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**Sunday**

**May 17, 2015**

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May 17th " Ride with the pro" long distance ride  
May 23rd Calvary Chapel riding club meeting 9:30am



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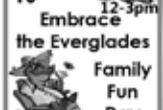


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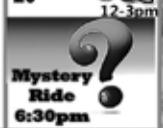


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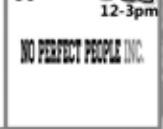
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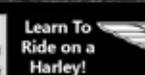
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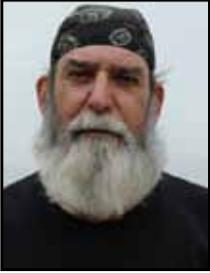
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## From Your President



On May 24th the Southeast Chapter of ABATE will be having our Memorial Day Event at the Elk's Lodge #1898 in Pompano Beach. For those of you who attended last year's event you know what a great place it is. For those who didn't attend there are plenty of picnic tables and trees that offer a lot of shade and there is even grass to walk on. This is no parking lot party. If it gets too hot for you outside you can go inside and cool off in the 50,000 sq foot lodge. There will be live music playing all day for you to listen to. There will be a Safety and Membership Booth so if you want to become a member you

can sign up even if you already belong to another organization or MC. You will get all the benefits of ABATE membership. I hope to see everyone out there having a great time and supporting ABATE. We need your support.

On Sunday April 12th the Southeast Chapter of ABATE held our monthly meeting at the American Legion Post 321 in Cooper City. At that time we held our second round of nominations for the Board of Directors and Trustee positions. If you wish to run for any position please come to our next meeting on May 17th and nominate yourself. If we do not have enough people to fill all of our Board and Trustee positions then there will no longer be a Southeast Chapter. If you want us to keep going we need you to step up.

Just to let everyone know who bought tickets for the 2015 Bike Week drawing all of the winners were from the northern part of the state. First prize (\$7,000) went to Kenneth Koastor of Clay County; second prize (\$2,000) to Sosak Vorasan of St John's County and third prize (\$1,000) to Akilah Budolph also from St John's County. I would like thank everyone who bought tickets. By the time you read this Gabe Carrera," The Attorney That Rides" and his friend Rodger Annicelli will have started their epic ride from Tierra Del Fuego, Argentina to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska to raise money for Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital Foundation. You can still donate to the ride at [www.jdchfoundation.org/attorneythatrides](http://www.jdchfoundation.org/attorneythatrides) and follow their journey at [www.screamingthunder.com](http://www.screamingthunder.com). I will be following them from start to finish. Good luck Gabe and Rodger. I will see you both when you get back.

On April 5th The Christian Motorcyclist Association held their Annual Easter Bike Service at Phil Peterson's Harley Davidson North store in Miami. After a great breakfast which included my favorite, biscuits and gravy, they had a guest speaker. His name is Ean Hendrix. I have heard him speak before and always look forward to his sermon. Afterward I asked for a blessing for myself and my bike. With the way people drive here in South Florida I figure I can use all the help I can get.

On Saturday night April 11th The Mystic Seven MC held their Off-Annual and Mojo's Memory Party. I can't believe it's been almost six years since he passed away. If you never met him then you missed out on one bro who loved to party. He would always be out on the dance floor with his flask of tequila and his harmonica dancing with all the ladies and having a great time. This year's party was at Mickey's Tiki Bar and the place was packed. The music was by Soulicide, who had the place rocking as they always do. At 9PM we all had a toast in Mojo's memory with a shot of his favorite tequila. I know he was looking down on us having a great time in his memory. Until we ride with you again we will miss you.



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## **Motorcycle Rights & Safety Dedicated to**

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You may know us as the motorcycle organization that got the helmet law repealed in Florida or from our motorcycle rights and safety rally's throughout the year.

ABATE of Florida is not a club, we are a motorcycle rights & safety organization dedicated to promoting motorcycle safety while remaining ever vigilant of the legislative issues concerning motorcyclists' nationwide.

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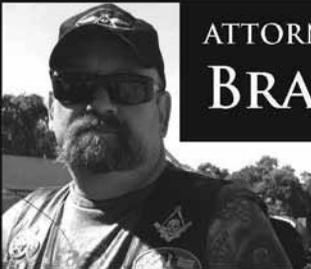
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## **Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Apr 12, 2015**

Sgt. @ Arms Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. There were 33 members, no guests. Total in attendance: 33. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence and a prayer by Poppi

### **Presidents Report**

BARS thanked all members for coming. We do not have any new members today but as always we have the show of support from our brother MC's and Associations with representation today from the Brothers of the Third Wheel, American Legion Riders Post 321, Post 180, American Freedom Riders Post 36, VVA23, & Widows and Sons. We are looking for a new home for our trailer. The Moose Lodge is no longer to help us out due to construction issues which will block out trailer in. The Elks will store our trailer for us for 100.00 per month. This cost is comparable for the storage areas we check on. If you know of a storage area, within a reasonable driving distance and less than 100.00 per month, please let any board know.

