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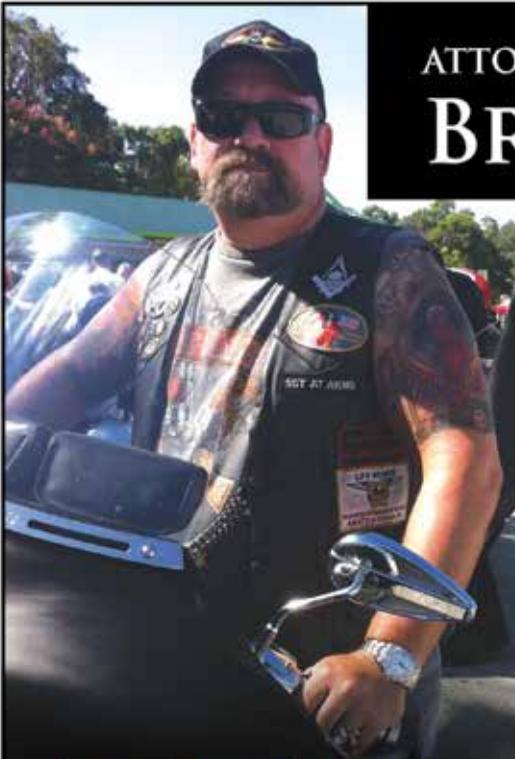
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- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.
- We promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness.
- We fund our work by holding a series of annual events at different locations within our service area and other motorcycle activities.
- We are your neighbors and friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community.
- We serve and support our country and believe in freedom.
- We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.
- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of Florida as a motorcycle rights organization or MRO. We are currently the only political MRO in Florida representing the interest of its members and the motorcycling public at-large.
- WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.

ABATE is open to all individuals age 18 and older interested in motorcycle rights, safety or education. It doesn't matter what you ride or even if you ride. Everyone is welcome to join ABATE of Florida, Inc., which ensures YOUR opinion and views on motorcycle laws will be heard.

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### **Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments**

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2020 was our 20th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.
- We've become the 4th largest State Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the country (IN & IL are 1&2, we regularly switch for 3rd & 4th with PA).
- We got the handlebar heights law modified.
- We successfully fought a bill that would forbid our children from riding on our bikes.
- We successfully fought the bill that would confiscate motorcycles for going 30MPH over the speed limit.
- We developed an effective MSAP program that has raised motorist's perceptions and awareness of motorcycles, and have received funding from the State of FL totaling over \$750,000 to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.
- We successfully fought the bill against vertical tags that had over \$1,100 in fines for a first offense.
- Supported and fought for a texting-while-driving ban for the last few years.
- Our 2009-2010 Stiffer Penalties Bill made it through five of the FL House & Senate's committees; this is the farthest it has gone in the number of years we have tried. On the last day of session, a committee member strenuously attempted to attach a revival of the helmet law to our Bill. To avoid a new helmet law in Florida, we had to kill the Bill.
- We publish monthly Press Releases and/or Articles of Interest in many online & print publications, including Florida Full Throttle.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. has been asked to be on and currently sits as a member of The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C. The Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation may appoint a representative from only two State MROs throughout the entire U.S.A. to be on this council.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. sits as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Collation of Motorcyclists (NCOM). NCOM has over 1000 member organizations.

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# “This page sponsored by Frank T. (GBNF) & Lisa PRESIDENT’S ARTICLE

“We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate.” – Thomas Jefferson

Well, the 26th Annual Freedom Gathering, Ride to the Capitol was a pretty good success. There weren't as many motorcycles as I would have liked to see, but we had a good showing. We were able to show the legislators that bikers love America (and we vote). We held a ceremony on the steps of the Old Capitol. We had a giant American flag, that many of us held, and we had flags for all the branches of the military and a POW flag. The names of all of our brothers and sisters that passed the past year, were read out loud, and a bell was rung for each one.

That being said, I can't believe how much attention we were able to get with a 6 lb. motorcycle riding Chihuahua, wearing her helmet and goggles. We even had some senators and representatives take selfies with her. Yeah, that's right, I'm talking about Diddles. We went into the new Capital building and went to all the offices of the representatives and senators who have supported our bill, for our Safety Money, to thank them for their support. A lot of them were in session, but we were able to go to their offices and talk to their aides, and yes, their aides too, had to take selfies with Diddles, and said they would spread the word back to their bosses. We will do whatever it takes to get them to know who we are, even if it is a little biker dog.

But none of this could be possible without the help of Rich Newsome and his connections in Tallahassee. He helped to make the ride happen for us. He also stepped up as our lobbyist this year, so a big thanks goes out to Rich!!! So far, our Bill is moving through the committees, all “yays” and no “nays”, but we still have a long way to go. Hopefully we can get our Safety Money this time. When we did have our Safety Money, motorcycle deaths and accidents in the State went down. We had bum-

per stickers, magnets, and signs saying, “Watch out for Motorcycles”. We were able to have some billboards on some high-traffic highways. And it made a difference!!



That's pretty much all I have to say for now, so I'll catch you all next month.

Please support all your American Legions and VFWs. God Bless America, the military, and the veterans who have helped keep this Country free.

And to the younger people out there, you have the chance to inherit an organization that stands up and fights for biker rights and safety. Help us make a difference, now, and for the future!

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Peace,  
Johnny Rose



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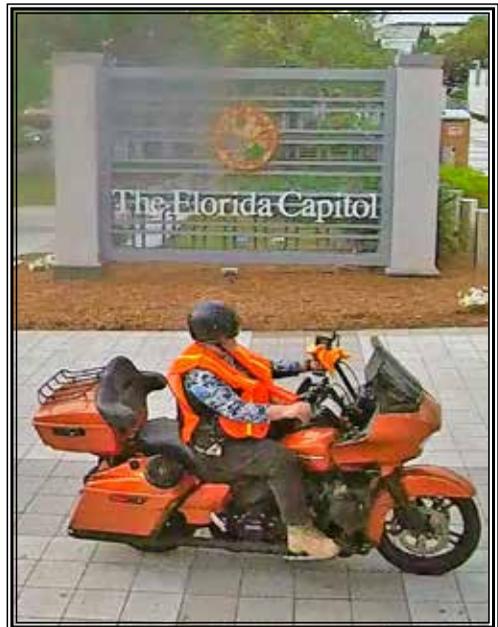
I never get tired of being misjudged when people see me in the community. I have short hair and have some whiskers on my chin and yeah occasionally I skip a day or two taking a razer to my face. As I get older, I care less about society's norms and find that the only thing I think about is getting on my bike and riding. Any time I go to a motorcycle event, bikers greet each other with a handshake and hug. I'm not aware of any community that does that. Heck we even wave at bikers we don't know going the opposite direction on the highway as a sign of camaraderie. Who does that.... No group that I'm aware of and that is what makes being a member of this community so great.

