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a Newsletter for Motorcycle Safety & Awareness

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- ★ CONTACT CAMPGROUND AT: 863.494.9693 for RV/Trailer Camping. Mention ABATE for discounted pricing.
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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.

There are no requirements to join us and we respect and welcome all motorcycle clubs or any other motorcycle associations or organizations. We do not have any mandatory meetings or rides.

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FREEDOM IS NEVER FREE, WE HAVE TO FIGHT TO KEEP IT

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Make your voice heard - ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s lobbyist is in Tallahassee working for or against, all legislation that affects your lives, your rights & your freedoms. Not just as Motorcycle Riders but as Free Americans.

Help make a difference - by supporting ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Program (MSAP). ABATE's Certified instructors bring the MSAP into our High School Drivers Education classes. This is the only program in the state that teaches Florida students to **WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES**. The first step in teaching drivers how to not run us over.

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

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

Well, it seems that the tumultuous times seemed to stick with us in the form of the three hurricanes that plagued our country and commonwealth. I realize that the current standard is to name them, however, I think of that in the same way as not naming an animal one intends on slaughtering for a meal, one just shouldn't name it (personalize it). I mean, I know a Maria (one of Critter's good friends) and she is highly intelligent, funny, sweet, and all around very cool woman! Not a menacing or destructive by any stretch of the imagination.

I would like to see a good number of the membership the weekend of October 8th to help out and support out 37th Annual Motorcycle Rights Rally at Mickey's Tiki. As with most of the activities that we host, we can use all the help that we can get in the form of setting up and maintaining of the several facets that make up our events. Remember that 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!!!

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, 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!

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.



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EPISODE I

BY

CHARLEY BLACKWOLF

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-- Reminder --

Membership Due For Sept.

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Larry Howard
Laura Howard
Carlos "Tiger" Urrutia
Jane "Poohbear" Harap

If you have already renewed

Thank You

for your continued support



For Membership Renewals contact Sheila Rose by either email: membership@abatese.us or by phone: 786-487-4810 - See Page 47 for Membership Application

*** 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.

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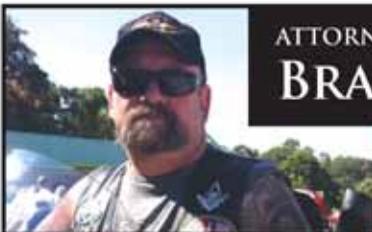
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**Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at American Legion Post 222
Oakland Park, FL
September 17, 2017**

Just to note, on September 9, 2017, Hurricane Irma, a Category 5 hurricane, made landfall in the Florida Keys and, on September 11, 2017, made landfall near Naples, Florida. All of South Florida was affected with millions losing power, many for more than a week. Everyone is still getting things back to normal. Our thoughts are with all our members and brothers and sisters during this time.

Johnny Rose, standing in for Nighthawk, called the meeting to order at 10:30am by standing up and asking all to say the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Magneto, standing in for Poppie leading us all in prayer. There were 10 members present.

President's Report: Magneto thanked everyone for coming. He was thankful that we all made it through Hurricane Irma without too much loss. He told everyone that there were flyers on the tables for our October event, our 37th Annual Motorcycle Rights Rally. It is on October 8th at Mickey's. We are looking

for volunteers. He asked the members to take some and pass them out. He also mentioned that there are now cash incentives for anyone who gets a new paid ad for our newsletter.

Vice President's Report: Johnny Rose said that it was nice to see some old friends who we haven't seen at the meeting in a while. Under the circumstances, we are glad that we got to have a meeting today. He talked about the October event and mentioned that we need help and asked if anyone would volunteer to help.

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

Treasurer's Report: Critter read the treasurer's report for August. A motion was made to accept the report, seconded, and all were in favor. Motion was passed.

Sergeant at Arm's Report: Nighthawk was excused as Broward County Schools are reopening tomorrow after being closed for over a week due to Hurricane Irma so he is busy getting the schools ready.

Road Captain's Report: Wavy said he was glad to see everyone and glad everyone made it through the storm. The Keltic's party is next weekend and a text will go out with information about where to meet up. He also mentioned the upcoming October event. Please tell everyone about our event. He reminded everyone that our next meeting has been moved due to a conflict with the State Meeting. Our next meeting is October 22nd. He said that, for most events, he sends a text out with the dates/times of the events to those who have asked to be on the list. Please try to support the local M/C's and organizations

Safety Director's Report: This position is open.

State Representative's Report: There is no State meeting this month. The next meeting is in Port Charlotte on October 14th. Magneto and Critter will be going. The Vulnerable Road User's Bill is now in the House and the Senate. We will continue to monitor it and keep the membership informed.

Products Report: Wavy did not bring products to the meeting but will bring everything to the October event. If anyone wants any products before then, just give him a call and he will make arrangements to get the products to you. If you are going to call, please do it before 8pm.

Membership Report: Sheila Rose reported that we had 11 renewals and 16 new memberships for August. All membership reminder letters went out through September. Because of the hurricane, the October renewal

letters did not go out yet, but will in the next week.