### **Vice-Presidents Report**

Poppi reported Jimmy Les's father passed away peacefully last week. Many of us knew him as he joined us on many of ABATE event's. Please keep Jimmy and his family in your thought and prayers. Nominations are here again, we need members to step up in order for our chapter to keep moving forward. If you need to know what is required to hold any office, please see any current board member. If you want to self nominate yourself, please feel free to do so.

### **Secretary's Report**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of March's meeting with the following corrections: Under

nominations Ada Hibbs name was misspelled as Hobbs and Mike Hager's named was misspelled as Hagar. Improper grammar as Legal counsel report was listed as Legal council ; with the corrections the motion was seconded all in favor motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Frank read the financial report for March. A motion was made to accept the financial report; the motion was seconded, all in favor motion passed.

### **Sergeant at Arms Report**

Nighthawk wanted to remind all our members our Memorial Day event is set for May 24 . This date will be here before we know it. We only have 3 events in order to raise the necessary funds to survive. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated.

### **Road Captain's Report**

Postal has resigned his position as he is Probating for the States MC. Thank you Postal for all your service to the SE Chapter.

### **Safety Directors Report**

Gambler reported he is **extremely disappointed in the turnout of members especially in a nominating month for the new board of directors. We need members to step up.** Gambler read a report on the new designation of Auto Cycles which are enclosed 3 wheel vehicles and reported on the National Bikers Lobbyist Day to be held in Washington DC on 5-14-15. His article for next month will include a review of hand signals.

### **Products Report**

Joel reported if you need anything, fell free to give them a call at 954-818-4481. Due to personal commitments, they will not be able to attend our memorial Day event. Anyone wishing to help out and provide our products at the event, please let them or

any board member know. If not we will not have any of our products for sale at our Memorial Day Event.

### **Events Coordinator**

Sharon and Shaky were excused. We are all set for our Memorial Day event. We do need door prizes. Any where you go, all you have to do is ask. All they can say is no.

### **State Reps Report**

There was no state meeting. Next state meeting will be in Tallahassee the weekend of 4-18, 19 and 20. On Monday 4-20-15 there will be a police escorted ride to the capitol to ring the bell for brothers and sisters lost and have the opportunity to meet with our elected officials. In place of Daytona bike week campground, this year ABATE will be hosting a 3 day event in Avon Park Florida, Set up is 10/1/2015; tear down is 10/5/15. The event is scheduled for 10/2, 3 and 4. In addition to financial support from every chapter, the state is requesting **manpower support from every chapter.** The success of this event depends on the support of the members.

### **Membership Report**

George reported we have **545** members on the books. Reminder when you get your renewal in the mail, PLEASE take the time to fill out completely, send it in timely and when you fill it out, please do it in a way that we can read it. and renew. We all have heard of snail mail. This past week we received a renewal from Member Elija Thompson. The postmark was dated Aug. 2, 2014 with the renewal check dated AUG. 1, 2014. This is the epitome of snail mail but shows how the mail can screw up. So better yet, please come to a meeting to renew.

### **Newsletter Editor**

Squeezer was excused. Brad reported all articles are due today with the exception of our Presidents report and the minutes of today's meeting

### **Legislative Report**

Brad reported legislative session is moving right along. Discussion on the following bills which will probably affect us: Vulnerable Road Use, Motor Vehicle Liability, Red Lights Camera issues, 48 hr. Emergency Evacuation Areas allowing the carrying of firearms without a Concealed Weapons Permit and Prohibiting quota's from law enforcement agency's issuing of traffic citations. Demetrious reported on an incident

which is being investigated by BSO. Marie Baxter was on her way to work driving in the New River tunnel came upon a motorcycle accident in the tunnel. Calls were made to 911 with the operator replying "**There are NO tunnels in Broward County.**" Needless to say this delayed the response for Emergency Medical Services. We will keep you posted on any update.

### **Public Relations**

Fern reported she is set up at most events promoting ABATE. Thank you Fern and for doing a great job with the hotline.

### **Billing and Invoicing**

Pixie reported all billing is up to date. She will not be running for reelection for next year. But, if NO one runs for the position, she will continue on. Thank you Pixie. **Support our advertisers, they support us.**

### **Social Directors Report**

Jimmy Les reported this month's birthdays is being held at Shanks Tavern next weekend. Next month's birthday party will be held right here at the legion on Friday 5-15-15 starting at 800pm.

### **Newsletter Distribution**

Debbie was excused. She wanted to thank all the members who deliver the newsletter. Everyone does a great job. We have been adjusting the amounts which are being distributed to each stop. This is being done monthly to ensure our newsletter distribution is being utilized effectively. We will be reducing the amount next month.

### **Quartermaster's Report**

Bob was excused. No report

### **Photographer's Report**

Ada reported all pictures are being sent into Squeezer.

### **Web-Master's Report**

Rogue was excused. BARS reported web up and running, no issues reported.

