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

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

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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Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

• On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.

• We've become the 4th largest State Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the country (IN & IL are 1&2, we regularly switch for 3rd & 4th with PA).

• We got the handlebar heights law modified.

• We successfully fought a bill that would forbid our children from riding on our bikes.

• We successfully fought the bill that would confiscate motorcycles for going 30MPH over the speed limit.

• We developed an effective MSAP program that has raised motorist's perceptions and awareness of motorcycles, and have received funding from the State of FL totaling over \$750,000 to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.

• We successfully fought the bill against vertical tags that had over \$1,100 in fines for a first offense.

• Supported and fought for a texting-while-driving ban for the last few years.

• Our 2009-2010 Stiffer Penalties Bill made it through five of the FL House & Senate's committees; this is the farthest it has gone in the number of years we have tried. On the last day of session, a committee member strenuously attempted to attach a revival of the helmet law to our Bill. To avoid a new helmet law in Florida, we had to kill the Bill.

• We publish monthly Press Releases and/or Articles of Interest in many online & print publications, including Florida Full Throttle.

• The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. has been asked to be on and currently sits as a member of The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C. The Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation may appoint a representative from only two State MROs throughout the entire U.S.A. to be on this council.

• The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. sits as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Collation of Motorcvclists (NCOM). NCOM has over 1000 member organizations.



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"This page sponsored by Frank T. and Lisa"

From Your President

I would like to get an invite out to everybody. Please come and support us at our ABATE Southeast Chapter's 41st Annual Motorcycle Event. It will be held at Mickey's Tiki Bar in Pompano Beach on October 10th from noon till 5pm.

Our Annuals are very important to us because they help pay for the newsletter, which is the best way we get the word out. ABATE's main job is to keep everyone informed about what's going on in Tallahassee and keep everyone informed what's going on in our community. We also have a lobbyist in Tallahassee who is always fighting for laws that protect our rights.

That being said.....Wow looks like we're going to have a cool month hanging out with everyone. We have Mystic Seven MC Annual on the 3rd, Outcast MC party on the 9th, our Annual on the 10th, Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party on the 23rd (one of my favorites), and we'll end up the month with Fearless MC Annual on the 30th. And that's way cool, if you ask me. I am looking forward to hanging out with everyone.

In South Florida, we have a tight knit community that is unlike anywhere else in the state. A lot of that is due to our South Florida President's Council. ABATE Southeast Chapter is honored to be a member of that Council. And check this out, it's my pleasure to announce that we now have a Miami President's Council in cahoots with the South Florida President's Council. And with that, I would like to welcome some of the new clubs in the Miami Council; Reckless Octane, MiaLa, Old timers, Widows Sons, Havoc Hunters, Heavy Breathers, and 2020 Ryders. I am looking forward to coming to your parties and getting to know my Dade County brothers better.

Oh yeah, I almost forgot, well not really, as I am pushing hard for a lot of people to do this ride in 2022. In February, we will have ABATE of Florida's annual Ride to the Capitol. It is a police-escorted ride. We get to park our bikes right in the courtyard, between the old Capitol and the new Capitol. There will be a ceremony on the steps, with a ringing of the bell for lost brothers and sisters, and then we will go in and talk to our congressman about



the issues we need them to support, to help keep our freedom and make it safer for us. Remember, the more people we can get to show up for this, the louder our voice is with the congressmen, and the more influence our lobbyist will have in Tallahassee. I know that mostly everybody works so you will have to take Saturday, Sunday, and Monday off to go. I also take Tuesday off so I can rest for long ride home. If you want to know more about the ride, call me, and I will be happy to tell you, and hopefully get you to come (954) 868-4390.

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

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

ANYONE WHO RIDES SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF ABATE!

God bless America!!!! Peace, Johnny Rose President Southeast Chapter

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25th ANNUAL FREEDOM GATHERING

Florida, Inc.

State Meeting Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 2:00pm State Board Meeting Sunday, February 13 at Noon American Legion Hall - 1065 S. Water St., Monticello, FL 32344 Directions to Hall: Go 2 blocks west of the Opera House on US 90, then turn west on Water Street. Go 1/2 mile to the Legion Hall

"We in America do not have government by the majority. We have

government by the majority who participate." ~ Thomas Jefferson

Ride to the Capitol Monday, February 14,2022 Kickstands up at 9:00am - Behind the Super 8 in Monticello

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What is a Biker

What is a Biker? Ever thought about it? Different images will conger up for different people. Automatically, many of the old timers think about the Shovelhead Choppers. 60's music, and the whole hippie movement. Ahhh, the good ol' days. For the millennial generation a whole dissimilar image will be imagined. For the real ol' timers, the era of Marlon Brando and the movie The Wild Ones will flash in that noggin of memory lane.

But what is a biker? Is it someone that just goes down and buys a leather vest and bandana and "poof" they are a biker? Is it a person who just owns a Harley parked in the garage or the one that puts 3000 to 5000 miles on their bike each month? Does that make them a Biker? The answer can be much more complex than that for there really is no right or wrong answer. For each person the answer can be different depending on their personal views, education about motorcycles, or exposure to the different two wheeled cultures.

For me, being a Biker is not just a person that owns or rides a motorcycle, its much deeper than that. It's a rider that tries to live life by a Code. Just like the Vikings, the Crusaders, or the Knights of the Round Table, they all lived and died by a Code of values. When you research the history of these different cultural groups, you will find that each of their beliefs and values that made up their own Code is all quite similar. The comparisons are astonishing, for even the Bushido Code of the Samurai Warriors is similar to what many believe to be our own Biker Code. So, what are these parallel values and traits and what is this Biker Code of values?

Wice- President

Sure, we all have that common thread of riding motorcycles, but it all starts with Respect. Without that, everything else falls apart. After that you have the tenants of Honor, Loyalty, Honesty, Integrity, Trust, Courtesy, and Charity. One could write volumes on each one of these individual topics but each is an area of what I believe each person that calls themselves a Biker should strive for. You will find most bikers are the most giving and charitable people around. Each week many volunteering for Toy Runs and Benefit rides to help others in need. Any true Biker will endeavor to protect the weak and always a child in need. BACA is a perfect example. If you have never heard of this Biker organization, just google it and you will be amazed at the protection they provide to abused children in need.

To be called a Biker in my book is much more than just riding a motorcycle. It's a chosen lifestyle with a Biker Code that each individual should strive to uphold each and every day.

