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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.
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- 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.
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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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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).
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- We successfully fought the bill that would confiscate motorcycles for going 30MPH over the speed limit.
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- 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

Hello brothers and sisters, and thank you for picking up and reading yet another issue of our newsletter!!!

I thank all those who came out to our April meeting and participated in our first round of nominations for the 2017/2018 Southeast Chapter Board of Directors; most especially Alice from States M.C. for being the moderator of the nominating process. I would like to remind the membership, as our Road Captain Wavy did during the meeting, this is a serious vote that our chapter must undergo, so if you nominate someone, or accept a nomination, please ensure the person is:

- A. Somewhat qualified for the position.
- B. Would be willing to do what the position entails through its duration.

Also, there are several members stepping down, so please give serious consideration to stepping up and playing a more active role in supporting our Southeast Chapter! The next and final round of nominations, where the member will accept or decline the positions they have been nominated for, will be held at the May Chapter meeting. This will be the last chance for the membership to nominate whomever they think would be the best candidates for the positions before the vote in June.

House Bill 6009, thanks to (in part) the efforts and support from Southeast Chapter, is: "...as dead as anything can be in politics," quoted from our State Legislative Representative and V.P. Scribe. On the other side of the challenge coin, please inform myself or Critter if you need postcards to keep on top of the legislators in your area to let them know your viewpoint on the 2 Vulnerable Road User Bills (HB 541 & SB 432) as showing support for them is still important, not only to our organization, but to everyone who rides a motorcycle in Florida.

The last thing I would like to convey, but most assuredly not least, goes to those who may pickup this newsletter to read it who are not members. If you are a motorcycle rider, no matter what make or model, or just a motorcycle enthusiast, or someone who is a family member of a rider or enthusiast, I would strongly urge you to consider becoming a member. I urge you to attend a meeting in order to get a firm grasp of how we do things and what we stand for.

So with that, I'd like to thank everyone for their continued support of our chapter and state organization!

May Saint Christopher, Holy Patron of Travelers, guide and protect you and your loved ones so that you may RIDE FREE AND RIDE SAFE my brothers and sisters!!!

With Honor and Respect,

William G. "MAGNETO" Prewitt, President
ABATE of Florida, Inc., Southeast Chapter



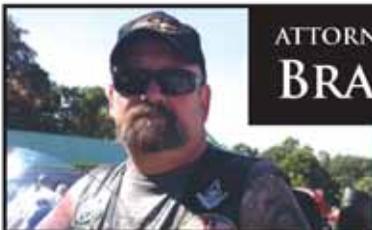




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If you have already renewed

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Raul Ortega
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For Membership Renewals contact, George Torrence by either email:
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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.



**Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at American Legion Post 222
April 23, 2017**

Magneto (Mr. President) called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. There were 24 members present. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and a prayer by Postal.

President's Report: Magneto thanked everyone who attended especially in this nasty weather. He spoke about the May Event at Mickey's, mention nominations start today, and spoke about carrying the chapter's newsletter to solicit ads.

Vice-President's Report: Poppie was excused.

Secretary's Report: A motion was called for to accept the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded, no discussion, all were in favor; Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Critter read the financial report for April. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor; Motion was passed. Critter spoke on the importance of members stepping up to help run the chapter. We have several positions open that need to be filled.

Sergeant at Arm's Report: Nighthawk spoke about the May event at Mickey's. Anyone who has a service uniform please show up and be proud to wear it. Remember the event is at night so don't show up at Mickey's at 9:00AM

Road Captain's Report: Jon mentioned the Police Rodeo that is coming up, flyers are on the tables. He spoke on carrying a first aid kit in your bike and its importance. He also mentioned we need help for the May Event at Mickey's.

Safety Director's Report: This position is open but Jon mentioned that the warm weather is returning and the importance of staying hydrated. Also remember to check your tire pressure before hitting the road. If you have saddlebags, you should carry small reflectors, you never know when you or someone you are with might be stuck on the side of the road and need them.

Products Report: Jon proudly displayed the products and showed off his creativity in his display. (Nice job Jon)

Events Coordinator: This position is open so Magneto mentioned the May event. We hopefully will have a color guard. Alan at Mickey's will be doing the food for the event. The band should be Natty Boz (excellent group). We will be having barstool jousting courtesy of Gina from Candy's

Cycles. Critter mentioned we will have small flags offered for donations.

State Representative Report: Critter spoke on the Tallahassee Run. Unfortunately she and Magneto were unable to attend, but she received a report from Scribe, the State VP. She read an email from Darrin about HB6009 Bill and that it has been squashed. There also is no action on the Venerable Road Users bill. Our safety money is still in the budget, but it needs to get in front of the Governor and, hopefully he won't veto it this time. There are copies of the letter from our State President, Doc, on the tables regarding the Abate insurance. Critter mentioned the leadership seminars for the newly elected boards will be held July 8 & 9th in Ocala. The next State Meeting will be in St. Augustine on June 10th. Sheila Rose & Postal spoke about USAA Insurance.

Membership Report: George was excused. A reminder, when submitting all membership forms PLEASE fill them out completely and legibly and send your renewals back in a timely manner. Thank you very much for your support and membership to the Southeast Chapter.

