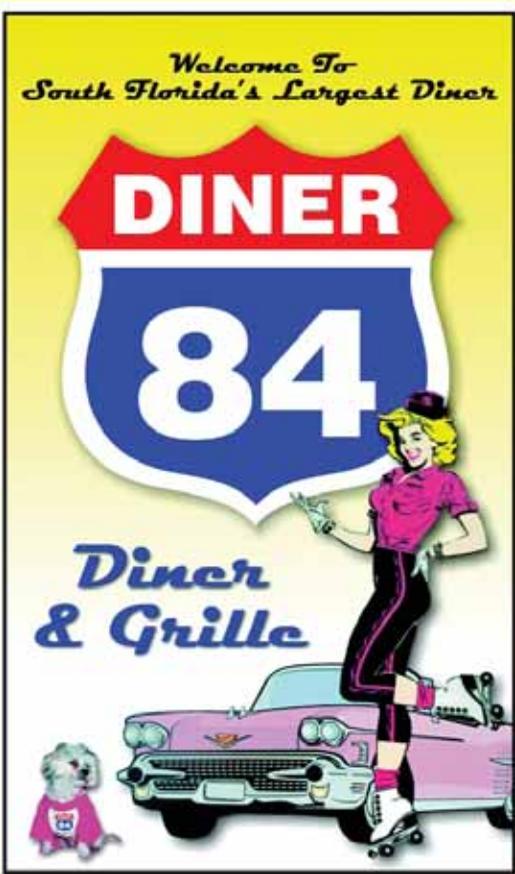
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Vice Prez

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TO all the new riders out there be careful and aware of the cages (cars) around you. Most of motorcycles accidents happen in the first 12 months of riding. Anyone getting on or off 595 needs to be extra careful with all new construction going on nobody seems to know which lane goes where .I've been cut off at least 5 times in the last month and it doesn't seem to matter if I'm on my bike or in my van. Be safe and ride free.

May 29 is our big party hope to see everyone there! We will honor our WWII vets in the VA homes and escort them to the party and show them the love and respect they deserve. If it wasn't for their sacrifices we might not be free now. We will have a 21 gun salute, and "Phantom" will play "Taps" for our soldiers lost.

P.S. This doesn't mean we have forgotten about our Korean, Vietnam, Gulf War, or our Soldiers in harm's way now. It just means they are getting older and we need to thank them every chance we can. And also, we need as many volunteers as we can get, so we can pull off this event. Thank you! It would be much appreciated!!



Peace, Johnny Rose



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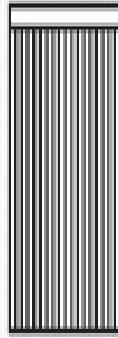
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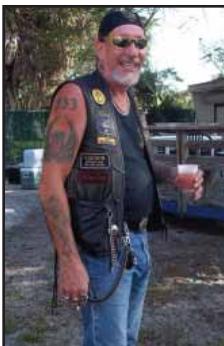
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Southern MC Annual	2	3	4	5	6 National COC Convention	7 National COC Convention
8  Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14 ABATE B'day Party at American Legion Post 321
15 Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual	16	17	18	19	20	21 WOG MC Pt St Lucie Party
22 ABATE Chapter Meeting WOG MC Miami Annual	23	24	25	26	27	28 Flyin' Wheels MC Annual
29 ABATE SE Memorial Day Celebration!	30 Memorial Day	31				

Additional Info:

May 14 - ABATE Birthday Party at the American Legion Post 321**May 14 - USMV MC West Palm Beach Annual**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual	6	7	8	9	10	11 New Attitudes MC Annual
12 Wings of Gold MC W. P. B. Annual	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 ABATE Chapter Meeting Fathers Day 	20	21	22	23	24	25 Palm Beach ABATE Party
26 Wings of Gold MC Ft Lauderdale Stars & Stripes Annual	27	28	29	30		

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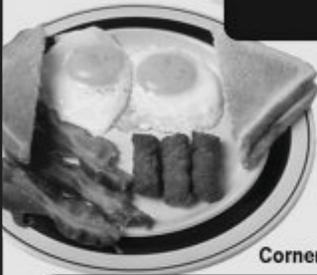
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Here's what I have for you this month.

