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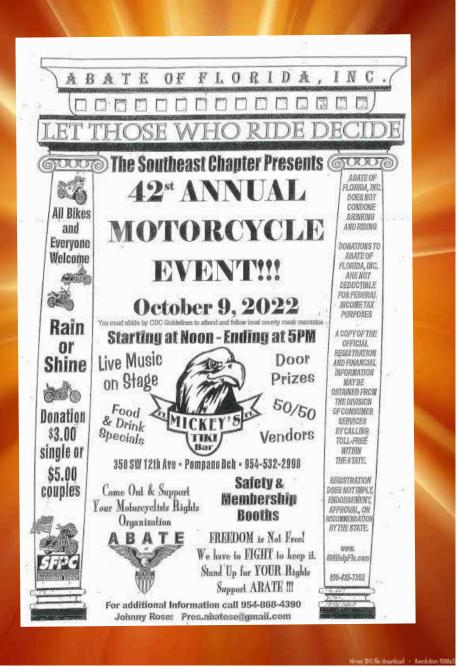


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- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.
- We promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness.
- We fund 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.
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Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

• On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2020 was our 20th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.

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

• We got the handlebar heights law modified.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Man, I'm telling you we got one hell of a biker community in South Florida. Unlike any other place.

Let's face it. The powers that be do not care about motorcyclists. Or it wouldn't be so hard to get laws passed that would make it safer for us to ride and be free. That's why we need to support each other.

Because nobody else is going to support any of us. Don't allow those TV shows like Sons of Anarchy and the Mayans to make you afraid of bikers. Just because they make us look bad. And we wear leather vests, that's all we have in common with those TV shows. I know this, because when I used to ride without Diddles on my bike. Oh yeah, she's my little dog. I would stop at a light and the people in the cars would roll up the windows and lock the doors. But when she's sitting on my gas tank, they roll down the windows and ask if they can take pictures.

Anyway, that's why we need to support our community. We can do this by going to the MC and RC events. As well as their open houses. And lets not forget to attend this year's SFPC Toys In The Sun Run. All proceeds go to Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital. This year is on December 4th.

So check this out. I went to Mickey's bar to support Scurvy Few event. It was also Alan's birthday party. He is owner of the Mickey's. So when I went to leave I realized I had a flat tire. Some of the ABATE members came to me with portable air pumps. But when we tried to fill up the tire, we found out it was the valve stem that was broken.

So I figured that I'm screwed. Alan has a bike trailer at Mickeys, but at the time there was no vehicle available to tow it with. Bullet, the President of the States MC, had one of his brothers go to

their club house and he came back with a truck and trailer and got me and my bike home.

THANK YOU STATES MC!!!

The following weekend, we went to States MC Tune Up Ride. We ended the month at Markham Park for King-



dom Of Brothers MC Annual event. I had so much fun this month with all brothers.

I have been the President of ABATE Southeast Chapter for the past 5 years. So, if my articles start to sound the same.

Please remember that I'm a biker not a writer.

ANYONE WHO RIDES SHOULD BE A MEM-BER OF ABATE!!

God bless America Peace Johnny Rose, President of SE Chapter



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Wice- President

ARE YOU PREPARED?

OK let's face it, as Bikers we live a dangerous lifestyle. Riding a motorcycle in South Florida can be just crazy. Every time we get on a bike, it could possibly be our last. Almost every week one of us in the Biker Community hears of someone going down or even killed. Or what if you find out and are told you have three months to live because you have a Brain Tumor. Are you prepared for the worst? Most of us are not. Besides being prepared spiritually which is a whole other article, there are two basic documents everyone needs to have in place, a Power of Attorney and a Will. If you don't know what these are or why you need them, Google it, ask a professional or at a minimum contact me for an explanation. Without these two documents and if something happens to you God forbid, the State you reside in takes over and let's just say that's not good. Just ask around about that experience. These two simple documents are easy to execute and only have a minimal to no cost and can make a world of difference. Also, if you have any property of any value you should look into a Trust. Again, minimal cost to set up that could save your loved one's thousands of dollars in taxes. No one likes to think of the worst but it's time to man up and make some preparations. Don't leave a shit show for your spouse or loved ones left behind to figure it out. Step up and take some responsibility and get it done.

Ever asked how much a funeral cost? That's an eye opener! Did you know that your \$20 annual Abate Membership not only goes to help pay for a full-time lobbyist in Tallahassee who is fighting for your motorcycle rights but it also gives you a \$4,000 Accidental Death insurance policy? As an Abate officer it's one thing we hope you never have to use but it is consoling to be able to give a grieving family member a check to help bury a fellow biker that's in need.

No one likes to think or talk about this stuff and even just writing about it seems like all doom and gloom. I guess that's why no one gets prepared. Just get the documents filled out and signed, put it in a drawer and go ride and enjoy life! And oh yeah, if you're not an Abate member fill out the application in the back of the newsletter, pay the \$20 annual membership fee and mail it in. Seriously, stop and think about it, then ask yourself, are you prepared?

