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November 19,  
2017**  
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Post 222



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# WHO WE ARE

- 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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## **FREEDOM IS NEVER FREE, WE HAVE TO FIGHT TO KEEP IT**

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**Become informed** – ABATE of Florida, Inc. Southeast chapter publishes a monthly newsletter (online & in print) that provides first-hand knowledge of legislative updates, bills & regulations that are being proposed, introduced or up for vote in the Florida House and/or Senate, as well as some regulations coming out of the Federal Government that affect or could affect us as riders.

The more members and voters we have, the more pressure our lobbyist can put on Lawmakers to pass legislation that helps us and stop legislation that hurts us. Join us not only in our fight for our freedoms, but also in the camaraderie in the brotherhood/sisterhood of ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Isn't your freedom worth \$20.00 a year? Join us now.

**See Page 47 for Membership Application**



# From Your President

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

I would like to thank those who came out on the weekend of October 8th to help out and support our 37th Annual Motorcycle Rights Rally at Mickey's Tiki, most especially those members who helped in the setting-up and running of the event. A very special thanks goes out to Alan for once again letting us hold our event at his awesome tiki bar. Critter and I attended the state meeting on October 14th, and it was good to see our brothers and sisters from our other chapters! There were many things discussed and I will not get into several of them as they will be highlighted a few pages down in the minutes reporting Critter's State Representative report. The one I will mention, however, is the Fall State Biker Bash was cancelled due to the damage the Peace River Campgrounds sustained from the hurricane.

There are plenty of drawing tickets left for the Henry .30-.30 Lever Action Rifle and 12 Gauge O & U Shotgun, but hurry, we need to have all stubs turned in by the November chapter meeting in order to turn them into the State during the State meeting in December for the drawing. If you need to purchase tickets, please contact any of the board members and they will get you squared away! Also, do not forget to pick up your ticket/s for the 30th Annual SFPC Toys in the Sun Run drawing happening on Sunday, December 10, 2017! Keep a look out for information from our Road Captain Wavy on the ride in location and requirements. Remember, the proceeds go to a great cause.

I would also like to remind everyone, most especially the membership, we are here for a cause, a cause that helps EVERYONE in the motorcycle community!!! Also note that it is a reciprocal Community, that means the more you put into something, the more you will get out of it! DO IT FOR THE CAUSE, NOT THE APPLAUSE!!! Another point, take things as they apply to you!

The last thing I would like to convey, but most assuredly not least, goes to whom so ever may pick up this newsletter to read it that is not a member. 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 cordially invite you to attend our next chapter meeting in order to get a better idea of how we operate and what we stand for.

So with that, I'd like to thank everyone for his or her continued support of our chapter and state organization! I also want to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday, and remember to keep your heads on a swivel if you will be riding.

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



**DOUBLE SUNS -  
TWISTED MIRRORS**



**EPISODE I**

**BY**

**CHARLEY BLACKWOLF**

## Membership Due For November 2017

John Dollard  
Scott Fitterer  
William "Streaker" Tessar  
Hope Lanius

If you have already renewed

*Thank You*

for your continued support

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## -- Reminder -- Membership Due For October 2017

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**\* PLEASE NOTE \***

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.



## New Members for October

Angelo Dina  
Sandy Strickland  
Bill Turner  
Jack "Saint" White  
Thomas Gamela  
Eugene "Mean Gene" Edgell

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# DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!!

## Last Chance for tickets

# ABATE SE Chapter November Meeting

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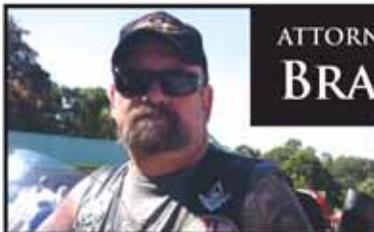
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**Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes  
Held at American Legion Post 222  
Oakland Park, FL  
October 22, 2017**

Johnny Rose, standing in for Nighthawk, called the meeting to order at 10:08am by standing up and asking all to say the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Poppie leading us in prayer. There were 16 members present.

**President's Report:** Magneto thanked everyone for coming. He said that he and Critter went to the State meeting last weekend, and Critter would speak more on that. He also said that some of us went to the Wheels of Man Halloween Party and some of our members dressed up; Johnny Rose as a Viking, Sheila Rose as Odin, and Sandy as "Super Boobs." (Sandy wore a wet t-shirt contest winner costume).

**Vice President's Report:** Johnny Rose thanked everyone for coming out in spite of the not so great weather. He said that our October event went great and thanked the "kids," Angelo and Alyse, who helped out a lot. Angelo even helped Alan (the owner of Mickey's) during the event. Johnny said that he is finally done with radiation and it is good to be back out in the community. Poppie said that the article that Johnny wrote for the September issue was very moving. He had to make extra copies for his church, and it really touched him as well.

**Secretary's Report:** Sheila Rose called for a motion to accept the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded and all were in favor. Motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Critter read the Treasurer's Report for September. A motion was made to accept the report, seconded, and all were in favor. Motion was passed. She also reported that we made a decent profit at the October Event.

**Sergeant at Arm's Report:** Nighthawk was excused as there was a break-in at one of the schools so he had to be there to work with the police. Johnny Rose stood in for Nighthawk.

**Road Captain's Report:** Wavy thanked everyone for coming to our October Event. He also thanked everyone who goes on the rides with us. He said that Post 222 is having a Halloween party on October 27th at 7pm. Tickets are available at the Post after the meeting. He said that next weekend, on Saturday, Alternative MC is having their annual party, and a text would go out later in the week about where we, as friends, were going to meet up and ride. If anyone wants to be on his text list, please give him your phone number. He mentioned that the CMA Memorial party, scheduled for next Sunday, has been cancelled. He also mentioned that on November 4th, the Heathens MC is having their annual party. He talked about the new rules for the Toys in the Sun Run. Anyone who wants to get in with ABATE has to bring a toy.

This is an event for the kids and everyone has to contribute, for the kids. For those going on their own admission is \$20 plus a toy, or \$30 without a toy. Treasure Coast ABATE is having their Toy Run on November 19th. This is the same day as our chapter meeting; it would be great if a group of us could head up there afterwards.