Events Coordinator: This position is vacant. However, Critter mentioned that our October event will be at Mickey's and Johnny Rose met with Alan and got us the same deal as before. Mickey's will handle the food. We will need volunteers to help with the parking. Poppie and Joanne most likely will not be able to make it, so we will need volunteers for the gate. Wavy suggested that Critter send another blast email, before the event, specifically just asking for volunteers, since there are not a lot of people at the meeting. There are also a lot of people who aren't getting emails right now, again due to the hurricane. Critter will send this out a few times. Wavy will also send out group texts. Barry Blunnell will be there to help and take pictures.

Newsletter Editor: Critter reported that we have 3 new full page ads, paid upfront for a year. Please support our advertisers. Please make sure to get your articles to Critter as soon as possible, as they are due today.

Newsletter Distribution: Wavy just got the newsletters this past Friday. Everything got delayed due to a combination of the Labor Day holiday and Hurricane Irma. Wavy is doing Poppie's route and will make the deliveries on Monday and Tuesday, with Magneto's help on Tuesday's run. A lot of the clubs asked that we also deliver a few to their clubhouses. Magneto and Johnny Rose will be making those deliveries next week.

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Legislative Report: Brad was excused.

Legal Counsel: Brad was excused.

Public Relations: Fern was excused. She is still getting her house back in order after Hurricane Irma.

Billing and Invoicing: Sheila reported that everyone is up to date, with the exception of 1 or 2 that she will follow up on. The invoices for the October ads will be sent out next week.

Social Director: Sheila Rose brought a dulce de leche cake for the September birthdays.

Quartermaster's Report: Bob Anz was excused.

Photographer's Report: Barry said he will be taking photos at the upcoming events and appreciated everyone who took photos when he was not able to do so.

Webmaster's Report: Rogue was excused. He hosts our webpage and just got power yesterday, so it's possible our site may have been down briefly. Everything should be back up and running now.

Old Business: Critter has tickets for the Christmas Drawing: \$5.00 donation per ticket to win a Henry .30-.30 Lever Action Rifle or a 12 Gauge O&A Shotgun. Buy a ticket to support ABATE or take a book to sell for us. Critter also has tickets for the Fall State Biker Bash, to be held from November 3-5 at Peace River Campgrounds. Advance tickets

are \$30.00 for the weekend and includes tent camping and admission. Tickets are \$35.00 at the gate. RV camping is available at a discounted rate by mentioning ABATE. If you can't go, but can still afford the \$30.00, please buy a ticket and support the State. Each chapter needs to sell 10 tickets in order to make this event a success.

New Business: There was no new business at this time.

Good of the Order: T-Man he said that there was a recent email scam going out about FPL offering to pay back people affected by Hurricane Irma that lost power and lost food. It is a scam and FPL is not giving anyone money for any loss.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was called for at 10:51am, was seconded, and all were in favor. Our next chapter meeting is October 22, 2017 at the American Legion Post 222, in Oakland Park, FL. See you all at the October event and at our next meeting!!

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

SHEILA ROSE

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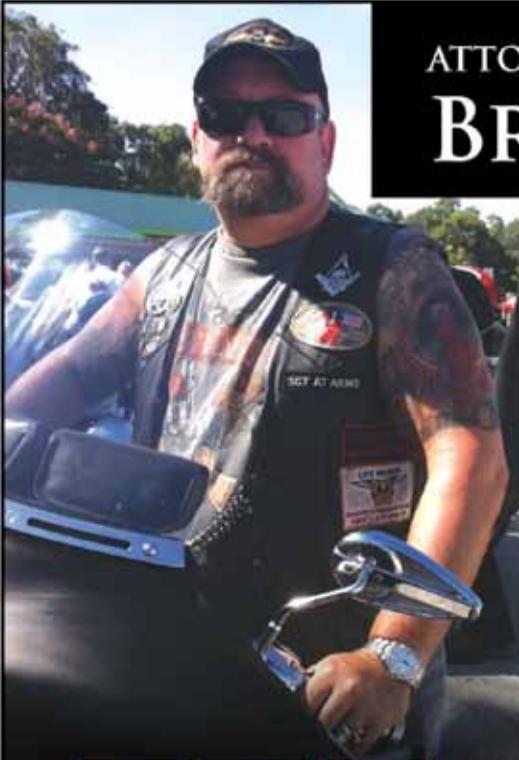
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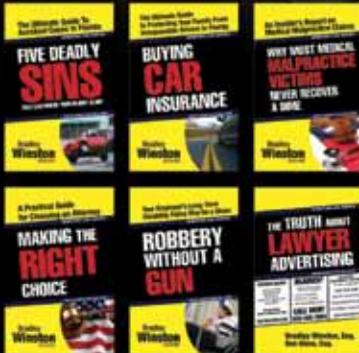


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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

As you may know, we signed up 16 new members last month. I would like to welcome these new members into ABATE and thank them for their support.

This brings me to the numbers game. The bottom line is, that for every one member we get, the politicians look at it that we have 4 or 5 friends who think alike, and so this gives us more clout in Tallahassee.

Since Hurricane Irma, there is a lot more debris on the streets. Please remember to be more cautious on the roadways and highways. Also remember whenever there is a traffic light out, you should treat that intersection as a four-way stop. The cagers don't always heed the law at these four-way stops. Please be careful!