Your VP Trov

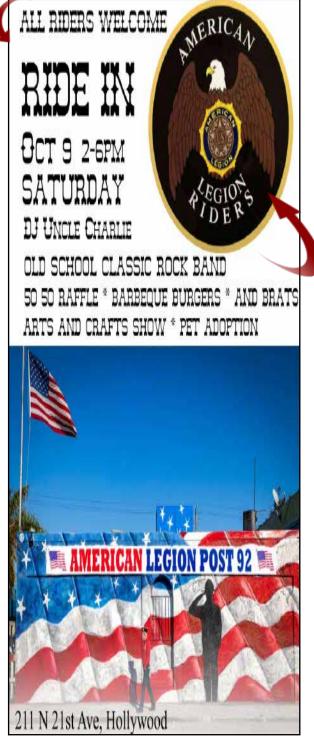




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You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership, or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any changes. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: On or by the 2nd Sunday of each month for articles, ads, flyers, etc.





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Southeast chapter Meeting minutes Held at American Legion Post 142 171 SW 2ND ST POMPANO BEACH FL, 33060 SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



Sargent of Arms "Bubba" called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., and there were 24 members present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by "Bubba", and a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, "Bear".

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JOHNNY ROSE:

Johnny thanked everyone for coming. He gave us the Sean "Bugsy" update. "Bugsy" is doing much better, even got out one day with Johnny, to a party at Mickey's, then dinner. He spoke about our Annual in October. A volunteer signup sheet was passed around. Door prizes for our Annual are needed, and he requested everyone to ask at various places they go. He then spoke about the ABATE of Florida 25th Annual Freedom Ride to the Capitol, which will be on February 14, 2022. Plan ahead and reserve your hotel room now. Some texts went out to many members, in Johnny's name, asking for gift cards, but always know that Johnny will never ask for gift cards or money, and never through text.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - TROY WAUGH:

Troy thanked all for coming, recognized BACA being present. He welcomed new members and

transferred members. He reminded all that ABATE is not a club, but an MRO, Motorcycle Rights Organization, and we do have a lot of club members, who are also our members. He said that the President's Council will be integrating events between Broward and Miami-Dade counties. The newsletter will reflect this, in the calendar, once it happens.

<u>Secretary's Report –</u> Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff:

"Dreamer" said thank you to Sheila, for handling the August Minutes! A motion was heard to approve the August Minutes. Motioned by Hope Travis, seconded by Barry "Bear" Crown, All in favor, Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila let us know that the money taken from Savings for products earlier this year, has all been returned to Savings. She read the Treasurer's report for August, a motion was made to accept Treasurer's report. Seconded, all in favor, approved.

<u>SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT –</u> MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS:

"Bubba" spoke about school zones. Be careful and slow down!! Even if the lights are not flashing, be aware after school and on the weekends, for students participating in extracurricular activities, especially practices for sports. If you see a school bus stopped, pass slowly and cautiously. If the lights are flashing, stop and wait until the stop sign has been closed and the flashing lights are furned off. Reminder when wear

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ing the ABATE patch on your vest and / or an ABATE shirt you are representing ABATE and to act accordingly.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT - TROY WAUGH:

Troy let all know about upcoming events in the community, Old Timers Annual on September 24th, Kingdom of Brothers MC Annual on September 25th, ABATE Safety Booth at Lauderale Brewery sponsored by Viking Customs on October 1st, Mystic Seven MC Annual on October 3rd, Post 180 Ride In on Octboer 9th. ABATE Southeast Chapter Annual on October 10th, and Biketoberfest October 14th through 17th. If you want to know what is happening, call our Hotline (954) 480-3100.

<u>SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT -</u> JON "WAVY" VIGER:

"Wavy" is excused, out of town, but Johnny called him and put him on speaker so we could all say hi.

<u>STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT-</u> MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS AND HOPE TRAVIS:

"Bubba" reported that our Chapter won the Most New Members award for May and June and presented the awards. Hope reported on the August State meeting. State asked that all chapters keep their websites up-to-date. State is asking for donations from the chapters to purchase safety items at the State level. We have a new State Sergeant at Arms. Mudder, and he is looking for an assistant. Doc. our State President, reported at the meeting, that ABATE of Florida is the 3rd largest in the country. Darrin "Scribe", reported at the meeting, that the Vulnerable Road Users Bill was not on the agenda at the last Special Session in May, but both bills are written and ready to go at the next session. January 11 - March 11. 2022. Doc has requested a meeting with Govwww.abatese.org

ernor DeSantis to discuss the bills. The Ride to the Capitol is still on for February 2022. NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists) Convention will be in June 2022, in Nashville, TN. The next State meeting will take place in Pensacola on October 9th, and we are excused, as our Annual is the following day. The December State meeting is in Port Charlotte.

PRODUCTS REPORT -

LAUREL "LITTLE BIT" CONNER:

"Little Bit" has lot of products for sale after the meeting. She is looking forward to our Annual.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - SHEILA ROSE:

Sheila read in the Membership report. We have over 700 members now, and Johnny's goal is 1,000.

EVENTS COORDINATOR - GABE CARRERA:

Gabe was excused. Johnny reminded everyone that our Annual will be held at Mickey's on October 10th, and for all to try and get door prizes when you are out and about. He also has some flyers on the front table, that you can pick up after the meeting, as ask local businesses to post them.

<u>NEWSLETTER EDITOR –</u> ADA "ABBY NORMAL" HIBBS:

"Abby Normal" said that articles are due today. Please send photos to the Newsletter Editor email and to the Webmaster email. If you want to write an article for the newsletter, please submit it to the Newsletter Editor email. Please share our Facebook page and blast events to all your friends.

<u>NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION –</u> JON "WAVY" VIGER:

"Wavy" was excused. Johnny said that we can always use help with distribution.

<u>LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:</u> Brad was excused.

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Brad was excused.

<u>PUBLIC RELATIONS –</u> <u>DAWNE "THUNDER" KIRK-WATERS:</u> Thunder was excused.

BILLING AND INVOICING - HOPE TRAVIS:

Hope reported that everyone was up-to-date and we got a new advertiser.

<u>SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT –</u> BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:

"Bear" brought his famous brownies and cheesecake cupcakes.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT – MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS: "Bubba" had nothing to report.

<u>PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT –</u> BARRY "BOATMAN" BLUNDELL:

"Boatman" has been taking lots of pictures, giving them to "Abby Normal" for the newsletter and "Rogue" for the website

WEBMASTER'S REPORT -

MIKE "ROGUE" HAGER:

"Rogue" was excused, all is going well.

<u>CHAPLAIN – CHRISSY LEONHARDT:</u> Chrissy was excused.

OLD BUSINESS:

State Gun Drawing tickets have sold out. MRF is working on a national bi-partisan bill (see Johnny's Rant for more info).

NEW BUSINESS:

We will be putting information in our newsletter on how to find out who your local, state, and national representatives and senators are.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

American Legion Post 180 Second Annual Breast

Cancer Awareness Benefit on October 2nd, Wreaths across America will be on December 18th at noon, at the South Florida National Cemetery, Four Chaplains Day in January. Flyers on the table for: Old Timers Annual on September 24th Kingdom of Brothers MC Annual on September 25th Mystic Seven MC Annual on October 3rd Post 180 Ride In October 9th. ABATE Southeast Chapter Annual on October 10th

Motion to adjourn at 10:45am, Seconded. All in favor. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:am on October 17, 2021.

Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff Secretary Southeast Chapter





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SAFETY DIRECTOR

Good Day,

To start with, thank you for picking up this newsletter and actually reading the articles.

As we all know, it has been extremely hot out and we need to stay hydrated. If you do find yourself

Feeling overheated, someone told me to hold the cold water bottle to your wrist and hold it there for a few minutes, then switch to the other wrist. When I tried it, it made me feel better in less than 10 minutes. Just something for you to try.

Along with the heat there have been the sudden thunderstorms bringing lots of rain, so watch for standing water, you never know how deep it is or what is under it. The rain also makes the roads slippery.

The other thing I would like to mention is – taking care of your bike. It's not that hard to do and your bike in return will take care of you.

Before you ride, just do a few checks, here are a few

- 1. Tire pressure
- 2. Check all your lights
- 3. Check oil and other fluids
- 4. Make sure center or side stand is working properly

I know this seems like a lot but you might find something that can keep you from breaking down or having a serious accident. So it is worth taking the few moments and checking your bike.

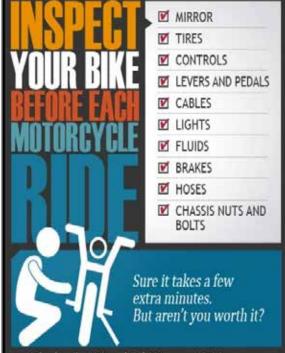
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Well thanks for reading this article and as always, Ride Safe so you can Ride Again.

Your Safety Director, Jon "Wavy" Viger

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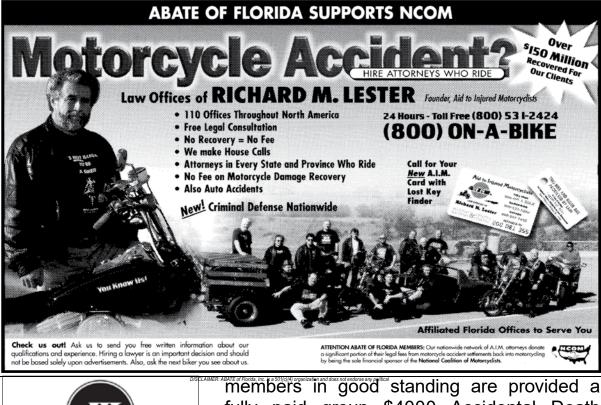
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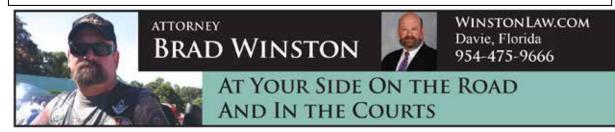


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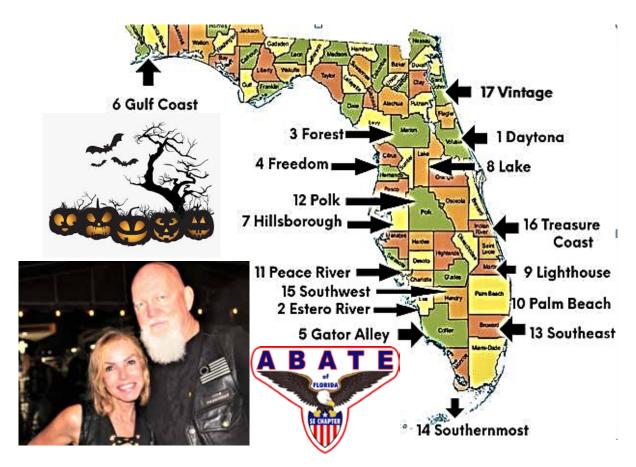
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From Our Road Captain

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What most people don't realize ABATE is much more than just the Southeast Chapter. ABATE has 17 chapters all across the state of Florida. Each Chapter is independent that falls under a State Board and has to follow the State By-Laws. The Southeast Chapter this month alone reached a milestone of going over 700 members strong! Way to go Southeast Chapter! In the state of Florida ABATE has over 6000 members. That's how we can have such a strong voice in Tallahassee with our representatives when our Lobbyist are fighting for your motorcycle rights.



ABATE of Florida also has its own State website. Check it out at abatefloridainc.com

Your Road Captain, Troy



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A truck driver stopped at a roadside diner for lunch and ordered a cheeseburger, coffee and a slice of apple pie. As he was about to eat, three bikers walked in. One grabbed the trucker's cheeseburger and took a huge bite from it. The second one drank the trucker's coffee, and the third wolfed down his apple pie. The truck driver didn't say a word as he paid the waitress and left. As the waitress walked up, one of the motorcyclists growled, "He ain't much of a man, is he?" "He's not much of a driver, either," the waitress replied. "He just backed his 18-wheeler over three motorcycles."

Some say if you laughed at that joke, you might be one who carries out your own revenge.

Yikes! I laughed.

I'm not so sure I agree with the above assessment. For those of us who laughed, I'd rather the opinion be that we appreciate justice being served.

Revenge is a tough subject for those of us who call ourselves Christians. It doesn't seem fair we do nothing like the three wise monkeys who 'see no evil, hear no evil, and speak no evil.' The bible says 'you reap what you sow'. But sometimes I just want to initiate the reaping!

Yet, another scripture says, "Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay, says the Lord." (Romans 12:19)

A good example of self-initiated revenge is the story of Sampson, the account of a man whose trouble began and ended with a haircut. (Maybe a lesson in itself!) Sampson was given special strength by God and told not to cut his hair or he'd lose it. Those who wanted to restrain him offered Delilah, his O'Lady, a large sum of money in exchange for the key. One night Delilah seduced Sampson and he caved, telling her he would have strength as long as he didn't cut his hair. That night while Sampson was sleeping, she cut his locks and when he awoke? You guessed it... no more strength.

After the Philistines apprehended him, they gouged out his eyes and threw him in jail, suffering years of hard labor. Eventually his hair began to grow back and so did his strength. One day, they were full of themselves and partying in celebration of their god Dagon when they decided to put Sampson on display, showing off his renewed strength. Strategically, Sampson asked to be placed between the supports that held up the entire structure they had gathered under. He then prayed, asking God to give him one last chance to exert strength in revenge for his blindness.

Then Samson reached out to the two central pillars that held up the building and pushed against them, one with his right arm, the other with his left. Saying, 'Let me die with the Philistines,' Samson pushed hard with all his might. The building crashed on the tyrants and all the people in it. He killed more people in his death than he had killed in his life." (Judges 16:29-30)

Sampson got the revenge he asked God for, but at the expense of his own life.