**Safety Director's Report:** This position is open

**State Representative's Report:** Magneto and Critter went to the State meeting last weekend. The State party was cancelled as the Peace River Campground, where it was to be held, was trashed by the hurricane and they are still trying to get everything back up and running. The State is closing their physical office at the end of this month. On the legislative front, the Vulnerable Road Users bill is in the House and the Senate. As part of this bill, vehicles will have to move over a lane, for a Vulnerable Road User (i.e. a motorcycle broken down on the side of the road). SB346, sponsored by Senator Perry, is a helmet bill geared towards moped riders. Under the current law, riders who are 16 years of age and over are not required to wear a helmet. If passed, the bill would change the age requirement from 16 to 21 years of age, the same age requirement as the motorcycle helmet law. The bill is being sponsored by University of Florida and does not have a companion House bill yet. As written, the bill has no effect on motorcycles, however, we need to keep an eye on this bill in case someone tries to add on an amendment that would affect motorcycles. The first committee hearing is set for October 24. Senator Baxley, who is ABATE friendly, is on the committee and will keep us updated on the status. HB215 and SB504 want to re-classify auto cycles as motorcycles. Auto cycles have 2 wheels in the front, 1 wheel in the back, 2 seats that are not straddled and seatbelts. The way these are setup, small children in car seats can ride in them. If this

change goes thru, any accident involving an auto cycle will be tallied as a motorcycle accident. The first time a kid gets hurt/killed on one of these, it will come back on us so we need to fight this bill. The highway safety money bill is now in the House and Senate. On Monday, February 12, 2018, there will be a Ride to the Capital. It is understood that it is difficult to attend, as many people are working, but please plan to go if you are able. The next State meeting is the day before the Toys in the Sun Run.

**Products Report:** Wavy will bring the products to the Toy Run. If anyone wants any products before then, give him a call and he will make arrangements to get the products to you. Please – no calls after 8pm. He will be doing inventory soon and getting with the Board to look at ordering some new products, maybe bandanas.

**Membership Report:** Sheila Rose reported that we had 7 renewals and 6 new memberships for September. All membership renewal letters went out through October. As of August, we have 494 members. We received an award certificate for the most new members in the State for August.

**Events Coordinator:** This position is open.

**Newsletter Editor:** Critter said that articles are due today. Barry took pictures at our October Event and States MC Hurricane Irma Survival party.

**Distribution:** Poppie is getting better and looking forward to be back to doing the distribution soon. We were all very happy to see him at today's meeting, as we have missed him. Magneto, Johnny, and Wavy have been doing Poppie's route in the meantime.

**Legislative Report:** Brad thanked Critter for covering a lot of the legislative stuff. He said there will be a flood of firearm legislation coming down

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the pike. Senator Gary Farmer proposed an assault weapons ban, which was countered by the NRA, proposing looser restrictions. The Bump Stock Bill, which came after the Vegas mass shooting, is likely to pass. The Red Light Camera issue is back on the table. The controversy comes from the management and oversight being subbed out to private contractors as opposed to public ones.

**Legal Counsel:** Brad said that everything was covered with the legislative report.

**Public Relations:** Fern was excused. She is at an event in Delray and always out there promoting ABATE.

**Billing and Invoicing:** Sheila reported that almost everyone is up to date. The invoices for the November ads will be sent out next week.

**Social Director:** Sheila Rose brought donuts and coffee for breakfast. .

**Quartermasters Report:** Bob Anz was excused.

**Photographers Report:** Barry took pictures at our October Event and at States MC party last weekend.

**Webmasters Report:** Rogue was excused. He has family matters to attend to, but he and Kathy are doing well.

**Old Business:** Critter has tickets for the State's Christmas Rifle Drawing - \$5 donation per ticket to win a Henry .30-.30 Lever Action Rifle or a 12 Gauge O&A Shotgun. The November chapter meeting will be the last chance to purchase tickets. If you've signed out tickets to sell, please turn in all tickets and money at the November meeting.

**New Business:** Toys in the Sun Run raffle tickets are available for sale or you can check out some books to sell. Rumor has it that George Thorogood

will be on the main stage this year.

**Good of the Order:** Johnny said that he is noticing that we do not have a lot of people going to the events. We have to support each other and the community. Magneto said that we are a reciprocal community and we have to take care of each other, because no one else will. We should attend other events even if they do not come to ours. Sheila talked about the recent deaths of 3 young adults, 2 of whom were brothers, which died tragically on the turnpike last weekend. It hit close to home as she has a 23 year old son. It made her think about how proud she is to be in ABATE. The organization has prevented tragic deaths that we cannot even count. ABATE has been helping to keep motorcyclists safe for almost 40 years. We do not know how many lives were saved because of ABATE, because fortunately, the accidents never happened. Trash agreed and said that is what we have always been about, safety, and we should all be proud.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was called for at 11:21am. The motion was seconded and all were in favor. Our next Chapter meeting is November 19, 2017 at the American Legion Post 222, in Oakland Park, FL. See you all at our next meeting!!

Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul. ~ Author unknown

*Sheila Rose*

Secretary  
Southeast Chapter





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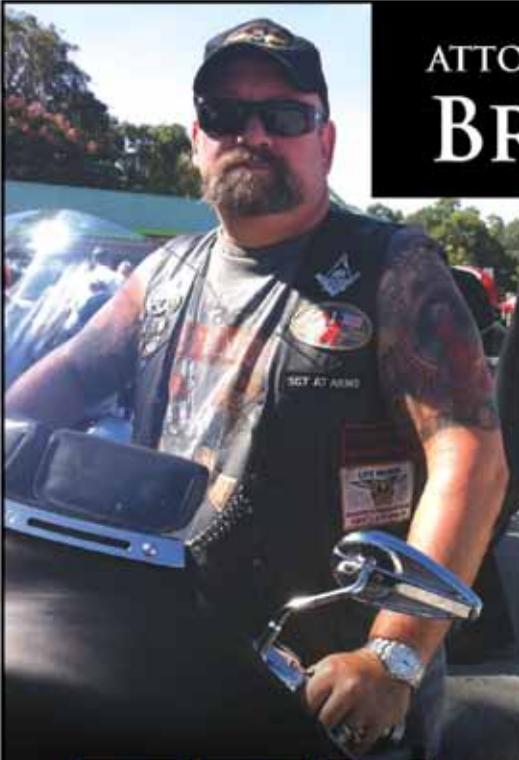
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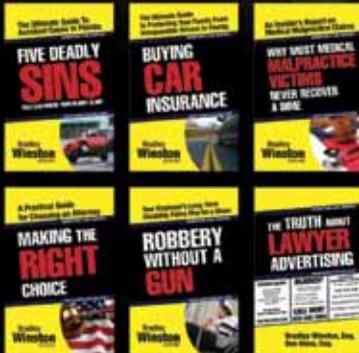