Newsletter Editor: Critter reported she needs the articles for the newsletter today. All photos are welcome.

Legislative Report: Brad Winston spoke on how the Legislature is trying to repeal the Florida No Fault Law. A bill repealing PIP has passed the House. I still needs to get through the Senate and then the Governor has 60 days to sign the bill into law. He then read what the new law would be and that it would only effect 4 wheeled vehicles, with some exceptions. There was a lot of discussion regarding this new bill and what is going to happen if it passes. The new law would

not affect motorcycles. He also mentioned that, so far, no action has been taken on the Vulnerable Road Users Bill.

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

Billing and Invoicing: Pixie was present and reported everyone is up to date. She also stated that this is the last year she will be doing the billing and that she will not be running in the upcoming election.

Social Director Report: Patty was not present to report.

Newsletter Distribution: Poppie was excused and but Teddy Bear reported all is going well.

Quartermaster's Report: Bob was present and had nothing to report. Sheila Rose mentioned if anyone is willing to bake we can have a Bake Sale at the event. Everyone seemed to like the idea.

Photographer's Report: This position is also open. Critter has filling in and taking photos. She also said Axman has been very helpful by sending her lots of photos each month.

Web-Master's Report: Rogue was not present, but everything is up and running.

Legal Council: Brad had nothing to report.

Old Business: Magneto spoke on the May event. JR spoke about the Monday night dinners at States.

New Business: Alice asked the Secretary to record the nominations for the Southeast Chapter of Abate. Nominations were then opened and each

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positioned was read and called for three times.

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- **Legal Counsel:** Brad Winston, Demetrios Kirkiles, Chris Sharp
- **Chaplain:** Frank “Poppie” Cocchi, Suzanne Keene, Paul Baglio

Nominations were then closed until the next chapter meeting which will be held May 21, 2017 at American Legion Post 222. At the May meeting candidates will be able to accept or decline the positions. Candidates can also accept or decline by contacting a Board Member prior to the May meeting.

Good of the Order: Teddy Bear spoke the Autism Run on May 13th, see the flyer on page 33. Right after today’s meeting we are going to Alternative MC’s Annual. Our May evening event at Mickey’s was mentioned.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is May 21, 2017, at the American Legion Post 222, in Oakland Park, Florida.

Hope to see everyone there.

See you on the Road
Marie Baxter,
Secretary S. E Chapter
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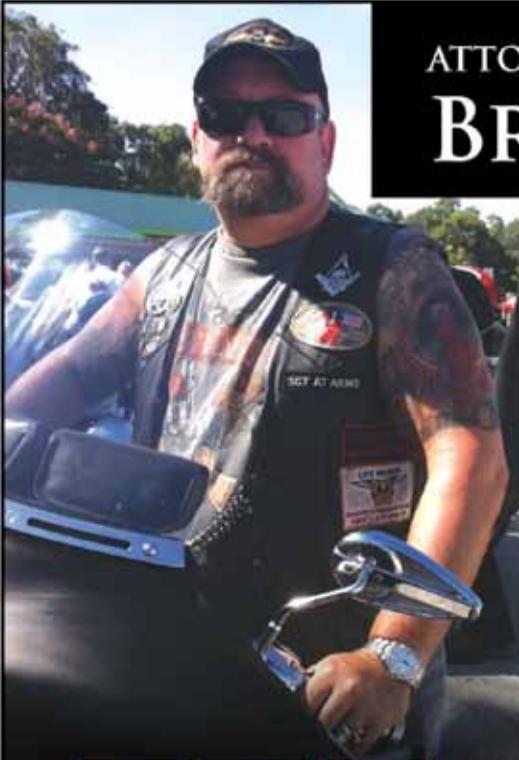
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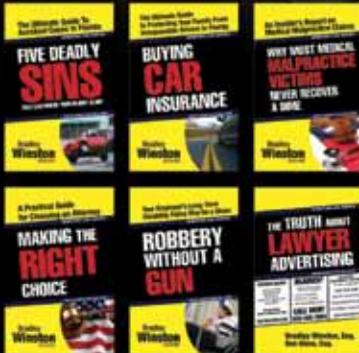


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Voting time for board members is here and we have positions that have to be filled. It's very important, so think about stepping up into one of those positions. It is vital that the Board and Trustee positions get filled.



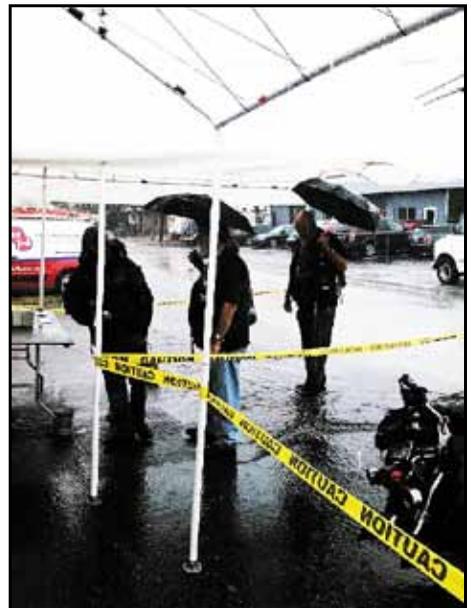
Think about nominating someone or you can even nominate yourself if you would like to fill one of the positions. Volunteering to help out this organization is fun and can be very fulfilling knowing that you played a part in helping to protect the rights of Florida motorcyclists.

