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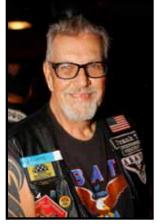
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## from Your President



ABATE Southeast Chapter President's Article November 2015

A lot has happened since last month's article and for me it has been an emotional roller coaster ride. I have partied, had fun, rode my bike lots, had a road trip, worked at two events, grieved over the loss of a dear friend and fellow ABATE brother, and witnessed the sentencing of a pickup truck driver who killed a biker on the highway, and by law, "just got a slap on the wrist."

The 35th Annual ABATE Southeast Chapter's event was held at Mickey's Tiki Bar on October 11th, and I want to thank everyone for coming out to support our cause of fighting for your biker rights. The weather was perfect (dry). We had great support from MC's, independents, and friends as well as from vendors. Mickey's owner Alan Brownfeld and his great staff, and the band JACKT

who rocked the house. Additionally, this event could not have been successful without the support of our Southeast Chapter members who came and worked all day and made it a success! Thank you all.

Unfortunately only four days prior to this event one of our active ABATE life members and personal friend Lionel "Primo" Arista passed away. It was a great shock to all. He was remembered at this event by all who attended and shared in the celebration of his life. Primo had many friends as evidenced by the large number of attendees who came up from South Miami to show their respects. A memorial plaque for Primo will be placed, together with a remembrance service, at the Café 27 Biker Memorial plot in the very near future. The date and time will be announced on our Chapter's Hotline and social media.

The ABATE of Florida Safety and Education, Inc., sponsored its first annual 3-day Avon Park Autumn Bike Fest the first weekend in October. The entire main street of Avon Park was used as the focal point of this event and the street was restricted to motorcycles only traffic and parking during the weekend. Several of us rode up together Friday and volunteered to work. Harry Ness and I were assigned to security, watching the eastern end of Main Street and T-Man assisted the state at their membership booth. Other SE members enjoying the festivities were Marie Baxter, Frank Gartin, Cesar Tejera and Chuck and Lisa Wilde. The townspeople were very friendly and inviting and we all had a lot of fun - I even have a few scars to prove it. The State ABATE office has announced they are going to have this event again during the same timeframe next year. Following breakfast in Sebring Sunday morning we rode back to town, after a few stops of course, to support the Mystic Seven's MC Annual being held at Mickey's. They had a very well-attended and great event.

This past month, the Southeast Chapter membership was out and about visiting several clubhouses, events, and ABATE Southeast advertisers. To name a few, we visited the Midnight Reapers MC's clubhouse for their Wednesday night open house; the States MC's tribute to Dirty Ralph, Mr. Phil Peterson's Memorial Service; Mystic Seven's MC new clubhouse grand opening, and many more.

In my August article I shared that one of our SE Chapter members, Steven Cohen, was participating in a ride in Hendry County with a Broward County social riding group when he witnessed the killing of their lead rider who was T-boned while attempting to make a left turn on a two lane highway. He was leading 15 other riders who had their left turn signals on and left arms extended to signify their intentions. A pickup truck suddenly came speeding up (he was cited for doing 75 MPH in a 45 MPH zone), trying to pass the group in

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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Oct 18, 2015

President Frank T. Hammons called the meeting to order at 10:13 am. There were 34 members, 4 guests. Total persons in attendance: 38. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence and a prayer by Poppi.

#### President's Report

Frank thanked all members for coming and welcomed 3 new members Sheila, Lulu and Ball joint. Lulu and Ball joint are members of States MC and are our newest Life Members. Another great showing of support by our brother MC's and Associations with representation today from the American Legion Riders Post 321, Post 180, Widows and Sons, Keltics MC, States MC., H.O.G., Brothers of the Third Wheel. Our event was a huge success. Thanks goes to all our members who came out today and, a special thank you to the many MC's, and Associations who support us. They were there in force. At our event we held a celebration of life for Life Member Primo Arista who we lost suddenly as the result of a tragic accident. We will be placing a plague at Cafe 27 in the near future. We will keep you posted. We need help fixing our trailer. An electric brake cable needs replacing. If any member has the knowledge and can help, please contact any board member. It has to be fixed but we are trying not to take it to a trailer dealer for repairs due to their cost. Chapter inventory is due on Nov. 15th and we still have drawing tickets to sell. Avon Park was a success and the state will probably hold the event

again next year. Frank reported an anonymous member bought 20 state drawing tickets and donated them back to the chapter to be given away at each meeting. You need to buy 50/50 tickets to be eligible. Today we will be giving away 8 tickets.