Your VP, Troy





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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Held at American Legion Post 142 171 SW 2nd St Pompano Beach Fl, 33060 September 18, 2022

Mike "Bubba" Travis called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m., and there were 29 members present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Bubba, and a prayer by our Chaplain, Chrissy.

President's Report – Johnny Rose:

Johnny thanked everyone for coming. He gave a website update, that he and Ada spent a few days downloading twelve years' worth of pictures, ready to be added to new website. The next step is getting all the prior Chapter newsletters to be downloaded, and ready to be uploaded to website. He passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers for Annual at Mickeys on October 9, 2022.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – TROY WAUGH:

Troy thanked everyone that came out to the meeting. He said a lot is going to be coming up, working to move us forward into the future. Also, thank you to everyone for reaching out and supporting while he was out. The community outreach was unprecedented.

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

Motion to approve minutes as printed in the newsletter, motioned, seconded, approved. <u> Treasurer's Report – Sheila Rose:</u>

Sheila read the Treasurer's Report for the checking and savings account, motioned, seconded, approved.

<u>Sergeant at Arms Report –</u> <u>Mike "Bubba" Travis</u>:

He spoke of the trailer clean-up that was done the day before, thanked the volunteers who came to help clean it out, and had a delicious BBQ afterwards. He said to remember, at our events, he is the "security/safety", so if anyone is having an issue or sees something that needs addressing, let him know. Slow down in school zones. He has been working up north and sees a lot of bikers driving crazy, please ride responsible, especially when wearing anything with ABATE on it.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT – TROY WAUGH:

Road Captain is changing slightly. Troy is the Head Road Captain. Then already brought in is Rush, OB, Ross, and Martin. With a vote of confidence from the Board at the Board Meeting, Isabel has been added, bringing the total to five Road Captains. This program is expanding, if interested, talk to Troy. Isabel has some plans for a ladies' program, coming up. Ft. Lauderdale HOG (Harley Owners' Group) has a new Director and Troy spoke with him, and he supports ABATE and much more. In turn, we are going to do what we can to support Ft. Lauderdale HOG. When out at night, riding a bike or in a car, watch for the homeless. A lot of times they can be difficult to see/spot and will step out onto the road between intersections. They also are riding bicycles more, no lights, no reflectors. Finally, with the Board's approval, we are looking into purchasing a folding

trailer, for members' use only, 1,500lbs capacity or more. If anyone hears of one for sale, contract Troy.

Sunday, September 18th, Twenty-Twenty RC Off Annual Sunday, September 25th. Old Timers MC Anniversary Party Sunday, October 2nd, Mystic Seven MC Annual Saturday, October 8th, Post 92 Ride on Over Party Sunday, October 9th, ABATE Southeast Chapter Annual Wednesday, October 12th Sunday, October 16 Biketoberfest in Daytona Sunday, October 16th, ABATE Southeast Chapter Meeting Saturday, October 22nd, Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party Saturday, October 29th, Fearless MC Annual Saturday, November 5th, Heathens MC Pirate Ball Saturday, January 28th, Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show

<u>Safety Director's Report –</u> Jon "Wavy" Viger:

On Saturday, September 24th, we will have a Safety Booth at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson. We will have a refresher class on October 16, after the Chapter meeting, weather permitting.

<u>State Representative's Report-</u> <u>Troy Waugh & Johnny Rose:</u>

Troy recapped that our new State President is Griz (William Deaver) and we all support him, as he has a lot of work to do. Billy Bird won the Public Relations Trustee, and James "Doc" Reichenback won the lobbyist election.

<u>Products Report –</u> Laurel "Little Bit" Conner:

Little Bit showed a long sleeve shirt with our logo embroidered on it. Pre-orders were due at this

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meeting, but she extended this to the October meeting. The cost is \$90.00, and we are only doing prepaid pre-orders, not ordering extra to sell. Johnny will check on color options.

<u> Membership Report – Sheila Rose:</u>

Sheila read the Membership report, we have over 650 members. We now have Zelle for membership but the Zeller should make sure to put their legal name in the notes, and text Sheila with a head's up. Martin advised to make sure you turn off you Blue Tooth when sending money with Zelle, to prevent people getting your confidential information, and it also drains the phone battery.

Events Coordinator – Gabe Carrera:

Excused. Annual, October 9th, Mickey's Tiki Bar. We have generic letters printed, that members can take, to give to area businesses, as we try to get door prizes for the Annual. We also have flyers that members can ask be posted at businesses. Companies that donate will be announced on stage at the event, and listed and acknowledged in our newsletter

<u>Newsletter Editor –</u> Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs:

Articles due today. Anyone can write an article and submit to Abby Normal. Please also submit photos for any events you attend and travels.

<u>Newsletter Distribution –</u> Jon "Wavy" Viger:

Excused. Going to 650 newsletters and we distribute these to over 55 locations.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Excused.

Sheila - After elections and when we know who's on committees that are looking at our bills, we will share on how to research a bill and will advise what bills effect ABATE and bikers.

Hollie – We, as members, need to step up, be more active, reach out to our State Congress people. The Lobbyist can only do so much, but we as members can get our ABATE name known. Once session has started, we will set up a pizza/email party where we will get together, and send emails to committee members and Congress members to encourage pushing bills through that we want/ need.

LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON: Excused.

<u>Public Relations –</u> <u>Dawne "Thunder" Kirk-Waters</u>:

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

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<u>Social Director's Report –</u> <u>Barry "Bear" Crown</u>:

"Bear" brought some new surprise treats for after the meeting.

<u>Quartermaster Report –</u>

<u>MIKE "BUBBA" TRAVIS</u>: Nothing to report.

<u>Photographer's Report –</u> <u>Ada "Abby Normal</u>":

Send in pictures or tag on Facebook. Send pictures when you go on a trip or to an event. She would love to have an assistant, even more than one. Please let her know if you are interested.

<u>Webmaster's Report – Ivan Marte:</u>

Excused, all is going well, in progress for the new website.

CHAPLAIN – CHRISSY LEONHARDT:

Chrissy was here, hurray!! She read us some scripture, and reminded us to fight the good fight, that we are all here because we are survivors,

and we need to remember that, to keep fighting, and we will be rewarded.

"1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

"2 Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

<u> Assistant Chaplain – Barry "Bear" Crown:</u>

Happy Birthday, Hope! Keep those who are going through difficult times or going through medical issues in your prayers.

OLD BUSINESS:

State Gun Raffle, to be drawn in December. Please see Johnny to check out a book to sell and note you are responsible for all books you sign out.

New Business:

No new business

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Happy Birthday to all with September birthdays and to the U.S. Air Force! Event flyers on the tables.

Motion to adjourn at 11:08am. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on October 16, 2022.

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

- Tire pressure
- Check all your lights
- · Check oil and other fluids
- 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. For more safety information go to: nhtsa.gov/safety/ motorcycles 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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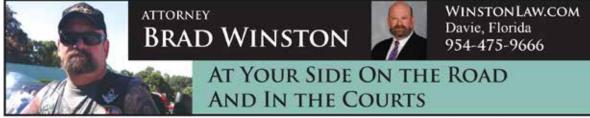


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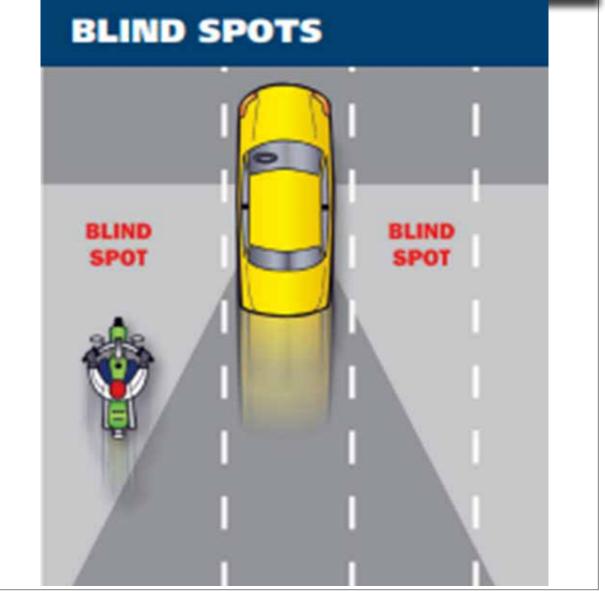


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For those of you who have more time on me, you'll remember that around age 64, the mailbox fills with more than just those annoying bills.

I'm getting rude reminders about my age! Postcards and emails are prompting me to enroll in Medicare. Honestly, I look forward to reaping the benefits of good healthcare. This will come in handy as my parts start to break down!

Speaking of broken parts, I was filling out a health history form recently. I realized I've had way too many parts removed. Some of this is due to carelessness and neglect, while other components are just plain wearing out. Either way, it's hard to accept I may not be able to do a cartwheel anymore.

Cartwheels are a small thing compared to losing other valuable skills. Last time I checked, I could still roll down a hill, ride a bike, and party 'till the cows come home. These are assets that will always come in handy.

Due to some of my bad choices, I think I've finally learned to ask the Holy Spirit if he thinks something is a dumb idea. This has become a vital step and most likely kept me from knocking on death's door too soon. When my time is finally up, I want to be escorted to heaven by God's angels, not catching them by surprise.

We can learn more about death's escort in Luke 16:19-23:

Jesus said, "There was a certain rich man who was splendidly clothed in purple and fine linen and who lived each day in luxury. At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. As Lazarus lay there longing for scraps from the rich man's table, the dogs would come and lick his open sores.

Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the heavenly banquet. The rich man also died and was buried, and he went to the place of the dead. In torment, he saw Abraham in the distance with Lazarus at his side.

In this parable, Jesus tells us who our heavenly Road Captain will be. We can look forward to our eternal destination without fear. The journey to heaven will NOT be dark, fearful, or lonesome. God's angels will be dispatched at just the right time.

If you know the Lord, you don't need to worry about your final resting place or who comes for you. It will be your choice: the Grim Reaper or the Angel of the Lord.