Well, the cooler riding weather we enjoyed for a short time is unfortunately coming to an end.

Soon the full heat of summer will be upon us again. Given that our favorite clothing color choice is BLACK, this can make for some serious heat.

So when you are out riding during the day, please remember to hydrate (with water, not beer) and try to keep cool. I like to wet a bandana and tie it around my neck, which is really cool <pun intended> until it dries. With the wind in your face, you do not realize that you are dehydrating. This may lead to a heat stroke and it will sneak up on you quicker than you think. Just use your common sense out there.

States MC Party report:

On **Sunday, April 3rd**, a group of us rode up to The States MC Clubhouse in Pompano to party with our friends from the States MC. The food was great, the beer was cold and The Sooner Or Later Band rocked out. Hundreds were in attendance and the States, as usual, threw a really great party.

Leesburg Bikefest:

Over 30 members of Abate SE chapter went on up the road to Leesburg Bikefest for this year's run held April 8th through the 10th. Joyce Konczynski received a nice plaque for winning first place/best hand in the Abate Poker Run.

Everybody got up there and back safely without any incidents. This seems to be an ever increasingly popular run here in Florida. We'll look forward to it again next year.

I am still trying to plan some interesting group rides that do not conflict with all we have going on here in South Florida.

If you have questions about how to properly ride with a group, please Speak up so we can help you out. There is no shame in speaking up on this matter; there is only shame if you do not. We can always place you in a certain spot in the group, perhaps next to an experienced rider, who can help you become a more proficient group rider. Also, not speaking up could jeopardize the safety of others in the group. We

were all new at this at one time or another.

Remember; **always** check your bike out mechanically prior to any group ride. Look for loose bolts, cables, lights out, etc. Don't forget your tire pressures, oil levels and all around roadworthiness. **ALWAYS arrive with your tanks FULL.**

As you may know, I have a Blues band and we have a new Facebook Band page.

We have several dates coming up at the American Legion Post 321 as well as other local venues.

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Some upcoming rides / events:

May 1 – Southern MC Annual

May 14 – US Military Vets MC West Palm Annual

May 15 – Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual

May 21 – Wings of Gold MC Pt. St. Lucie party

May 22 – Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual

May 29 – Fiasco Brothers Annual.

May 29 – Abate SE Chapter Memorial Day Event

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There's more to come and lots to do. Stay tuned and stay tuned up! Let's ride!

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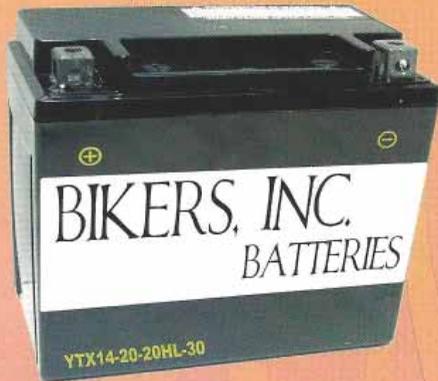
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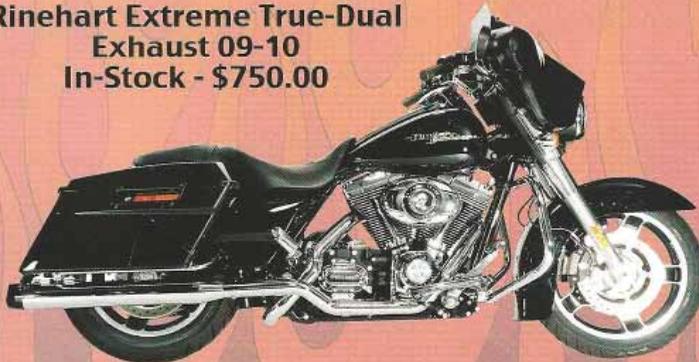
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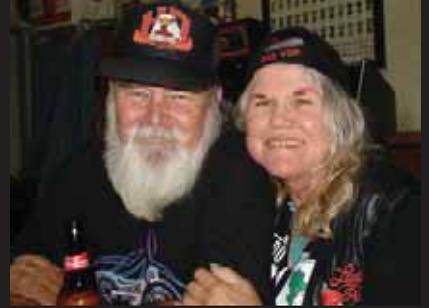
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The moral of the story is through the kindness the boy showed the old man, he saw Jesus in the boy and through this sharing the boy saw Jesus in the old man's acceptance to his kindness.