#### Vice-President's Report

Poppi thanked all the members who came out for our event. It was a success because of our member's and all who came out to support us.

#### Secretary's Report

Marie was excused. Former secretary Paul A. Melcer will be taking today's minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter with the following correction: This month's chapter meeting was listed being held at the Davie Moose Lodge. Motion seconded, all in favor motion passed.

#### Treasurer's Report

T-Man read the financial report for September. A motion was made to accept the financial report; the motion was seconded, all in favor motion passed. T-Man said that the chapter still has ABATE of FL annual drawing tickets. The drawing tickets sale for \$5.00 each, with a chance to win \$7,000 first prize, \$2,000 second and \$1,000 third. The drawing takes place in March 2016 and you do not have to be present to win. See any Executive Board member if you need tickets.

#### Sergeant at Arms Report

Nighthawk was excused. Frank reported to be

careful and slow down in a school zone.

#### Road Captain's Report

Gambler was excused. Frank reported to check the hotline for "Meet Ups"

#### Safety Director's Report

Gambler was excused. Frank reported on his behalf, it is still hot out there, please drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.

#### Products Report

Kathy reported we are having a sale. Any shirt 8.00. We want to reduce the current inventory so we can order new items. She is also taking prepaid orders of denim shirts. You have a choice of front or back embroidery. If you need anything; feel free and give them a call at 954-818-4481.

#### Events Coordinator

Frank spoke about the success of our October event. The January event is still in the planning stages with discussions with Chester's Harley Davidson. They have always been very supportive of the SE Chapter; another meeting is planned for next week. We will keep you posted.

#### State Represetntative Report

Marie attended the state meeting. Full details are in the Masterlink. Marie was excused, Frank reported on her behalf. Highlights include: Possibility of not having Spooks and Scoots next year due to the low turnout. Putnam chapter closed. Avon Park was a success, look for it again next year but with a different campsite. Evidently there were issues at the campsite they used. The continued need to recruit sport bike riders to join ABATE provided they can ride accordingly. All announced chapter rides require insurance. However, "Meet Ups" don't. Next state meeting will be 12/12/15 at Gator Alley. We will be meeting and riding as a group. The state's insurance covers this ride. We will keep you updated on meeting place and time.

T-Man reported we have <u>542</u> members on the books. A reminder when submitting all membership forms, **PLEASE** fill them out completely, send it in a timely manner, and provide your personal information written so that we can read it. Thank you very much for your support and membership to the Southeast Chapter.

#### Newsletter Editor

Squeezer reported all articles are due today with the exception of our President's and Secretary's reports. Poppi reported he will be checking with our printer as the newsletter was sent to them in time to be ready for Oct. 1st. however it was not ready for pickup until Oct. 7th. This was totally unacceptable and will find out what happened. Thank you to Squeezer for making our newsletter the best in the state.

#### Legislative Report

Brad reported on the following: Vulnerable Road Users bill going to the criminal justice committee. HB 163 and SB 300. Providing open carry of firearms in the state provided you have a concealed carry weapons permit. Grass roots legislation. Red light cameras.

#### **Public Relations**

Fern was excused. She is set up at most events always supporting and promoting ABATE. Thank you, Fern all your support and for doing a great job with the hotline.

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Pixie reported all advertisers are up to date. When taking information for an ad, please make sure all the information is there in a way that " WE CAN READ IT" Enough said.

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#### Social Director's Report

Patty made a suggestion that we either have the monthly birthday parties here at the legion or at

#### Membership Report

one of our advertisers. Discussion followed, after a straw vote, we will have our monthly birthday parties here at the legion until further notice.

#### Newsletter Distribution

Poppi thanked all the members who have stepped up to deliver the newsletters.

#### Quartermaster's Report

Bob was excused no report.

#### Photographer's Report

Ada reported there was no report.

#### Web-Master's Report

Rogue was excused. Please keep him and his Family in your thoughts and prayers.