### **Legal Council**

Brad reported there was nothing to report

### **Old Business**

2nd Round of Nominations for the 2015-2016 Executive Board and Trustee Positions

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Alice Calabrese has volunteered to be our elections chairperson.

**ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter  
Nominations for 2015-2016 Board of Directors and  
Trustees  
Executive Board Positions**

**President**

1. Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak - Declined
2. Frank "Poppi" Cocci - Declined
3. Jimmy "Les" Lesniak - Declined

**Vice-President**

1. Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff - Undecided
2. James "Gambler" Willard - Undecided
3. Frank "Poppi" Cocci - Undecided
4. Brad Winston - Declined
5. Demetrious Kirkiles - Declined
6. Brad Winston - Declined
7. Frank T. Hammons - Declined

**Secretary**

1. Paul A. Melcer - Declined
2. Marie Baxter - Accepted

**Treasurer**

1. Frank T. Hammons - Declined
2. Joe Baker - Undecided
3. Allen "Ace" Ryant - Declined
4. Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak - Declined
5. Steve "Jester" Eulis - Declined

**Trustee Positions**

**Sgt @ Arms**

1. Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak - Accepted

**Road Captain**

1. Allen "Ace" Ryant - Accepted
2. David "Postal" Ortner - Declined
3. Rick "T-Man" Molina - Declined

**Safety Director**

3. James "Gambler" Willard - Accepted

**State Representatives**

6. Demetrious Kirkiles - Accepted as Alternate Only
7. Chris Sharp - Undecided
8. Brad Winston - Declined
9. Beverly Swazy - Declined
10. James "Gambler" Willard - Declined
11. Robert "BARS" Calabrese - Declined
12. Alice Calabrese - Declined
13. Royce Taylor - Declined

**Legal Counsel**

4. Brad Winston - Accepted
5. Demetrious Kirkiles - Accepted

**Products**

8. Kathy & Joel Honeycutt - Accepted
- Membership**
1. George "Blue Trike" Torrence - Declined
  2. Barry Sonnefeld - Undecided
  3. Rick "T-Man" Molina - Undecided
- Newsletter Editor**
14. Cesar "Squeezer" Tejera - Undecided

**Legislative Liaison**

1. Brad Winston - Accepted
2. Demetrious Kirkiles - Declined

**Public Relations**

1. Fern Cameron - Undecided
2. Alice Calabrese - Declined
3. Amy Sonnenfeld - Declined

**Events Coordinators**

1. Patty Dollard - Declined
2. Allen "Ace" Ryant - Declined
3. Ada Hibbs - Declined
4. Bob Anz - Undecided

**Social Director**

1. Patty Dollard - Accepted
2. Suzanne Keene - Declined
3. Jimmy "Les" Lesniak - Declined
4. James "Gambler" Willard - Declined

**Quartermaster**

1. Bob Anz - Undecided

**Photographer**

1. Ada Hibbs - Accepted
2. Rick "T-Man" Molina - Accepted
3. Mike "Rogue" Hager - Undecided

**Web-Master**

1. Mike "Rogue" Hager - Undecided

**Chaplain**

1. Frank "Poppi" Cocci - Accepted
2. Suzanne Keene - Declined
3. Paul Baglio - Accepted
4. Dave Gregory - Undecided

Nominations closed until next month's meeting

Alice Calabrese, Election Chairperson  
Clarification was requested on the eligibility requirements to run for positions on the Executive Board specifically President and vice President. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made, seconded to re-open this month nominations for the office of President and Vice President only. After discussion a vote was called, All in favor motion passed:  
Nominated for President -Cesar "Squeezer" Tejera -

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Undecided

Nominations closed this month for President  
Nominated for Vice President - Cesar "Squeezer"  
Tejera - Undecided  
Nominations closed this month for Vice President  
Nominations closed for this month.

**New Business** - None

### **Good of the Order**

Today after the meeting our own Life Member Gabe "The Attorney who Rides" is having a fund raiser to support his run from the bottom of South America to Prudhoe Bay Alaska. All proceeds will be donated to Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital at this year's Toy Run. Hey after all it is only over 18000 miles. Talk about an Iron Butt Association Ride.

April 17, 2015 - On the Road Again Customer Appreciation Party

April 18, 19 & 20 - Tallahassee. ABATE of Florida State meeting and Ride to the Capitol

April 18, 2015 - Outcast MC Annual Event

April 19, 2015 - States MC 49th Annual Event

April 24,25 & 26 - Leesburg Bike Fest

May 3, 2015 - Southern MC Annual  
May 9, 2015 - Freedom Riders Post 36 Event  
Long time member Ox is currently in Weston Cleveland Clinic. Please stop by to say Hello.