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# A Message From Your Vice President

I would like to start by thanking Alan (the owner of Mickey's) for hosting our 37th Annual Motorcycle Rights and Safety Event. I would also like to thank everyone who came out and worked the event, especially my daughter, Alyse, and two of our newest members (Sandy and my son, Angelo). I would also like to thank everyone who donated prizes for our raffle. I would personally like to thank some of the shops that donated. The Biker Shop gave us t-shirts and service coupons, Dynasty Cycles gave us some oil changes, and Hollywood Institute of Beauty Careers donated some services for the ladies. (Hope you enjoy those services, Knuckles - LOL.) The Biker Shop also gave us a whole lot of cool coozies to keep our beverages cold.



The Thanksgiving holiday is coming up soon. I hope you all enjoy the time with your family and friends. Remember to say thanks and give respect to this great country of ours; AMERICA! Everyone be safe on the road and please watch out for knuckleheads who may have partied too hard. Ride with a heightened sense of awareness of your surroundings.

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Peace,  
Johnny Rose



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***Hey Everyone, Most of you will remember that this is the Senator that is very anti-motorcycle and lead the fight to try and remove motorcycles from the Vulnerable Road Users list.***

***Darrin "Scribe" Brooks - State Vice President, State Legislative Trustee, ABATE of Florida, Inc. ~ [www.abateflorida.com](http://www.abateflorida.com)***

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THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, October 27, 2017..... State Sen. Jeff Clemens, poised to take over as leader of the Senate Democratic caucus, abruptly resigned from his legislative seat Friday after admitting he had an affair with a lobbyist.

Politico Florida on Friday morning reported the affair between Clemens, a Lake Worth Democrat, and Devon West, a Broward County lobbyist. By the end of the day, Clemens had stepped down.

"Please consider this email as my resignation from the Florida Senate," Clemens wrote in a message to Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, at 5:55 p.m. Friday.

About an hour earlier, Clemens issued a statement through a spokesman, apologizing and saying he had "made mistakes" he is ashamed of. The political consultant and former Lake Worth mayor said he has spent the past six months "focused on becoming a better person." "But it is clear to me that task is impossible to finish while in elected office. The process won't allow it, and the people of Florida deserve better. All women deserve respect, and by my actions, I feel I have failed that standard. I have to do better," said Clemens, who spent two years in the Florida House before being elected to the Senate in 2012.

Clemens, 47, also apologized to his wife, his family, and "everyone that I have treated poorly in the past for putting you through this in such a public way." Clemens said he will continue in therapy and "will seek to personally apologize to anyone I have wronged while seeking forgiveness, and will spend my time being a better husband and father."

Negron issued a statement saying, "It is clear to me Senator Clemens made a decision he feels is best for both his family and his constituents." Clemens was expected to formally take over as minority leader after the 2018 elections, and his resignation was the second time this year that a senator has stepped down in disgrace.

This spring, former Sen. Frank Artiles, R-Miami, resigned after a profanity-fueled and racially tinged outburst at a private club near the Capitol. Ironically, Clemens' cachet as the incoming minority leader was burnished last month when Democrat Annette Taddeo defeated Republican former Rep. Jose Felix Diaz in a heated contest to replace Artiles. Clemens helped lead efforts to elect Taddeo.

News of the Clemens affair --- and the hasty resignation of the future leader --- rocked the Democratic caucus, fresh off the heels of the special-election victory. State Sen. Audrey Gibson said she was "just floored" when she read the account of the affair Friday morning. "I couldn't believe what I was reading," Gibson, D-Jacksonville, told The News Service of Florida Friday evening. "It was just the fact that here this thing that happened was now public, blasted all over everywhere at a time when, as a caucus, we are moving in a forward direction."

Clemens' departure comes as lawmakers prepare for the legislative session, which begins Jan. 9. Committee meetings are already underway. It is unclear how soon his Senate District 31 seat could be filled in a special election, though the Palm Beach County district is a Democratic stronghold. Senate Democrats will continue to move forward, Gibson predicted. "And as a matter of fact, the resignation probably helps us put it behind us quicker," she said.

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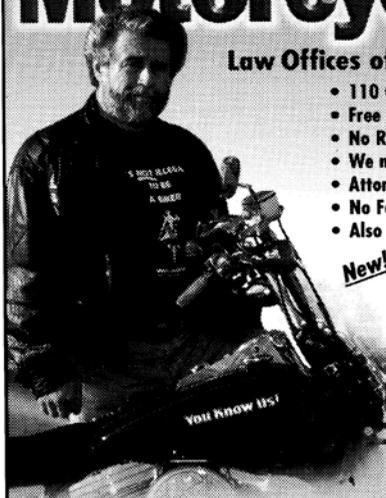
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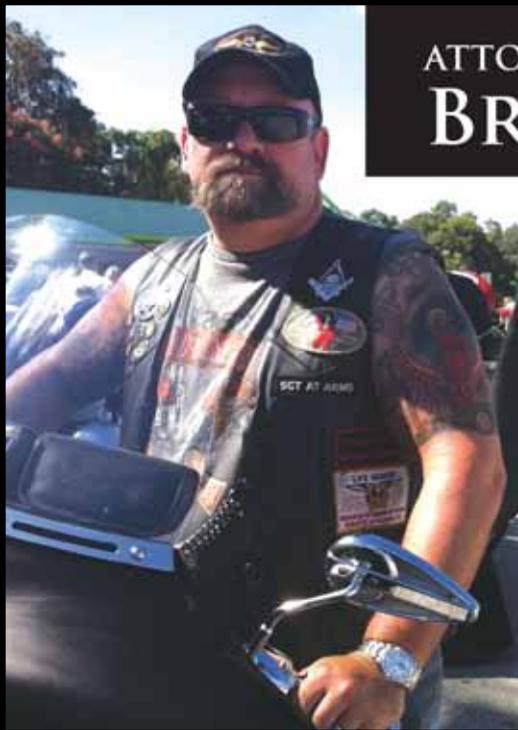
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# Motorcycle Helmet Bill Filed in Florida Senate