ANYONE WHO RIDES SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF ABATE!!!!

Peace,
Johnny Rose



ABOVE: Johnny Rose on a bike in shorts - GASP!!!! Fortunately he was only moving the bike into the garage to help a friend prepare for Hurricane Irma.

LEFT: Odin - Norse god and future ABATE member!

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VRU UPDATE

Vulnerable Road Users Bill

In September we reported that the new Vulnerable Road Users bill was filed in the Florida Senate by our friend Senator Baxley (SB 116).

The companion House bill has now been filed by Representative Stone (HB 117).

HB 117 has not been assigned to the committees yet, as it was just filed this afternoon. But SB 116 is assigned to the following committees:

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- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development
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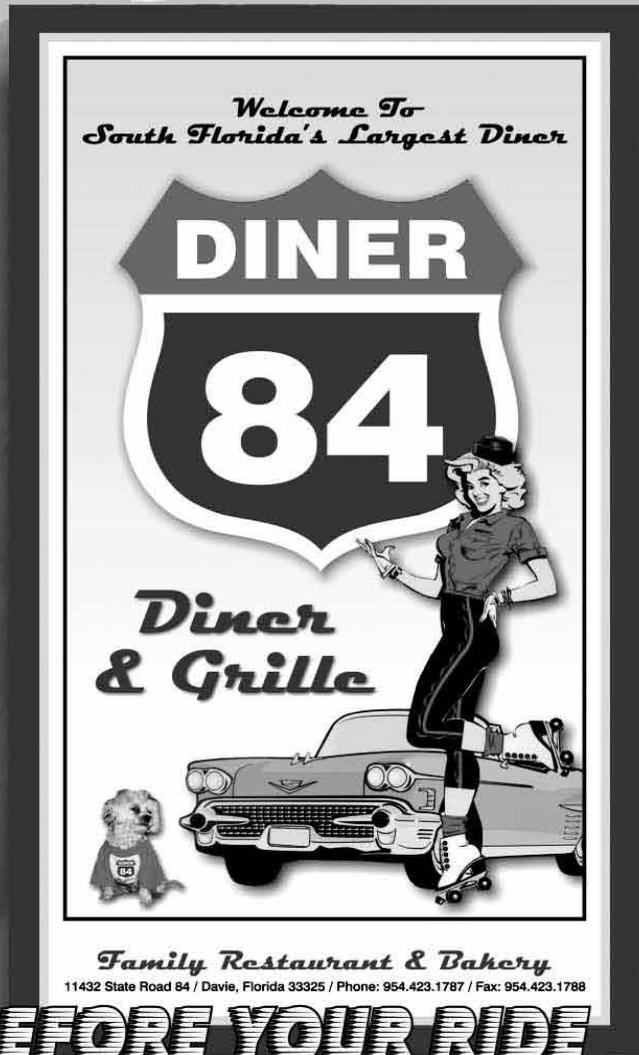
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SCOTT ORDERS 'FREEZE' ON INSURANCE RATE HIKES Gov. Rick Scott on Tuesday ordered the state's top insurance regulator to "freeze any and all efforts" to increase property-insurance rates as homeowners and businesses recover from Hurricane Irma. A news release that included directives from Scott to Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier did not detail rate proposals that could be affected by the 90-day freeze. But the Office of Insurance Regulation, at least in part, held a hearing last month on a proposal by the state-backed Citizens Property Insurance Corp. that would increase rates on many customers. "Due to the devastating effects of Hurricane Irma, Floridians should be focused on getting back to their normal lives without their insurance premiums being increased," Scott said in the news release issued late Tuesday afternoon. Scott also said policyholders who had coverage canceled or not renewed in the days leading up to Hurricane Irma should receive 90 days to renew their policies or find new coverage. Also, he directed Altmaier to provide an additional 90 days for policyholders to submit required information to insurance companies. He pointed to large numbers of residents who were displaced by the storm.

PUTNAM WAIVES FEES TO REPLACE LOST WEAPON PERMITS Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam is waiving replacement fees for concealed-weapon permits and security-guard licenses lost or destroyed because of Hurricane Irma. "Hurricane Irma devastated Florida, and the last thing someone needs to worry about is paying a fee to have their concealed weapon license or security guard license replaced," Putnam, a Republican who is running for governor, said in a news release announcing the fee waiver Friday. People requesting the replacements must submit notarized statements to Putnam's Tallahassee office "explaining that their license was lost, damaged or stolen," the release said. Hurricane Irma made landfall in the Florida Keys and Southwest Florida on Sunday and caused massive flooding in the Jacksonville and interior regions of the state. Putnam, an avid gun-rights advocate, has made it easier to apply for concealed-weapon permits, and the number of permits in Florida has steadily climbed during his tenure as agriculture commissioner. More than 1.8 million concealed-weapon permits are now active in the state, more than double the number when Putnam took office in 2011.