#### Legal Council

Demetrious reported there was nothing to report, but to advise him on any motorcycle related tickets or issues.

#### Old Business

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

None

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

10/24/15 - Phil Peterson LEO escorted ride from HD North to Cafe 27 to place memorial plaque. 10:00am 10/24/15 - Wheels of Man Halloween Party at their clubhouse 8:00pm 10/30/15 - American Legion Post 321 Halloween Party 7:00pm 10/31/15 - American Legion Post 180 Halloween Party 7:00pm 10/31/15 - Scurvy Few MC Halloween Party at their clubhouse 8:00pm 11/1/15 - Southern Wolves Motorcycle Association Event 11:00am. being held at Friction Zone Motorsports, 4275 NW 77 Ave Miami. 11/7/15 - US Military Vets MC Chapter 1 Annual

11/8/15 - CMA Memorial Event Cancelled 11/14/15 - Heathens Annual Event Cancelled 11/15/15 - Candy's Cycle Shop customer Appreciation Party at Ballers Rock Bar 3200 W. Hallandale Beach Blvd at 12:00n 11/15/15 - Southeast Chapter Meeting. Axman will be taking a group photo for Christmas cards.

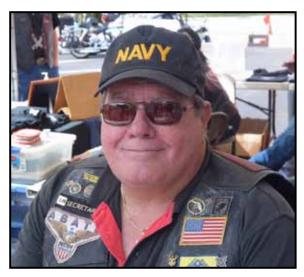
A motion to Adjourn was called, seconded and our meeting was adjourned till August 16th, 2015.

Minutes were summarized and submitted by,

See you on the Road - Wheels up.

Paul A. Melcer On behalf of Marie Baxter Secretary S.E. Chapter

See you on the Road - Wheels up.



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a NO PASSING ZONE (double yellow line - which he was also cited for). The lead rider was killed instantly when executing the left turn. The driver was cited just with a traffic citation. On October 21st, I accompanied Steven to the Hendry County Court House where he and other witnesses had been summoned to testify. Long story short, the driver changed his plea to "no contest" for all charges (speeding and passing in a no passing zone). He made a brief apology to the family members present for their loss. The presiding judge addressed those of us in the courtroom prior to sentencing the driver by basically saying, "this is not what most of you want to hear but I am bound by the State of Florida legislative statutes in determining the sentencing for the offenses cited, and not to prove criminal intent. "Then the judge pronounced the driver's sentence: a \$1,000.00 fine and loss of driving privileges for six months.

As far as intent. I believe the driver didn't intend to kill anyone that day, however he ignored the circumstances of the riders having left turn signals on and their slowing to turn. He deliberately and illegally attempted to pass them on the left at a high rate of speed with grave consequences. That deserves a greater penalty than a traffic citation. In every article I have written I have been trying to galvanize the biker community to effect change in Florida's legislative statutes to support the Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) HB 253 and SB 332 bills that are currently being considered in the Florida House and Senate committees. The fact of the matter is that unless the biker community becomes politically active and starts calling, emailing, and telling our legislators to support this "stiffer penalties" legislation, nothing is going to change. Hopefully all of you who read this feel as I do. If I was the victim in a case like this, I want the killer to do some "hard" time and not get away with just a traffic citation. All of you please support the biker community and make vour voice be heard in Tallahassee by contacting the following to support the VRU legislation: HB 253, Rep. Carlos Trujillo (Chairman), 850.717.5105, carlos. trujillo@myfloridahouse.com and SB 332, Sen. Jeff Brandes (Chairman), 850.487.5022, brandes.jeff@ flsenate.gov.

If you are not a member, the Southeast ABATE of Florida Chapter needs you to join our cause to protect your motorcycle rights. ABATE represents all of Florida's

motorcycles even if you are not an ABATE member, but we need your membership to support our efforts in protecting your "Right to Decide." Membership forms are in our monthly newsletter and located on our Southeast Chapter's website www.abatese.org. To our current ABATE members, PLEASE keep your contact information current. If you have made any changes (address, email, phone) please contact T-Man, our membership director, with your updated information at **membership@abatese.us**.