Also, long time member Loretta sends her best wishes to all our members from NY

**Please check the hotline for updates and any changes. 954-310-4626**

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor.  
Meeting adjourned 11:35am

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

***Paul A.  
Melcer  
Secretary***



...President's Message continued from page 4

On Saturday night April 18th The Outcast MC held their 13th Annual. Another Damn Good Outcast Party at their clubhouse in Lauderhill. When we got there the parking lot was filling up with lots of bikes. It was good to see President Q at the door greeting everybody. From what I was told the fried chicken was great cooked Outcast style. They had music playing all night and vendors to look at. When we left it was starting to rain and that put a damper on the party, but it was still a good one all in all.

On Sunday April 19th the States MC put on their 49th Annual Bash at the Clubhouse in Pompano Beach. When there is another party the night before you see a lot of the same people but it is still good to see all your friends. There was plenty of great food and as always JR's fabulous clams. Mighty Quinn had the place rocking and when they took a break Mr. Bill was calling out the numbers for the door prizes and 50/50. There were so many people there you could hardly move so I found a place at the bar and stayed put. I can hardly wait to see what they do next year for their Golden Anniversary. I am sure it will be something special.

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I'm looking forward to our Memorial Day event this month. I'm sure it will be a good time, it always is, and let's all pitch in and help.

There is another very important thing that we as Abate SE Chapter members must address, that's our upcoming elections for new board members. We need people to step up and get involved.

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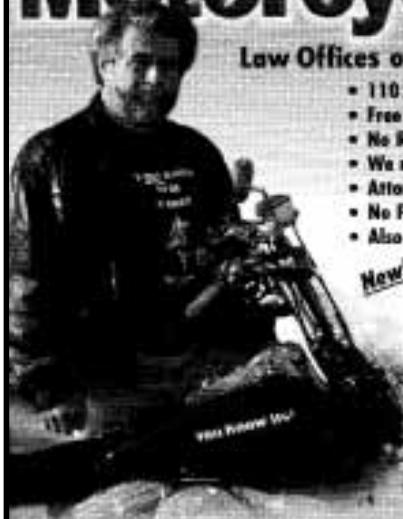
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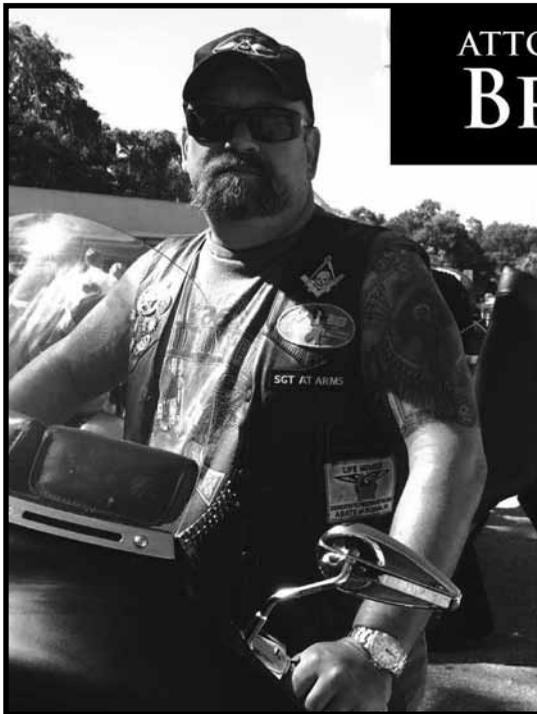
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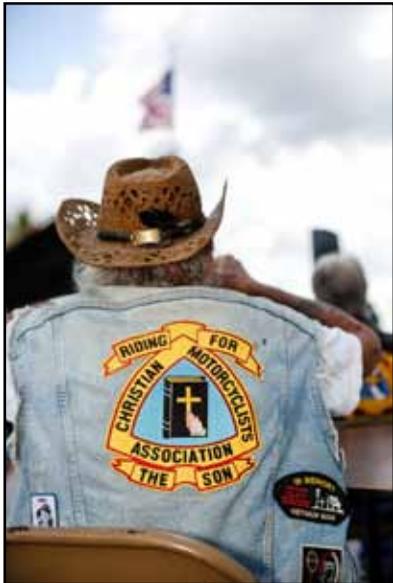
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May

2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL	4	5	6	7 States MC Pompano Dinner	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 States MC Pompano Dinner	15 ABATE member Birthdays at AL 321	16
17 <b><i>Chapter Meeting</i></b>	18	19	20	21 States MC Pompano Dinner	22	23
24 S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT	25	26	27	28 States MC Pompano Dinner	29	30
31 LOS COQUIS MC - ANNUAL						

**Additional Info:**

05/03/15 - SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL

05/09/15 - Freedom Riders Post 36 Event

05/15/15 - ABATE members birthday party @ American Legion post 321

05/17/15 - Chapter meeting

05/17/15 - WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL

05/24/15 - S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

05/31/15 - LOS COQUIS MC - ANNUAL

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2015

June

2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 States MC Pompano Dinner	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 States MC Pompano Dinner	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 States MC Pompano Dinner	19	20
21 <u>Chapter Meeting</u>	22	23	24	25 States MC Pompano Dinner	26	27
28	29	30				

