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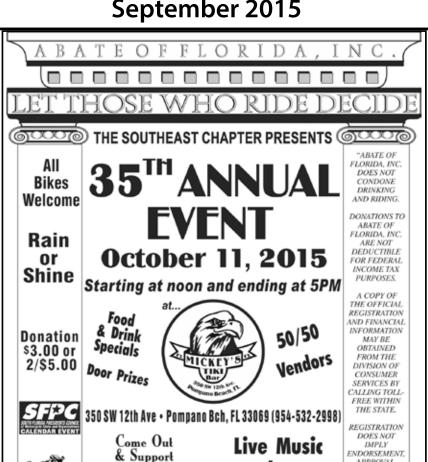


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### From Your President



ABATE Southeast President's Newsletter Article September 2015:

Hello fellow ABATE Southeast members. Our chapter meeting was held on August 16th, the weather was a typical South Florida weather day, sun with a chance of rain. I rode my bike to the meeting and got wet going and coming home, and I didn't melt and actually had a nice cooling effect from the heat.

Since becoming the Chapter's President, I have presided over the July and August meetings and the attendance at these meetings continues to decrease. As of August the Southeast Chapter has 530 members. However, the July meeting attendance was 30 members and one guest and the August meeting 26 members attended, which included five board members. The monthly meetings are very important to the membership in that you are provided with

the most current information regarding ABATE of Florida, Inc., and our Chapter. The meetings are very informative, and hopefully you will read the minutes to these meetings posted in this newsletter, which can be found at our over 30 distribution sites in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. The color version of the ABATE Southeast newsletter can be found on our website www.abatese.org.

As a reminder, the Chapter meetings are official corporate meetings, which are recorded by our Secretary, and ruled by Robert's Rules of Order. With that in mind, the Executive Board unanimously adopted a policy that prohibits the consumption of alcoholic beverages during our Chapter meetings effective September 2015. It was also decided to hold our monthly Chapter birthday parties after the monthly Chapter meetings, due to low participation at other locations.

Florida has over 900,000 endorsed/licensed motorcycle riders and over 500,000 registered motorcycles. However, ABATE of Florida, Inc., has fewer than 7,000 members. ABATE represents all of Florida's motorcycles even if you are not an ABATE member, but we need your membership to support our efforts in protecting your Right to Decide. Sadly, statewide ABATE membership is decreasing and the number of individuals who support "biker rights", when specifically asked by our state politicians, makes a difference. Even the Southeast Chapter is feeling the pinch; August 2014 our chapter had 593 members and August 2015 our membership is now down to 530.

In my opinion every motorcyclist should want their biker rights protected and should support that effort by being a member of ABATE (\$20 annually). Mark my words, if ABATE of Florida goes away from the lack of biker community support, each of us will be left to the whims of our state legislators. Most of whom do not ride motorcycles or care about bikers in general. I encourage each of us to unite as one loud biker voice to be heard in Tallahassee. The Southeast Chapter has 530 active members and how awesome would it be if each of those 530 members signed up, just ONE brother or sister?? We could become a very, very powerful force and voice for biker rights not only locally but statewide, think about it. I'm just sayin'. United We Stand, Divided We Fall.

For those of us who ride motorcycles we know it is dangerous to ride in South Florida, but how dangerous is it? Hardly a week passes that we don't read in the newspaper of another biker losing a life on our local highways. As a matter of fact, according to the latest data released by the Florida Department of Transportation, Miami-Dade County leads the State in motorcycle fatalities and Broward County is third. The National



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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes July 19, 2015

Sgt @ Arms Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. There were 26 members, no guests. Total attendance: 26. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence and a prayer by Poppie.