The moral: maybe it IS better to ask God to settle the score, or the joke will be on us!

Chrissy Leonhardt - Chaplain





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GET OUT AND RIDE

As soon as you finish reading this latest issue of the ABATE newsletter.. put it downget off the couch and go outside... get on your bike and RIDE !

to the point that some fans get Harley Davidson tattoos. The brand name Harley Davidson has over 116 years of experience and reputation for the production of superior quality motorbikes.

Practical reasons to ride a motorcycle is they are easier to park, use less gas and take up less space... but most men think the number one reason to ride is that motorcycles attract women! Motorcycles are fun, dangerous, exciting, so by extension the man/ rider must be edgy !

Typical Harley Davidson biker or as we See you in Daytona! say "real biker" usually wears a half helmet with a sticker that probably says helmet laws suck ! I don't judge or follow the so-called lifestyle that has Harley riders separating them selves from the rest of the motorcycle brands of riders. I don't look down on metric bikes. I'm happy that anyone can enjoy riding. However it is my experience, be that as it may, that in today's world about 90% of Harley riders are just posers and ride a Harley because they want to emanate a "real biker." They follow peer pressure and wear the flagship clothing of a bandanna, jeans and work boots. No real motorcycle gear. And then we have what bikers call a "rub"- rich urban biker ! This rider wears all sorts of flashy Harley clothing and adds all sorts of chrome, accessories and bling to a perfectly good ride ! Many female passengers see the back seat as an opportunity to wear "look at me" type Harley gear!

Harley Davidson motorcycles were the dominate model that assisted the US Military, and allies in the World Wars. Veterans practice their patriotism by riding a Harley. Real biker heroes !

So, get out and ride., ride your bike farther than the trailer or nearest bar... and consider

riding to that next event. It all starts with a phone call and the open question....What are you doing?

Everyone has their ride or die guy/gal... that one person that you can call anytime day or night and they will be gassed up and at your driveway within minutes, knowing that the next adven-People are obsessed with Harley Davidson I ture on the bikes, sure beats mowing the lawn and that honey do list ! Listening to the guilt trip blues is a small price to pay to be on the road with your buds, enjoying your bike. filling your lungs with fresh air, taking in the scenery, soaking up some sunshine and even picking a few bugs out of your teeth !!

> So whatever you ride, whatever you wear...get away from the concrete jungle, where adventures await...be respectful of other riders, stay away from the crazy cages...>> And RIDE !



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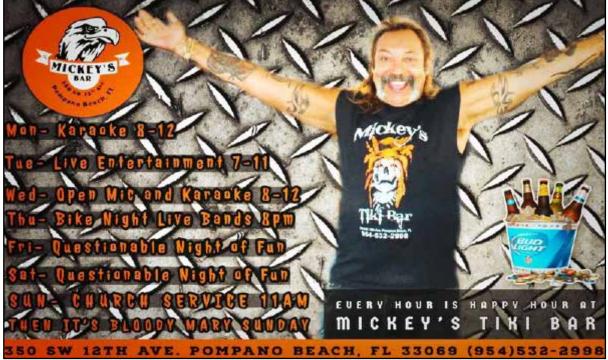
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MONDAY >Ladies Nite at Sharkey's 9PM-2AM 2-for-1 drinks >Mickey's Karoeke 8PM-12AM

<u>WEDNESDAY</u> >Blues Nite at Mickey's >Mickey's Open Mic and Karaoke 8PM-12AM

THURSDAY >Mickey's Bike Night Live Bands 8PM





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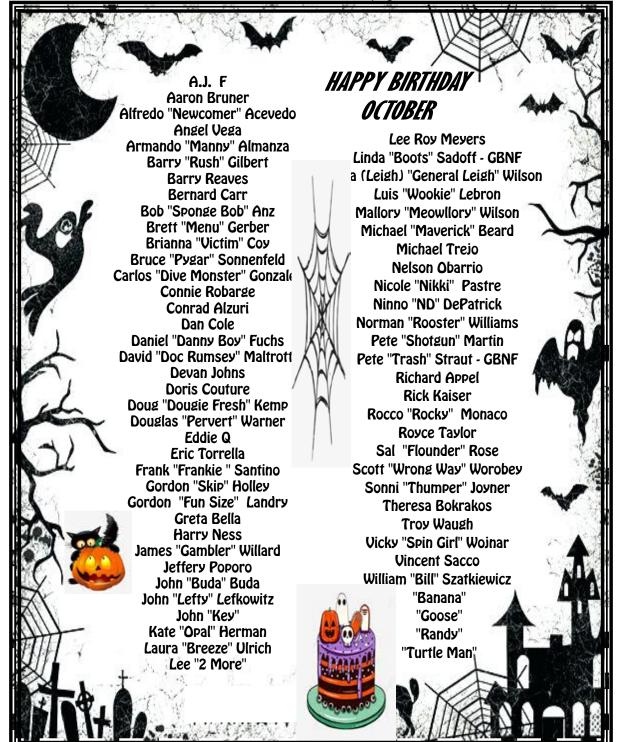


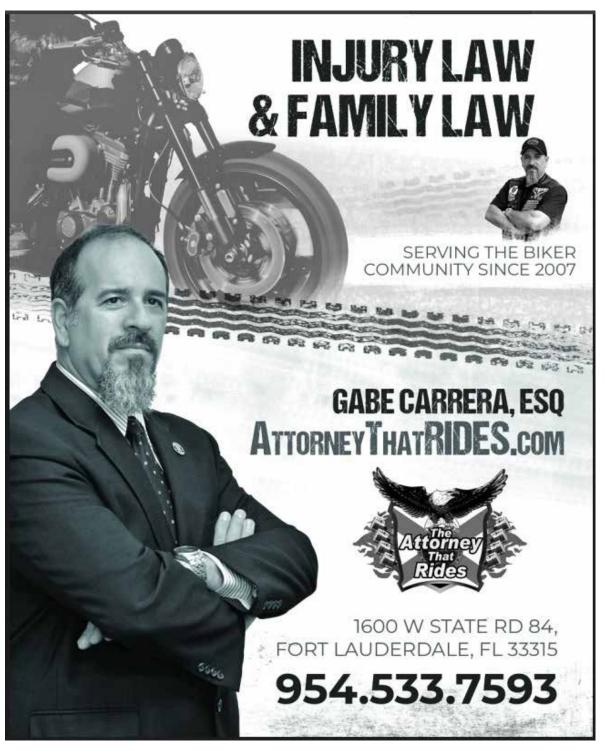
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Approximately 40% of our members are Life Members, which means they do not pay annual dues, so they do not financially support the Chapter through dues. They do buy products, pay to attend events, post ads in our Newsletter, and make monetary donations, but they have no obligation to do so. This is another opportunity for them to contribute, if they wish, but anyone can do this.