This is what we as Christians should show the world through the things we say, and do, and the way we treat each other.

When you accept Jesus into your life, people will see Jesus in YOU, the way the boy and the old man saw Jesus in each other.

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

Jesus loves us. Remember John 3:16 God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so, whoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

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MAY

- *1 - *Southern MC Annual*
- 6 & 7 - National COC Convention
- *14 - *USMVMC West Palm Annual*
- *15 - *Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual*
- 21 - Wings of Gold MC Pt St. Lucie party
- *22 - *Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual*
- *29 - *Fiasco Brothers Annual* <<<<<<< **DATE CHANGE**
- 29 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event



JUNE

- *5 - *AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual*
- *11 - *New Attitudes MC Annual*
- *12 - *Wings of Gold MC West Palm Annual*
- 19 - Peterson's North Store Fathers Day Event
- 25 - Palm Beach ABATE party
- *26 - *WOG MC Ft. Laud Stars & Stripes Annual*

JULY

- 3 - USMVMC South Broward party
- 10 - ~~AOA MC West Palm Beach~~ <<<<<<< CANCELED
- 16 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off & party
- 17 - States MC Lake Worth party
- *24 - *Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud. Annual*
- 31 - Chrome Angels MC summer bash party



AUGUST

- 8-14 71st Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 12 to 14, - 16th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 14 - AOA MC 44th Anniversary party
- *21 - *Wings of Gold MC Port Saint Lucie Annual*

SEPTEMBER

- 9 (Friday) - Outcast MC Party
- 11 - States Pompano MC 18th Key West Tuneup party
- 17 - USMVMC Wreaths Across America Kick-off
- 15-18 Phil Peterson's 38th Annual Key West Poker Run
- 18 - Wings of Gold MC Miami "After Key West party"
- 25 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party

OCTOBER

- *2 - *Mystic Seven MC Annual*
- 9 - AOA MC Treasure Coast party
- 16 - Keltics MC Miami party
- 22 - USMV MC Homestead benefit party
- 20-23 Daytona Biketoberfest
- 23 - SE ABATE 31st Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally
- 29 - Wheels of Man MC 38th Annual Halloween party
- *30 - *Alternative Treasure Coast Annual*

NOVEMBER

- *6 - *USMVMC National 24th Annual*
- 12 - Soldiers for Jesus MC party
- 13 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach party
- *20 - *CMA Memorial Annual Event*
- 27 - Heaven Cycles 34th Anniversary party
- 27 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

DECEMBER

- 4 - ABATE West Palm Beach Annual
- 10 - USMVMC Wreaths Across America ceremony
- *11 - *24th Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run*
- 17 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami
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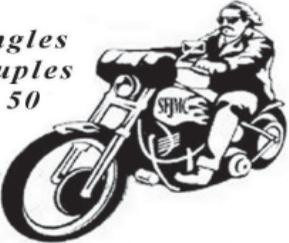

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CONGRESS ACTS TO REINFORCE BAN ON NHTSA LOBBYING

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month across the country, and Congressional lawmakers are introducing a resolution on May 2 to continue current restrictions on NHTSA that prevent the federal transportation agency from lobbying state and local governments to enact helmet laws.

The lobbying ban was originally amended into the Transportation Equity Act in 1998, but U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and his House colleagues want to reinforce the prohibitions on NHTSA lobbying and focus the agency's efforts on crash prevention and rider education.

According to the resolution, the U.S. House of Representatives «supports efforts to retain the ban on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's ability to lobby state legislators using federal tax dollars, encourages continued growth in the motorcyclist community, and encourages owners and riders to be responsible road users.»

The resolution, similar to a version Sensenbrenner introduced last session, goes on to say that the House «recognizes the importance of motorcycle crash prevention as the primary source of motorcycle safety (and) encourages NHTSA to focus on motorcycle crash prevention and rider education as the most significant priorities in motorcycle safety.»

“KIDS JUST WANT TO RIDE” COMPANION BILL INTRODUCED IN U.S. SENATE

U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) has introduced an amendment to exempt youth motorcycles and ATVs from the “lead law” that will effectively ban the sale of these machines.