Choose and ride wisely, Chrissy Leonhardt -Chaplain



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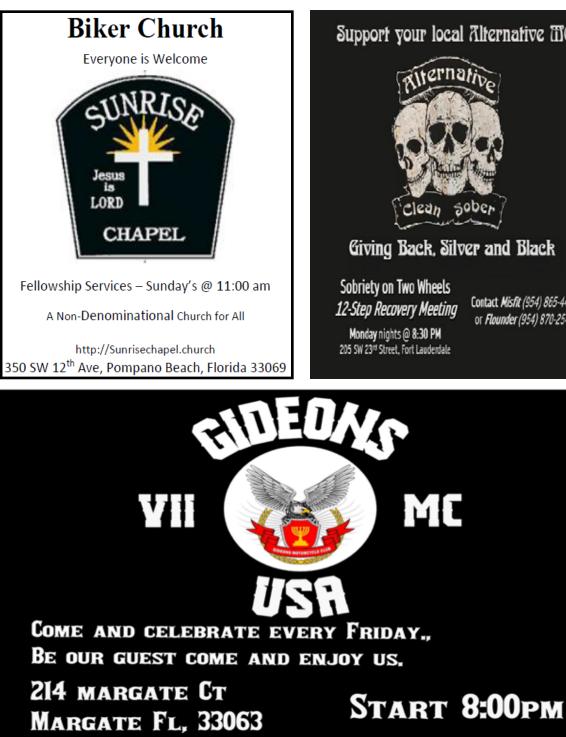
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Fearless MC - Open House 8PM-1AM

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<u>SATURDAY</u>

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

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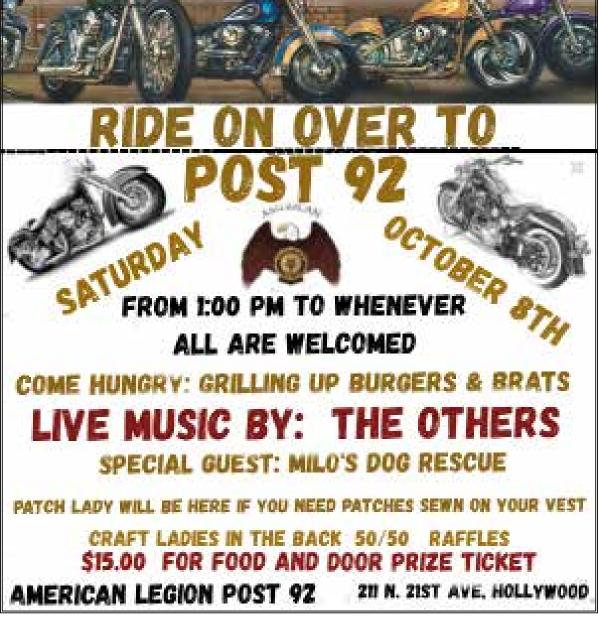
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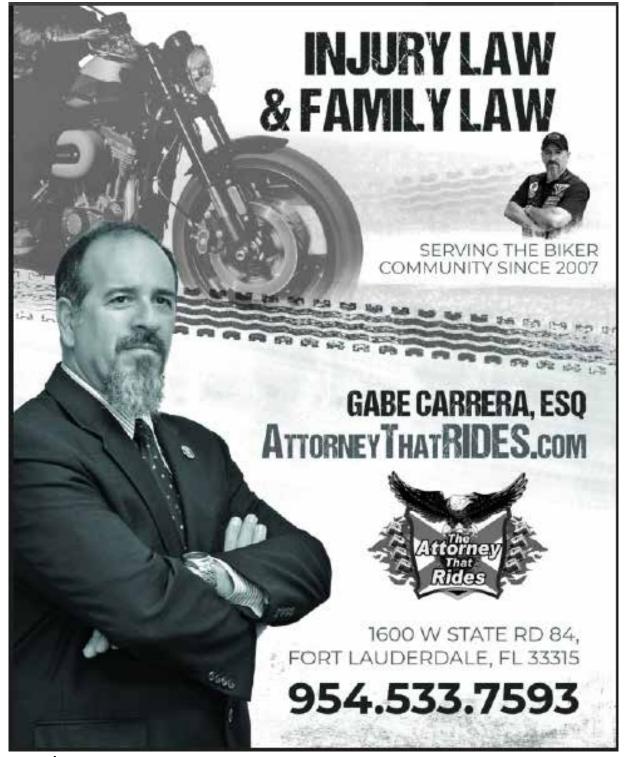
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We follow this group on WRWR (Women Riders World Relay) on Facebook, and we were sitting around talking about it. It sounds so exciting, especially as us four mostly stay local. In our earlier years, we did more traveling, especially Little Bit, who travelled all over with her husband. We wanted to share what we found out, and found the best way to do this, was with an article that was already written, and we are quoting it, wordfor-word, in its entirety here.

The New York Times By Susan Carpenter Published Feb. 9, 2020

The night Hayley Bell threw a leg over her KTM motorcycle and pointed the front tire toward Scotland, it was pitch black and sleeting — exactly the sort of miserable weather most bikers would avoid. But she isn't like most bikers. Ms. Bell, a 28-year-old from Northern England, was on a mission.