Everyone is invited to attend the Southeast Chapter's monthly meetings and events. At the next meeting I will be asking the Chapter membership's opinion on the State's proposal to raise annual and lifetime dues, and the proposal to accept business memberships in ABATE. Plus, Axman will be there to take a group picture of those present to be included on a Chapter Christmas Card to be sent to our supporters and advertisers. Currently the monthly member birthday party is being held after the Chapter meeting. Our next meeting is November 15th at the American Legion Post 321, 9081 SW 51St, Cooper City, at 10 a.m. To keep up to date with the ABATE Southeast Chapter, checkout our website (abatese.org) or call our Hotline 24/7 (954-310-4636) for Chapter information. You may always contact me at pres@abatese.us. RIDE FREE, RIDE SAFE!!!

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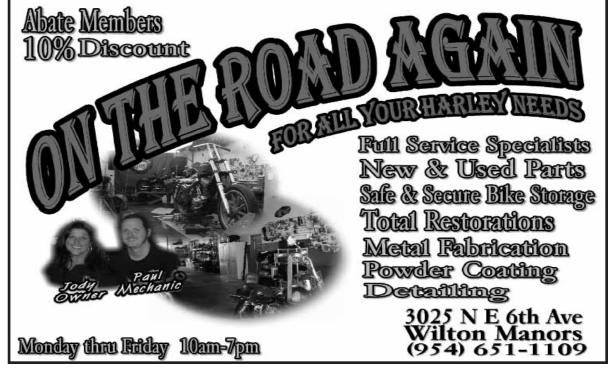






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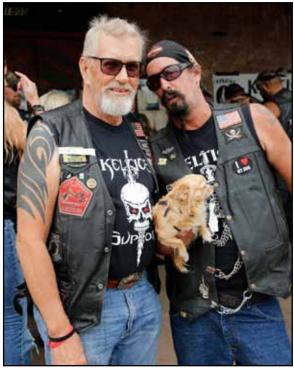
Thanks to all the help from our chapter members, great job. My family had a great time helping, especially the 50 50, and door prize girls, my daughter and granddaughter. Of course I can't forget my wife, we did the gate, they had a great time, and it won't be their last. Again thanks to all for your support.

#### Your V.P. Poppie









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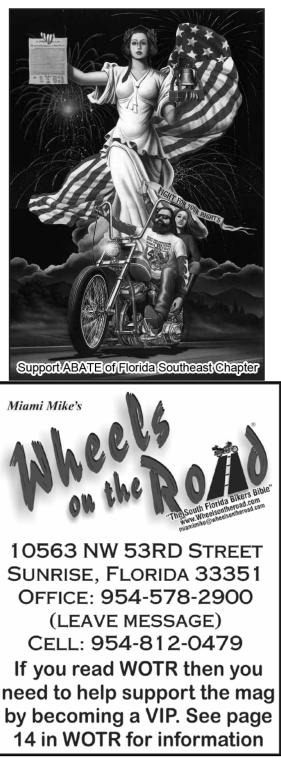




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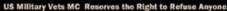
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#### Road Captain's report

#### IT'S FINALLY FALL

Can you feel the crisp chill in the air? No neither can I. But at least the weather is a lot nicer and the rides are more pleasant. I hear Avon Park was a real success. This was the first Annual Autumn Fest sponsored by ABATE of Florida Inc. and from what I heard, may be the first of many. Bikers from all over the state showed up to party and support ABATE's message of Motorcycle Safety and awareness. I couldn't attend this year myself, and I'm sorry for that, but I will do my best next year to attend and give a helping hand. Thanks to everyone from the Southeast Chapter that did go and help out.

While some of members were in Avon Park a group of ABATE-SE members remaining attended the Mystic Seven Party at Mickey's Tiki Bar. Another good turn out and loads of FUN. Great Party Guys!

My good news is my son, and his wife, invited me to Biketoberfest and I just needed to pay for food and gas, the hotel was on him. I guess he remembered just how much I can eat. Where are the nearest Buffets?

As always check the hotline each week for upcoming rides and events by your ABATE Southeast Chapter and all your local MC's. The Hotline is updated each Tuesday and the number is 954-310-4636.