**Additional Info:**

06/07/15 - NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY

06/13/15 - AOA PAULY, JERRY, ROGER, AND KENNY MEMORIAL

06/14/15 - WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL

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# 2015 CALENDAR

MANDATORY ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD

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### MAY

3-SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL  
17-WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL  
24-S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT  
31-LOS COQUIS MC - ANNUAL

### JUNE

7-NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY  
13-AOA PAULY, JERRY, ROGER, AND KENNY  
1%'ers MEMORIAL  
14-WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL

### JULY

5-US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROW - ANNUAL  
12-ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY  
18-WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

### AUGUST

2-WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY  
4-74th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY  
8th-10th SO FLORIDA TATTOO EXPO  
9-AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNIVERSARY PARTY  
22-LOS COQUIS MC - SMOKEY/DIESEL B-DAY

### SEPTEMBER

6-SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN  
12-OUTCAST MC - PARTY  
13-STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY  
18th-20thPETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN  
27-KELTICS MC - PARTY

### OCTOBER

4-MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL  
10-NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL  
11-S.E. ABATE RIGHTS RALLY  
16th-19thDAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST  
25-WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY

### NOVEMBER

7-US MILITARY VETS MC CH 1 - ANNUAL  
8-CMA - MEMORIAL EVENT  
14-HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL

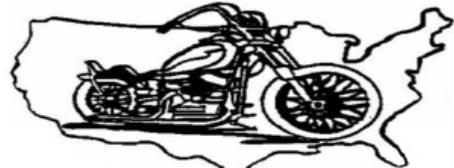
### DECEMBER

6 SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN  
12-PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING  
12-HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEM/TOY RUN

13-WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN  
19-SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY  
20-CALVARY CHAPEL - CHRISTMAS SERVICE



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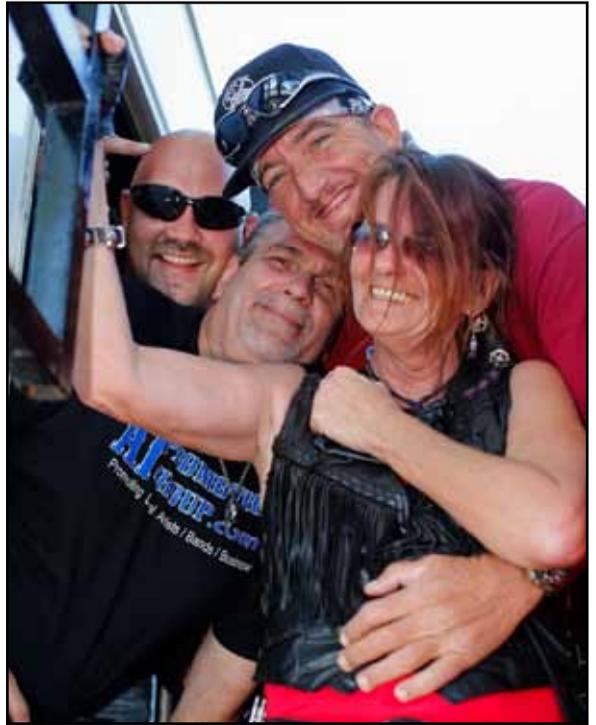
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# May Birthdays

**Birthdays**

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Luis Rayon "Daddy"  
Mike Speed "Toaster"  
Lenn Katz "Ruffrider"  
Evelyn Otero  
Robbie Merritt "Smoke"  
Karin Rylands "Princess  
Etaba"  
Joe Mora "Reaper"

Paul Melcer  
John "Happy"  
Tim Farina  
Kim Saldarina  
Steve Chomiak "Night  
Hawk"  
Paul Baglio  
George Hamilton  
Kate Colfax  
Steven Williams

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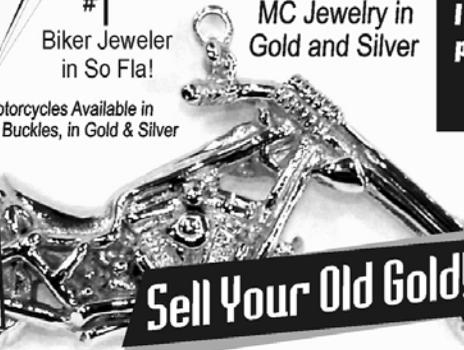
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Although we are moving to Coco, Florida, we are not giving up our membership to this chapter. Even though it is a long ride, Shokie and I will continue to be active and participate whenever possible.

That's the sad news, but now there's good news. After 11 years with this man we are getting married. We will be getting married locally to maximize attendance by all of our friends with ABATE and the MC's that we have met over the years.



So this is not really goodbye but instead, we will be seeing you soon.