It was Feb. 26, 2019, and she was wheeling through the dark for eight hours straight, hauling a few weeks' worth of clothes and a wooden baton that has become a kind of talisman for the yearlong event she pioneered to bring attention to female motorcyclists: the Women Riders World Relay. It's exactly as it sounds.

More than 3,500 women from 79 countries have spent a year circumnavigating the globe on two wheels, logging some 63,000 miles. Some of them rode a few hours, others spent days or

*Educate, don't legislate stuff we thought you might like to know

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

months, and a lot of them didn't even speak the same language. But together, they broke new ground and forged personal connections as the baton was passed from rider to rider on a journey that spanned six continents.

The women were most recently in Dubai as the event was wrapping up, and a final celebration is set for Saturday in London.

"There was no 'Shall we do a little trip 'round the U.K.?'" said Ms. Bell, who was inspired by an affliction common to adventurous women with office jobs: boredom. Forget that, they said, "let's just do a world relay." "I was at work one day, and I just wanted to travel with women who enjoyed motor-biking and not shopping," she added. "I wanted that adrenaline excursion with females."

Ms. Bell has been riding for five years, but she struggled to find other women as passionate about motorcycling as she is. So she posted her bold idea on Facebook.

"I sort of got dragged into this thing," Liza Miller said. "It's one of these things that you don't really realize how much time you're committing, but once you're in, you're glad to be there." Ms. Miller, a native of Santa Cruz, Calif., offered to help organize the United States leg when the relay was just a tantalizing question mark thrown into the vast expanse of the web four days earlier.

"There was no structure. There was no plan," Ms. Miller said. But the audacity of the idea drew her in.

"Also, that women riders are overlooked, but not just that," she said. "Women riders don't have the same confidence that male riders do. I thought



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this would really inspire and encourage women to show themselves and each other what they are capable of."

Ms. Miller, who said she "lives, eats, sleeps and breathes motorcycles," runs the Re-Cycle Garage in Santa Cruz and hosts the "Motorcycles and Misfits" podcast. But for the last 18 months, she has been using Google Translate to communicate with other female riders from all over the world, and Google Street View to help plot the routes, from Albania to Indonesia to Zimbabwe. "The big secret is that we're still building the world right ahead of everybody as they're riding around the world," she said. "We are staying one step ahead of them." Ms. Miller, 53, has been riding motorcycles since she was 12 and considers herself proficient from the littlest dirt bikes up to sport bikes and heavyweight cruisers.

To prove her point, for the 18-day United States leg in October, she rode one of the biggest bikes on the market: an Indian Motorcycle Roadmaster, which tips the scales at 930 pounds. It wasn't hers. Recognizing the growing importance of women to the American motorsports industry, Indian Motorcycle sponsored the United States portion of the relay, providing bikes to the lead riders and meals at dealerships.

"A global relay ride is a huge undertaking for anyone, and the fact that it's a group of female riders just makes it all the more exciting for us," said Indian Motorcycle's customer growth manager, Joey Lindahl.

Indian has a long history with female motorcyclists. In 1916, the Van Buren sisters were one of the first all-women teams to ride motorcycles across the United States. Both rode Indian bikes.

Back then, a woman riding a motorcycle was a novelty. Today, one in five bikers is a woman, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council. Its 2018 Motorcycle Owner Survey found that women ride for a lot of the same reasons as men: because it's fun, gives them a sense of freedom, helps them relax and makes it possible to enjoy nature.

But it's also about connecting with like-minded women. "Anytime you can meet another woman who rides and share a lot of common experiences, it grows from there," said Andria Yu, communications director for the Motorcycle Industry Council. "You see someone else do it, and if they're kind of like you, then you think you can do it, too." Increasingly, the women are meeting through Instagram, Facebook and other social media sites, Ms. Yu said.

Facebook was how Guliafshan Tariq, from Lahore, Pakistan, got involved in the Women Riders World Relay, or "Wer Wer," as its participants call it. "When I heard about WRWR, it excited me, because people across the globe don't know that Pakistan is now becoming better and it has a lot to offer," said Ms. Tariq, 27, who has been riding motorcycles for six years. She is the rare female motorcyclist in her country, she said. "I wanted to show the world the soft image of my country and wanted to depict the strong face of Muslim Pakistani female bikers on an international platform."

Ms. Tariq's is one of the better documented legs on the relay's website. Photos and professionally shot video show her and a small group of women wheeling their bikes past ancient monuments, most of them wearing helmets while riding and some donning head scarves when they aren't.

Her trip wasn't without incident, however. Ms. Tariq was originally supposed to take the baton from a rider in Iran, until the relay's organizers learned that Islamic clerics in the country had issued legal rulings, or fatwas, against women riding motorcycles in front of men.

So the previous rider in Turkey had to ship the baton with a delivery service. But because the baton is outfitted with a GPS tracker, customs agents confiscated it as a possible terrorist device.

It took so many days for the baton to be released that it threw off Ms. Tariq's schedule for the Pakistani leg of the relay. And then, because of political troubles between Pakistan and India, she wasn't able to get a visa to ride across the border to pass the baton to the next rider. She had to give it to a Dutch woman to cross into India and hand it off.