HURRICANES DRIVE UP FLORIDA GAS PRICES Gas prices in Florida have hit a three-year high after the combination of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. The cost of a gallon of gas has gone up 46 cents in Florida in the past month, averaging more than \$2.70, according to the AAA motor club. Hurricane Harvey slowed oil refining in Texas and began to increase the cost of gas. Then, Irma significantly increased demand in Florida as millions of people evacuated from the projected path of the storm. AAA spokesman W.D. Williams said prices should begin to slowly drop again over the next few weeks. "Barring any more disruptive hurricanes as we have had, we expect prices to continue to drop over the next days and weeks," Williams said. "Actually, we foresee before we celebrate New Year's Day this year, that we'll see the lowest prices of 2017." Williams said gas prices will not go down as quickly as they went up, but they are expected to drop about 30 cents a gallon in the coming weeks. Gas prices in Florida averaged \$2.16 per gallon a year ago. "You can blame it on just simple economics," Williams said. "Hurricane Harvey put a little crimp in our supply, and then Hurricane Irma actually bumped up demand a little bit."

'SANCTUARY' CITIES BAN PROPOSED IN SENATE Local government "sanctuary" designations to aid undocumented immigrants would be outlawed, and violators would face strict penalties, under a proposal filed Wednesday in the Florida Senate. The proposal (SB 308), filed by Sen. Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach, for the 2018 legislative session, is called the "Rule of Law Adherence Act." The measure would require local governments to comply with federal immigration laws and detention requests from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Government agencies that fail to comply could be fined \$1,000 to \$5,000 a day for each day a sanctuary policy was in effect. The proposal, if approved, would go into effect Oct. 1, 2018. A similar measure (HB 697) was approved 76-41, mostly along party lines, by the House during the 2017 legislative session. Critics argued the proposal targeted minority populations and was an unfunded mandate from the Legislature on local governments. A Senate version (SB 786), sponsored by Bean, failed to advance in committees during the 2017 session.

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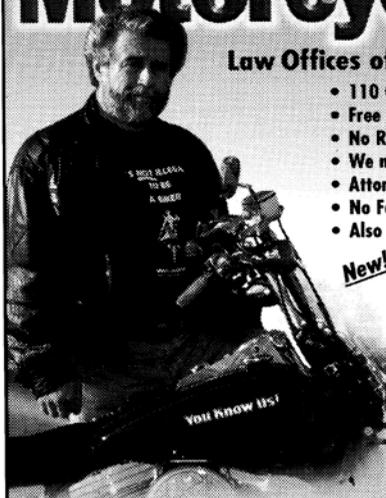
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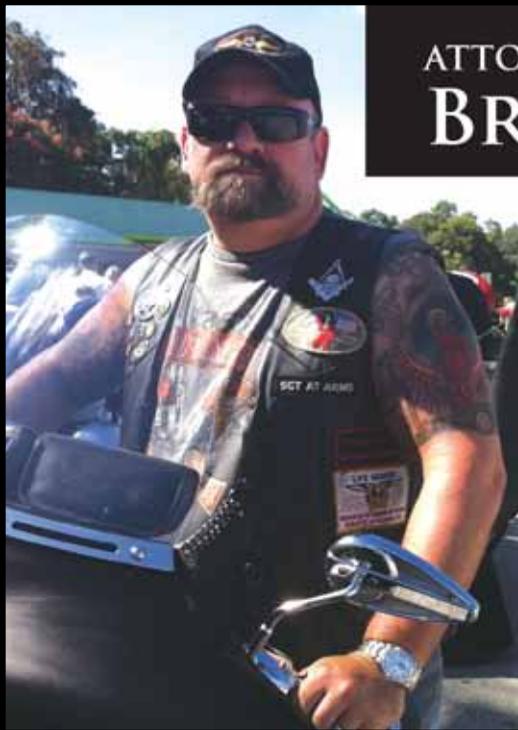
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How to avoid post-Hurricane Irma fraud, scams

Floridians reminded to stay vigilant

By Adrienne Cutway - Web Editor

Posted: 3:20 PM, September 13, 2017

FLORIDA - As Floridians scramble to make repairs to their property after Hurricane Irma swept through the state, officials are warning them to remain vigilant so they don't get duped by fraudulent contractors and other common scams.

State Attorney General Pam Bondi issued a statement Monday saying that her office started receiving reports of robberies and looting even as the storm was still making its way across the Sunshine State. "My office and law enforcement continue to work tirelessly to protect Floridians, but citizens can help by taking steps to avoid being victimized," Bondi said.

Below is a list of tips from Bondi's office that could help keep Floridians safe.

Building Repair and Contractors:

- Watch out for unsolicited offers or contractors claiming they can perform repairs at a discount with leftover supplies from another job.
- Have your insurance company evaluate damage before arranging repairs to ensure that the work will be covered under your policy.
- Get at least three written, itemized estimates or bids on repairs.
- Verify a contractor has a license with local and state licensing boards.
- Additionally, ensure the contractor is licensed for the job. Check to see if a company is properly licensed and if there are any consumer complaints filed against a licensed contractor at MyFloridaLicense.com, the Department of Professional Business Regulation's website.
- Research the company and its reputation – ask for references.
- Contact the Florida Attorney General's Office at 1-866-9NO-SCAM to see if there are complaints against a company or contractor.
- Check for proof of insurance and verify with the insurer that their policy is current.
- Check to see if the contractor is bonded and verify with the bonding agency.
- Never pay the full amount of a repair up front and hesitate before providing large deposits.
- Read the entire contract, including the fine print, before signing to ensure it includes the required buyer's right to cancel language. Understand cancellation rights and penalties you may experience for cancelling.
- Homeowners may unknowingly have liens placed against their properties by suppliers or subcontractors who have not been paid by the contractor. If the contractor fails to pay them, the liens will remain on the title. Insist on releases of any liens that could be placed on the property from all subcontractors prior to making final payments.
- Do not sign a certificate of completion or make final payment until you are satisfied with the work performed.