Society has misconceptions about who and what we are and that sometimes tends to make its way to the legislative process.

I attended our ABATE of Florida, Inc. State meeting on April 2, 2023, and the subsequent ride to the State Capital in Tallahassee. This was my fourth State Meeting and my third ride to the Capital if I recall correctly. You would think that I would have learned not to volunteer during my stint in the military but I'm a sucker for bikers that need help. So, I volunteered to help as a Road Guard for the ride to the Capital. Now you might think that would have sucked but there was a silver lining. I was allowed to HAUL ... YOU KNOW WHAT. To catch up and fall in at the rear of the group. I have to say that seeing a long pack of bikers going up and down hills in front of you is a cool thing to see and, better still, be a part of. If you have a chance, next year try and make it on the ride to the Capital which is open to all bikers regardless of affiliation. I have to say this State meeting was the most inspirational in terms of potential for helping the biker community. Our State Board has made connections with several individuals that are keenly in tune with the legislative process at the State Capital. They have access to people who have taken

on our cause and listen to the concerns of those who ride regarding issues that affect the motorcycle community. As a result of these connections, there are two bills at the State Legislature this year. House Bill 709 in the House of Representatives and Senate Bill 838 in the State Senate. Both deal with Motorcycle Safety money to help raise awareness about motorcycles safety and awareness. A State legislator involved with one of the proposed bills addressed the Capital riders present and stated that we had a 50-50 shot at getting the legislation through and if it failed, we had a very good shot next year. A big takeaway from all of this is that we have some good people taking up the cause and I expect good things to come in the future.

As always Be Safe and Rubber Side Down,  
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APRIL 16, 2023**

Bull is excused, so Stephen “Nighthawk” Chomiak stood in for him. Nighthawk called the meeting to order at 10:05a.m., and there were 29 members present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Nighthawk, and a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, Bear.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT – JOHNNY ROSE:**

Johnny thanked everyone for coming. Then, right when we were starting, making a grand entrance, Jimmy Les and Bugsy showed up. This was a wonderful surprise, so happy to see both of them, we stopped the meeting for a few minutes, as many wanted to say a quick “hi” and some hugs. Our Memorial Day Event will be on May 28, 2023, at Mickey’s Tiki. We are waiting to hear from Sandy Nininger’s VA Nursing Home to see if we can set up to have some of the vets attend. We will have a card, for the vets, for all to sign at our event, as we have in years’ past, that will be delivered to Sandy Nininger’s the following Monday, Memorial Day. Silky will be singing the National Anthem for us. We are still trying to set up a Color Guard to present the National Colors, our American Flag, but it is hard to find for that weekend. Bear is looking into it. Please take some flyers for our party, on the sign-in table, and if you want others, to give out to local stores and restaurants, to put in their windows, we have some up front. Memorial Day Party - sign-up sheet is being passed around. Please sign up to help. Today

begins nominations for our Chapter Board and Trustee positions, so this will be a longer meeting. Please keep comments to a minimum, so we don't delay more, but also, please see me after the meeting if you have any questions.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT –**

**MARTIN “HUNTER” NEBOJSIC:**

Hunter thanked everyone for coming. He will have more to report later, during the State Representative report.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT –**

**HOLLIE “DREAMER” SADOFF:**

Dreamer made a motion to approve minutes as printed in the newsletter, motioned, seconded, approved. She will discuss our Safety Money bill during the Legislative report.

**TREASURER’S REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:**

Read the Sheila Treasurer’s Report for the checking and savings account, motioned, seconded, approved.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT – MIKE “BULL”:**

Bull is excused, so Stephen “Nighthawk” Chomiak stood in for him. Schools are going back into session on Monday after being closed due to the flooding. Please pay attention to flashing lights in school zones. Slow down and take your time.

**ROAD CAPTAIN’S REPORT –**

**MARTIN “HUNTER” NEBOJSIC:**

- Sunday, April 16,
- States MC Annual**
- Saturday, April 22nd,
- Earth Day at Miccosukee Indian Village (our logo is on their ads)
- Saturday, May 13th,
- Palm Beach Chapter of ABATE party
- Sunday, May 28,

**Southeast Chapter Memorial Day Annual**

Leo Lee is attending the meeting. Thank you for being a supporter.

**SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT –**

**JON “WAVY” VIGER:**

Wavy is excused, at States MC setting up our Safety Booth.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT-**

**MARTIN “HUNTER” NEBOJSIC & JOHNNY ROSE:**

Hunter spoke about the April State Meeting. There was an election to vote on a new Vice President since Darren resigned. Steve Kliemisch won the vote. For January, Southeast Chapter had the most new members, and Polk had the largest % of growth. For February, Daytona had the most new members, and Central had the largest % of growth. The Ride to the Capitol was awesome, more details in the Vice President article about the State meeting and Ride to the Capitol. He reminded everyone of the Accidental Death coverage that comes with membership, and anyone can update their beneficiary on a membership application, and we have those in our newsletter. If anyone is interested in becoming MSAP (Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program) certified, speak to Johnny Rose. There will also be MSAP training at the next State Meeting, and as always, all are welcome to attend these meetings. The next State Meeting will be June 10, 2023

**LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:**

Brad is excused, Hollie “Dreamer” reported on SB 838 & HB 709 - Proceeds Funding Motorcycle Safety Education. In the House of Representative, the bill has been moving along through the sub-committees and has been unanimous in all votes, finally going before Committee. In the Senate, it started to stall out, and a “911” call was sent out from ABATE State for people to call in to a Committee leader and get it put on the agenda, for this week, or the bill dies there. The people stepped up and made many calls. We were successful in getting it put on the agenda!!! Big THANK YOU to everyone for sending emails, calling, and being active. We have been successful so far this year, but it's not done yet. Dreamer will stay on top of what's going on and let us know if another phone effort is needed.

**LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON:**

Brad is excused.

**PRODUCTS REPORT –**

**LAUREL “LITTLE BIT” CONNER:**

Little Bit was excused. Sheila said that we have an updated inventory and will be making a new order next week, to replenish some items. If anyone has a special request, let her know and she will try and get it for you. We have to do all of our orders with a minimum of 12 shirts per style. We have one button-up long sleeve XL shirt that we are raffling for \$10 per chance & 1 LG & XL for sale, \$90 each. The drawing will be at the May meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:**

Sheila read the Membership report, we have over 600 members. We are doing great on getting new members this month. Johnny has a goal of 700 before year-end.

**EVENTS COORDINATOR – GABE CARRERA:**

Gabe is excused. Our May Memorial Day Event will be at Mickey's Tiki. Memorial Day Event on May 28, 2023. We have reached out to Sandy Nininger's, as reported in the President's Report, and we will also try to get some people to ride there on Memorial Day, to deliver the card.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR –**

**ADA “ABBY NORMAL” HIBBS:**

Abby Normal said articles and pictures due today. Anyone can write an article Please submit to Abby Normal by email news.abatase@gmail.com.

**NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION –**

**JON “WAVY” VIGER:**

Wavy is excused, at States MC setting up our Safety Booth.

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Excused. Working at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson and promoting ABATE.

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**BILLING AND INVOICING – SHEILA ROSE:**

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**SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT –**

**BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:**

Bear brought some sweet treats for after the meeting. He also let us know about the Moving Wall, that will be at the Sports Complex Coral Springs, May 5th – May 7th, 2023. The Moving Wall is in honor of Vietnam Veterans and is a 3/5 scale of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC, it stands six feet tall at the center and covers almost 300 feet from end to end. This Traveling Memorial stands as a reminder of the great sacrifices made during the Vietnam War. It was made for the purpose of helping heal and rekindle friendships and to allow people the opportunity to visit loved ones in their hometown who otherwise may not be able to make the trip to Washington.

**QUARTERMASTER REPORT – MIKE "BULL":**

Bull is excused.

**PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT –**

**ADA "ABBY NORMAL":**

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**WEBMASTER'S REPORT – IVAN MARTE:**

Ivan is excused.

**Assistant Webmaster's Report – Erik Sadoff:**

Erik reported, on the soon to be published new website, that he has made the requested changes and tweaks, just finalizing work on the advertisers' section.

**CHAPLAIN – CHRISSEY LEONHARDT:**

Chrissy was excused.

**ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN – BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:**

Bear asked that we keep all in need, in our prayers and to stay safe on upcoming rides.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nominations began today. We will need people to step up for Secretary, Safety Director, Billing & Invoicing, and Distribution.

Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff was appointed by Johnny Rose as the Officer of Elections. The first round of nominations was opened. Nominations for the different offices were as follows:

President: Johnny Rose

Vice-President:

Martin "Hunter" Nebojsic

Secretary:

Ross Haertter

Treasurer:

Sheila Rose

Sergeant at Arms:

Michael "Bull" Blackford,

Ross Haertter,

Louis "OB" Russo

Head Road Captain:

Martin "Hunter" Nebojsic,

Ross Haertter,

Kris "That Guy" Keyzer-Andre

Safety Director:

Johnny Rose,

Kris "That Guy" Keyzer-Andre

State Representative

(we need 4, 2 main, and 2 alt):

Martin "Hunter" Nebojsic,

Johnny Rose,

Ross Haertter,

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff,

Louis "OB" Russo

Legal Liaison:

Brad Winston

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Brad Winston

Products:

Laurel "Little Bit" Conner

Membership: Sheila Rose,

Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff

Events Coordinator:

Gabe Carrera

Newsletter:

Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs

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Barry "Bear" Crown

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Social Director:

Barry "Bear" Crown

Quartermaster:

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Photographer:

Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs

Webmaster:

Ivan Marte, Erik Sadoff

Chaplain:

Chrissy Leonhardt,  
Barry "Bear" Crown,

Nominations for this first round were closed. At the meeting in May, nominees will be able to accept or decline and we will open the floor to further nominations. The final vote will be at the June Chapter meeting.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Event flyers on the tables.

Motion to adjourn at 11:06am, seconded, approved. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on May 21, 2023.

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff  
Secretary Southeast Chapter



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# SAFETY DIRECTOR THROW BACK

## MAY IS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

It's time to remind everyone to be on the alert and to share the road with motorcyclists.

We have great weather down here all year round, but the riders up north have been cooped up all winter are excited to be out on the road again. We all need to remember to use caution.

Motorcyclists and cagers need to be aware of their surroundings. Remember to check your blind spots, your mirrors, and use turn signals when changing lanes and when passing.

Distracted driving has been on the rise. Distractions during driving could mean the difference between seeing a motorcycle or car when preparing to change lanes. Don't let one text change anyone's life forever!

Riders need to take precautions. You can take an advanced riding class. You can wear protective gear and proper clothing. Make sure to keep your bike in its best working condition. Also, be aware of any road hazards and dangerous weather conditions.

Most of all, enjoy your ride and make it home again!

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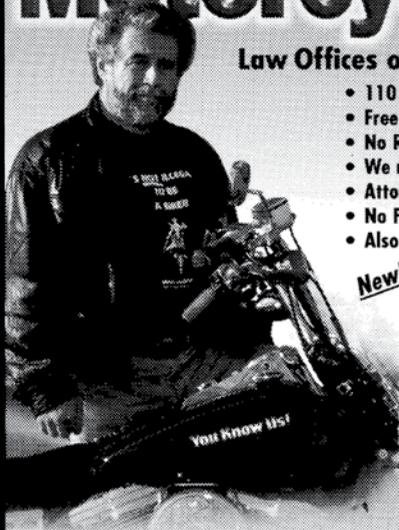
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# FROM YOU ROAD CAPTAIN

I lead a ride with some friends to the Miccosukee Indian Village and Festival Grounds to participate in their Eco-Homies.org, International Big Mamma Day Festival celebration of Earth Day. We rode there on US Hwy 41 which seems to be in a state of constant construction.