Florida State Senator Keith Perry, Republican from District 8 (Alachua, Putman and parts of Marion Counties) has filed SB 346 "Motorcycle and Moped Riders"

In a quick synopsis the current proposed Bill would raise the age requirement of wearing a helmet of a person operating and or riding on a moped or small motorcycle to 21 years old. (The current Florida Statute 316.211 is 16 years old)

Below is a small section of the proposed SB 346 that has the change to Florida Statute 316.211. *The **BOLD** part is the added change. The (~~CROSSED OUT~~) section in parentheses is the old part to be removed*

*Section 1. Section 316.211, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:  
316.211 Equipment for motorcycle and moped riders.—*

*(1) A person may not operate or ride upon a motorcycle unless the person is properly wearing protective headgear securely fastened upon his or her head which complies with Federal Motorcycle Vehicle Safety Standard 218 promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall adopt this standard by agency rule.*

*(2) A person may not operate a motorcycle unless the person is wearing an eye-protective device over his or her eyes of a type approved by the department.*

*(3)(a) This section does not apply to persons riding within an enclosed cab or to any person **over 21 years of age** (~~16 years of age~~) or older who is operating or riding upon a motorcycle powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less or is rated not in excess of 2 brake horsepower and which is not capable of propelling such motorcycle at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour on level ground.*

The proposed change by SB 346 would raise the age to 21 from the current 16 years old who could ride a moped or small engine motorcycle as detailed above without a helmet.

Here is a link to the PROPOSED SB 346  
<http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2018/346/BillText/Filed/HTML>

This is a Bill that we need to take seriously and watch closely for any amendments that could drastically change the intent of the SB 346.

We will keep you posted.

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## VETERANS DAY FACTS

Veterans Day occurs on November 11 every year in the United States.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.

Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and World War II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November).

In Europe, Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.

## VETERANS TODAY

The military men and women who serve and protect the U.S. come from all walks of life; they are parents, children, grandparents, friends, neighbors and coworkers, and are an important part of their communities. Here are some facts about the veteran population of the United States:

- 16.1 million living veterans served during at least one war.
- 5.2 million veterans served in peacetime.
- 2 million veterans are women.
- 7 million veterans served during the Vietnam War.
- 5.5 million veterans served during the Persian Gulf War.
- Of the 16 million Americans who served during World War II, about 558,000 are still alive.
- 2 million veterans served during the Korean War.
- 6 million veterans served in peacetime.
- As of 2014, 2.9 million veterans received compensation for service-connected disabilities.
- As of 2014, 3 states have more than 1 million veterans among their population: California (1.8 million), Florida (1.6 million) and Texas (1.7 million).
- The VA health care system had 54 hospitals in 1930, since then it has expanded to include 171 medical centers; more than 350 outpatient, community, and outreach clinics; 126 nursing home care units; and 35 live-in care facilities for injured or disabled vets.
- Florida (1.7 million), Texas (1.7 million), New York (1 million) and Pennsylvania (1 million).
- The VA health care system had 54 hospitals in 1930, since then it has expanded to include 171 medical centers; more than 350 outpatient, community, and outreach clinics; 126 nursing home care units; and 35 live-in care facilities for injured or disabled vets.

**CREDIT:** "Veterans Day Facts." *History.com*, 28 Oct. 2017, <http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/veterans-day-facts>



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# NOVEMBER 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Heathens MC Annual
5	6 States MC Pompano Dinner	7	8	9	10	11  US Military Vets (CH 1) Annual
12	13 States MC Pompano Dinner	14	15	16	17	18 Leathernecks MC Annual
19 ABATE Treasure Coast Toy Run	20 States MC Pompano Dinner	21	22	23  THANKSGIVING	24	25
26	27 States MC Pompano Dinner	28	29	30		



Happy Hanukkah

# DECEMBER 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 States MC Pompano Dinner	5	6	7	8	9 ABATE State Meeting
10 SFPC Toys in the Sun Run	11 States MC Pompano Dinner	12 Hanukkah Begins 	13	14	15	16 Hermandad MC Alfredo Memorial & Toy Run Peterson's Toy Run Bike Drawing
17 *SEE BELOW	18 States MC Pompano Dinner	19	20	21	22	23
<b>CHAPTER MEETING</b>						
24 Christmas Eve	25  Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31		*Dec 17: ABATE Southwest Chapter Toy Run WOG Miami MC Toy Run				

# 2017 CALENDAR

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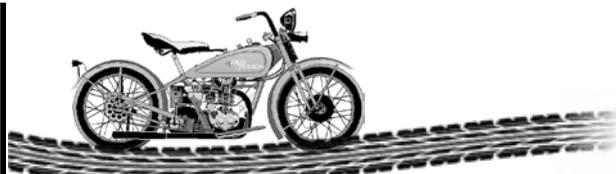
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### AUGUST

- 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
- 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

### NOVEMBER

- 4: **HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL**
- 11: Veterans Day
- 11: **USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL**
- 18: **LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL**
- 23: Thanksgiving Day

### DECEMBER

- 10: **SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN**
- 16: PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
- 16: HERMANDAD MC-ALFREDO MEMORIAL & TOY RUN
- 17: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN
- 25: Christmas Day

### 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
- 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
- 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
- Wind Rider Church Services at Miceys

### 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
- Last Tues - USMVMC Palm Bch Open House
- Wed - Scurvy Few MC Open House 954-325-6838
- 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 REPORT

Well, it's that time of year again! The Snow Birds are back so it's time to be a little more patient. The roads are going to be more congested, so please be more alert and cautious.

Now enough of that and enjoy the nice weather in the upcoming months and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

On another note, thank you to all who showed up to the ABATE SE Chapter October event. Thank you for the much needed support and thank you Mickey's Tiki Bar.