I know this is very close to my last month's article, but it's very important that we get this done!!!

With that being said, to end on a high note, we've had great riding weather. Get out and enjoy it! Ride safe - always watch out for the cages we share the road with.

As Always,

Poppie
VP Southeast Chapter



BREAKING NEWS

...HB 6009 is as dead as anything can be in politics. We were able to stop this bill very early on thanks to Doc and all of the hard work done by our members.

Please give my thanks and appreciation to Southeast Chapter for all the hard work that they did.

Darrin

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Darrin "Scribe" Brooks
State Vice President
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Editor's Comment: This goes to show that success is possible when like-minded individuals band together in a grassroots movement. Spread the word and spread awareness for this organization. I believe that more likely than not a large portion of riders have no idea that we, as members of ABATE, protected their rights to CHOOSE whether or not to wear a helmet.

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HOUSE BACKS “STAND YOUR GROUND” SHIFT

By JIM TURNER
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, April 5, 2017.....
A bill that would shift a key burden of proof in “stand your ground” cases was approved Tuesday by a divided House, with Republicans saying it would restore the intent of the controversial self-defense law and Democrats arguing it would increase gun violence.

The House voted 74-39 for the measure (SB 128), which is supported by Second Amendment groups and now will go back to the Senate. The bill would shift a burden of proof from defendants to prosecutors in pre-trial hearings and would reverse a 2015 interpretation of the “stand your ground” law by the Florida Supreme Court.

Rep. Julio Gonzalez, R-Venice, said the proposal would restore the original intent of the 2005 law, as the court’s interpretation “got it wrong.”

“It is not the court’s role to impose their wisdom on us,” Gonzalez said. “It is our job, through this collective body of incredibly diverse individuals, it is our job to argue, to discuss, to bend a few arms, to come to a conclusion. ... The court’s job is to interpret what our wisdom gives to them as their directive.”

In its 2015 ruling, the Supreme Court majority opinion --- written by Justice Barbara Pariente --- said immunity in the “stand your ground” law “is not a blanket immunity, but rather, requires the establishment that the use of force was legally justified.”

But a dissenting opinion, written by Justice Charles Canady and joined by Justice Ricky Polston, countered that the majority ruling “substantially curtails the benefit of the immunity from trial conferred by the Legislature under the Stand Your Ground law.”

The Senate last month voted 23-15 to approve the bill, but the House made changes that will require the Senate to consider it again.

The House wants to require prosecutors in “stand your ground” cases to overcome the asserted immunity through “clear and convincing evidence.” The Senate version set the standard as being “beyond a reasonable doubt.”

Rep. James Grant, R-Tampa, said the House standard is easier for the state to prove.

“If the government cannot beat the lesser, easier burden in an immunity trial, then they darned sure can’t meet beyond and to the exclusion of each and every reasonable doubt when they ask for a conviction,” Grant said.

However, Democrats contended the House proposal would make it even harder for the state to prosecute people using the “stand your ground” defense, with Rep. Kamia Brown, D-Orlando, saying the bill would incentivize people to leave victims dead.

“This bill gives abusers the leeway to shoot first and ask questions later,” Brown said. “What stops an abuser from claiming ‘stand your ground’ as an intimidation tactic?”

In “stand your ground” cases, pre-trial evidentiary hearings are held to determine whether defendants should be immune from prosecution. The bill would shift the burden from defendants to prosecutors in the pre-trial hearings.

The “stand your ground” law has long been controversial. It says people can use deadly force and do not have a duty to retreat if they think it is necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm.