There were presentations regarding the state of our environment and how the air, land, and seas are connected. We really need to start being a lot more mindful about where we are tossing things out, including our cigarette butts, so no bad things end up in the fish we eat and the water we drink. If we all do our part, we can help things head in the right direction.

After the scientific presentations at Earth Day celebration, there were many other presentations. One of my favorites, was the flute player, Samuel Tommie, talking about how full of life the Everglades are, and when he played, you could feel that music, in your soul, the life of the Everglades around us, the wind and water, it was amazing. Also got a chance to see Path of the Panther, an amazing documentary, streaming later this month.

Back to the road captain stuff... on the ride out, one of our group, who shall remain nameless, left the group when a semi-tractor almost came to a full stop in front of us and made a U-turn. He had a clear path when the rest of the group didn't, and he just kept going. As if being a Road Captain isn't hard enough, when you have a goober that forgets to stay with the group, it is just a joy to behold.

Study after study have shown that riding in a group and staying with the group is much safer than riding alone. This rider knows this, but he tends to be easily distracted which I try my best to keep him focused for his own safety, sometimes...(almost always)... he forgets to stay with the group. I have hope he doesn't end up learning the hard way. Remember that when you ride in a group, the Road

Captain is the boss, and he is in charge of the group from kick-stands up to kick-stands down including where you park. Just because you have a clear path ahead, always stay with the group unless you are in accident- avoidance mode.

As always Be Safe and Rubber Side Down,  
Martin (Hunter) Nebojsic,  
Road Captain,  
ABATE of Florida Inc, Southeast Chapter





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## TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

New terminology plagues us almost daily, and acronyms are getting harder to keep up with. Recently, I had to Google an already long one in which even more letters have been added. I miss the days of fewer categories.

We've been hearing a lot about 'AI' or Artificial Intelligence. But have you ever heard of EI? EI stands for Emotional Intelligence, and it's been around longer. Simply put, it's the ability to identify and manage your emotions. I'm slightly jealous of those who have mastered their emotions, setting them apart from the rest of the pack.

Emotions are the primary driver of our behavior. Did you know the average person has more than 400 emotional experiences daily? That seems like a lot. The problem is our brains are hard-wired to give emotions the upper hand over logic and rational thought. Our natural reaction to a dangerous or extreme situation might be appropriate, but not so much when someone blurts out something we don't like or agree with.

People who master their emotions ride through life with fewer speed bumps. Why? Because they can direct their emotional energy into generating the behavior they want. I'm sure you know Brothers and Sisters who do this; they set a positive vibe that's evident wherever they go. This is EI at its best.

The Bible (God's 'Chilton Manual' for mankind) has quite a bit of advice about Emotional Intelligence. Ephesians 4:26-27 singles out anger saying "Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry- but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry... Don't give the devil that kind of foothold in your life."

The first step in any improvement is acknowledg-

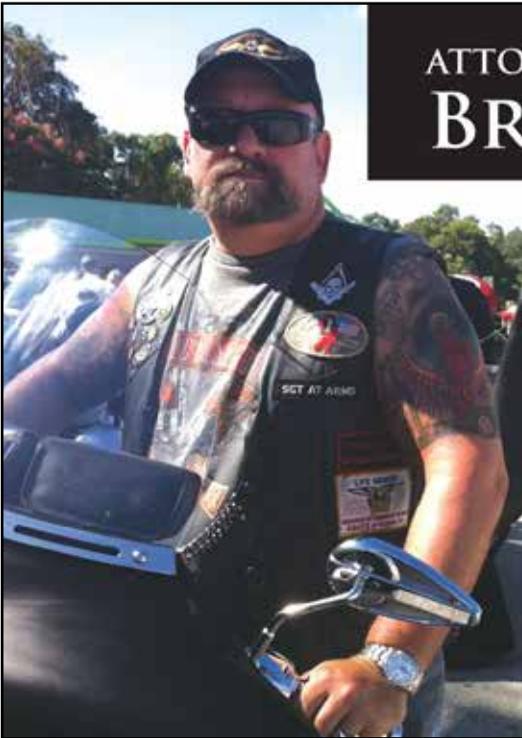
ing there's a problem, even if it's buried deep. But wait; are you saying it's OK to be angry? It's better to deal with the situation than let it worsen like dirty oil that needs changing. It's not a sin to feel mad. After all, injustice is supposed to make followers of Christ rev up their engines. But anger that evolves into resentment, bitterness, or rage is destructive if you don't give it a detour. And that, my friend, is where anger turns into sin.

If you are dealing with negative emotions, ask the Lord for help. Releasing someone from offenses can be challenging. Don't be afraid to ask again and again, and let Jesus take care of your emotional business.



Chrissy Leonhardt - Chaplain





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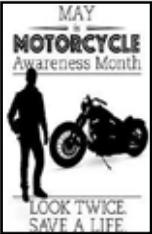
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**2023**

**MAY**

**2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL
7	8	9	10	6	12	13 GIDEONS ANNUAL
14 	15	16	17	18 EBOARD MEETING	19	20 OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL
21 ABATE SE CHAPTER MEETING	22	23	24	25	26	27 LEATHER- NECKS MC PARTY
28 	29 	30	31	27	28	29

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 AOA SOUTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers
4 WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - PARTY	5	6	7	8	9	10 MIDNIGHT CLUB REAPERS MC - ANNUAL  ABATE OF FL, INC STATE MEETING
11	12	13	14 	15 EBOARD MEETING	16	17
18  ABATE SE CHAPTER MEETING	19	20	21	22	23	24 US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL
25	26	27	28	29	30	

# 2023 CALENDAR

**MANDATORY CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD**



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**CALENDAR EVENT**

**MAY**

6th-Sat **SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL**  
 7th-Sun  
 13th-Sat  
 14th-Sun Mothers Day  
 20st-Sat **OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL**  
 21st-Sun **NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL**  
 27th-Sat LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY  
**28th ABATE SE MEMORIAL DAY EVENT**  
 29th-Sun Memorial Day

**JUNE**

3rd-Sat AOA SOUTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL  
 GBNF 1%ers  
 4th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - PARTY  
 10th-Sat **MIDNIGHT CLUB REAPERS MC - ANNUAL**  
 11th-Sun  
 17th-Sat  
 18th-Sun Fathers Day  
 24th-Sat **US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL**