Tree Service Scams

- Watch out for anyone who approaches unsolicited about tree removal.
- Get multiple written estimates and ask whether debris removal is included in the estimate.
- Research the company and its reputation – ask for references. Contact the Florida Attorney General's Office at 1-866-9NO-SCAM to check if there are complaints against the company.
- Check for proof of insurance and verify with the insurer that their policy is current.
- Never pay the full amount up front and do not make a final payment until you are completely satisfied with the work done.

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- Avoid solicitors that use high-pressure tactics or are hesitant to provide additional information on the charitable organization.

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OCTOBER 2017



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1 Mystic 7 MC Annual	2 States MC Pompano Dinner	3	4	5	6	7 New Attitudes MC Annual
8 S.E. ABATE Annual	9 States MC Pompano Dinner	10	11	12	13	14 ABATE State Meeting
15	16 States MC Pompano Dinner	17	18	19 Daytona Biketoberfest Oct. 19-22	20	21 Wheels of Man Halloween Party
22 CHAPTER MEETING	23 States MC Pompano Dinner	24	25	26	27	28 Alternative MC Party
29 CMA Memorial	30 States MC Pompano Dinner	31 HALLOWEEN 				



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	20 States MC Pompano Dinner	21	22	23  THANKSGIVING	24	25
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26	27 States MC Pompano Dinner	28	29	30		

2017 CALENDAR

MANDATORY CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD



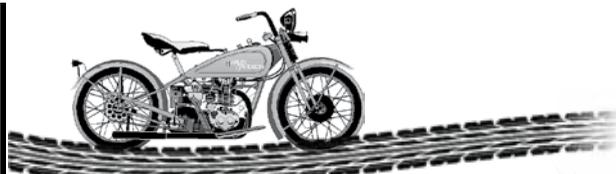
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MONTHLY EVENTS

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'S REPORT

Hey Everyone,

Well, I sure hope everyone is OK and safe with minimal damage to your homes and clubhouses. As always, thank you for reading the ABATE newsletter, and thank you for your support.

Don't forget about our annual event at Mickey's Tiki Bar on Oct. 8th, 2017 which will start at noon. Also remember to check the monthly calendar for events going on and please try to attend as many as you can.



I will send a text message out to all who have signed up to be notified for rides. It will have where we meet, the time and location and what event. The text will usually go out on the Thursday before the event.

Well that's all for now, until next time.

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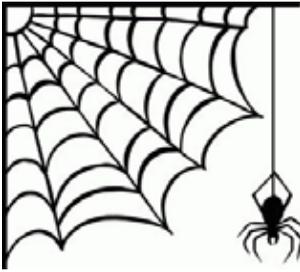
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So suffering makes us reflect God in our lives and we are growing in perfection although not yet perfect. God's sovereign hand is always leading us, guiding us, directing us to something better; whether we see it or not. Sometimes He is directing us to our knees. At other times He directs us to repent. Yet other times He directs us to depend upon Him. And sometimes He directs us away from something that would hurt us. He will not leave us to ourselves... He loves us too much to do that.

As God tries to see His reflection in us; He can't. We all fall short because we cannot reach perfection. There is nothing we can do on our own. That's why God sent His only son, Jesus Christ, the only sinless person to ever walk on earth to live, suffer, die, and to take away all the sins of the world - past, present, and future.

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PETERS, TRUJILLO HOUSE SEATS DRAW HOPEFULS The 2018 races to replace state Rep. Kathleen Peters, R-Treasure Island, and House Appropriations Chairman Carlos Trujillo, R-Miami, continue to draw candidates. Gulfport Republican Jeremy Bailie has opened a campaign account to become the third candidate seeking to replace Peters next year in Pinellas County's House District 69, according to the state Division of Elections website. Peters plans to run for a seat on the Pinellas County Commission instead of seeking another term in the House. Bailie joined fellow Republicans Raymond Blackledge and Christopher Licata in the race. Meanwhile, in South Florida, Miami Democrats Javier Estevez and Ross Hancock have opened accounts to try to succeed the term-limited Trujillo in House District 105, which includes parts of Miami-Dade, Broward and Collier counties, according to the Division of Elections website. Also in the race are Republicans David Rivera and Ana Maria Rodriguez.

BOOK, OLIVA COMMITTEES RAISE SIX DIGITS IN AUGUST Political committees led by Sen. Lauren Book, D-Plantation, and Rep. Jose Oliva, R-Miami Lakes, each raised at least \$100,000 in August, according to newly filed finance reports. Book's Leadership for Broward committee raised \$104,000 and had about \$1.08 million in cash on hand as of Aug. 31. Its biggest check last month, \$50,000, came from South Florida Stadium, LLC. Oliva's Conservative Principles for Florida committee received \$100,000 during the month and had about \$482,000 in cash on hand as of Aug. 31. The \$100,000 came in a single contribution from United States Sugar Corp., the committee's finance report shows. Oliva is slated to become House speaker after the 2018 elections.