This is an opportunity for all Southeast Chapter brothers and sister to become ABATE Southeast Chapter Sponsors. Platinum Donors also get to select a page in our Newsletter, to sponsor, where you name will be listed in a banner at the top of the chosen page, and first come, first serve.

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If you just want to know about what is going on in Florida, go to this website. It is the official internet site of the Florida Legislature. You can search Senators, House of Representative, Statutes and Laws, Committees, and what bills are out there right now. I search for "motorcycles" and found HB 141, Motorcycle Specialty License Plates, that "Directs DHSMV to create Blue Angels motorcycle specialty license plate", just as an example http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Welcome/



The Flag of the **United States of America**

The U.S. flag, also known as Old Glory, the Star-Spangled Banner, or simply the Stars and Stripes, has been an important national symbol since its official birth on June 14, 1777. Let's look at what each part of the flag represents.



50 stars: Represents the 50 states within the USA.

13 stripes: The seven red and six white horizontal stripes represent the original 13 colonies.

Red: Signifies hardiness and valor.

White: Signifies purity and innocence.

Blue: Signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice.



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-by: Sheila, Sandy, Little Bit, & Thunder





We were sitting around, talking, and one of us noticed a FB post that one of our prior presidents put up, about former Wisconsin State Senator Dave Zien. You can do a Google search to find out more about him. He has a 1991 FXRT that he has ridden over One Million Miles, and most of them are to draw attention to a cause, one being Accident Scene Management, Inc., a program teaches what to do at the scene of a motorcycle accident, until emergency responders arrive. We all looked at each other, with surprise. Did any of us know what to do? A few of us have a sticker on the front of our helmets, stating not to remove the helmet, but what else should we do, or not do? A lot of us carry a small first aid kit on our bikes, but how does that help in a major accident?

We wanted to find out more about this, so we looked up Accident Scene Management Inc. and it brought us to the website www.roadguardians.org. Accident Scene Management (ASM) has the same opinion as ABATE, that the key to reducing injuries and fatalities of motorcyclists is education. We all know ABATE of Florida, Inc. has MSAP, a program where we educate drivers how to share the road with motorcyclists. Contact Johnny Rose or Wavy if you want more information on MSAP.

We hate to say this, but almost every rider has experienced an accident, to themselves, or to one of their brothers or sisters. After a crash occurs there is a gap in time of 5-30 minutes before an ambulance arrives, depending on where the crash occurs. Down here in South Florida, we sometimes lose cell phone reception when riding across the State, through the Everglades. Would you be prepared to help another rider in a time of need? A few of us have CPR First Aid training, and this is a good thing to do. That is basic, but beyond that ASM specifically trains on accidents involving motorcyclists.

They offer different series of training. We looked at the Basic Training, where you learn what to do in the first 5-30 minutes after a crash until professional help arrives, Bystander Assistance Training, a Crash Course for the Motorcyclist.

Legal aspects, the Good Samaritan Laws, differ from state to state. In Florida, the law does not require you to aid or assist an injured person, but Florida Statue 768.13(2)(a), states "Any person...who gratuitously and in good faith renders emergency care or treatment ...in direct response to emergency situationsshall not be held liable for any civil damages as a result of such care or treatment..." So, you don't have to help, but if you do, you won't get sued. Who the heck would not try and help? Good to know, but in our community, everyone helps, in big and small ways, that's who we are.

Call 911. This is one of the very first steps you should take. If there are other people present, you can ask them to do this, but be specific, not "someone call 911" but point at one person and say "you, please call 911". Remember too, every-one reacts differently to this kind of situation. We all want to be the strong, level-headed one who takes charge and helps out, but it doesn't always happen that way. The more training that you get, the more confident you will be in rendering aid.

How do you prevent further injury at a crash scene? Make yourself visible, take personal precautions, and handle the motorcycle if necessary. If you're going to provide efficient first care to a crash victim, you need to make sure that the *Continued on page 36*



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surroundings are safe. There's no point in risking your own life to help someone if you're going to end up in the same place. If the crash happens near a road, find a way to slow down or even stop the flow of traffic—safely of course. Either park your motorcycle visibly on the road with a turn signal on (and by visibly, I mean not at the end of a curve or right at the bottom of a dip) or use emergency road flashers. The goal here is to make sure that no car will drive past the scene at full speed and endanger the helpers or even the injured rider. Check the crashed motorcycle. Is the engine still running? Are there fluids leaking? Make sure the ignition is off and if possible, pick the bike up to avoid any further spillage which represents a fire hazard.

What trauma supplies should you keep on hand, in your bike? You can buy ready-made trauma kits, or build your own, fitting everything into a gallon bag, things like a first aid book, rubber gloves, hand sanitizer, sting/burn relief gel, band-aids (make sure you get the larger ones), antibiotic ointment (like Neosporin), large sterile gauze pads, emergency blanket (helps with shock), sterile saline (to wash the wounds), instant cold packs, glow stick, small flashlight, scissors (a good pair for cutting through jeans of other clothing), a couple of rolls of gauze, medical tape, tweezers, and emergency road flashers. We think it's good for motorcycle riders to have a trauma kit on their bike. We need to be prepared to help each other on the road, whether it's a friend who was burned on a pipe. someone with road rash, or worse. These supplies are extremely important to render aid until emergency services arrive at the scene.

How do you treat the injured? Use the ABCs of Trauma; Airway, Breathing, and Circulation. Airway: if the injured is awake, ask them to state their name and if they know what happened. If they are unconscious, you will use a chin lift to help open the airway, but be careful of the spine. Breathing: look for the rise and fall of their chest. Circulation: check their pulse, it should be under 100 beats per minute. ASM trains you on when, why, and how to remove a helmet, for airway access; how to perform rescue breathing; how to look for and treat external bleeding; how to treat shock; and spinal motion restriction. If the injured rider is bleeding profusely, then you immediately need to apply pressure on the wound. If the rider is conscious, you can even have them apply the pressure. Use any type of compress you can find (gauze from a First Aid kit, clean towel or blanket, a t-shirt). Do not remove

a soaked compress—it could disturb the clot that is forming. Add another compress on top and keep piling them on, as much as needed. Bleeding out is one of the most immediate threats to a rider's life.

Are they conscious? If so, it's time to enter "friend mode". If they have a full-face helmet, open the visor so that they feel less claustrophobic and breathe better, keep their head still, talk to them calmingly and keep them awake and talking. This does two things: it helps them relax in a stressful situation which will help to keep them still, and it allows you to continually assess the situation. By keeping them still, you avoid any potential spinal injuries from worsening. By keeping the rider awake and talking, it allows you to notice any changes or loss of consciousness.