Some of the up-coming November events:

- 7th (Sat) US Military Vets Annual
- 8th (Sun) CMA Memorial
- 14th (Sat) Heathens MC Annual
- 15th (Sun) Candy's Customer Appreciation Party
- 21st (Sat) Leathernecks MC Annual
- December 6 (Sun)- Toys in the Sun Run

Until next time, keep the shiny side up and the rubber on the road.

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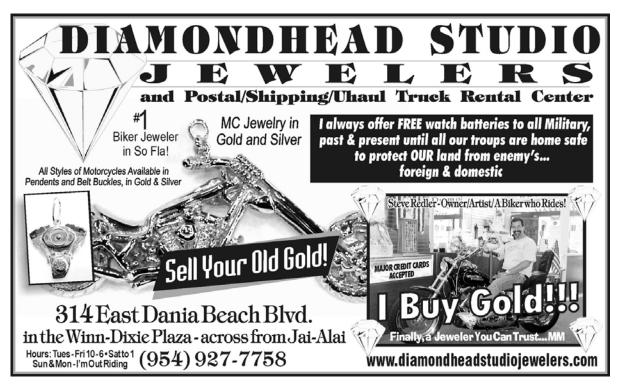
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## If I may digress for a moment...

#### I am my Brother's keeper

That is what it says on a patch that I wear on the front of my vest. I sometimes see bikers wear this patch and wonder if they just wear it for the sake of wearing it. However, these words hold deep meaning and truth for me. Although while living with my mother I was being raised as an only child, I do have 2 half-brothers and a half-sister. But mostly, I have hundreds, if not thousands of Brothers and Sisters for which I would do anything within my power to be there for them, in good or bad times. They may not be the family that God gave me, but they are the family that I have chosen.

For the first seven years of my life, I lived with my Godmother and many other children that she was fostering. They were of all different ages and colors, but to me they were as much my brothers and sisters as my own blood. In 1967, my biological mother was able to establish residency in the United States and brought me to live with her in New York. She was basically a stranger to me and I was suddenly an only child in a strange land with a strange language. I missed the home I knew and my brothers and sisters so much. Maybe that is why I become so close to my extended family. Even though my extended family has changed throughout the years I still hold a love for each and every one of them that have been part of my life. We may go long periods of time, even years, without communicating, but once we are together again, it is like we were never apart.

My extended family has consisted of close neighbors, my Martial Arts family, my Military family, my Masonic family, my Biker family, and of course my blood family and in-law family members. Although I may be closer with some within each of these groups than with others, it does not diminish the love I have for the others. We may not always agree on everything and we may at some point not be happy with each other, but that is what makes each individual relationship great. How boring would life be if we all agreed on everything and thought the same way? We would never have any challenges or be exposed to different points of view. Despite these differences, the one thing that is for sure is that there will always be room for them in my heart and I will always have their back.

Now, having your back does not mean I will blindly support all you do. If I see that you are contemplating something that could in the long run bring harm to you or another brother, I will do all within my power to stop you. Those who know me know that I am not beyond taking away a Brother's

keys to keep him from driving after one drink too many or beyond physically restraining a Brother to keep him from taking a step or challenge that could have resulted in an altercation and/or subsequent arrest. I have done each of these on multiple occasions. This may not have pleased those brothers at the time, but in the long run, they have each thanked me for having been there for them in their time of need. This is why I am proud to wear a patch that says "I am my Brother's keeper." Are you?



Your editor - "Squeezer"







GOD's Will

How can I know God's will for my life? What does the Bible say about knowing Gods will?

There are two keys to knowing God's will for a given situation:

1.) Make sure what you are asking for or considering doing is not something the Bible forbids.

2.) Make sure what you are asking for or considering doing will glorify God and help you grow spiritually.

If these two things are true and God is still not giving you what you are asking for, then it is not God's will for you to have what you are asking for or, perhaps you just need to wait a while longer for It.

Knowing God's will is sometimes difficult. People want God to tell them specifically what to do, like where to work, where to live, whom to marry, etc. God rarely gives people information that direct and specific. God allows us to make choices regarding those things.

Romans 12:2 tells us, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will".