Since you picked up and read this article, make sure you check out the other articles and dates for all the events that the MCs are having. Also, take a look at the pages from our State Legislative Rep to see what's going on in Tallahassee.

Now check out these interesting trivia facts: (Answers hidden somewhere in this issue)

1. What month and year was the first Thanksgiving?
2. Can you guess how many attended this feast?
3. How long did the feast last?

Have a nice Thanksgiving and thank you for reading our newsletter.

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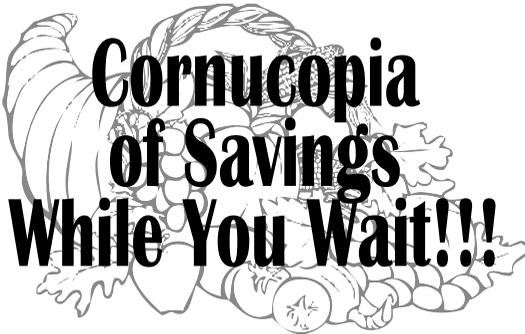
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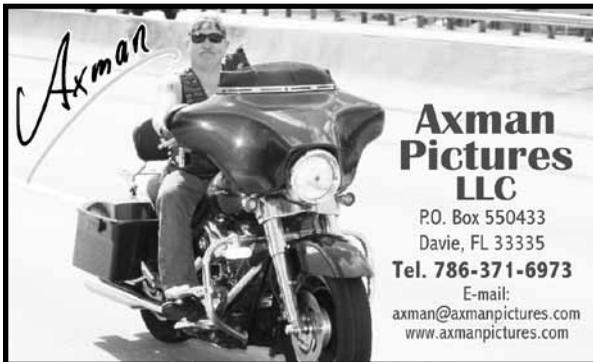


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**PROPOSED** Saying Florida has the "infrastructure and capacity to serve the health care needs of our veteran community," a Republican senator Friday proposed a program that would allow veterans to tap into the state Medicaid managed-care system as an alternative to the federal Veterans

Health Administration system. The bill (SB 440), filed by Sen. Rene Garcia, R-Hialeah, would direct the state Agency for Health Care Administration to seek federal approval of the program. Under the proposal, veterans could voluntarily decide to get services through managed-care networks used by the state Medicaid program instead of through the federal VA system. The bill, filed for the 2018 legislative session, said state funds could not be used for the program. "We want to work with the federal government to provide additional options to Florida's veterans," Garcia, chairman of the Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee, said in a prepared statement. "Instead of spending more tax dollars to build facilities, we want to offer the federal Department of Veteran Affairs access to Florida's robust network of providers who are already caring for nearly 4 million recipients."

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**BROWARD COMMISSIONER SEEKS MORAITIS HOUSE SEAT** With Rep. George Moraitis, R-Fort Lauderdale, facing term limits next year, Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca has opened a campaign account try to succeed him in state House District 93, according to the Florida Division of Elections website. LaMarca, a Republican, is the fifth candidate to file initial paperwork to run for the seat. He joined Republican David Hasenauer and Democrats Emma Collum, Jonathon May and Stephanie Myers. Meanwhile, in North Florida, Lake City Republican Mark Vann opened an account this week to try to succeed term-limited Rep. Elizabeth Porter, R-Lake City. Vann joined Republicans Chuck Brannan and Benjamin Leon in seeking the House District 10 seat, which covers Baker, Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee and part of Alachua counties.

**OLSZEWSKI, PEREZ QUICKLY PREPARE FOR 2018 CAMPAIGNS** After winning special elections for state House seats, Winter Garden Republican Bobby Olszewski and Miami Republican Daniel Perez have quickly started preparing for 2018 reelection bids. Olszewski opened a campaign account Wednesday, a day after winning a special election to replace former Rep. Eric Eisnagle, R-Orlando, in Orange County's House District 44, according to the state Division of Elections website. Perez, meanwhile, opened an account Thursday, after winning a Sept. 26 special election to replace former Rep. Jose Felix Diaz, R-Miami, in Miami-Dade County's House District 116. Perez is the only candidate who has opened an account to run next year in District 116. But Democrat Dawn Marie Antonis and Republican Usha Jain have opened accounts to vie with Olszewski in District 44.

**AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER** Fundraising appeared to slow down in September in the race for agriculture commissioner, as the state --- and the agriculture industry --- got hammered by Hurricane Irma. State Sen. Denise Grimsley produced the best numbers in a four-way Republican contest to replace Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, who is running for governor in 2018. Grimsley, of Sebring, raised \$51,869 in September for her campaign account, with another \$27,500 raised for her political committee known as "Saving Florida's Heartland." Overall, Grimsley's campaign and the committee had a combined total of about \$873,000 on hand to begin October. Rep. Matt Caldwell, a North Fort Myers Republican running for agriculture commissioner, brought in \$5,000 for his political committee "Friends of Matt Caldwell" last month, with another \$10,275 raised for his campaign account. Caldwell's two accounts had nearly \$877,000 on hand when September came to a close. The overall money leader in the contest remains former Rep. Baxter Troutman of Winter Haven. While Troutman pulled in \$8,950 for his campaign account in September and reported no new cash in his political committee, "iGrow," his campaign accounts collectively stood at about \$2.55 million, in large part due to \$2.5 million that Troutman put into the race in June. The fourth Republican seeking to replace Putnam, Orlando businessman Paul Paulson, reported raising \$123 in September. Paulson has also been putting his own money in the contest, with \$642,748 of the \$651,999 that has gone into his campaign this year coming from the candidate. Democrat David Walker of Fort Lauderdale posted \$750 in contributions in September. His campaign totaled \$14,040, which included \$9,500 of his own money.