**Presidents Report:** Frank welcomed everyone for coming this morning including our newest member, Frank Santino, who joined this morning. He then spoke about insurance and how we are liable on these "friends' rides" as stated by our State President. He talked about the Avon Park Event and how important it is to ABATE. Our State President also mentioned the No drinking and driving especially by any board member. It was decided at the Executive Board meeting there will be NO drinking during our Chapter Meetings and this will be strictly enforced at the September Meeting and there on. If you have to go to the bar for a drink then that's where you will stay, not in our meeting room. He spoke about the need to sell the ABATE of Florida drawing tickets and the drawing will be in March at the State Office. Frank then gave special recognition to all who helped at the Tattoo Expo Southeast Chapter Safety Booth. Thank you all and let's repeat it again next year. Frank mentioned that Gabe Carrera

is back and will be a showing photos his travels at the Georgia Pig, August 19th at 7:30PM. The Pig is off of 441 just south of Davie Blvd.

<u>Vice-Presidents Report:</u> Poppie thanked everyone for coming despite the bad weather.

Secretary's Report: There were two (2) corrections to the previous minutes, after which a motion was made to accept the minutes as printed, with the corrections, seconded, and no discussion. Marie also spoke to the members if they have any suggestions or comments please feel free to speak to her.

Treasurer's Report: T-man read the financial report for August. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor, the Motion was passed. T-Man also spoke about the drawing tickets we have. The tickets are \$5.00 each, with a chance to win \$7,000.00 first prize, \$2,000.00 second prize and \$1,000.00. The drawing takes place in March 2016 and do not have to be present to win. See any Board Member if you need tickets. We had a secret Santa who donated two books of tickets to the Chapter so they can be given away to those in attendance at our meetings after the 50/50

drawing.

Sergeant at Arms Report: Steve reminded everyone Schools will open PLEASE watch your speed. BSO has added more officers for the school year and will be enforcing the laws.

Road Captain's Report: Gambler reporter he is feeling better and hopes to be wheels up for our August 30th ride to the Southernmost Chapter's meeting. He spoke about the Harley Davidson recall for Saddle bag issues.

Safety Director Report: Gambler spoke on the importance of no drinking and driving. If you see someone who is impaired, speak to them or if necessary take their keys. We do not need any more fatalities. Also hopefully everyone has a valid license and endorsement. When we do out rides we will be checking. And to remember to hydrate it is still very very hot while riding.

**Products Report:** We are having an ABATE Southeast Chapter shirt SALE. All our shirts in inventory will be reduced so we can reorder some new ones. So if you have been waiting to buy a shirt now is the time to get it.

Events Coordinator: Frank spoke about the participation for the Avon Park Event, October 2, 3 and 4. This event is critical to ABATE. Volunteers are still needed to help with the event. Hotels are still available, and we will discuss later on what time, and a meeting up place for all going. Frank also spoke about the Southeast Chapter's fall event which will be on October 11th and held at Mickeys. The Flyer has been

approved by the State, after lots of revisions, and was handed out to those present to share with everyone. And the insurance is in place for this event.

State Representative Report: Ada spoke on the State Meeting that she and Frank attended in Tavares (Leesburg area) last weekend. She reiterated the importance of the Avon Park Event. She mention that our State President is going to work on the Legislature for the monies we were to receive and rewrite the stiffer penalties bill, (Road User Bill) and that ABATE is looking for a new sponsor for our bill. Since the Legislature adjourned a few weeks early last session, the Governor vetoed the bill that would have help ABATE. The State has also asked each chapter what issues or subjects they want him to discuss at the Legislature.

Membership Report: T-Man reported we had 7 new members join, 15 renews and no new Life members for a total of 530 active Southeast Chapter members. A reminder, when submitting all membership forms PLEASE fill them out completely, send it in a timely manner, and provide your personal information written so that we can read it. Thank you very much for your support and membership to the Southeast Chapter.

Newsletter Editor: Squeezer reported all articles are due today with the exception of the President's and Secretary's reports. AGAIN it was mentioned that we have the BEST newsletter in Florida ABATE.

**<u>Legislative Report:</u>** Brad was excused he is still out of town.

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<u>Public Relations:</u> Fern was excused. She is most always out at the local biker events supporting and promoting ABATE. Thank you Fern for all that you do and for doing a great job in keeping our Chapter's Hotline updated.

<u>Billing and Invoicing:</u> Pixie was not present due to the weather. It is pouring and very hard to ride with nasty, rainy weather. Please remember to support our advertisers, because they support us.