Love to all,  
Princess Sharon  
& Shokie Bob





## **Will God Forgive Me?**

**You know sometimes it's hard to be a good person, by that I mean the person who's always got a smile on his face, is ready to hold a door open, or just give a nice hello, as you catch someone's eye. Words like please and thank you can really make a person's day better, and in turn can make your day better. When we approach people in a positive way we usually get a positive response, and in turn when we approach people with a negative response we get that in return.**

**We all have problems in our lives, some worse than others. We reach out to people for help, just to talk and have someone to relate to, but when we do, we sometimes tend to forget that the people we reach out to have problems also, and we must be sensitive to that fact.**

**Now anyone that knows me, knows I'm always open to talk to anyone that thinks that I can help, I usually try to make helpful suggestions to their problems, and I'm always open to anyone's suggestions that can help me. When you reach out to anyone it's a two way street.**

**Personally when I try to help someone my thoughts will always have Prayer involved, the only one with all the answers is Jesus Christ. He and only He has all the answers to any problem, and Jesus will always solve any problem you might have, you can count on that!!!!**

**Now when I run into someone on occasion that totally rejects, the fact that Faith in Jesus Christ is the answer to all problems, I really don't know what to say to that, except that I will never question who you put your faith in that's your business not mine. But rest assured I will ultimately Pray for you, that any problem you might have will be solved, when you put it in the hands of God.**

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ABATE SE Chapter

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**Single File** - arm and index finger extended straight up



**Turn Signal On** - open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended



**Speed Up** - arm extended straight out, palm facing up



**Hazard in Roadway** - on the right, point with right foot; on the left, point with left hand



**Refreshment Stop** - fingers closed, thumb to mouth



**You Lead/Come** - arm extended upward 45 degrees, palm forward pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front



**Highbeam** - tap on top of helmet with open palm down



**Comfort Stop** - forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion



**Follow Me** - arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward



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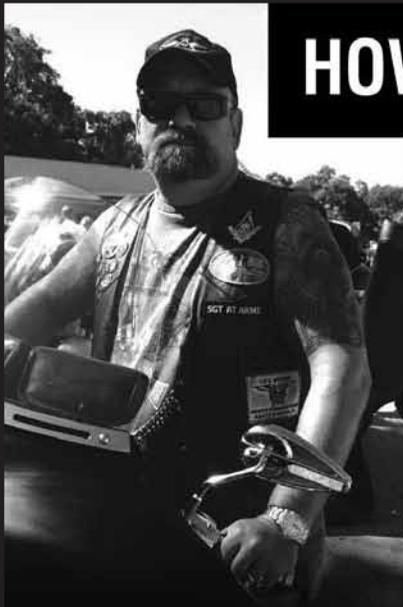
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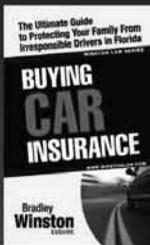
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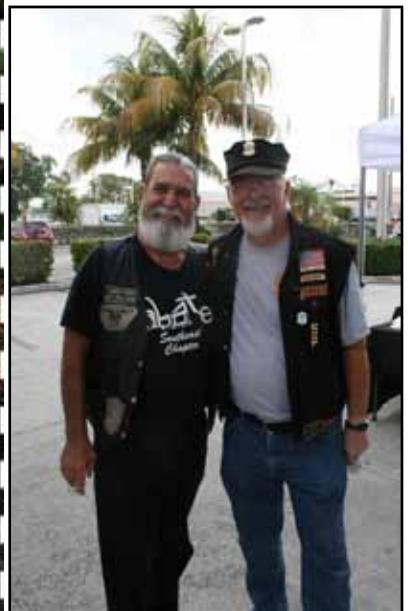
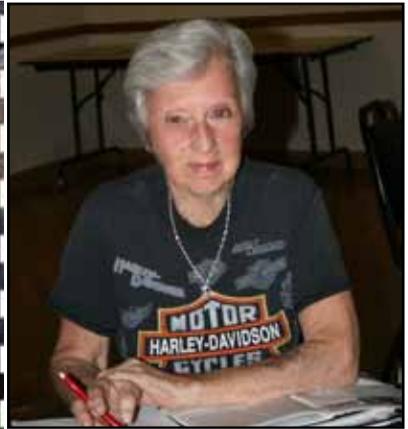
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## **NCOM CONVENTION HONORS FALLEN RIDERS; INVITES NAMES FOR TRIBUTE**

With the 30th Annual NCOM Convention in Denver just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have died since May 2014, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional “Ringing of the Bell” tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications can be hand-delivered at the Convention to “Doc” Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board, or e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at [NCOMBish@aol.com](mailto:NCOMBish@aol.com).

Attendees are also encouraged to bring an item on behalf of their organization for the Freedom Fund Auction, with proceeds benefiting the motorcyclists’ rights movement nationwide through Getting Our People Elected donations, NCOM Speaker Program, lobbying activities and other pro-motorcycling projects as determined by the NCOM Board of Directors.

The 30th annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother’s Day weekend, May 7-10, 2015 at the Denver Marriott Tech Center, 4900 S. Syracuse St. in Denver, Colorado. This annual gathering will draw bikers’ rights activists from across the country to discuss topics of concern to all riders, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$99 by calling (303) 779-1100.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$80 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$45 for the Convention only. All motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend. Meetings, seminars and group discussions will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and Freedom of the Road.