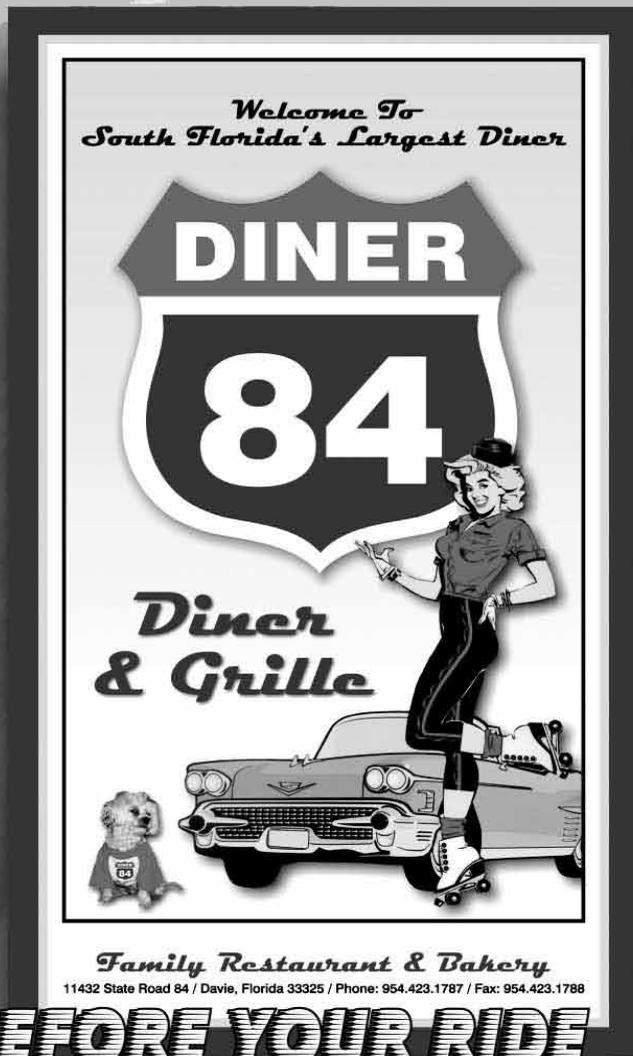
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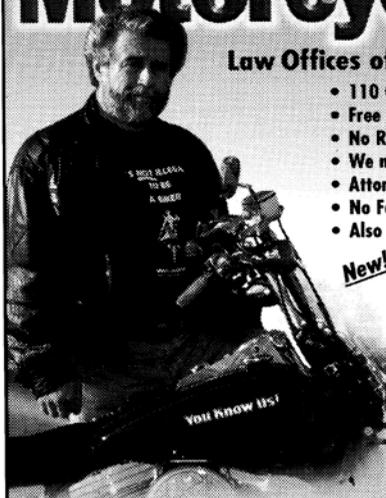
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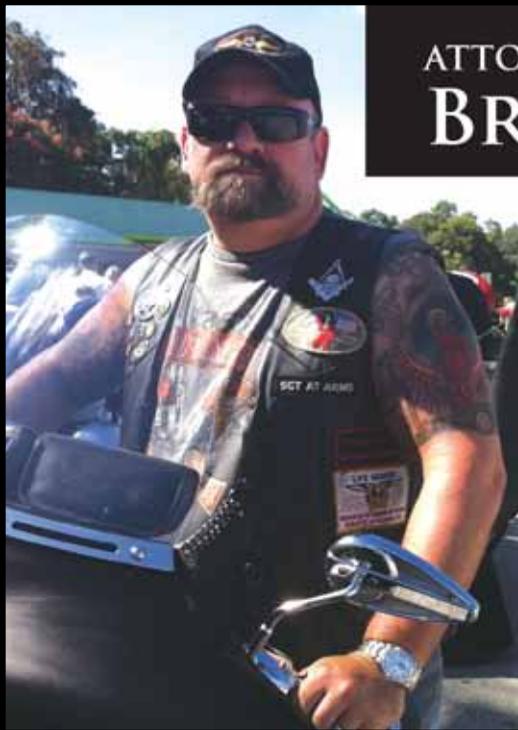
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TEN BIG ISSUES AT MID-POINT OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By JIM SAUNDERS
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

Update to last month's article: *TEN
BIG ISSUES TO WATCH DURING 2017*

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, April 5, 2017..... Halfway through Florida's 60-day legislative session, almost all major issues remain unresolved.

That's not unusual: Lawmakers always leave tough stuff to the end. But the House and Senate will have to resolve key differences if they hope to end the session as scheduled May 5.

Here is an update on 10 big issues:

BUDGET: The House and Senate next week will pass budget proposals that top \$80 billion, setting the stage for negotiations on a final spending plan. But with the two chambers at least \$2 billion apart on their proposals --- and disagreeing about crucial details --- even Republican leaders are publicly raising the possibility that a special session will be necessary to pass a budget. The House and Senate need to come to agreement before the new fiscal year starts July 1.

DEATH PENALTY: With Florida's death penalty on hold since January 2016 because of a thicket of court rulings, the House and Senate quickly passed a bill last month to resolve one of the most-important issues. The bill, signed by Gov. Rick Scott, requires unanimous jury recommendations before defendants can be sentenced to death. The Florida Supreme Court in October struck down a law that required only 10 of 12 jurors to agree on recommending death sentences.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Scott and House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, have been locked in a battle about the economic-development agency Enterprise Florida and tourism-marketer Visit Florida. The Corcoran-led House has voted to abolish Enterprise Florida and to cut funding for Visit Florida. Scott has barnstormed the state to try to build support for the agencies, which he says are important to job creation. Senate leaders have largely sided with Scott, and the dispute could play out in the budget negotiations.

EDUCATION: With Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, making the issue one of his top priorities, the Senate has passed a bill that would lead to wide-ranging changes in the higher-education system, including revamping parts of the Bright Futures scholarship program, tightening performance standards for state colleges and universities and encouraging more students to graduate on time. Meanwhile, Corcoran has targeted low-performing public schools that he calls "failure factories" and is pushing for expanded school choice.

GAMBLING: The House and Senate have taken vastly different positions as they head toward negotiations on a gambling bill. The Senate passed a measure that focuses on changes in the pari-mutuel industry, including allow slot machines in eight counties where voters have approved them and allowing nearly all tracks and jai alai frontons to do away with live racing or jai alai games, a process known as "decoupling." The House plan, meanwhile, focuses on reaching a new gambling agreement with the Seminole Tribe of Florida and seeks to prevent an expansion of gambling.