25th-Sun

**JULY**

1st-Sat  
 2nd-Sun  
 4th-Tues Independence Day 8th-Sat  
**ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL**  
 9th-Sun  
 15th-Sat  
 16th-Sun **SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD - ANNUAL**

22nd-Sat

WHEELS OF MAN MC -  
 CHILI COOK-OFF

23rd -Sun

**AUGUST**

4th-13th 83rd STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY  
 11th-13th 25th Annual South Florida Tattoo  
 Convention  
 13th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. -  
 56th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

**AUGUST-Con'td**

9th-Sat  
 20th-Sun  
 26th-Sat  
 27th-Sun

**SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL**

**SEPTEMBER**

2rd-Sat SOUTHERN MC TEDDY BEAR RUN  
 3th-Sun  
 4th-Mon Labor Day 9th-Sat  
 10th-Sun STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP  
 PARTY Not sure

16th-Sat 17th-Sun  
 23rd-Sat

**KINGDOM OF BROTHERS MC - ANNUAL**

24th-Sun

**OCTOBER**

7th-Sat  
 8th-Sun **MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL**  
 14th-Sat OUTCAST - PARTY  
 15th-Sun **S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL**  
 13th-16th DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST  
 21st-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC -  
 HALLOWEEN PARTY

22bn-Sun  
 28th-Sat  
 29th-Sun  
 31st-Tues

**FEARLESS MC - ANNUAL**

HALLOWEEN

**NOVEMBER**

4th-Sat  
 5th-Sun  
 11th-Sat

**HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL**

**Veterans Day USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL ????????**

**Fly-In Wheels Annual LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL**

12th-Sun  
 18th-Sat  
 19th-Sun  
 23rd-Thur  
 26th-Sun

Thanksgiving Day 25th-Sat

**DECEMBER**

3rd-Sun  
 10th-Sat

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9th-Sat  
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 9th-Sat  
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**WEDNESDAY**

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**THURSDAY**

- >Mickey's Bike Night Live Bands 8PM

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SEE PAGE 28 FOR OTHER WEEKLY EVENTS

ADDITIONAL INFO, EVENTS OR PARTIES ARE LISTED HERE

**TUESDAY**

- Wings of Gold - Open House Davie 7PM
- States MC Taco Tuesday 6:30PM

**WEDNESDAY**

- 2nd Wed.
- The Crew 8PM

**THURSDAY**

- Hernandad MC - Open House 8PM
- Scurby Few = Poker Night -7PM

**FRIDAY**

- States MC – Open Meeting 7-10PM
- Gideons MC – Open House 8PM
- Scurvy Few - Open House 8:00PM
- WHEELS OF MAN - OPEN 8:00PM

- 1st Fri.
  - Outcast - Open House 8:00PM
- 1st & 3rd Fri.
  - Kingdom of Brothers MC - Open House 8PM
- Every Other Fri.
  - Fearless MC - Open House 8PM-1AM
- 3rd Fri.
  - Heathens MC - Open House 8PM

**SATURDAY**

- 1st & 3rd Sat – AOA MC Dania - Open House 8PM
- 2nd & 4th Sat – Kingdom of Brothers MC - Open House
- 2nd Sat – Fly-In Wheels Open House - 9PM
- Scurvy Few - Birthday Celebrations - 7PM

- Last Saturday
  - Leathernecks MC Open House/ Poker Night 8PM
  - Fly-In Wheels – Open House 9PM

**SUNDAY**

- 2nd Sun
  - BACA @ American Legion Post 180 - 10:30AM
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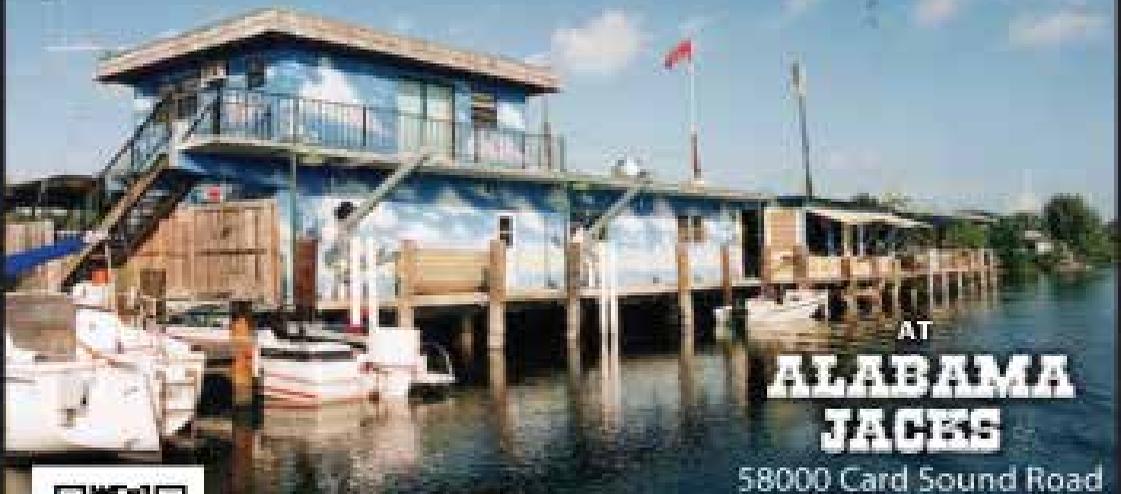
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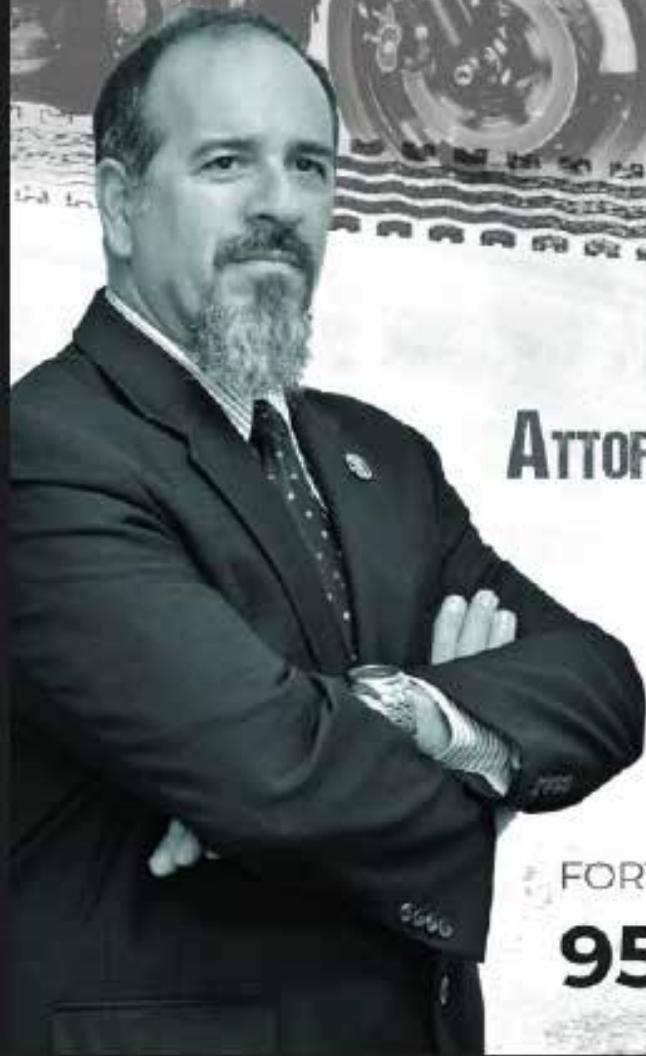
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We were sitting around, talking about our upcoming Memorial Day event. This year, unfortunately for us, we will not have Jimmy Les at our party, to share his most touching story, that he always reads to us, and we get chills and tears in our eyes, remembering....He has kindly shared the story with us, in print. Thank you, Jimmy!