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## **AIM & NCOM FOUNDER RICHARD M. LESTER INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME**

Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) and affiliated & supported groups and organizations, extend Con-

gratulations to founder Richard M. Lester on his recent induction into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame.

The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame has announced their 2015 inductees into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Hall of Fame and one into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame. Lester, a California attorney who founded AIM & NCOM three decades ago and numerous subsequent motorcycle outreach groups, is the first national bikers’ rights attorney to be inducted.

“The Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame is designed to recognize individuals or groups who have made a long term positive impact on the motorcycle community,” said museum Executive Director Christine Paige Diers. “The Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame recognizes the commitment and sacrifices individuals across the nation, and world, have made to protect the rights of motorcyclists, and who have made a significant impact through their work in grassroots rights efforts.”

Richard became an attorney at the ripe age of 45. While in law school he realized that motorcycle riders were an unrepresented group who didn’t have a voice. His love for the sport prompted him to focus on the need of a voice in the motorcycling community. In 1982 after passing the bar, his work for motorcycling began. It took him a couple of years to organize a team of attorneys who rode motorcycles, and who also had an understanding of what was needed in the motorcycle community and how to go about finding the voice that was needed.

Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) was founded in 1984, and is a legal protection program that is free for all motorcycle riders, providing free medical information and emergency contact of next-of-kin. To date, over 2 million cards have been distributed nationwide, with A.I.M. attorneys in every state providing legal services for riders and doing pro-bono (free) work within the motorcycle community.

The following year, in 1985 Richard Lester founded the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) to provide a much-needed voice for the motorcycling community. Today NCOM is a national organization with over 2,400 motorcycle groups and organizations that have joined together as a whole to tackle the legal and legislative aspect of motorcycle riding.

Today, more than 30 years later, Richard is still working hard for the motorcycling community. He has attorneys in every state, and has also founded three (3) additional organizations so that every motor-

cycle rider has a voice. One program is the Confederation of Clubs, which is comprised of motorcycle clubs, from 1%ers to family clubs. The Christian ministry sector came together in 2005 to form Christian Unity to improve networking with both secular and Christian bike groups. And the newest addition is the National Sports Bike Association, the sport bike division of NCOM to have a clear and unadulterated voice directly from the Sport Bike Community on issues that directly affect them.

“Richard has dedicated his life to the lifestyle of motorcycling and has contributed so much of his time and effort, not to mention the financial investment he has donated to the cause,” reads his nomination for the Freedom Fighter Hall of Fame. “He is the only attorney who has always, and continues, to give back to the motorcycling community by creating five (5) FREE and useful national programs, and by hosting many conventions and seminars to educate and inform all motorcyclists of their right to ride.”

Individuals chosen for induction into the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame and the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame will be honored at the annual induction breakfast ceremony on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at The Lodge at Deadwood during the 75th anniversary of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. This event is open to the public and tickets are available at [www.sturgismuseum.com/hall-of-fame/freedom-fighters](http://www.sturgismuseum.com/hall-of-fame/freedom-fighters), or by calling (605) 347-2001.

### **SOUTH DAKOTA RAISES SPEED LIMITS IN TIME FOR STURGIS**

South Dakota became the latest state to kick up the speed limit, as an amendment to Senate Bill 1 passed on March 24, 2015 changing the speed limit on the state's two interstate highways. The new law took effect on April 1 (no joke), so you'll legally be able to travel at 80 mph on the I-90 and I-29, meaning that motorists and bikers going to the 75th Anniversary Sturgis Rally will arrive a little bit faster.

States across the country have been raising their speed limits as lawmakers argue that roads and cars are safer. Idaho, Wyoming and Utah have already raised their limits to 80 mph; on one toll road in Texas, it's 85.

### **CONGRESSIONAL MEASURE WOULD CREATE “AUTOCYCLE” VEHICLE CLASS**

With a growing number of 3-wheeled vehicles hitting the marketplace, Congress seeks to create a new classification of vehicles to be designated as “Auto-

cycles”. Previously, these types of vehicles have been classified as motorcycles, so Senator David Vitter (R-LA) has introduced the Autocycle Safety Act, S. 685, to create their own new category and require the new class of three-wheeled enclosed vehicles to meet both motorcycle safety standards as well as certain passenger vehicle standards.

3-wheelers are currently exempt from many state and federal rules that dictate safety and emissions standards that apply to cars, but the new category created under S.685 would impose many rules on manufacturers by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): including automotive standards for seating systems, seat belts, child restraints, air bags, roof crush resistance, and flame-resistant interiors; as well as motorcycle standards covering brakes, lights, rims and tires, controls and displays, and glazing materials.