Still, Ms. Tariq said participating had been worth the trouble. At least the weather cooperated. In Laos, the relay's sole rider, Nilamon Binthavone, braved a monsoon. Other riders have crashed, stalled, skidded and fixed their bikes on the fly. They've cried, they've laughed. They've had an adventure, and they've proved their point. Yes, women do ride.

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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FLOSSIE'S BAR AND GRILL

was established in May of 1975 by Flossie Butrim. At the time, she was a single woman with a young child, yet had the determination, wisdom, and foresight to find this property (which at the time was in the middle of nowhere & next to an airport) yet built a two-story building with an apartment complex on top and a bar on the bottom. Keep in mind, back then, it was a different world, and this property was in the sticks.

She attracted the workers that were building 595 and a few locals that lived around the area. Flossie was a driven, happy

women that hosted softball games, tug-o-wars on Dania Beach, and gave to Women in Distress! She also joined The Dania Beach Lions Club and was their first female President. She was active in the community and always had a smile for you. I remember how she would park her jeep in the parking lot on Sunday's, open the back, and let people hang out in the back of her jeep drinking their buckets of beer listening to the band HatTrick! She hosted incredible Christmas parties and was very gracious to her customers. She was hesitant to let motorcycles come to the bar at first due to motorcycle clubs and her fear of problems, but she eventually met with the head of one of the clubs and they made a pact.... the rest is history!

People feared the bar because of the bikes but quickly found out they were the nicest bunch of folks and the non-bikers had nothing to fear...it was truly a multifaceted bar. We had visits from professional musicians, actors, CEOs of major companies, bikers, blue collar workers, and people down on their luck, but everyone got treated equally. We welcomed everyone as long as you behaved, and most enjoyed the atmosphere and energy of Flossie's. From our colorful staff, cold beers, and great food, we treated everyone with kindness and love. It was home



to so many and we truly loved our Flossie's family because, once you started going there, you were

family!

Flossie lived in one of the apartments upstairs from the bar for a couple of years until she moved to a house in Dania Beach close to the bar to maintain some privacy for herself and family. She later built the addition of the outside bar which was referred to as the "tiki bar" ...as she loved the Keys and it felt like she brought a little part of the Keys life to her bar! This petite woman, barely over 5 feet, was a firecracker that was a force to be reckoned with.... built a landmark.

In September of 2000, on a Tuesday afternoon she left work went home & was opening her mail when she suddenly got struck with a very intense headache. Within an hour she was gone due to a brain aneurysm. The doctor said she could've been in the hospital and had that aneurysm and no one could've saved her. She was the tender age of 56 years old when it happened. At the time her daughter, Kathy inherited the entire building and business.

Now here's how I fit into the picture.....My father and Flossie lived together for over 12 years since 75', so we became a big happy family with lots of funny and endearing memories. He passed one year before her, and although at that point, they weren't together, we were still a family. When Flossie passed, Kathy asked me to step into the business with her. Reluctantly I did, very part time which quickly turned into very full time, and I started to make changes and put us a little further on the map. Within a couple years, I bought the bar part of the building because Kathy was wanting out, as she had been in this business since she was a baby... she was around bars her entire life because that's what Flossie did for a living

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....she was a bar owner most of her life.

When I got into it, I was as green as Kermit the Frog, but quickly fell in love with the business and thrived. I purchased the bar by myself after I had run it for 5 years with Kathy. Flossie's Bar gave back to the community (a trait that came naturally and was passed on thru all 3 of us). When I became the new owner, I began to help people in need..... we helped people, animals, lower economic families, and the breast cancer community, along with Joe DiMaggio's children with Santa Ed.

I continued Flossie's legacy until this year when an unsolicited buyer came into the picture, and after 22 years of working in the bar business, and Kathy owning the building, it was our sign that it was time to go! As hard and sad as it was to let it go....it was time. Times, vendors, and so many things have changed that it was almost impossible to do the fun things and create the great times that we used to have, so if we couldn't do it our way, we decided it was time to go.

On behalf of myself, my staff (of long ago and to the day we closed), we want to say that we appreciate each and every person that ever came and supported the bar. We never took that for granted and although it's been a very tough adjustment as far as closing and missing the wonderful people.....please know we will FOREVER be grateful and you all hold a special place in our hearts forever.

Remember to always be happy, safe and have love in your heart! I will leave you with Flossie's slogan often imitated, never duplicated Wishing you all so much love, respect, and happiness!

Love, Pam, Kathy, Flossie and all the staff from all the years.

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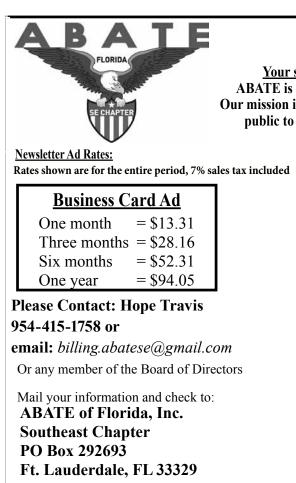












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> Peace, Johnny Rose





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<u>QEII RIP</u>

Heartfelt condolences have poured out from around the World with the death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II, the longest serving monarch in British history (1952-2022), and a fellow gearhead.