**GOP LAWMAKER WHITE RUNS FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL** Republican state Rep. Frank White, a general counsel and chief financial officer for a group of auto dealerships, announced Friday he will run for state attorney general in 2018. White, a Pensacola resident who was first elected to the House in 2016, joins a GOP primary battle that includes state Rep. Jay Fant of Jacksonville and former Hillsborough County Circuit Judge Ashley Moody. White touted his conservative credentials for the statewide seat. "In our hometowns, our state, and across the nation, liberals in the courts and our government are working to erode the rights given us by the Creator," White said in a prepared statement Friday. The Cabinet post is open next year because term limits prevent Attorney General Pam Bond from seeking reelection. Democrat Ryan Torrens, an attorney from Hillsborough County, has also filed to run for the seat. Moody has raised more than \$1 million for the race through her campaign account and a political committee known as "Friends of Ashley Moody." Fant has nearly matched Moody's total by infusing his campaign with \$750,000 of his own money. White's announcement should open up the state House District 2 contest next year in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. White is the only Republican who had opened a campaign account for the seat. Pensacola Democrat Raymond Guillory has also filed to run. White, who raised \$83,600 for the re-election effort, defeated Guillory by more than 20 percentage points in 2016.

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## **TOP SENATE DEMOCRAT RESIGNS AFTER AFFAIR DISCLOSED**

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Senate President-designate Bill Galvano, who would have been Clemens' counterpart after next year's elections, said in a text that he trusts Clemens made the right decision. "My thoughts are with his family," Galvano, R-Bradenton, wrote.

Pressure for Clemens to resign, had been building throughout the day among a handful of Senate Democrats, especially among those who feared that worse news was yet to come. "I think that is what needed to happen," Sen. Linda Stewart, D-Orlando, said of Clemens' resignation. "As a woman, and representing many women in my district, I think that is the best conclusion to the situation."

The reaction to an affair between a married legislator and a lobbyist may have been heightened by a series of nationally renowned powerful men, such as film mogul Harvey Weinstein, accused of sexual harassment or worse by dozens of women. The reports about Weinstein sparked a social-media firestorm and resulted in other high-profile celebrities being called out for sexual improprieties. Even without the national focus on sexual harassment, Clemens' behavior should not be tolerated, Stewart said. "We're a body of senators that try to have the highest of loyalty and highest ethics. I think this would just be a bad situation for us to move forward in, if he had not done this (resigned). I think he did the right thing and I appreciate him doing the right thing," she said in a telephone interview.

It's unclear who will take over for Clemens as the upper chamber's next minority leader. Democrats were already engaged in a heated contest for who would succeed Clemens in 2020, with Sens. Gary Farmer, of Fort Lauderdale, and Bobby Powell, of West Palm Beach, the leading candidates.

Gibson could be in the running to replace Clemens next year, Stewart said. "I think we might benefit having a woman in charge," she said. But Gibson demurred when asked Friday evening. "As a caucus, we now have to come together and discuss moving forward under new leadership," she said. ■

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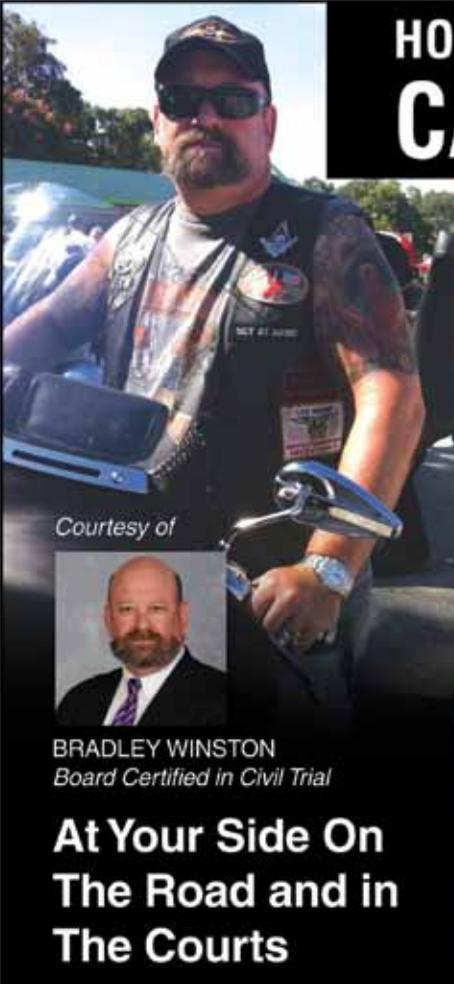
**FELONS' RIGHTS INITIATIVE TOPS 200,000 SIGNATURES** With continued financial backing from the American Civil Liberties Union, a ballot initiative to restore felons' voting rights has topped 200,000 petition signatures submitted to the state, according to the Florida Division of Elections website. The political committee Floridians for a Fair Democracy had submitted 209,079 valid signatures as of Wednesday morning. It needs to submit a total of 766,200 signatures to get the proposed constitutional amendment on the November 2018 ballot. The proposal would automatically restore voting rights for all nonviolent felons who have served their sentences, completed parole or probation and paid restitution. Felons convicted of violent crimes, such as murder, would not be eligible. The American Civil Liberties Union contributed \$100,000 to the initiative in September, almost all of the \$100,392 raised by the committee during the month, according to a finance report posted this week on the Division of Elections website. The ACLU has contributed more than \$1.4 million to the initiative.

**HOUSE PANEL BACKS RED-LIGHT CAMERA REPEAL** The House is on a fast track to try to repeal Florida's red-light camera law, with the Appropriations Committee on Tuesday voting to back elimination of the devices by July 1, 2021. It is the only committee that will hear the bill (HB 6001) before the issue moves to the House floor during the 2018 legislative session. Rep. Blaise Ingoglia, a Spring Hill Republican who is one of the bill's sponsors, urged members to back the repeal, arguing the cameras are more important to local governments as a revenue source than as a traffic-safety measure. "In my estimation, this is nothing more than taxation by citation," Ingoglia said. Representatives from the city of Orlando asked lawmakers to reject the repeal, arguing the cameras are improving road safety. "Our main purpose is safety and education," said Raymond Rodriguez, operation manager for the city's red-light camera program. "We concentrate on the most egregious red-light running." The Florida League of Cities said local governments should be allowed to make their own decisions about the cameras under the state's "home rule" policy. According to a December 2016 survey by the state Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, 59 cities and counties reported using red-light cameras. Motorists cited for red-light camera violations face a \$158 fine. Removal of the cameras would result in an annual loss of \$77 million for cities and counties and \$78 million for the state, according to legislative analysts. In prior legislative sessions, the House has backed a ban on red-light cameras, but repeal efforts have faltered in the Senate. Sen. Travis Hutson, R-St. Augustine, has filed a repeal bill (SB 176) for the 2018 session, which starts in January.