SENATE REPUBLICANS SET TO DESIGNATE NEW PRESIDENT Florida Senate Republicans are scheduled to meet Oct. 24 in a caucus to designate Sen. Bill Galvano as the next Senate president, following the 2018 elections. Senate Majority Leader Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, scheduled the caucus for 11 a.m. in the Senate chamber. Galvano, a Bradenton Republican and lawyer, will be designated by the 26-member caucus to succeed President Joe Negron and oversee the 40-member Senate during the 2019 and 2020 regular sessions. A former House Rules Committee chairman and the current chairman of the Senate Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee, Galvano has excelled "in critical leadership positions," Negron, R-Stuart, said in a memo to senators on Monday. "I am confident he will lead the Senate with the steadfast commitment to excellence he has demonstrated throughout his legislative service."

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- Be wary of charities with similar sounding names. Some phony charities may attempt to capitalize on disasters by using names similar to legitimate, well-known charities.
- Consider donating to an established disaster-relief charity.
- Contact the Florida Attorney General's Office or the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services 1-800-HELP-FLA, the agency that regulates charities, to determine if the charity you are donating to has any complaints against them.

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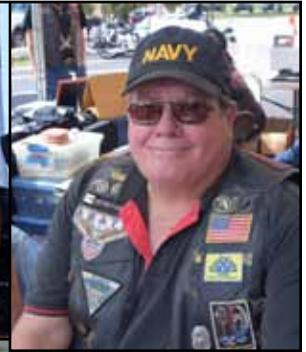
- If someone claims to be a representative of your city, county or utility provider needing to inspect your water line or well, ask for proof of identification.
- Check for water safety alerts as provided by local media and utility providers.
- If you doubt the safety of your water, contact your local health department or utility. Local water utilities are required to test water quality on a regular basis.
- If you doubt the safety of your well water, seek advice from your state or local health department to determine what tests should be performed and find certified testers in your area.
- If in doubt, boil water vigorously for one to three minutes or drink bottled water.

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency also released a series of tips to avoid disaster fraud.

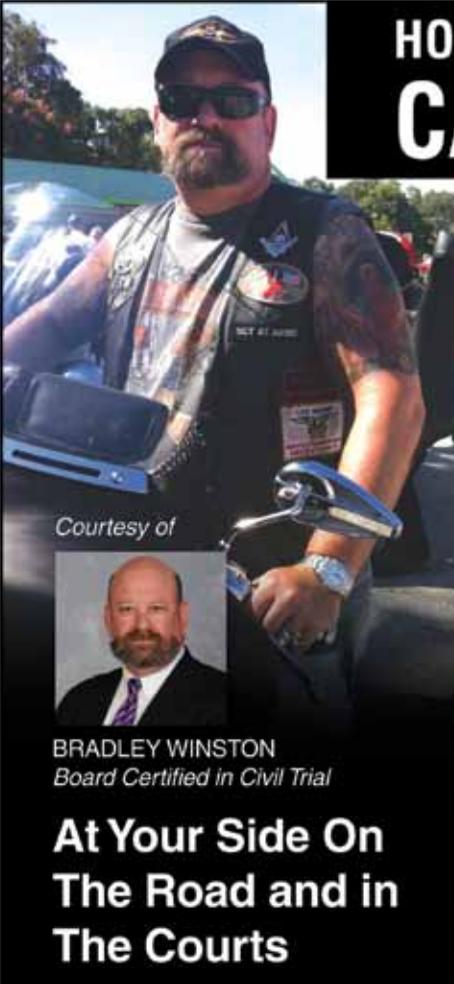
- Federal and state workers do not ask for, or accept, money. FEMA staff will never charge applicants for disaster assistance, home inspections or help filling out applications. Stay alert for false promises to speed up the insurance, disaster assistance or building permit process.
- In person, always ask to see any FEMA employee ID badges. FEMA disaster survivor assistance teams may be in impacted communities providing information and assisting survivors with the registration process or their applicant files.
- A FEMA shirt or jacket is not proof of identity. All FEMA representatives, including contracted inspectors, will have a laminated photo ID. All National Flood Insurance Program adjusters will have an NFIP authorized adjuster card with their name and the types of claims they may adjust.
- If you are unsure or uncomfortable with anyone you encounter claiming to be an emergency management official, do not give out personal information, and contact local law enforcement.
- If you suspect fraud, contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud's hotline at 1-866-720-5721, or email the organization at disaster@leo.gov. You can also report fraud to the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.
- In Florida, disaster-related fraud information is available on the state Attorney General's Office website at www.MyFloridaLegal.com, or by calling the office at 1-866-966-7226. Florida Power & Light chief communications officer Rob Gould reminded Floridians that FPL employees are always in marked vehicles and will never request to get inside your home. If someone posing as a power employee asks to come inside your home, tell them "no" and dial 911 immediately.