Before she became Queen, in 1945 then-Princess Elizabeth was the first female member of the Royal Family to serve in the armed forces, joining the women's Auxiliary Territory Services (ATS) during WWII at the age of 19 as a driver and mechanic. Her wartime training also involved gaining experience on two wheels, and she has been pictured riding motorcycles on numerous occasions.

Her majesty's mechanical aptitude evidently passed to her grandchildren, as both Prince William and Prince Henry are well-known motorcycle fans, and the Royal pair once shared together a 1,000-mile charity ride on Honda enduro bikes across Africa.

May her memory reign eternal; and Long Live The King!

<u>NEW STUDY REVEALS SELF-DRIVING CARS</u> <u>ARE NOT SAFE FOR MOTORCYCLISTS</u>

A white paper analyzing the ability of self-driving cars to detect motorcycles has been released by the Connected Motorcycle Consortium (CMC), revealing several shortfalls in the autonomous technology.

Concerns remain that autonomous vehicles do not yet have sufficient detection capabilities to make them safe around powered two-wheelers (PTWs), and as the European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM) said, "reliable detection of PTWs by passenger car ADAS (Advanced Driving Assistance Systems) is absolutely essential to avoid car-PTW collisions and to decrease the number of motorcycle accidents. Passenger cars must be able to appropriately recognize motorcycle maneuvers in ordinary traffic, such as weaving in, leaning while cornering or splitting lanes."

The conclusion of the CMC paper is that it will be necessary going forwards for ADAS vehicles to have a "special focus on PTW detection" in their testing. "Under certain circumstances," the CMC paper reads, "the detection of PTWs is challenging for ADAS due to the different way of motion, the slim shape and as a result the smaller radar reflectivity of PTWs compared to cars."

The CMC considers that, currently, "one of the most effective ways [to improve PTW safety) is to improve conspicuity of PTWs by automotive systems."

<u>SELF-DRIVING CARS ARE COMING.</u> <u>SOONER THAN LATER</u>

The U.K. government has announced that it is planning to introduce self-driving vehicles on the country's roads starting next year, with full implementation planned for 2025.

As well as the 2025 goal for fully-self-driving vehicles, the government says that "Some vehicles, including cars, coaches and lorries, with self-driving features could be operating on motorways in the next year."

"The benefits of self-driving vehicles have the potential to be huge," said Transport Secretary Grant Shapps. "We want the UK to be at the forefront of developing and using this fantastic technology, and that is why we are investing millions in vital research into safety and setting the legislation to ensure we gain the full benefits that this technology promises."

The news of the UK government's latest selfdriving plans come after the United Nations (UN) announced in July that self-driving cars would be allowed to drive faster, but would also have to undergo more stringent tests to make sure they can detect motorcycles.

Ultimately, autonomous vehicles are very much a part of the future of transportation, and boils down to responsible legislators passing reasonable legislation, especially in the initial crossover phase when they mix with human-driven vehicles.

CALIFORNIA VOTES TO BAN NEW GAS CAR SALES BY 2035

California air regulators voted in August to approve stringent new rules to ban the sale of new gasoline-powered cars by 2035, and set interim targets to phase those cars out. The measure is a historic one in the US, and would constitute one of the first such bans worldwide.

These new California Air Resources Board (CARB) rules would also set interim quotas for zero-emission vehicles, focusing on new models. Starting with 2026 models, 35% of new cars, SUVs and small pickups sold in California would be required to be zero-emission vehicles. That quota would increase each year and is expected to reach 51% of all new car sales in 2028, 68% in 2030 and 100% in 2035.

California has laid out an audacious goal: In 13 years, it should no longer be possible to buy a new car that runs purely on gasoline anywhere in the state. Failure to meet those targets carries the threat of stiff penalties.

The rules would not impact used vehicles, allowing them to stay on the roads. The rules won't be immediate, and will go into effect in 2026. Multiple states are expected to follow suit, including Colorado and Minnesota, as well as states on the Northeast and West Coast that followed California's previous zero-emission vehicle regulations. New Jersey and Maryland officials said they were reviewing California's decision, while public comment has opened in Washington state on a similar plan.

<u>NOTEWORTHY: OUT OF CHARGE</u> ---

Immediately following the announced ICE (internal combustion engine) ban, in favor of electric mobility, a heat wave's strain on the electrical grid led California's Independent System Operator, which runs the state's power grid, to issue multiple bulletins alerting residents to voluntarily reduce their power consumption by avoiding using "large appliances and charging electric vehicles" during peak usage hours.

<u>NOTEWORTHY TOO: MAJOR HEATWAVE IN</u> <u>CHINA DISRUPTS SUPPLY CHAIN</u>

"Supply chain issues" is now a commonly understood concept, ranging from the ongoing semiconductor shortage to shipping woes, but now a new supply chain disruption is rearing its head as China experiences the worst heat wave in recorded history, reaching triple digits for over two months and leading to industrial shutdowns to conserve energy.