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## **NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES**

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### **FIRST TWIN PEAKS CASE GOES TO TRIAL IN WACO**

Following more than two years of examining trials, hearings, motions to recuse judges and to disqualify prosecutors, appeals court rulings and a host of speedy trial demands, the first case in the Twin Peaks melee has finally gone to trial in Waco, Texas.

Jacob Carrizal, President of the Dallas chapter of the Bandidos, appears before Judge Matt Johnson of Waco's 54th State District Court on charges of directing the activities of a criminal street gang and two counts of engaging in organized criminal activity.

Carrizal is the first to stand trial of the 154 bikers indicted in the Twin Peaks shootout that left nine bikers dead and dozens injured while attending a Saturday, May 17, 2015 meeting of the Coalition of Clubs and Independents, an affiliation of motorcycle groups.

Many questions will hopefully be answered, at long last, including how much of the bloodshed was due to a biker turf war and how much resulted from law enforcement actions.

Authorities tightened security measures around the McLennan County Courthouse, including a metal fence around the 115-year old building, and black curtains over the windows, while attorneys have whittled down a jury pool from nearly 150 prospective jurists to 11 men and three women, with two serving as alternates.

### **"LOWEST FIGURES ON RECORD" FOR U.K. MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES**

In a promising message for motorcyclists, statistics recently released by England's Department for Transport (DfT) show that U.K. motorcycle deaths are down by 13%, the lowest figure since records began in 2006, despite an overall

increase in motorcycle traffic last year and amidst the highest total of overall road deaths since 2011.

In fact, statistics from the DfT's "Reported road casualties in Great Britain: 2016 annual report" reveal that motorcyclists were the only road user to see a decrease in fatalities from 2015-16, even though they rode 2% more to cover 2.8 billion miles.

### **AAA CLAIMS BABY BOOMERS AT HIGHER RISK**

**ON A BIKE** A new report from AAA claims that the baby boomer generation that made motorcycles cool are now more likely to sustain life-threatening or fatal injuries in a crash than younger riders.

The organization, analyzing federal crash data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), says older riders make up a disproportionate number of motorcycle fatalities. The mortality rate for riders who are 60 or older is more than four times the overall increase in motorcycle deaths for 2015-16, says AAA, with motorcycle fatalities rising 5.1% while deaths among older baby boomers increased 22%.

Important to note, the increase in overall motorcycle fatalities is partially the byproduct of a corresponding rise in the number of motorcycles on the road, increasing to 8.6 million motorcycles in 2015 compared with 8.4 million in 2014, according to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) data cited by the organization.

### **LIFE SENTENCES PROPOSED FOR KILLER**

**DRIVERS** U.K. drivers or riders convicted of causing death by dangerous driving could face life imprisonment if new Government proposals are adopted to increase maximum penalties.

The move follows a public consultation in which 70% of respondents believed that the maximum penalty for causing death by dangerous driving should be increased to life -- the top penalty that British law offers.

Under the same proposal, the crime of causing death by careless driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs will also be increased to life. Currently, both offenses carry a maximum term of 14 years imprisonment, while the average sentence imposed is four years.

The Government also proposes the creation of a new

offense of causing serious injury by careless driving, with a prison sentence up to five years, a measure supported by 90% of those surveyed.

The punishment for cases that involve mobile phones, street racing or speeding would carry a sentence equivalent to manslaughter.

**THE FUTURE OF THE ENGINE IN QUESTION** Some world governments are already acting to curtail or eliminate gasoline-powered engines, and now the Governor of California, Jerry Brown, has announced that he is also considering ways to ban the sale of vehicles with internal combustion engines.

During a recent public meeting on U.S. Climate Alliance in New York, Brown stated; “We’re doing something in the face of inaction.”

“Eventually, Washington will join with us, because you can’t deny science forever, you can’t deny reality. And the reality is climate change is occurring.”

With a zero-emissions mandate currently in place, California is one of the U.S. states that is fully committed to carrying out the objectives of the Paris Agreement -- which is an ambitious project from the United Nations aiming to tackle the problems caused global climate change.

Gov. Brown’s announcement follows a similar diktat from the British and French Governments, reflecting plans to move to electrically-powered vehicles within the next few decades.

**SELF-DRIVING CARS CLOSER TO HOME** The U.S. House of Representatives unanimously approved a bipartisan bill called the SELF-DRIVE act, the first of its kind to drive the unmanned market forward by putting federal regulators in charge and barring states from blocking autonomous vehicles or setting performance standards.

This legislation would supersede state-by-state rules, making it possible for autonomous testing to proceed on a level playing field across the U.S.

If it becomes law (which still requires it to pass the Senate), then it would make it possible for companies working on self-driving to field a lot more vehicles per

year – as many as 100,000 autonomous test cars annually, in fact.

The proposal would make it possible for car companies such as Ford, GM and others to bypass certain safety standards that currently apply to human piloted cars, including equipment and controls.

The Senate has also been working on its own self-driving bill, which may cover trucking as well.

**CALIFORNIA MEASURE WILL ENSURE TRAFFIC LIGHTS DETECT CYCLES** Two-wheelers will be detected by all newly installed and replacement traffic signals throughout California, as recently passed Senate Bill 672 will “ensure that local transportation agencies will replace current traffic-actuated signals during the course of regular maintenance and upgrade cycles to adopt motorcycle-and bicycle-sensitive signals.”

Existing law due to sunset provides that, in due course of maintaining or replacing traffic control devices, local governments ensure that the systems are set at a level to that can detect cyclists and motorcycles, thus this bill indefinitely extends these provisions without a specific mandate from Sacramento.

“Since I authored the original law ten years ago, this common sense measure has proven to be effective at making our roads safer,” said Senator Jean Fuller (R-Bakersfield).

Signed by Governor Jerry Brown on October 3, 2017, SB 672 specifies that “Upon the first placement of a traffic-actuated signal or replacement of the loop detector of a traffic-actuated signal [responding to the presence of traffic detected by mechanical, visual, electrical, or other means], the traffic-actuated signal shall, to the extent feasible and in conformance with professional traffic engineering practice, be installed and maintained so as to detect lawful bicycle or motorcycle traffic on the roadway.”