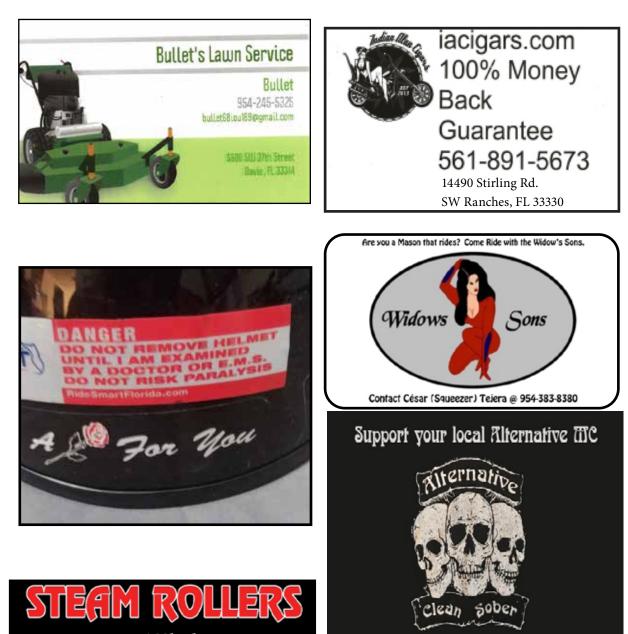
We highly recommend that everyone get training and there are a lot of different trainings out there, online, and in person. We think everyone should have at least the basic CPR and First Aid. The Red Cross offers this, online, and to groups. Online course is only \$35.00 for an individual. Go to www. redcross.org

The State of Florida also has Ride Smart Florida, to help improve motorcycle safety throughout Florida. Ride Smart Florida is the communication and outreach extension of the Florida Motorcycle Safety Coalition, a group of safety partners from around the state who share the common goal of reducing fatalities of motorcycle riders and their passengers. They offer training programs on riding motorcycles.

ABATE of Florida, Inc., Ride Smart Florida, and Road Guardians, all with the same goal, to help us riders stay safe, and there are others out there as well. We sure learned a lot, talking about this. We are all going to make sure we add some items to our First Aid Kits, and make sure we have them for the bikes and the cars. We are all going to see about getting CPR & First Aid trained by the Red Cross.

Till next time.....and hope to see you then.

"Risk is good. Not managing your risk is a dangerous leap." Evel Knievel



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(THROWBACK NOVEMBER 2009)

Freedom and Rights

Even with the Rights Rally a thing of the past, even though, do to circumstances beyond our control it became bust, it did make me reflect on our Rights and where, I see, we have evolved from what our forefathers have set down in the Bill of Rights.

The only unalienable right that has been truly endowed to us by our Creator is freedom of choice.

The "unalienable" rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as stated in the Declaration Of Independence; the Right to Freedom of Religion, the Right to Freedom of Speech and the Press, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms, and all the rest of the words contained within the first ten amendments of Constitution we refer to as the Bill of Rights are just that — words — nothing more. It was our blessed founding fathers who gave us the timeless words; it was "We", the people who made these words the law of the land and it is "We", the people who are responsible for enforcing the law of the land. According to The Bill of Rights, these were put in place to GUARANTEE the God-given rights of We the People to freedom from ANY oppressive government!

Let's look at a few that really caught my eye and see if they still hold true:

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized. The USA PATRIOT Act wiped this one (and to be honest, all the other ones as well) from existence, but even before that onerous piece of toilet paper was written and enacted, RICO Statutes violated this one BIG TIME. Roadside checkpoints, airport anal probes, papers on demand, no-knock raids, and warrants issued solely upon the 'testimony' of criminals seeking to lessen their own culpability, etc., etc., etc. Police can stop you anywhere, at any time, and demand "your papers please", your failure to cooperate and bow and scrap before your masters with a badge and a gun directly correlates to the amount of physical abuse you will receive from them.

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Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation. More people should evoke their 5th Amendment rights when dealing with the Police State, but sadly, most people do not know enough about our Constitution to do so. Unfortunately, you CAN be 'deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law', it happens all the time. Excessive 'bail' (see Amendment VIII), Tasered for asking questions and demanding your rights, IRS confiscations and with the forfeiture law they can seize anything on a whim. Incredible as it sounds; civil asset forfeiture laws allow the government to seize property without charging anyone with a crime. Even a false statement on a loan application can trigger forfeiture. Physicians are subject to forfeiture of their entire assets based on clerical errors in Medicare billing. The government even tried to forfeit a farmer's tractor for allegedly running over an endangered rat.

Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial

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jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

'Speedy'? Today? Not likely. It often takes MONTHS to get to trial on any issue, and these trials often take MONTHS to reach jury deliberation as a case drags on and on, the defendant often finds he or she is out of funds for proper defensive representation, leaving them relying on caseheavy "public defenders", who most often are nowhere near as proficient and capable as a paid attorney. Bankruptcy is all too common when fighting a Behemoth, who has unlimited taxpayer-extorted dollars to throw at any conviction they wish to secure. Dragging a case out as long as possible only increases the chance or conviction, or at least a 'plea bargain' of some sort. Innocent people 'cop a plea' all the time to avoid being bankrupted by the government and bet a lot of riders knows this to be true.

Amendment VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted. Is \$500,000 excessive? \$1 million? Happens all the time. Let's face it, most people could not afford \$25,000 bail, let alone the amounts we see coming out of our judicial system today. How about 2 years for possession of marijuana? Unusual? 10 years for tax 'evasion'? Cruel? 5 years for EACH count against you? Right. Count stacking is a cruel and unusual tool to get even innocent people to 'plea bargain' to 'lesser charges' just to stop the madness.

Amendment IX

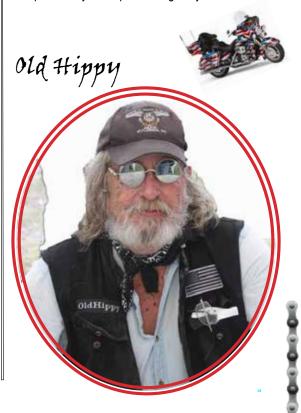
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The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people. This is an easy one! The Constitution was not designed to 'give' us rights, it is supposed to KEEP THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CHECK!! Our rights come from God and are breathed into each sovereign person at birth, the Constitution was specifically designed to throttle the government from abusing its simple and proper authority, and the Amendments were to guarantee our rights against a government run amok.

These are just my observations on just part of the 10 Amendments that make up the Bill of Rights and have been interpreted in different ways.

It is up to us to standup for our Rights and keep the Government where it should beWe the People

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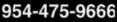
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"THIS PAGE IS SPONSEREED BY SHAKEY BOB " Johnny's Rant

For my rant, I want to tell you what Old Hippy shared with us at our Chapter, about a few things coming up, important to us, in Washington, D.C.

Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2021 Senators Richard Burr (R-NC), Jon Tester (D-MT), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Thom Tillis (R-NC), and Joe Manchin (D-WV) reintroduced the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports (RPM) Act of 2021. The bill, S. 2736, ensures that racing enthusiasts continue to have the ability to convert motor vehicles into vehicles used solely for competition. This bill also clarifies that it is legal under federal law to manufacture, sell, distribute, and install race parts that modify the emissions system of a motor vehicle that is used solely for racing.

The bill is in response to actions taken by the EPA in 2015. At that time, the EPA issued a proposed regulation that would prohibit the conversion of emissions-certified motor vehicles into vehicles used in motorsports competitions. The 2015 proposed regulation also prevented the sale or use of emissions-related race parts for those modified vehicles. An important component of S. 2736 is that it helps protect the aftermarket parts industry. A robust and thriving aftermarket parts industry is vital to the motorcyclist community. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is part of a broad collation of groups working together in D.C. on this topic.

HIGHWAY BILL PASSES THE U.S. SENATE

The U.S. Senate passed a \$1.2 trillion dollar highway bill by a vote of 69 to 30. The bill includes increased funding for roads, bridges, safety programs and of interest to motorcyclists, the reestablishment of the Motorcyclists Advisory Council (MAC) at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Despite the efforts of bipartisan Senators including, Tammy Baldwin (WI-D), Marsha Blackburn (TN-R), Joni Ernst (IA-R) and Ron Johnson (WI-R) the bill fails to match provisions for motorcyclists that the House of Representatives included in its version of highway bill. Nearly 500 amendments were offered to the Senate highway bill. <u>In that group of amendments two focused on motorcyclists, one that expanded protections on the profiling of motorcyclists at check</u> points, and one that included motorcyclists in studies of connected and autonomous vehicles. (A connected and autonomous vehicle, of CAV, is, according to The Department for Transport's (DfT) Code of Practice, a fully autonomous vehicle as 'one in which a driver is not necessary' although these vehicles will be able to carry passengers, a driverless car).

Frustratingly, these two amendments were not given a vote, as the Senate limited debate on amendments. Allowing only about 20 amendments of the 500 or so offered to be debated and voted on.

At this point, there are three possible outcomes to the highway bill. First, the House passes the Senate bill with no changes and the MAC is reestablished. Second, a conference committee is created where the Senate and the House merge their two bills into a new final bill. This opens the door not only for reestablishment of the MAC, but also inclusion of the check point profiling language and autonomous vehicle language from the House bill to be included in a final bill. Finally, with the September 30th deadline fast approaching, Congress could kick the can once again, extending the current highway bill for weeks, months or years...

Check it out for yourself, if you want more details, just sayin'.....Ride free and ride safe

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RPM ACT REINTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

After receiving more than 1.5 million letters from motorsports enthusiasts across the country, the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act (RPM Act) has been reintroduced in the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R. 3281) and U.S. Senate (S. 2736) in the 2021-2022 session of Congress!

The RPM Act of 2021 is common-sense, bi-partisan legislation that guarantees Americans' right to modify street cars, trucks and motorcycles into dedicated racing vehicles and ensures the motorsports-parts industry's ability to sell products that enable racers to compete.

The RPM Act reverses the EPA's interpretation that the Clean Air Act prohibits a motor vehicle designed for street use -- including a car, truck, or motorcycle -- to be converted into a dedicated racecar. This American tradition was unquestioned from 1970 until 2015 when the federal Environmental Protection Agency took the position that converted vehicles must remain emissionscompliant, even though they are no longer driven on public streets or highways.

<u>NEW U.S. NTSB CHIEF BLAMES BAD ROAD</u> <u>DESIGN FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS</u> The United States National Transportation Safe-

ty Board (NTSB) has a new chief, and she says that to reduce road fatalities, the entire system must shift.

NTSB chief Jennifer Homendy, who has worked extensively on investigating air traffic incidents, including the Kobe Bryant helicopter crash, believes the government and all the stakeholders' approach to road safety needs a "fundamental rethink" similar to how aviation now looks at air traffic safety.

Earlier this year, she said that governments and businesses should change the way they look at road and highway safety and must consider the whole system, rather than focusing only on individual driver behavior. She added that the "whole system approach" worked perfectly in aviation, where there were ZERO fatalities in 2020.

"If we are going to get to zero, we will have to do something different," Homendy remarked in a speech to the Governor's Highway Safety Association conference in Denver, Colorado.

In the US, there were more than 38-thousand road accident-related deaths last year, the greatest tally since 2007, and is up 10.5% in the first three months of 2021, despite a decline in vehicle miles traveled due to COVID-19-related travel restrictions.

Homendy added that, rather than focusing only on drivers, the "Safe System Approach" should also take into account other factors, such as the design of highways which, according to her, might encourage drivers to drive faster, or vehicles sold that are designed to go way beyond the established safe speed limits.

NEW EMISSIONS STANDARDS TARGET THAT 50% OF VEHICLES SOLD BE ELECTRIC

President Biden has unveiled another component of his administration's plan to fight the climate crisis, announcing a new target that half of vehicles sold in the country by 2030 will be battery electric, fuel-cell electric or plug-in hybrid.

The future of America's car manufacturing "is electric and there's no turning back," Biden said in signing the executive order at the White House alongside representatives from Ford, GM and Stellantis, and members of the United Auto Workers Union. The automakers are supporting Biden's new target, announcing their "shared aspiration" that 40-50% of their cars sold by 2030 to be electric vehicles, according to a joint statement from the three automakers.

In a follow-up to an NCOM Legislative Task Force presentation on "The Demise of Gas-Powered Vehicles" at the NCOM Convention in Des Moines, Iowa this summer, NCOM-LTF Member Ed Schetter writes; "President Biden recently announced a new emissions standard that targets 50% of the vehicles sold in the US be electric by 2030," noting further that; "This will force the petroleum and the bio-fuels industries to aggressively compete for a shrinking market."

Schetter, who also serves as Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio, warns "We need to be vigilant in our defense of safe and affordable fuel for our motorcycles."

NEW YORK STATE TO BAN NEW COMBUSTION VEHICLE SALES FROM 2035

New York governor Kathy Hochul approved new legislation establishing a 2035 zero-emissions goal for the state. According to the text of the bill that the governor signed into law on September 8, 2021; all new passenger cars and trucks sold in New York state would need to meet zeroemissions requirements by 2035.

As written, the law does not specifically mention motorcycles, scooters, or other two- or three-wheeled vehicles, but additionally, new off-road vehicles and equipment sold within the state must meet zero-emissions requirements by 2035, as well. Legislation to meet emissions targets is something we're seeing more and more in recent time, including several European and Asian countries, but so far New York and California are the only two U.S. states to have taken zero-emissions targets into their own hands.