Drought anywhere is bad news -- but it's even worse news in Sichuan, a major international manufacturing hub in central China which derives approximately 80% of its electricity from hydropower. As temperatures climb, the local government has instructed factories in various industries to shut down so that the available power can be used by the people living in the affected areas.

From EV batteries to steel and aluminum, a host of industries are being affected.

TEN ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES DUE FROM HONDA BY 2025

Honda has announced its intention to add 10 electric motorcycles to its global lineup by 2025. Most models will be scooters destined for the Asian and European markets as commuter vehicles. For the United States, Europe, and Japan, four models are expected to debut in 2024 and are described as Fun EV Models.

Expect to see three street-legal plug-in models in the United States.

ICE-powered motorcycles are not done yet, though gasoline will have a lower priority as a fuel in Honda motorcycles. There are already E100 flex-fuel motorcycles in Brazil, and they're coming soon to India. Honda plans on introducing E20 flex-fuel models in India next year, and E100-fueled powerplants in 2025.

ILLINOIS ANNOUNCES ROUND TWO OF ITS EV REBATE PROGRAM, INCLUDING BIKES

In June, 2022, the state of Illinois announced the first round of its Electric Vehicle Rebate Program in 2022. That first rebate application period started on July 1, 2022, and will continue through September 30, 2022.

Unlike some other EV rebate programs (both past and present), the Illinois program includes used vehicles. It also includes on-road motorcycles -- not just cars or other four-wheeled passenger EVs.

As for motorcycles, only on-road electric bikes qualify -- off-road bikes and mopeds are not eligible. For all vehicles, only full electrics qualify -- no hybrids. Rented and leased vehicles do not qualify.

On August 29, 2022, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency director John J. Kim announced the dates for the second round of Illinois EV Rebate Program applications. Round Two will officially open on November 1, 2022, and run through January 31, 2023. If you're an Illinois resident and you won't be able to make the deadline first round, that means you'll have another chance for this rebate as the second-round caps off 2022 and charges into 2023.

"Here in Illinois, we are leading the electric vehicle revolution," Illinois governor JB Pritzker said; "And thanks to our EV Rebate Program, we are making electric vehicle adoption accessible and cost-effective -- putting us on the path to getting 1 million EVs on the road by 2030."

<u>BIG BROTHER MAY PUT AN END TO</u> <u>SPEEDING IN NEW YORK</u>

Legislators in New York are mulling a bill that would mandate speed limiters in new vehicles that would be set to the local maximum allowable limit. The system, called "Active Intelligent Speed Assistance" (ISA) would use GPS and traffic sign recognition technology to determine the speed limit. New York City is already running a six-month trial with 50 vehicles from the city's fleet fitted with an ISA system.

Introduced by Manhattan State Senator Brad Hoylman on Aug 12, if passed, would require any vehicle manufactured or registered in the state of New York to be fitted with the ISA system, starting from Jan. 1, 2024. It cites the results of a study that show such a system could reduce traffic fatalities by 20%.

The bill also calls for existing active safety systems like automatic emergency braking, active lane control, blind-spot monitors with pedestrian detection, driver drowsiness detection, and even a data event recorder to be mandated from the same date.

Notably, safety standards for new vehicles, unlike emissions standards, are set at the federal level, which brings into question whether New York officials will be able to implement the bill even if passed.

ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST POPULATED NA-TIONS SET TO BAN ALL MOTORCYCLES

Nigeria -- the sixth most populous nation in world -- is set to ban the use and sale of all motorcycles in an effort to hamper the actions of terrorist 'bandits.' The federal government of Nigeria is strongly considering a ban on the sale and use of motorcycles across the country as an unusual new tactic to stop terror attacks.

Nigeria's Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami, recently told reporters that by banning the predominant mode of transport as used by terrorist groups across the country, it would severely hamper their logistical efforts. "Placing a ban on the use of motorcycles and mining activities will cut the supply of logistics to the terrorists," reports Nigeria's Times newspaper. "This will be done in the national interest. We are Nigerians because Nigeria as a country exists and any issue that will translate into a threat to national security or the corporate existence of the country requires certain sacrifices."

The plans come as Nigerian authorities attempt to curtail the efforts of various jihadist terrorist groups -- such as Boko Haram and Islamic State -- responsible for numerous attacks across the country, with offenses ranging from killings, kidnappings and sexual violence committed by members known as 'bandits' who mostly use motorcycles to launch attacks quickly and without warning to devastating effect, as well as move around the area without detection.

The actions of the federal government come after Governor Bello Mattawale of Zamfara State introduced a curfew for the use of motorcycles in the town of Gusau, and directed his security personnel to shoot on sight anyone caught riding a motorcycle between 8pm and 6am.

With a population of more than 200 million people, Nigeria is the world's sixth most populous nation with an annual motorcycle sales figure of more than 500,000.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "It takes a great deal of cour-

age to stand up to your enemies, but even more to stand up to your friends."

~ J.K. Rowling (b.1965), British author and philanthropist

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