Advanced by ABATE of California, the motorcycle rights organization says of the legislation; “Thanks to Governor Brown for signing this permanent extension,” stated Chairman of the Board Glenn Phillips, adding that “With over a Million Motorcyclists in our state, this legislation is imperative to protect riders on California roads.”

**NEW YORK MEASURE WOULD BAN CHILDREN FROM RIDING**

Assembly Bill 8700 would prohibit children under the age of twelve from riding on a motorcycle. Introduced by Assemblymember Aileen M. Gunther (D-Dist.100), the bill states; "No person shall operate or ride a motorcycle on a public highway, road or street in this state with a child under the age of twelve on such motorcycle."

A8700 has been referred to the Assembly Transportation Committee.

**HELP "LEMON LAW" PASS FOR RIDERS IN PENNSYLVANIA**

ABATE of Pennsylvania has issued a Legislative Call To Action regarding House Bill 74, a bill introduced by Representative Pam Snyder that would include motorcycles in the current PA Automobile Lemon Law. HB 74 was introduced and referred to the House Consumer Affairs Committee. On June 12 the House Consumer Affairs Committee approved HB 74, and the measure is now facing consideration by the full House.

"Contact House of Representative members and ask them to support HB 74 to include motorcycles in the state's "Automobile Lemon Law," urges the state office of ABATE of PA. "You can call them, email them or visit them. But you have to do something if we are to have success in having HB 74 pass the House and be sent to the Senate for their consideration."

**MOTORCYCLE THEFTS ARE ON THE RISE**

The annual theft report from the National Insurance Crime Bureau shows bike thefts rose 2% nationally across the U.S. in 2016, with a total of 46,467 motorcycles were reported stolen, up from 45,555 in 2015.

For the second year in a row, California is the top state for stolen bikes, where 7,506 motorcycles were reported taken -- compared with 4,482 stolen in Florida and 3,692 in Texas, the next most troublesome territories. Vermont had only 24 motorcycle thefts in 2016, the least amount of all the states.

New York was the most-plagued city, followed by San Diego, Las Vegas and Los Angeles, while Los Angeles County was the top county.

The NICB study reveals that the bulk of motorcycle thefts predictably occur during the summer months, when more bikes are on the street. August was the top month, when

almost twice as many motorcycles disappeared than in December or January.

Some bikes are more popular targets than others or are simply easier to steal, and a disproportionate number are Japanese models top the theft list: Honda (9052 thefts), Yamaha (7,723), Suzuki (6,229), Kawasaki (5,221), Harley-Davidson (4,963).

The recovery rate for stolen bikes isn't encouraging, according to the NICB report, with only 17,463 of the 46,467 motorcycles reported stolen in 2016 being returned to their owners, about a 40% nationwide rate of recovery. The recovery rate in Hawaii was highest at 94%, while the New York rate, at 19%, was the lowest in the nation.

By brand, Honda owners had about twice as good a chance of getting their bikes back than owners of Ducatis, which had only a 29% chance of coming home.

On a more positive note, bike thievery is down considerably -- about 30% -- from what it was a decade ago.

**PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT SEEKS STRICT HELMET LAW ENFORCEMENT**

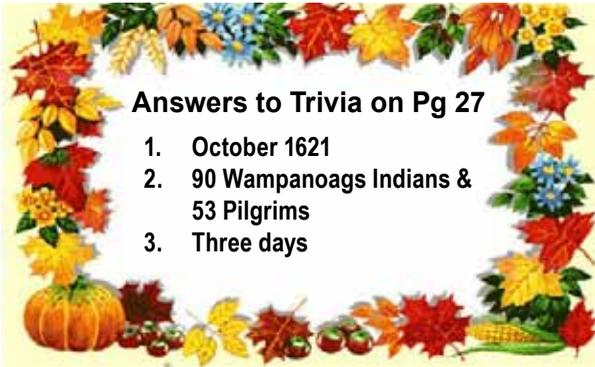
The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) in the Philippines is seeking to strengthen enforcement of the Mandatory Helmet Law (RA 10054) nationwide. In a Memorandum issued Sept 6 to all governors, mayors and others, the DILG directs local officials "to implement said (Helmet Law) Act, and ensure that the provisions are strictly complied with."

Congressman Cesar V. Sarmiento directly addressed DILG during the department's budget hearing in Congress and said he observed that several motorbike riders and drivers forget to use their helmet resulting in road accidents and deaths.

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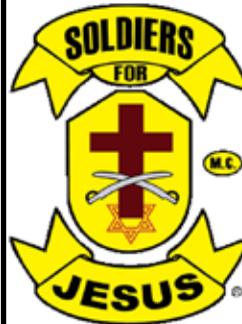
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## ATTENTION ALL ABATE SOUTHEAST CHAPTER MEMBERS

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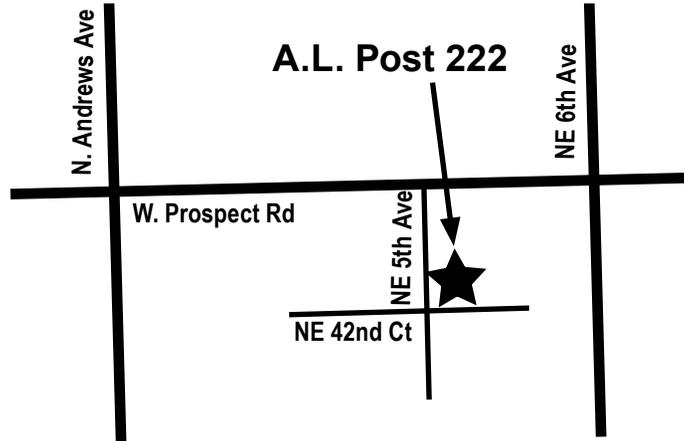
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To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.

To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

### What's Happening Legislatively? Call The Hotline!

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Or Visit

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### UPCOMING SE CHAPTER MEETING

**November 19, 2017 - Sunday 10AM**

at:

**American Legion Post 222**

**4250 NE 5th Avenue**

**Oakland Park, FL 33334**

**Phone:(954) 565-6501**

**Come & join the ranks  
of those who care to be involved!**