As other similar laws in other jurisdictions have been written, New York's law will not impact existing combustion vehicles that were sold prior to the deadline. The law as currently written only applies to sales of new vehicles from 2035.

YAMAHA AIMS FOR CARBON NEUTRALITY BY 2050

Yamaha has set ambitious goals by announcing plans to be a carbon neutral company by 2050, in both its business activities as well as in the emissions of its products.

This doesn't mean a complete abandonment of petrol-power from the Tuning Fork brand though, as Carbon Neutrality is all about offsets. It's not a zero-carbon plan, but a plan to implement enough carbon offset initiatives to account for the emissions it does create; hence, 'neutrality'.

That's not to say Yamaha's future isn't electric either, and there's no doubt the brand will release a bevy of e-powered machines in all categories, but it's all a balancing act at this point and as with many companies these days, it's a balancing act they'll have to navigate as more and more emissions restrictions gain hold around the world.

MOTORCYCLISTS SAY 'NO' TO BAN ON PETROL-POWERED BIKES

A recent survey conducted by the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA), available in 12 languages, shows that a possible ban on the sale of new petrol-powered motorcycles is rejected by more than 90% of the 23,768 motorcyclists that took part in the online survey.

When asked 'What do you think about a possi-Continued on next page ble ban on the sale of new petrol-powered motorcycles?'; 92.91% of the motorcyclists that responded rejected such a ban. While there are differences in the results between countries, the disapproval rate does not fall below 80% in any European country.

When asked what they would do If the sale of new petrol-powered motorcycles was banned, a majority of 53.38% would stop riding when they are no longer able to buy a new petrol-powered motorcycle. 38.96% of the respondents would buy a zero-emission motorcycle when there are no new or used petrol-powered motorcycles available anymore. Only 7.67% would already buy a zeroemission motorcycle when there are still petrolpowered motorcycles available.

Asked if they could enjoy a non-emission bike as much as their current bike, if a ban on all fossil fuel vehicles was implemented, or if they would stop riding, 58.92% would simply stop riding.

FEMA notes that "This could be an even larger issue when city authorities decide to ban fossil fuel vehicles from entering the city, because in that case over 76% of the respondents would change their mode of transport, rather than switching to a non-emissions motorcycle (electric/fuel cell). This could have drastic effects on urban mobility as we know it."

ROBOT SHAMES BADLY PARKED BIKES!

Singapore is waging war on illegal parking, among other things, and is dispatching autonomous police robots to bring order to the streets.

Xavier is a four-wheeled box that features a touchscreen on the front and radar sensors and cameras on the top. The cameras can relay 360° images to a command center and is also able to automatically alert scofflaws to a number of infringements. And it's not just illegally parked motorcycles that this crime-fighting tin can is trained to spot. Any undesirable and anti-social behavior is this little Robocop's specialty. That

means peddlers, gatherings of five or more people (COVID-19 restrictions), engaging in "undesirable social behavior," and even smokers need to beware.

Xavier has been programmed to penalize improperly parked motorcycles -- with shame. When the robot detects illicit situations, Xavier will display messages to the culprit, guilt tripping violators and hopefully deterring similar behavior in the future.

For now, the roving crime fighter is just a test, but it's here now and nothing can stop it – apart from stairs, curbs, tall grass and being toppled over.

PER-MILE MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE

An innovative InsurTech company named Voom has just partnered with insurance company Markel to offer a stunning solution to today's motorcycle insurance premiums -- and the price will purportedly be measured on a per-mile basis.

A report from CycleNews states that Voom and Markel's concept came from a statistic stating that low-mileage riders tend to be safer and cause less chaos, posing up to 80% less risk than riders who spend the day in the saddle.

This option will make a big difference for riders living in a continental climate, who were previously limited to annual or seasonal insurance, and now won't have to worry about the extra amount of money that goes to waste on the off-seasons -- rather, riders would simply be required to submit a picture of their odometer to the company once a month, and ride as much or as little as they see fit.

The premiums are currently available to Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, with liability, comprehensive, medical payments, collision, uninsured motorists, and accessory coverage. The eventual goal is to expand per-mile insurance to the rest of America, with emphasis on low-mileage riders.

<u>RISE IN SPEEDING PROMPTS GROUPS TO SLOW</u> <u>DRIVERS DOWN</u>

Speeding is a leading factor in motor vehicle deaths, and "Though speed management has been a problem for decades, speeding became even more acute during the COVID-19 pandemic, as less traffic has prompted some motorists to drive at high speeds on highways and city streets across the nation," says GHSA Executive Director Jonathan Adkins.

To slow the roll, three national roadway safety organizations -- the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) and National Road Safety Foundation (NRSF) -- are partnering to fund and evaluate pilot projects to reduce speeding.

Two states, Maryland and Virginia, will each receive \$100,000 to develop, implement and evaluate speed management pilot programs that leverage engineering, equitable enforcement, education, public outreach and advocacy strategies simultaneously.

The goal is to develop a template for effective speed reduction strategies that can be duplicated in other states and communities.

As states prepare for these pilot projects, safety groups have launched other activities related to speeding and reckless driving and plan more initiatives for 2021.

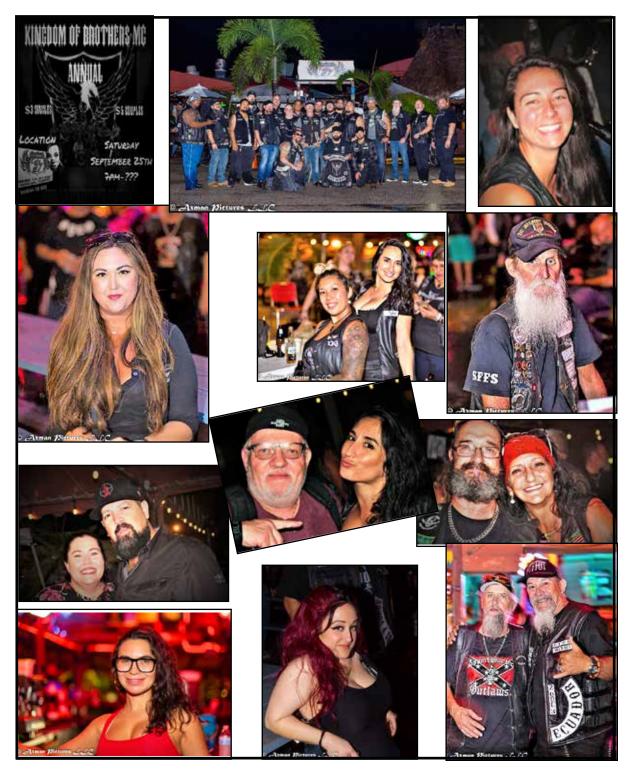
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