Senate Amendment 264 would exempt youth off highway vehicles from the overly-restrictive lead-content provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008, which has decimated the youth motorsports industry and will ban their sale at the end of the year unless the CPSIA language is changed.

Meant to protect our children from imported toys with lead-based paint, the CPSIA prohibits the making, importing, distributing or selling of any product intended for children 12 and under that contains more than a specified amount of

lead in any accessible part. The unintended consequences were that, because some parts such as brakes and battery components contain lead, dealerships were barred from selling motorcycles and ATVs intended for young riders, as well as replacement parts.

The Klobuchar amendment is similar to H.R. 412, the Kids Just Want to Ride Act introduced in the House by Rep. Denny Rehberg (R-MT), and would amend S. 493, the Small Business Innovation Research Reauthorization Act.

You can contact your Congressional representatives through the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at [\(202\) 224-3121](tel:2022243121) to urge their support.

BIKERS PROTEST MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS

Hundreds of motorcyclists from around Georgia rode to the Capitol to rev their engines in protest of a federal grant the Georgia State Patrol is using to conduct motorcycle-only checkpoints.

The crowd denounced the overly-invasive and discriminatory roadblocks as unconstitutional and chanted “No more profile stops” and «Education, not checkpoints!»

The protest rally came two weeks after the state patrol conducted motorcycle checkpoints on Interstates 75 and 95 during Daytona Bike Week, during which troopers stopped motorcyclists at roadblocks to check for proper paperwork, approved helmet, and properly functioning equipment.

“The roadblocks are a violation of our rights and are a pure attempt at profiling,” said Dan Forrest, State Director of ABATE of Georgia. “Having a registration, proof of insurance and an endorsement on our license does make us safe. Loud pipes never killed anyone.”

Georgia is the first state to conduct such checkpoints under a federal grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as part of a \$350,000 pool of funds available to as many as five law enforcement agencies nationwide to test the effectiveness of a New York State Police pilot program.

Several motorcycle organizations are urging riders to call on Governor Nathan Deal to cancel the remainder of the checkpoints, which will be scheduled over the next 20 months at undisclosed locations during unannounced times.

Some in Congress have also questioned NHTSA's grant

and called for Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood to pull the plug on future funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints. Rep. Tom Petri (R-WI), who recently co-sponsored legislation to prohibit such grants, called the checkpoints “outrageously intrusive.”

Indeed, many of the protesters at the March 23rd rally held signs in support of US House Resolution 904 which would prevent the US DOT from providing funds to states which would be used for motorcycle roadblocks.

In the meantime, motorcyclists are also awaiting a court ruling on the constitutionality of the New York checkpoints, being challenged by N.Y. Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Mitch Proner on behalf of his clients as well as representing the interests of ABATE of New York and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM).

MOTORCYCLISTS COME TOGETHER FOR JAPAN
The 2011 Japan Earthquake and subsequent Tsunami last month has affected the motorcycle industry in a big way, especially since Japan is home to the «Big Four» motorcycle manufacturers: Yamaha, Honda, Suzuki and Kawasaki.

As the disaster relief efforts continue in Northeastern Japan, American motorcyclists are doing what they can to help those struggling through the cleanup and rebuilding, with U.S. motorcycle industry groups, racing series and even the American division of Japanese manufacturers raising funds in various fashions.

Three U.S. powersports industry associations announced that they are joining forces to provide financial assistance to the relief efforts underway in Japan. The boards and members of the Motorcycle Industry Council, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America are collectively donating \$10,000 to the 2011 Japan Relief Fund, and each organization is encouraging its members and individuals in the riding community to make their own contributions via a link on their websites (visit MIC.org, rockmoto.com, motorcycles.org, MSF-USA.org, SVIA.org or atvsafety.org and click on the “2011 Japan Relief Fund” tab). All donations will go to experienced non-governmental disaster relief agencies in Japan that have a proven track record of emergency humanitarian relief and restoration work.

To provide support to those affected by Japan’s worst natural disaster; the massive 9.0-magnitude earthquake that triggered a tsunami that caused widespread devastation and crippled nuclear power plants, the presidents of all of the

U.S.-based Kawasaki entities are collecting donations from employees under their matching gift program and forwarding the contributions to the Red Cross. The Kawasaki Good Times Foundation is contributing \$50,000 to initiate the charitable giving campaign.