**Social Director's Report:** There was discussion about the monthly Birthday party's and the lack of participation. So it was agreed that our monthly birthday parties will be celebrated after the chapter meetings.

**Newsletter Distribution:** Poppie will be in charge of the Newsletter Distribution. He will need some help, so if you are able please let him know. He is only one man and needs the help.

**Quartermaster Report:** Bob was present and had nothing to report.

Photographer's Report: Ada asked for if anyone takes pictures to make sure you have the high resolution camera, and to share with our webmaster Rogue, and to please keep the photo's coming.

**Web-Master's Report:** Rogue was excused. Please keep Rogue in your prayers. He is still attending to the aide of his mother, who is now home and in her own surroundings.

**Legal Council:** Demetrios spoke about

drafting a bill to make it mandatory when a person is stopped for an accident, be it cage or bike, traffic or DUI, more attention must be done by the police. Not just issue a warning or ticket, do a breath test, do a FULL report. Yes, we are entitled to a discovery or incident report, but it should be accurate. He will be working on this. He mentioned the legislator from Weston, FI., which is promoting a bill for texting while driving in a school zone. We need protection while on our bikes from people texting also.

<u>Old Business:</u> There was no old Business to report.

**New Business:** There was no new business to report.

#### **Good of the Order:**

8/19 Gabes return at Georgia Pig 7:30 p.m.

8/22 Los Quis MC Smokey & Diesle B-Day

8/30 ABATE Southeast Chapter Group Ride to the Southernmost ABATE Chapter meeting

9/26 Southern MC's Annual Teddy bear run

9/18-20 Peterson Poker Run Key West

9/27 Keltic's MC Party

Big Wheel mentioned that the state meeting dates should be in the new letter calendar.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next

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meeting date is September 20. Hope to see everyone there.

See you on the Road - Wheels up.



Marie Baxter Secretary S.E, Chapter



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Highway Transportation and Safety Administration (NHTSA) published their 2013 national motorcycle data on May 2015. The data indicated that Florida is second nationally in motorcycle fatalities with 485 deaths, with Texas being first with 491. Helmet wear was a key topic in this report. It stated that nationally helmet use saved 1,630 lives and estimated that it could have saved 715 more if helmets had been worn.

ABATE of Florida Inc., is not pro-helmet or no-helmet, it is pro-choice. Let "Those Who Ride Decide" in lieu of a state law mandating that helmets be worn. Without ABATE's membership fighting for your right to decide, Florida would most likely become like the 19 states that require mandatory helmet use. Florida's helmet law requires helmet use only for anyone under the age of 21. In Florida it is your decision to wear or not wear a helmet if you are over the age of 21 and have \$10,000 worth of medical benefit insurance to cover your injuries as a result of a motorcycle accident. NHTSA reported that 50% of those who died

on a motorcycle in Florida were not wearing helmets and the remainder were. Additionally, they reported 27% of those who died nationally did not have a valid motorcycle license. So ride safe and legal.

This past month the Southeast Chapter set up our Safety and Membership Booth at the 20th Annual Tattoo Expo in Coral Springs. Gambler and I delivered the safety materials early Thursday morning and picked up the needed event credentials and passes for entry by our volunteers. The event was a three day affair and was very well attended. If you have never been you are missing an interesting and fun time. Riding my bike from the ABATE of Florida, Inc., state meeting in Tavares, FL., I stopped in for a visit late Saturday night. The display was very professional and very well thought out and our thanks go to our Safety Director Gambler for an outstanding job. The following Chapter members were recognized at our last Chapter meeting for their over 40 hours of time and effort while the event was open. Hats off to Steve and Jon for working the entire 40 hours and all our members who generously represented the Southeast Chapter in a very professional manner: Jim "Gambler" Willard, Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak, Jon and Anna Viger, Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff, Rick "T-Man" and Jason Molina, Allen "Ace" Bryant, and Patti Dollard.

Mark your calendars for a visit to Avon Park to attend the ABATE of Florida Autumn Bike Fest that is happening October 2-3-4, 2015. The event will encompass the entire Main Street of Avon Park. There will be biker and family activities, live bands, food and beer garden, primitive camping available, and numerous vendors. This is now the major fundraiser for ABATE of Florida Inc., and your support would be greatly appreciated. Event information can be found at www.floridaabate.com.