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GUNS: Lawmakers appear likely to reach agreement on a bill that would shift a key burden of proof in “stand your ground” self-defense cases, a priority of the National Rifle Association. But some other high-profile bills are stuck in the Senate. Those bills include proposals that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns on college and university campuses or to openly carrying firearms in public.

HEALTH CARE: House leaders have renewed efforts to reduce regulations in the health-care industry. The House, for example, has passed a bill that would allow patients to stay longer at ambulatory-surgical centers and allow the creation of what are known as “recovery care centers” for additional post-surgical care. The Senate has scuttled such proposals in the past, and it remains unclear whether it will go along this year. Health care also will be key in budget negotiations, with both chambers proposing cuts in hospital funding.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA: After voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment in November, lawmakers are grappling with how to move forward with a broad expansion of the state’s medical-marijuana laws. A heavily lobbied issue focuses on the number of businesses that will receive potentially lucrative licenses to grow, process and sell cannabis. Under current law, seven businesses have such licenses, and the House and Senate disagree about issues related to adding more licenses.

WATER: Negron has made a priority of a plan to create a reservoir south of Lake Okeechobee to alleviate discharges of polluted lake water into the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries. But the plan has faced heavy opposition from farmers, including the politically powerful sugar industry, and local officials south of the lake. Negron this week took steps to try to make the plan more palatable to opponents and House leaders, and the issue likely will play a part in budget negotiations.

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION INSURANCE: After a 14.5 percent rate increase began taking effect in December, business and insurance groups came into the legislative session lobbying for changes to reduce workers’ compensation insurance costs. But those groups, at least at this point, are not happy with House and Senate bills. The most-controversial issue in the debate stems from a Florida Supreme Court ruling last year that rejected strict limits on attorney fees in workers’ compensation cases. Lawmakers are considering allowing fees up to \$250 an hour for workers’ attorneys --- an idea opposed by business and insurance groups.



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14 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	15 States MC Pompano Dinner	16	17	18	19	20 Wings of Gold M/C (Miami) Annual
21 CHAPTER MEETING	22 States MC Pompano Dinner	23	24	25	26	27 SE CHAPTER ABATE Memorial Day Event
28 Los Coquis M/C Annual	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

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JUNE 2017



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4 New Attitudes M/C Party	5 States MC Pompano Dinner	6	7	8	9	10 AOA S. Fla. Memorial ABATE State Meeting
11 Wings of Gold MC Annual (Ft. Laud)	12 States MC Pompano Dinner	13	14	15	16	17
 18 Happy Fathers Day CHAPTER MEETING	19 States MC Pompano Dinner	20	21	22	23	24 Leathernecks MC Party
25	26 States MC Pompano Dinner	27	28	29	30	

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MAY

- 7: SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL
- 13: SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL
- 14: Mothers day
- 20: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL
- 27: S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
- 28: LOS COQUIS MC - ANNUAL
- 30: Memorial Day

JUNE

- 4: NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY
- 10: AOA SOUTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers
- 11: WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL
- 18: Fathers Day
- 24: LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY

JULY

- 1: US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL
- 4: Independence Day
- 16: SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD - ANNUAL
- 29: WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

AUGUST

- 6: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
- 7: 77th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
- 11-13: S. FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION
- 13: AOA FT. LAUD. 50th ANNIV. & MOLDY'S B-DAY PARTY
- 19: LOS COQUIS MC - SMOKEY & DIESEL B-DAY
- 26: OUTCAST MC PARTY

SEPTEMBER

- 3: SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
- 4: Labor Day
- 10: STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
- 15-17: PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
- 24: KELTICS MC - PARTY

OCTOBER

- 1: MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL
- 7: NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL
- 8: S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL
- 19-22: DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
- 21: WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY
- 28: ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY
- 29: CMA - MEMORIAL



MONTHLY EVENTS

FRIDAY

- Outlaws MC WPB Open House at 7PM
- USMV MC Ch 2 Open house at 8PM (Dania Beach)
- Der Krieger MC Open House at 8PM
- Mystic 7 MC Open House... Ladies drink FREE!
- Keltics MC Open House
- Los Coquis MC Open House at 8:30PM til ??
- 1st Fri - Soldiers for Jesus Open House 7-10PM
- 1st Fri - Enforcers MC First Friday of Month Party
- 1st & 3rd Fri - Kingdom of Brothers Open House
- 2nd & 4th Fri - Los Coquis MC Open house
- 3rd Fri - Wings of Gold MC Open House Davie
- 4th Fri - American Legion Post 36 Bike Night

SATURDAY

- 1st & 3rd Sat - AOA MC Dania Open House
- 2nd Sat - USMV MC Ft. Laud. Open House
- 2nd & 4th Sat - Mystic 7 Open House
- 2nd & 4th Sat - Kingdom of Brothers Open House

SUNDAY

- Free pool at Sharkey's Lounge Margate
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WEEK DAYS

- Mon - States MC Pompano Dinner Nite 6:30pm start
- Mon - Ladies nite at Sharkey's 9-2, 241 beverages
- Tues - Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House
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- Wed - Blues Nite at Mickey's
- Thurs - Leathernecks MC Open House 8-mid
- Thurs - Hermandad MC Open House, 8-2am
- 3rd Thurs - Peterson's Harley South Bike nite 6-10PM

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

Hope everyone had a good month of April and for those of you who went to Leesburg, hope all was good and you had a safe return.