Even iconic American motorcycle manufacturer Harley-Davidson has reached out to the disaster zone with a \$250,000 donation to the American Red Cross aid effort in Japan, and has established a link on their website to the Red Cross (www.RedCross.org) to make it easier for employees, customers and other riders to contribute.

EUROPEAN STUDY YIELDS INSIGHT INTO MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS

European researchers discovered some interesting facts about the common causes of motorcycle accidents. The Motorcycle Accidents In Depth Study (MAIDS) was based on 921 motorcycle accidents, which included 103 fatalities, across France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain. While some of the findings were expected, others were unanticipated. Not surprisingly, the study indicates that the motorcyclists most often collided with passenger vehicles. Surprisingly or not, 70% of passenger vehicle drivers involved in accidents with motorcycles failed to perceive the motorcyclist. And while 73.1% of riders attempted some form of collision avoidance, 32% nonetheless experienced some form of loss of control during the maneuver. While all this may seem disheartening to riders, there are steps that can be taken to maximize safety; other findings from the study indicate: Over half of the accidents occurred at intersections - Although 90% of those involved in crashes were wearing helmets, 9% of helmeted riders lost their helmets in crashes due to improper fit, fastening or damage - Younger riders -- those between 18 and 25 years of age -- crashed at a higher percentage and riders aged 41 to 55 crashed less frequently - Riders wearing dark clothes were more likely to crash than others - Modified conventional street motorcycles were over-represented in crashes in the study, but engine size did not appear to be a factor - Unlicensed bikers were more likely to crash than properly licensed bikers - Weather was deemed to be a factor in only 7.5% of accidents.

VIRGINIA LAUNCHES “RIDER ALERT” CARD
Richmond Ambulance Authority (RAA) and Bon Secours Virginia Health System, in partnership with Motorcycle Virginia, Inc., have launched a new program designed to save the lives of injured motorcyclists. The program provides free identification data cards that will help first responders provide rapid and accurate medical assistance to

riders involved in accidents.

Motorcyclists who participate are provided a free Rider Alert card that contains their personal emergency contact and medical information in the event of a crash. The cards are kept inside the lining of riders' helmets and come with a 1-inch round sticker placed outside the helmet to alert emergency responders of the card. The sticker also warns bystanders not to remove the rider's helmet, which could prevent further injury.

RAA officials say the Rider Alert card program is the first of its kind in the United States, and said that they modeled their program on an initiative in Great Britain known as «CRASH Card», developed two years ago by that country's Ambulance Motorcycle Club.

On a national level, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) was founded on a similar premise over 25 years ago by California attorney Richard M. Lester, issuing free Emergency Medical cards to bikers across the country that are linked to a database of their important medical information and emergency contact. A.I.M. has notified ambulance companies and first responders across the country to look for the yellow A.I.M. Card in a downed rider's wallet.

“We applaud Virginia's Rider Alert program and can appreciate their organizers' level of commitment to implement such a life-saving project,” said Lester, whose A.I.M. program also networks with biker attorneys in every state to represent the interests of injured motorcyclists. “When a rider is down, they need all the help they can get as fast as they can get it.”

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WEIRD NEWS: HONDA WORKING ON MOTORCYCLE SEATBELTS

Yes, you read it right...Honda is working on a system of seatbelts for motorcycles. Seems crazy, but it appears to be a serious project judging from the patents Honda has filed for the system, and images posted on BikersPost.com.

According to the website, the belt arrangement is designed for larger touring bikes like the Gold Wing where the rider won't be moving around much in the seat, and the belt can work with the airbag to more effectively reduce injuries.

However, Honda apparently has recognized that in a lot of accidents it's better to be away from the bike rather than attached to it, so their new seatbelt system also has elements of ejector seat: When the computer senses that the bike is irretrievably tipping over it releases the entire seat, with the rider still attached, and inflates an airbag backrest. “The idea is that having ejected you slide down the road in a sitting position, with the seat betwixt your hide and the asphalt. Sort of extreme tobogganing.”

Of course, nobody envisioned airbags on a motorcycle either, before Honda's R&D team put one on their Gold Wing as a factory option.

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