“This article was written to honor those people in the service that gave their lives for our country. I use THAT YOUNG MAN as a representation of service personal that includes both men and women. Thank You.

THAT YOUNG MAN  
by Jimmy Les

Inspired by stories told to me from Stanley A. Lesniak

I wish to take a few minutes to talk about Memorial Day and to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for this country.

I am going to start with a story about an event that happened over one hundred years ago. There was a young man who heard that his Country needed some help with a world war.

Before I continue, I want to ask, “How many people have ever signed a blank check and then gave it to someone?” Well, this story I am telling

you is about one young man who did just that.

He went down to the local recruiting station and said to his Uncle Sam, “I will give you this signed blank check that is drawn on the bank account known as my life.” That checking account is filled with the rest of the days of my life. You can use as many of them as you wish, in any way you wish, for as long as you wish, Uncle Sam, but all I ask is: “ when you are through, please return to me those days that are still in the checking account of my life.”

Then Uncle Sam took that check and told that young man to report to Basic training where he put him with thousands of other young men and created the Armed Forces.

Uncle Sam then took some of those days out of that young man’s checking account and toughened up that young man with months of discipline, months of marching and months of combat training. When all that was over, all that young man asked: was for a few days off to go and see his mother before he was shipped overseas.

That young man was then forced to live in a foreign country, sometimes in a barracks and sometimes he lived outdoors. Uncle Sam used the days out of that checking account and put that young man into fox holes in the hot sun, torrential rain, and freezing cold. And all that young man asked: was for one night in town to try to forget that war.

Uncle Sam did not stop there. He kept that young man overseas and made him march until he could not take another step, he kept him on duty until he could no longer keep his eyes open. and he put him in a situation where it was kill or be killed. And all that young man asked: was for some mail from home.

Now this particular war ended, and it was time for that young man to go home and it only took people a short time to realize what a hero that young man was and what he had sacrificed to defend his

country, this country we call the United States of America. And when he finally got home all that young man asked: was for those remaining days left in that checking account of his life.

But somewhere along the way, Uncle Sam had cashed that signed blank check that the young man handed to him a few years earlier, and all that returned home from that foreign country was a heroic young man in a casket with an American Flag draped over the lid, and all that the mother of that young man asked of Uncle Sam: was a day to honor her son's ultimate sacrifice.

And today we are here to respect that mother's wishes and we are going to honor her son. Today all I am asking of you, is to take a few minutes to think about that young man who never got to spend any of his days back in the United States. Today, I am sure he is with his Maker waiting for and missing the loved ones he fought so hard to defend.

In closing and on behalf of all the mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and all the loved ones who have lost "that young man."

It is for them that I ask that you to offer up a prayer and take some time to remember:

## **THAT - YOUNG - MAN."**

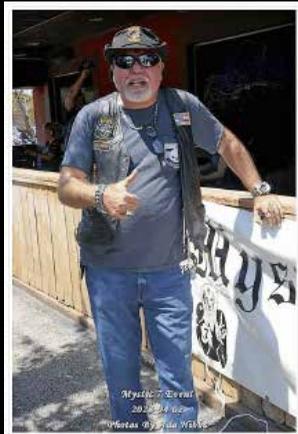


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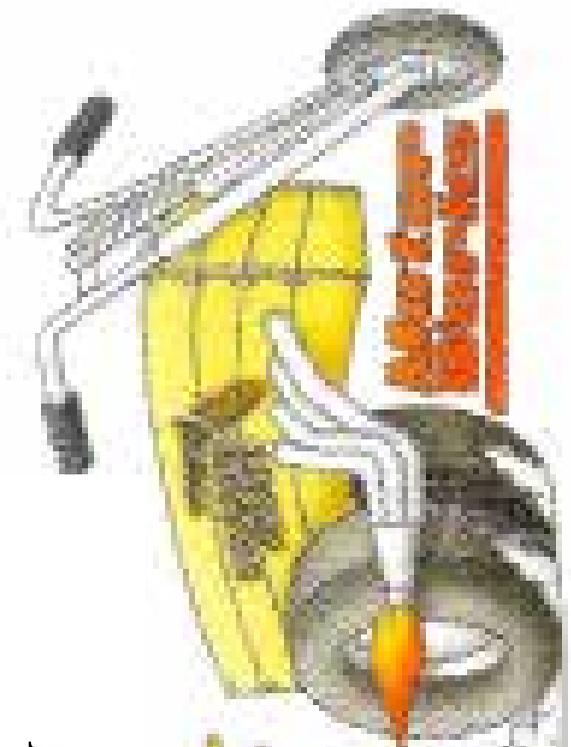
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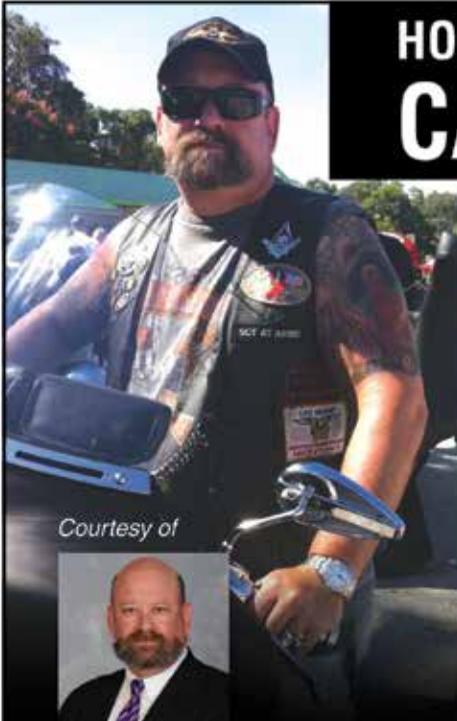
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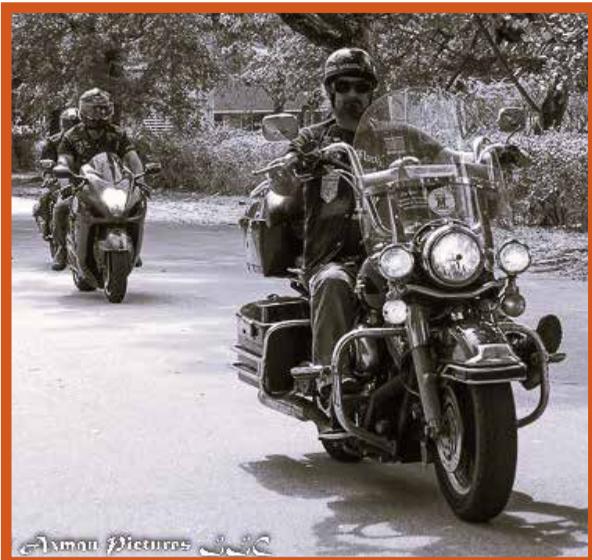
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THIS MONTH, I'M GOING TO BE RANTING ABOUT THE ROAD AND WEATHER. WHEN IT'S RAINING, OR JUST FINISHED, THE PAINT ON THE ROADWAYS IS REALLY SLIPPERY. THIS PAINT IS CALLED THERMOPLASTIC, AND HAS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS GRIP THAN UNPAINTED ASPHALT, SO BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN RIDING IN THE RAIN, WELL, MOSTLY WHEN YOU ARE STOPPING.

WE HAVE ALREADY LOST ONE BROTHER RECENTLY, FROM THE MIDNIGHT CLUB REAPERS MC, BECAUSE OF WET ROADS AND THE ROAD PAINT. OUR CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO HIS FAMILY AND BROTHERS. PLEASE, PLEASE BE CAREFUL AS WE GO INTO THE RAINY SEASON. I DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANY MORE BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

YES, WHAT WE LOVE TO DO CAN BE RISKY. BUT I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING BETTER THAN RIDING DOWN THE ROAD FREE AND NOT BEING STUCK IN A CAGE.

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### **CIRCLE THE DATE – 38TH NCOM CONVENTION IN ARIZONA**

A “must-see” in the biker’s rights community, this year’s NCOM Convention is scheduled for Father’s Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 at the Hilton Phoenix-Tempe, so don’t miss this opportunity to empathize with hundreds of fellow concerned riders coming together from across America for the “Betterment of Biking”!

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**MSF CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF TRAINING RIDERS**  
The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) will celebrate 50 years of providing rider education and training this year. To celebrate, the MSF Communications team has been collecting stories from a diverse group of people with a wide variety of motorcycling backgrounds: new riders, longtime riders, RiderCoaches, influencers, members of the media and families will all share their stories on the MIC website.

Throughout this anniversary year, the MSF will launch 50 stories on its [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org) website under the NEWS tab. The goal each week is to inspire, entertain, and share the fun of riding that often results through top-quality rider education and training – the kind delivered by the MSF for half a century.

### **US & EU PUSH IMMINENT DEMISE OF FOSSIL FUEL**

### **VEHICLES**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed sweeping emissions cuts for new cars and trucks through 2032, a move it says could mean two out of every three new vehicles automakers sell will be electric within a decade.

The EPA proposal, if finalized, represents the most aggressive U.S. vehicle emissions reduction plan to date, with automakers forecast to produce 60% EVs by 2030 and 67% by 2032 to meet requirements - compared with just 5.8% of U.S. vehicles sold in 2022 that were EVs.

John Bozzella, CEO of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation representing General Motors, Volkswagen, Toyota and others, told Reuters that “factors outside the vehicle, like charging infrastructure, supply chains, grid resiliency, the availability of low carbon fuels and critical minerals will determine whether EPA standards at these levels are achievable.”

EPA Administrator Michael Regan declined to endorse setting a date to end the sale of new gasoline-powered vehicles, and emphasized that the current proposal is a “performance-based standard” and not an EV mandate.

Taking an even stricter approach, abroad, the European Parliament has formally approved a law to effectively ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars in the European Union from 2035, aiming to speed up the switch to electric vehicles and combat climate change.

The landmark rules will require that by 2035 carmakers must achieve a 100% cut in CO2 emissions from new cars sold, which would make it impossible to sell new fossil fuel-powered vehicles in the 27-country bloc.

Meanwhile, back in the states, U.S. Representative John Joyce (R-PA) along with more than sixty cosponsors has introduced House Resolution 1435 “To amend the Clean Air Act to prevent the elimination of the sale of internal combustion engines.”

Titled the “Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act,” H.R. 1435 is designed to protect Americans’ right to choose the technology that powers their motor vehicles.

## **CALIFORNIA BILL WOULD LIFT BANS ON CRUISING**

Assemblyman David Alvarez (D-San Diego) has introduced Assembly Bill 436 to repeal the ban on cruising statewide and prohibit local authorities from stopping drivers from cruising and driving cars that have been modified to be of a certain height.