Well, ABATE nominations are here for Board and Trustee positions. Please nominate wisely. To all who are stepping up for Board and Trustee positions: Thank You! As I said at the April meeting, I will not be running again for the Road Captain or Products positions. Sorry to say, but I have a lot of family concerns and will be out of town quite often. So thank you to all that supported me at these positions. I enjoyed doing them.



Well that's all for now except for some facts I found:

First of interest, mostly for the ladies – To this day there has been only one woman ever to receive The Medal of Honor and she was an Army surgeon during the Civil War, her name was Mary Edward Walker.

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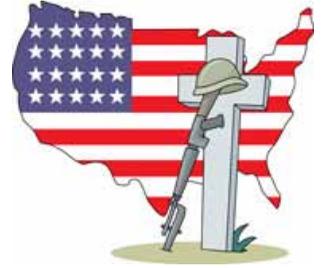
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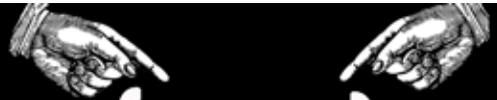
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NEWS from our State Legislative Rep - Darrin “Scribe” Brooks

HOUSE APPROVES ‘PIP’ REPEAL The Florida House on Wednesday overwhelmingly approved a proposal that would repeal the state’s longstanding “no fault” auto insurance system. The debate now shifts to the Senate, where a similar measure (SB 1766) has moved through one committee with less than three weeks left in the regular legislative session. House members voted 89-29 to approve their version (HB 1063), filed by Rep. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach. The bill would eliminate a requirement that motorists have personal-injury protection, or PIP, coverage, which helps pay medical bills after accidents. Motorists instead would be required to have bodily injury coverage. Grall said the bill would lead to a change in “personal responsibility” and would reduce auto-insurance rates. “It’s time to repeal PIP,” Grall said. But opponent Larry Ahern, R-Seminole, said the changes would shift costs to health-insurance policies.

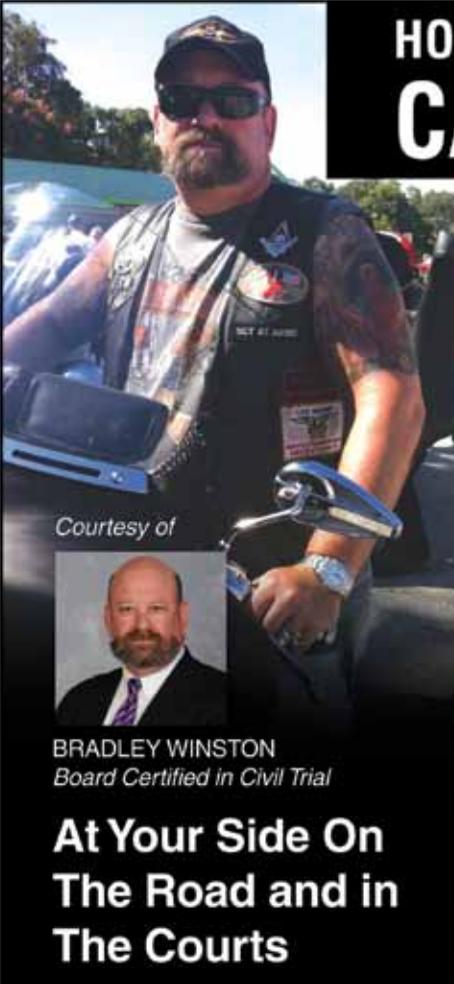
WASHINGTON, D.C. - Three federal bills have been introduced to halt the spread of E15 fuel, which contains as much as 15 percent ethanol by volume. H.R. 1314, introduced by U.S. Rep. Robert Goodlatte (R-Va.), calls for the elimination of the Renewable Fuel Standard, which is the section of the Clean Air Act that provides minimum volumes for renewable fuels each year. Goodlatte’s second bill, H.R. 1315, would cap ethanol blending at current levels and ban the sale of blends higher than 10 percent ethanol (E10). H.R. 199, introduced by U.S. Rep. Michael Burgess (R-Texas), also would cap ethanol fuel blends at 10 percent.