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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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BIKERS AID HURRICANE VICTIMS Dear NCOM Board; We have spoken with Doc (NCOM Board Chairman "Doc" Reichenbach) and he has given us the go ahead to solicit relief assistance from our affiliates. After helping our friends and neighbors, we are now ready to contact the motorcycle community to assist with a storm that has contributed to the greatest property loss in our nation's history.

We have responded to an effort led by Central Harley-Davidson in Austin, Texas. They are receiving donations and then trucking them to dealerships in the affected areas, principally Houston. We asked if we could get our organization's members to ship to their store and they said yes, but make sure the boxes are marked. We see a great need with the cleanup efforts, so this is what we are proposing –

- **Phase 1** - Groups can order cleanup supplies from the box stores - Walmart.com, Target.com or even the Home Depots and Lowes. Package one type of item per box and then labeled (ex. attached hurricane relief - tarps, or hurricane relief - surgical masks, etc.).
- **Phase 2** - We are coordinating with Motorcycle Resource Teams and bike clubs to volunteer at Central H-D and delivery points to load/unload boxes so the motorcycle shops can still conduct their daily business.
- **Phase 3** - Once delivered we will assist with getting the supplies to the areas in most need. Getting a group to set up at the Golden Triangle H-D shop and delivering supplies to neighborhoods in the affected areas.

Following is a list of needed supplies - extension cords, box fans, work gloves, tarps, box cutters, blades, nylon rope for tarps, bug spray, antibacterial wipes, disposable surgical masks, rubber gloves, shop vacs.

If folks would rather send money donations, a Houston

organization that is networked with a multitude of churches and organizations in the state who are doing the relief work and gets the supplies that are needed in a very timely manner is www.somebodycares.org. Please check them out, and they have a donate button on their website. They also have a Houston warehouse with trucks going to affected areas daily, so we will also put them on the suggested list of recipients for Mancuso H-D.

We want to thank you in advance for the assistance offered from our awesome motorcycle community.
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NCOM BOARD OF DIRECTORS / REGIONAL MEETING IN OKLAHOMA CITY The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Board of Directors will hold their bi-annual board meeting at the Biltmore Hotel, 401 S. Meridian Ave in Oklahoma City on Saturday, November 11, 2017 in conjunction with the NCOM Region II Conference.

All motorcyclists are invited to attend this free event, to learn and share with fellow bikers rights activists from around the country and across the region (NCOM Region II consists of Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska).

For further information, contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

LACONIA MOTORCYCLE WEEK ORGANIZER ELECTED TO N.H. STATEHOUSE Longtime motorcycle enthusiast and organizer of the annual Laconia Motorcycle Week, Charlie St. Clair has won a House Seat in a special election in Belknap County, New Hampshire, posting a mild upset in the previously Republican-held district.

Charlie rides a Harley-Davidson Heritage Softail Classic and has been riding cross country every year for over thirty-four years to attend Laconia's sister rally in Sturgis, South Dakota, and was inducted into the Sturgis Museum Hall of Fame in 2008. He has served as executive director of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association since 1992, and will continue in that role.

Newly-elected State Rep. St. Clair (D-District 9) says

“People know me, and I’m going down there to represent my constituents in my district. As for motorcyclists, I’ll be watching out on their behalf whether they’re constituents or visitors to the state.”

ILLINOIS LAW MANDATES STUDENTS LEARN WHAT TO DO DURING A TRAFFIC STOP In addition to reading, writing and arithmetic, students in Illinois will now learn a possibly life-saving lesson; What to Do during a Traffic Stop.

The new state law, signed by Governor Bruce Rauner, is aimed at preventing a situation from escalating when teens are pulled over by police, and mandates that teachers dedicate instruction time to ensuring that students learn what to do and what not to do during a traffic stop, and how not to panic and do something that may seem like a red flag to cops.

“My hope is that if we uniformly require that driver’s education include the protocol and what is expected when you interact with a police officer that things will not escalate,” Senator Julie Morrison (D-Deerfield), who sponsored the bill, told the local station ABC 7.

ARKANSAS BECOMES 37TH STATE TO REVISE SLINGSHOT LICENSING Polaris Industries reports that Arkansas no longer requires Slingshot owners to have a motorcycle operator’s license, thus making the Natural State the 37th state to classify the three-wheeler as a car for licensing purposes.

“When Slingshot was introduced to the market in 2014, most consumers were required to hold a motorcycle endorsement or license to operate it,” the company said in a recent press release. “Because Slingshot does not feature handlebars or straddle seating, but rather offers a unique three-wheel configuration with a steering wheel and side-by-side seating, state policymakers have recognized the need to update their operator licensing laws.”

Although Slingshot resides in the motorcycle classification which has long provided for three-wheel designs, operator skills are more similar to those required for a passenger car. “Our goal is to gain a unified classification and operator licensing scheme across the country to provide more opportunities and driving freedom for consumers looking for the ultimate thrill experience that Slingshot offers,” said Rachael Elia, Slingshot Marketing Manager.

BANNED KNIVES NOW LEGAL IN TEXAS A bipartisan House bill repealing the Lone Star State’s 1871 ban on Bowie knives and other large blades has been signed by Governor Greg Abbott, dropping the carry of illegal knives such as “Bowie knives, daggers, dirks, stilettos, poniards, swords, and spears” from the Texas penal code on weapons, a crime which currently carries fines of up to a year in jail, a fine of up to \$4,000, or both.