Cruising became popularized nationally after the release of breakout film "American Graffiti" in 1973, a coming of age comedy-drama set in 1960s Modesto, but cities across California (and elsewhere) began to enact bans on cruising in automobiles [and motorcycles] starting in the 1970s during the oil embargo. In 1982, the California Legislature authorized cities to pass ordinances prohibiting cruising, declaring "the cruising of vehicles in business areas of cities and communities in this state for the purpose of socializing and assembling interferes with the conduct of business, wasted precious energy, resources, impedes the progress of general traffic and emergency vehicles, and promotes the generation of local concentrations of air pollution and undesirable noise levels."

AB 436 would remove the authorization for a local authority to adopt rules and regulations regarding cruising. This current effort follows a resolution unanimously approved by the State Legislature last year (ACR 176) encouraging cities to repeal their bans and recognizes that cruising holds cultural significance for many communities.

## **LANE SPLITTING BILL FILTERS THROUGH OREGON LEGISLATURE**

Beaver State lawmakers are taking another crack at letting motorcyclists travel between lanes in slow or stopped traffic, two years after then-Gov. Kate Brown unexpectedly vetoed a similar bill. Senate Bill 422 recently passed the Senate with strong bipartisan support by a 27-2 vote. It now heads to the House, where representatives in both parties have signed on as sponsors.

If passed, motorcyclists would be able to travel between lanes on multi-lane highways with a speed limit of at least 50 mph, but only when traffic has slowed to 10 mph or less. Motorcyclists riding between cars could travel no more than 10 mph faster than the flow of traffic.

Motorcyclists argue the policy can improve traffic congesti-

tion and leaves them less vulnerable to being rear-ended by inattentive drivers.

If the bill makes it through the Senate and receives gubernatorial approval, Oregon would join four other western states in endorsing some form of the practice, which is known as lane splitting, lane sharing or lane filtering, depending on the exact details of the behavior allowed.

California currently allows lane splitting under different circumstances than Oregon's proposed law, as does Montana. Utah allows a similar concept called "filtering" when traffic is stopped at an intersection. A policy in Arizona took effect in September.

Neighboring Washington does not allow the practice, though is currently considering such legislation (HB 1063). One frequently cited study from the University of California Berkeley concluded that lane splitting can be safe under certain conditions.

## **HAWAII CONSIDERS 'RIDE ON RED' LEGISLATION**

A new bill in the Aloha State could allow riders to go on red lights during certain hours, as House Bill 1319 aims to solve the problem of motorcyclists being stranded at red lights that don't detect their presence.

"If you don't have enough metal, sometimes you won't be detected because the loops work on electromagnetic fields which is broken by metal," according to Hawaii Department of Transportation engineering program manager Bryan Kimura.

HB 1319 "Allows operators of bicycles, motorcycles, and mopeds to proceed through an intersection on a steady red signal during certain hours (11 p.m.-5 a.m.) if the traffic signal is controlled by a vehicle detection device that is inoperative due to the size or composition of the bicycle, motorcycle, or moped."

Hawaii already allows "shoulder surfing" for motorcyclists, which is considered an alternative to lane splitting on their narrower roads.

Over 20 states have enacted "dead red" or "ride on red" laws that give motorcyclists and bicyclists an affirmative defense to proceed through a red light with caution after stopping

when they are not detected by the traffic light controller, though each state is different and has its own unique rules about the time period.

### PLUG YOUR EARS

Tinnitus UK is urging motorcycle riders to use ear protection in the name of permanent hearing loss – as much as 80 decibels will cause trouble, despite health officials recommending that “anything over 85dB an employer should provide ear protectors.”

According to Motorcycle Cruiser, bikes average around 85 decibels of sound at 35-45mph, with a 30-bike pilot test completed by the University of Florida showing far higher levels at highway speeds, noting; “Measurements of motorcycle riding noise levels vary, but are generally around 85-95 dB at speeds up to 35 mph, climbing to 110-116 dB at 65 mph.”

120 dB is the equivalent of a rock concert, and you shouldn't be exposed to it for more than 7.5 minutes before possible hearing loss can occur, so plug your ears and hear longer.

### FACIAL RECOGNITION COMING TO MOTORCYCLES

With AI in the mainstream news lately, and new technologies integrating into our daily lives, it should come as no surprise that BMW is now the first motorcycle manufacturer in the world to incorporate facial recognition software that makes the traditional ignition key superfluous.

Billed as anti-theft technology, BMW's iFace system utilizes infrared to map the rider's facial features, builds a virtual model of the user's face in three dimensions, and should someone else attempt to steal your BMW, iFace will send a distress message to eCall electronic emergency service and BMW Motorrad Call Centre.

Further, to help identify the thief, the scan data is sent to a central international database of criminals for identification. We don't recommend you use this feature if you have any outstanding warrants.

The system is set to be unveiled to the public at an autumn 2023 motorcycle show, and it'll only be available on BMW's Boxer-engined bikes.

### **POLICE DRONES ZERO IN ON MOTORCYCLE ROAD SAFETY**

New police drones are being trialed in the U.K. to try and reduce road accidents, with a particular focus put on motorcyclists. The RAC reports that the drones will be able to be used to track a vehicle's speed, and record any incidents. Video captured from the drone can then be used against offending road users. Additionally, the drones are reportedly able to check the insurance, MOT, and road tax status of a car or motorcycle, and even track stolen vehicles.

Recording of a vehicle can be done by a drone up to four miles away, and the project is a part of the Police's “Vision Zero” initiative, which aims to improve road safety by totally eradicate injuries and deaths from road traffic collisions and crashes.

It seems that there is a particular focus on motorcyclists, as Inspector Colin Harper from the drone team described the use of the drones as “innovative” and added: “At present, our focus is on motorcyclists, who are at highest-risk according to our data, particularly at this time of year when more riders will be venturing out again after the winter.”

### SUSTAINABLE SAFETY: BAMBOO HELMETS

Just as pillowcases have gone from cotton to bamboo, the helmet industry is following suit with bamboo helmet shells produced by French motorcycle helmet brand Roof.

Coverage from RideApart.com states that each helmet comes with a clear protective coating over the bamboo fibers, and that “Roof claims that the Bamboo helmet is just as safe as a standard polycarbonate shell,” adding; “The bamboo shell has been engineered to be flexible, resistant, and lightweight. Of course, the helmets have undergone independent testing, and are certified under the latest ECE 22.06 standard.”

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