HOUSE APPROVES JUDICIAL TERM LIMITS The Florida House on Wednesday narrowly approved a proposed constitutional amendment that would limit Supreme Court justices and appeals-court judges to two consecutive terms in office, sending a major priority of Speaker Richard Corcoran to an uncertain fate in the Senate. House members voted to approve the measure (HJR 1) on a 73-46 vote nearly along party lines. It takes 72 votes to pass a constitutional amendment through the House. Six Republicans --- Reps. Eric Eisnagle of Orlando, Jay Fant of Jacksonville, Joe Gruters of Sarasota, Don Hahnfeldt of The Villages, George Moraitis of Fort Lauderdale and Dan Raulerson of Plant City --- joined Democrats in opposing the measure. If adopted by the Senate and the voters in a November 2018 referendum, the proposal would essentially limit most judges to between 12 and 15 years in office. Service of current District Court of Appeal judges and Supreme Court justices before 2019 would not count toward their term limits. Appellate judges in Florida aren’t directly elected but go on the ballot every six years in retention elections for up-or-down votes. Legal organizations across the political spectrum have opposed the legislation, but Corcoran, R-Land O’ Lakes, brushed that off in a statement issued by his office after the vote. “That tells you we are doing what is right,” Corcoran said. “And neither special interest hand-wringing nor political influence will stop the House from doing what is right. It boils down to this --- we believe that no government job should be for life.”

But opponents argued that the measure was aimed at weakening the judicial branch after a string of Supreme Court rulings that have stymied Republicans who dominate state government. Many of those rulings have been issued by majorities featuring long-serving Democratic appointees. “At the end of this day, the bill will have one major chilling effect: a less-independent judiciary beholden to the executive and legislative branches,” said Rep. Evan Jenne, D-Dania Beach.

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**FIRST-EVER MOTORCYCLE CAUCUS FORMED
IN U.S. SENATE**

In a rare bipartisan effort, motorcyclists are getting a very special form of representation in the U.S. Senate as two Senators are reaching across the aisle to establish the first Senate Motorcycle Caucus. Kickstarting this unique legislative road trip, Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and Gary Peters (D-Michigan), both lifelong motorcyclists, will serve as co-chairs of the caucus, which will advocate on behalf of both motorcycle riders and manufacturers.

Sen. Ernst said her concern for motorcycles and motorcyclists started when she was a child. "Some of my most cherished memories include motorcycles, from delivering messages as a young girl to my dad while he was working out in the fields, to riding through the rolling hills of Northeast Iowa with family and friends," Ernst said. "Throughout my 99 county tour of Iowa, I have heard from many of these folks about some of their priorities, including improving safety, infrastructure and energy efficiency. These concerns are shared by folks across our great state and country, and I look forward to working with Sen. Peters toward solutions."

Sen. Peters bought his first motorcycle at age 11. "I've loved motorcycles since I was a kid, and I

started a newspaper route to buy my first motorcycle at age 11. To this day, I believe there is no better way to see Michigan's beautiful scenery than by bike, whether I'm riding to meet with constituents and small businesses or taking my bike out on the weekend," Peters said. "Motorcyclists come from all walks of life, and I can't think of a better way to bring together a diverse and dedicated group of advocates to discuss everything from safety concerns to manufacturing. I'm looking forward to working with Sen. Ernst as co-chair of the bipartisan Senate Motorcycle Caucus to foster these important discussions and find common ground with motorcycle lovers across the country."

**SECURITY AND PRIVACY IN YOUR (SPY) CAR
STUDY ACT**

With motorcyclists sharing the road with a growing number of Smart vehicles, security from cyber-intrusion is a significant safety concern, and U.S. Reps Joe Wilson (R-SC) and Ted Lieu (D-CA) have introduced H.R. 701; the Security and Privacy in Your Car Study Act of 2017 ("SPY Car Study Act") to address automotive software safety, cybersecurity and privacy regulations.

This bill would require the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to conduct a study to determine and recommend standards for the regulation of the cybersecurity of motor vehicles manufactured or imported for sale in the United States. The study shall identify:

- isolation measures that are necessary to separate critical software systems that can affect the driver's control of the movement of the vehicle from other software systems;
- measures that are necessary to detect and prevent or minimize anomalous codes, in vehicle software systems, associated with malicious behavior;
- techniques that are necessary to detect and prevent, discourage, or mitigate intrusions into vehicle software systems and other cybersecurity risks in motor vehicles; and
- best practices to secure driving data about a vehicle's status or about the owner, lessee, driver,

or passenger of a vehicle that is collected by the electronic systems of motor vehicles; and
- a timeline for implementing systems and software that reflect such measures, techniques, and best practices.

POLICE MOTORCYCLE HIT BY AUTOPILOT

TESLA According to a report in the Arizona Republic, a Phoenix police motorcycle was hit by a Tesla Model X operating on autopilot. Police said the officer and the Tesla exited a freeway with the motorcycle in front. When the rider stopped for a light, the car stopped as well, but then started moving forward. The officer jumped off the bike, which was struck at low speed by the car.

The driver reported having the car on autopilot at the time. The officer was uninjured and the car driver wasn't ticketed.

Tesla has warned customers in the past that its autopilot mode does not mean a driver can completely disengage, but increasingly it seems customers are unwilling to listen. Tesla's website specifically states that drivers are in command of their vehicles after exiting freeways.

The company announced in October that it would soon begin including hardware in its vehicles that could make them fully autonomous. Currently, the vehicles are simply equipped with driver aids like forward collision warning, automatic braking and auto steering.