Still off limits for knives with blades over 5.5 inches will be places such as schools, correctional facilities, houses of worship, and bars that derive more than half their income from alcohol sales. Minors, under 18, will not be able to buy or carry a location-restricted knife.

New Hampshire passed the nation’s first repeal of a switchblade (automatic) knife ban in 2010, and since then such knife restrictions have been repealed in Alaska, Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.

FACING BACKLASH, CONFEDERATE MOTORS CHANGES ITS NAME When Matt Chambers created his company in 1991 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, he chose to name it Confederate Motors “in a salute to good Southern principles,” but in today’s politically charged climate that associates the Southern Confederacy with racism and white supremacy, Chambers has decided to retire the name.

“The Confederate brand was no longer viable. I think we lost a lot a business with that name,” Chambers told the Los Angeles Times, adding “We’ve missed out on branding opportunities. So, it’s time to retire it.”

The company is now the Curtiss Motorcycle Co., named after the father of American aviation, Glenn Curtiss, who gained fame competing with the Wright Brothers to dominate the skies, but who also famously built and raced motorcycles.

Their first model will be called the Hercules, the name originally used for Curtiss’ motorcycles, and will be an electric sportbike.

BRITISH MOTORCYCLISTS RIDE ON PARLIAMENT TO PROTEST BIKE CRIME Hundreds of concerned motorcyclists rode through London on Saturday, Sept 9th to protest a staggering increase in bike thefts, bike-jackings and brutal attacks on motorcyclists in the U.K.

The protest comes after acid was sprayed at six scooter riders in a 90 minute period in a series of attacks in London in July, with one victim suffering “life-changing injuries” according to police. Due to these vicious assaults, acid attackers now face life in prison, and prosecutors have been advised to impose sentences of up to four years just for carrying acid.

Other riders have had their bikes stolen from them by armed thieves. Recent crime figures have shown that vehicle theft has risen 18.6% nationwide in the last year and 25.9% in London, which is a trend that has been plain to see for bike owners. The thieves are more brazen than ever, posting pictures of bikes they’ve stolen on social media.

As the police struggle with motorcycle theft, the army may be called in to address the situation.

Protest organizers ‘#BikersUnited’ say 65 bikes are stolen a day in the capital, while riders increasingly face “violence, knives, acid and even death from the thieves.”

Formed of a number of biking groups including MAG (Motorcycle Action Group), #BikersUnited says on its Facebook page: “We represent the 1,000s of riders of motorcycles and scooters in Britain and are protesting about the outrageous escalation of bike theft and bike jackings in our country.”

PHILIPPINES CALLS FOR BIGGER LICENSE PLATES TO DETER CRIMES The Philippine Senate has unanimously approved a bill requiring the Land Transportation Office to provide bigger and reflectorized license plates for motorcycles and scooters to deter crimes.

Voting 21-0, the upper chamber approved on final reading Senate Bill 1397, or the proposed “Motorcycle Crime Prevention Act of 2017”, which would require significantly larger license plates for the front and rear of all motorcycles and scooters for easy identification to deter motorcycle-riding criminals from easily getting away.

“Motorcycles have become crime machines. With their small plate numbers, criminals perpetrating crimes while on board motorcycles easily flee from the scene of the crime, and usually there are no witnesses who can read or identify plate numbers so that the authorities can go

after the criminals,” Senator Richard Gordon, the bill’s author, said.

STUDY SHOWS CAR DRIVERS ARE CONFIDENT THEY CAN TEXT AND DRIVE SAFELY A recent study by Progressive Insurance reveals that about one third of car drivers feel confident in their own ability to text and drive, yet the majority believe distracted driving is the biggest cause of auto accidents and more than 90% say it should be illegal.

The report showed a sharp difference in attitudes between younger and older drivers, with more than 60% of 18-34 year olds being confident in their ability to safely text while driving, compared to less than 6% of those 55 and older.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 3,477 people were killed, and 391,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in the United States in 2015. Teens were the largest age group reported as distracted at the time of fatal crashes.

The study further showed that men think they are better at texting and driving, with twice as many men (21%) as women (11%) saying they are “very confident” in their ability to text while driving. Despite that confidence in their own abilities, some 88% of men and 97% of women think texting should not be allowed.

Among all drivers, more than 65% of individuals polled believe that texting/looking at one’s phone while driving is the most common cause of traffic accidents in the United States. And 83% of individuals believe police should be able to pull over drivers for texting alone. Yet at the same time, 34% of respondents said they were somewhat or very confident in their ability to text while driving.

Meanwhile, the study said the most common feelings evoked when seeing another driver texting is concern (62%) followed by irritation (50%), and these feelings didn’t vary by age or gender.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “A society that gets rid of all its troublemakers goes downhill.”

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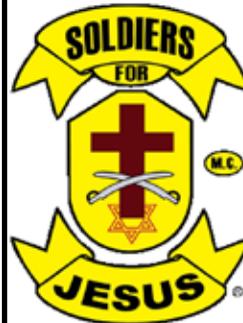
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