### **NEW JERSEY BANS MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS**

On March 23, 2015 New Jersey Governor Christie signed into law a piece of legislation (A-2316/S-1614) prohibiting law enforcement agencies from conducting roadside checkpoints or systematic inspections that focus only on motorcycles. It will not prevent any other type of road block or checkpoint that is for a valid law enforcement purpose, but it must include vehicles of all types, not just motorcycles-only. This law goes into effect immediately.

ABATE of the Garden State, worked with the legislators from District 1 (Cape May) and was successful in getting the bill introduced in February of 2014. In February 2015 it passed both houses of the legislature with unanimous votes from both chambers.

Many NJ motorcycle riders wrote, called and emailed their legislators to ask for their support on this important legislation. “This new law will prohibit the unlawful practice of profiling a whole class of motorists simply because of their chosen, and legal mode of transportation”, says Jim Parker, Legislative Coordinator for ABATE of the Garden State.

### **RED LIGHT LAW PASSED IN KENTUCKY**

Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear signed HB 370 on April 2nd that allows a motorcycle to proceed through a red light if it fails to operate after 2 minutes or 2 cycles of the light with no other oncoming traffic.

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The Kentucky Motorcycle Association pushed for the legislation, which it says is needed because the lower weight of motorcycles sometimes means that traffic light sensors embedded in roads don't detect them, meaning lights do not change.

House Bill 370, sponsored by Rep. Johnny Bell (D-Glasgow) and Rep. Wilson Stone (D-Scottsville) creates an affirmative defense against a traffic violation for entering or crossing an intersection against a steady red light for a person operating a motorcycle.

An affirmative defense is "a defense in which the defendant introduces evidence, which, if found to be credible, will negate criminal or civil liability, even if it is proven that the defendant committed the alleged acts," which in this case applies if a motorcycle is brought to a complete stop, the traffic control signal shows a steady red light for two minutes or if the traffic control signal completes two lighting cycles and if the traffic control signal appears to be malfunctioning or doesn't detect the arrival of a motorcycle. Another condition of the defense is that no person or motor vehicle is approaching the intersection or that any approaching person or motor vehicle is so far from the intersection that it does not constitute an immediate hazard.

Jay Huber, president of the Kentucky Motorcycle Association, said the longer motorcyclists remain at a light, the longer they are a target for inattentive drivers. "It becomes an issue of safety," he said.

### **BILL WOULD REQUIRE MOTORCYCLE LICENSE IN ALABAMA**

Legislators in Alabama, the only State in the Union that doesn't require a motorcycle license or endorsement, are considering legislation to end that distinction. An oversight in the 1990s led to a gap in the law that allows anyone 16 and older with a regular driver's license to also operate a motorcycle in the state.

If enacted, the new law would require operators to pass a knowledge test to obtain a Class M endorsement, and the bill also authorizes police officers to write a ticket if you are riding a motorcycle without a license. 40 states require a skills test for a motorcycle license, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, but that's not likely to happen anytime soon in Alabama.

Political insiders indicate the bill is likely to reach Governor Bentley's desk, who is expected to sign it into law.

### **TEXAS BIKE BILL REQUIRES 3-FOOT CLEARANCE FROM DRIVERS**

A new bill could mean new rules for Texas drivers. House Bill 2459 states that drivers would have to give pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists three feet when passing or turning. HB 2459 was heard in the Texas House Transportation Committee for "unprotected road users," and if passed a violation would be a Class B Misdemeanor.

"At this point, I'm excited with three feet, anything is better than zero feet. We're just waiting to see whether or not Governor Greg Abbott ratifies that bill," cyclist Les Akins told Newschannel 6, adding that he hopes HB 2459 will raise awareness.

### **CALIFORNIA HIT-AND-RUN BILL PASSES COMMITTEE**

A "Hit & Run" bill supported by ABATE of California has passed out of the Assembly Transportation Committee. The measure would authorize the use of the existing Emergency Alert System communication equipment to notify and alert law enforcement and the general public when a serious hit and run traffic event has occurred. Prompt public distribution of this important information could help prevent further incidents and accelerate apprehension of involved parties.

AB 8 sponsor Assemblyman Mike Gatto (D-Glendale) "Personally thanked US for our support," said ABATE Lobbyist Jim Lombardo who testified in support of the measure. "Nice Victory, and good for us/ABATE to testify in committee on behalf of a safety measure."

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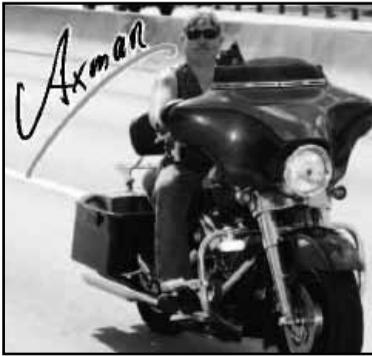


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To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

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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### **UPCOMING SE CHAPTER MEETINGS**

**May 17, 2015 - Sunday 10 am**

**June 21, 2015 - Sunday 10 am**

**at:**

**American Legion Post #321 - Cooper City**

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of those who care to be involved!**