"AUTOCYCLES" NO LONGER CONSIDERED MOTORCYCLES IN TWO MORE STATES

Colorado and Wyoming are the latest states to reclassify their licensing requirements which allow drivers of so-called "Autocycles", such as the Polaris Slingshot, to operate the vehicle with a valid state driver's license instead of requiring a motorcycle endorsement or license. Drivers under the age of 18 will still be required to wear a helmet, in accordance with the states' motorcycle helmet laws.

Because of the three-wheeled configuration and characteristics of autocycles, determining how to classify them has been a challenge for state governments. Polaris calls the Slingshot a "three-wheeled moto-roadster." Initially, when it was introduced to the market in 2014, consumers were required to have a motorcycle endorsement or license to operate the Slingshot, which offers a distinct ride through its open cockpit and side-by-side seating.

Currently, 30 states, including the District of Columbia, require only a driver's license to drive an autocycle. The remaining states require a motorcycle endorsement, but Polaris says efforts are being made to reclassify the vehicle to gain full conformity throughout the United States.

"As we educate state officials on the unique attributes of this category-creating Slingshot, they are realizing that the licensing requirement for the roadster are more similar to that of a driver's license than of a motorcycle endorsement or license," said Rachael Elia, Slingshot Marketing Manager. "Our goal is to gain a unified classification across the country to provide more opportunity and driving freedom for consumers looking for the ultimate thrill experience."

DRIVER WHO "DIDN'T CARE" HE HIT MOTORCYCLIST GETS 15 YEARS

Remember the Texas driver who was filmed deliberately swerving across centerline into a passing motorcyclist and then said "I don't care" that he'd knocked the rider and his girlfriend to the ground?

The heartless car driver is 69-year-old William Crum and following a two-day trial at 355th District Court in Hood County, Texas, he's been sentenced to 15 years in prison after being convicted on one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon causing bodily injury.

The 15-year sentence means that Crum, who was

arrested soon after the incident in Granbury, TX in October 2015, will be in prison until he's 84.

HARLEY PULLED INTO POLITICAL FIGHT OVER LEATHER PRODUCTS

Many challenges face motorcycle manufacturers selling their products in other countries; and a strange example of this is Harley-Davidson facing a public relations issue in India over leather, something as closely associated with bikers as the bikes they ride.

Leather comes from cows, which are revered and even worshiped by many in the Hindu community, and according to the Hindustan Times a well-known Bollywood actor is taking on the iconic American motorcycle-maker over religious principles.

Popular actor and producer Ajaz Khan is urging India's Prime Minister to impose a ban on Harley-Davidson products, claiming they're made from cow hide. "I just bought a leather belt from Harley Davidson," Khan is quoted by the Hindustan Times as saying. "This is a cow leather belt. It's being sold in the entire world. If you really consider yourself men, then I request [the Prime Minister] shuts down Harley Davidson."

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS RALLY PUT ON HOLD AFTER LONDON TERROR ATTACK

A mass London "Awareness Ride-Out" to be held a day after a deadly terrorist attack in the vicinity of the Palace of Westminster, seat of the British Parliament, had to be rescheduled in the wake of the Wednesday, March 22 car attack that killed four and injured more than 50 pedestrians.

The campaign group "We Ride London," which aims to be the "main lobby group for riders of motorcycles, scooters and mopeds in London," had invited thousands to join a ride at 1pm on Thursday April 23, from Regents Park through central London to City Hall, but had to call the event off. A statement on the group's Facebook page said: "We have decided to cancel tomorrow's

awareness ride in light of the terrible events in our capital today. Now is not the time to be hindering the emergency and security services as they investigate and recover from this."

ROLLING INTO RENO FOR NCOM CONVENTION

With the 32nd Annual NCOM Convention in Reno just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, Motorcycle Clubs, & riding associations submit the names of those members & supporters who have died this year, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional "Ring 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.

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 & other pro-motorcycling projects as determined by the NCOM Board of Directors.

The 32nd annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 11-14 at the Silver Legacy Resort-Casino, 407 N. Virginia St. in Reno, NV, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$99 by calling (800) 687-8733 and mention "GNCOM17". Pre-register for the 2017 NCOM Convention at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

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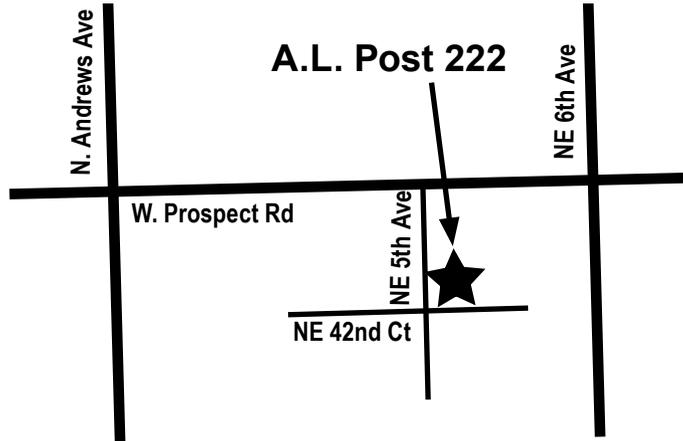
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