The only decision God does not want us to make is the decision to sin or resist His will. God wants us to make choices that are in agreement with His will. So, how do you know what God's will is for you? If you are walking closely with The Lord and truly desiring His will for your life, God will place His desires on your heart. The key is in wanting God's will, not your own. "Delight yourself in The Lord and He will give you the Desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4). If the Bible does not speak against it and it can be genuinely beneficial to your spiritually, then the Bible gives you the "permission you feel to make decision to follow your own heart. If you truly seek God's will with a humble spirit and an open mind, He will reveal His will to you.

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#### JUST ANOTHER DISTRACTION AND ONLY A SECONDARY OFFENCE?

OMG! We have been lead to believe by the State of Florida that texting while driving is not dangerous enough to make it a number one priority and one of the major contributors to traffic accidents. As you know if you are caught texting and you cause an accident, it is only a secondary offence, with as little as a \$30.00 fine. I say HOG-WASH! Anything to do with cell phones while driving is dangerous and should be against the law, period.

Let me tell you what I experienced this month. Twice I had people (gender not important) make illegal left turns in front of me and they weren't texting, they were talking on their cell phones. That's right, talking on their cell phones. They were sitting at red lights and when the car to their right made a legal right turn on red, they made an illegal left turn, across two lanes of tragic and across my path, not recognizing that the light was still red. According to a study by the University of Utah, talking on a cell phone reduces a driver's response time the same levels observed in drunk drivers and "old folks". STOP THINK-ING OF ME! So as you can see talking is just as dangerous as texting and studies show that even having a conversation with someone in the car next to you can take away your concentration while driving and especially to react when seconds count. If you feel like I do about the dangers of using a cell phone while driving or driving near someone who is using a cell phone then join me and write your state representatives and tell them "for our safety and the safety of all drivers please change the law and make using a cell phone in any manner while operating a motor vehicle illegal". If you know of someone that was in an accident because of someone using a cell phone, tell them. Pictures and examples are good motivators.

Stop using cell phones while driving, it can wait. The life you save may be your own and MINE.

Don't forget November 11th is Veterans Day. Thank a Vet for your freedom.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and remember, don't gamble with your safety or the safety of others.

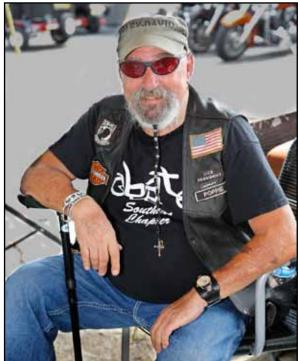
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#### MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY PURSUES INTELLI-GENT BIKES

The motorcycle industry recently took a major step toward the "connected bike" when three major OEMs announced the launch of a Connected Motorcycle Consortium (CMC), with Yamaha, BMW and Honda entering into a joint agreement to accelerate the development of intelligent bikes, whose technology development and inclusion in the greater mobility picture have lagged behind the connected-car movement.

Industry officials made the joint announcement at the 2015 ITS World Congress in Bordeaux, France, and the newly formed organization follows the 2014 signing of a far reaching Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by all members of the European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM) stating that connected motorcycles will be available for sale within the next five years incorporating smart safety devices that speak with each other across brands and products. The CMC will focus on sharing information and technology to get Cooperative-Intelligent Transportation Systems (C-ITS) applications onto powered two-wheelers by 2020, and the three manufacturers are encouraging other motorcycle OEMs to join the consortium in an effort to standardize C-ITS protocols across the motorcycle industry.

"In order to speed up more motorcycle-specific safety developments, we intend to cooperate to promote a successful implementation of C-ITS in motorcycles and scooters," said Honda's Tetsuo Suzuki. "The next logical step is to enter into a cooperation dedicated solely to the challenges relating to powered twowheelers," added Takaaki Kimura, of Yamaha.

"Our aim is to promote a timely and comprehensive use of cooperative ITS systems in powered-two wheelers offering the potential to improve safety. We therefore encourage other companies to join us," said Prof. Dr. Karl Viktor Schaller, of BMW Motorrad.

ITS technologies offer the potential to further increase safety, security and efficiency in all transport systems, in particular for motorcycles. Future systems development will further integrate V2V features, in particular interoperable networked wireless communication between vehicles to enable road users to make coordinated and informed decisions about their route as well as allowing safer maneuvering in busy urban environments.

#### DOJ CREATES NEW COUNCIL TO COMBAT "ANTI-GOVERNMENT VIEWS"

"Americans motivated by anti-government views and racist ideologies" will be the focus of a new Department of Justice position to coordinate investigations into violent homegrown extremism.

Assistant Attorney General John Carlin, head of the department's national security division, told a George Washington University audience on October 14, 2015 that while the international terror threat occupies the public attention, federal officials remain just as concerned about the prospect of violence from Americans motivated by anti-government views and racist ideologies.

"We need to make sure we have the mechanisms in place so that we can continue to remain just as focused on the domestic terrorism threat while addressing the international terrorism threat," Carlin said in a question-and-answer session following a speech at the university.

The new "Domestic Terrorism Council" will work with U.S. attorneys nationwide "to identify trends that can be used to help shape a national strategy."

The new council should not be confused with another new department previously created by former AG Eric Holder, the DOJ's Domestic Terrorism Task Force which also focuses on "anti-government extremism."

# SURVEY CONFIRMS THAT BIKER PROFILING IS A NATIONAL EPIDEMIC

The National Motorcycle Profiling Survey that began October 1st is already beginning to show some strong early trends confirming that motorcyclist profiling is a prevalent and widespread problem, and is expected to yield some very interesting and telling statistics which can assist motorcyclists in recapturing our rights base across the country.

The questionnaire posted on Survey Monkey is intended to provide a clearer picture of motorcycle profiling from a national perspective through a thorough and comprehensive series of specific and detailed questions.

One very interesting statistic shows that 84.5% of the

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nearly 1,400 surveyed so far feel that being a biker has a negative impact on their civil rights, and report that riding a motorcycle places them under a higher level of scrutiny from both law enforcement and business owners. Importantly, this is not just a club issue, as 41.5% of those surveyed were independent riders and wear no identifying logo or emblem. Still, some independents from groups like the Legion Riders, ABATE, and VFW have reported being discriminated and profiled due to their patches and other attire.

"The initial results are very informative and are starting to paint the picture we have been seeing in our community for a long time," said David "Double D" Devereaux of the Motorcycle Profiling Project (www. motorcycleprofilingproject.com), "but this time our legislative representatives, who aren't familiar with the motorcycle community will be able to see it too."

The National Motorcycle Profiling Survey, created by the North Florida Confederation of Clubs and sponsored by the MPP, will provide invaluable insight into the issue of motorcycle profiling in America as we move towards an effort to pass a national motorcycle anti-profiling law.

Your input will provide an important piece of evidence in the overall pattern of profiling, and will assist those fighting at both the state and national level for your right to ride and your lifestyle, so please get involved and pass this survey along to every biker you know... https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/?sm=nFhBGtZx2K9 m3xbn3pkZtA%3d%3d

#### ETHANOL-FREE FUEL

Looking for ethanol-free gas? The website Pure Gas (www.pure-gas.org) is a definitive listing of gas stations that sell pure, ethanol-free gasoline, and currently lists 10,159 locations in the U.S. and Canada.

"Many cars, motorcycles, boats, aircraft and tools have engines that run worse, or have parts that deteriorate, when run on gasoline that contains ethanol. In addition, ethanol leaves residue on valves and other parts that can hinder performance," claims the site.

The website doesn't get into the political side of ethanol in gasoline, and this site does not sell advertising or seek sponsors.

You just click on your state or province to find out in your city those where you can fill up with pure gas without ethanol, and your search provides a list of 100 ethanol-free gas stations sorted nearest to furthest. The site also allows visitors to add new stations or remove existing ones.

You can save the Pure Gas website URL address on your phone or tablet to use the listing while traveling, or Pure Gas apps are also available.

#### NEW YORK R-O-W LAW

There's been a nationwide push for stiffer penalties for drivers who commit moving violations that result in severe injuries or fatalities, and now a new law proposed in New York would call for felony charge for fatal moving violations.

Currently in New York, if a driver commits a moving violation that kills a motorcyclist, the driver would only be given a traffic ticket. However, ABATE of N.Y. is pushing for harsher penalties.

When fellow motorcyclist and retired New York State Trooper Kenny Watson heard the story of an ABATE member nicknamed Creto who was hit and killed by a negligent driver who was issued a ticket for the misdeed, he sat down with lawyers to draft legislation that would create harsher penalties for drivers who take a life after committing a moving violation.

"Running a stop sign, running a red light, moving from lanes unsafely," he told News10 in Albany, NY. "They know what they're doing, so they should be held accountable for it."

The proposed Right-of-Way Violation legislation is called Creto/Kade's Law and it would charge drivers with a Class D felony if they commit a moving violation that kills a motorcyclist, bicyclist or pedestrian. The charge carries the weight of up to seven years in prison, and would give families a bit of justice for the loss of a loved one.

"With a Class D felony, it's going to haunt the person the rest of their life," said Albany ABATE chapter president Andy "Animal" Liuzzi. "Let that haunt them for the 40 years they deprived someone of living."

Motorcyclists are hoping drivers will think twice about committing a moving violation and running the risk of taking an innocent life if the law passes.

#### CALIFORNIA FREEWAY SIGNS TO ISSUE HIT-AND-RUN ALERTS

California's freeway message signs will soon warn drivers about more than just snarled traffic and severe

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droughts. Thanks to a bill signed Monday, September 28 by Governor Jerry Brown, they will next warn motorists to watch for suspected hit-and-run vehicles through a "Yellow Alert" system.

The measure, AB 8, was authored by Assemblyman Mike Gatto (D-Glendale), and such alerts will only be issued if a person has been killed or sustained a serious injury in a hit-and-run collision. A description of the suspected vehicle involved along with its license plate will be shown on the signs for view by the motoring public.

# U.S. DUTY ON JAPANESE MOTORCYCLES TO BE LIFTED UNDER TRADE AGREEMENT

The United States will remove a tariff levied on Japanese motorcycles with engine displacements of over 700cc under the recently agreed Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact, according to Japan Times, and the 2.4% duty will be eliminated five years after the multilateral trade deal takes effect.

The United States, Japan and 10 other Pacific countries reached a broad agreement in early October to establish a free trade bloc covering 40 percent of the global economy.

For Japan, the new trade initiative will eliminate 99.9% of tariffs on industrial products within the TPP zone. Japan has exported about 120,000 motorcycles with engines of 251cc or higher annually to the U.S. market in recent years. Honda Motor Co., the world's largest motorcycle maker by volume, and Yamaha Motor Co., compete with local rivals such as Harley-Davidson Motor Co., which mainly focuses on motorcycles with engine displacements of over 600cc.

The U.S. government imposes no tariff on imported motorbikes with engines of 700 cc or lower. Japanese motorcycle makers are trying to beef up sales in the United States and Asian markets to offset flagging demand in Japan, where sales dropped to about 410,000 units in 2014 from a peak of 3.28 million in 1982.

Following the broad agreement reached at ministerial talks on Oct. 5, the 12 member nations of the TPP will need to finalize the text of the treaty for formal approval in their respective countries ahead of final ratification. In addition to the U.S. and Japan, the ten other TPP members are Australia, Brunei, Canada,

Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam.

#### FRENCH TRAFFIC RADAR TO DETECT UNIN-SUREDS

Authorities in France are now investigating a new way to make more money off of road users, as they want automated speed and red light radars to cross-check a new insurance database.

Checking this new database will allow law enforcement to see if your motorcycle, or car, has been properly insured. If not, they can fine you for riding without valid insurance, up to €3750 (\$4,246 US) and the forfeiture of your vehicle and driver's license.

French authorities are now asking all of the insurance companies to look at feeding a common database that will contain all the vehicle insurance data allowing the police to find out your insurance situation automatically.

#### WEIRD NEWS: YAMAHA TO SHOWCASE BIKE-RIDING ROBOT

As an extreme example of ITS Smart Technology, among Yamaha's concepts set to appear at the Tokyo Motor Show is a motorcycle-riding robot, presumably to save motorcyclists from the drudgery of performing the task themselves.

Self-driving cars are understandable, but self-riding bikes are harder to get a handle on. Yamaha says it will display "an autonomous motorcycle-riding humanoid robot that combines motorcycle and robotics technologies." There's no further official information, but the Japanese motorcycle-maker has also recently trademarked the name "MotoBot".

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Albert Einstein (1879-1955) Nobel Prize-winning German-born physicist



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