The Southeast Chapter will host our 35th Fall Event on October 11th, at Mickey's Tiki Bar in Pompano Beach from noon to 5 p.m. We will need members to volunteer to help with setup, tear-down, sales and security, etc. Your participation will be needed in order to have a successful fundraising event.

Our next meeting is September 20th at the American Legion Post 321, 9081 SW 51St, Cooper City, at 10 a.m. To keep up to date with the ABATE Southeast Chapter, checkout our website (abatese.org) or Hotline 24/7 (954-310-4636) for Chapter information. Remember to support the motorcycle clubs and advertisers as they support our Southeast Chapter. You may always contact me at pres@abatese.us. RIDE FREE RIDE SAFE!!!

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#### Frank T.



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them, and could cause an accident.

So we must try to be aware of what's going around us at all times. The life you save could be yours.

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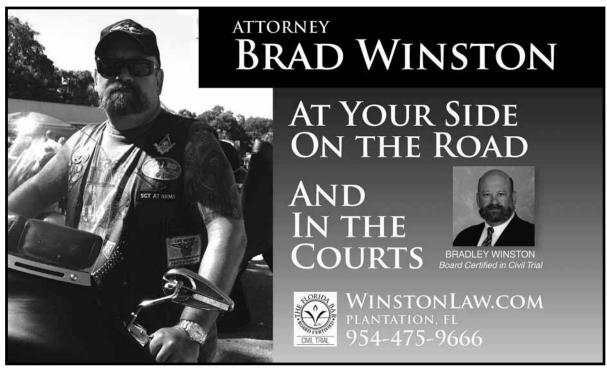




























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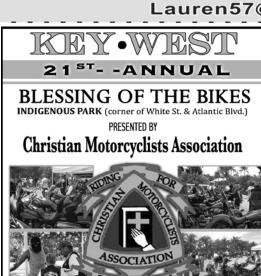
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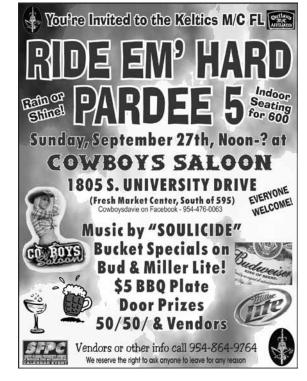
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13 STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY	14	15	16	States MC Pompano Dinner	18 PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN	19 PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
20 Chapter Meeting	21	22	23	States MC Pompano Dinner	25	26
27 KELTICS MC - PARTY	28	29	30			

#### **Additional Info:**

09/06/15 - SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN

09/12/15 - OUTCAST MC - PARTY

09/13/15 - STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY

09/18-20/15 - PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN

09/20/15 - ABATE SE Chapter Meeting

09/26/15 - Southern MC's Annual Teddy bear run

09/27/15 - KELTICS MC - PARTY

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#### **Additional Info:**

10/04/15 - MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL

10/10/15 - ABATE of Florida inc., state meeting Hillsborough Chapter

10/10/15 - NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL

10/11/15 - S.E. ABATE RIGHTS RALLY

10/16-19/15 - DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST

10/18/15 - Abate SE Chapter Meeting

10/25/15 - WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY

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12-OUTCAST MC - PARTY
13-STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
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27-KELTICS MC - PARTY

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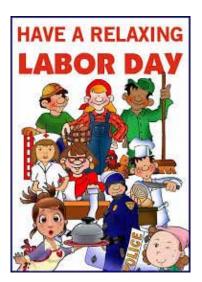
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#### Letter to Editor

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is looking for families who have lost a family member or friend in a motorcycle crash that was the fault of another vehicle. The majority of people who kill or seriously injure a motorcyclist get a failure to yield, running a red light or some other minor traffic citation. It is time for the voice's of those that have suffered this terrible loss to be heard up in Tallahassee. It is time to address this problem before more loved ones are lost.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is Florida's largest Motorcycle Rights Organization. We have Chapters all across the State of Florida made up of men and women who love riding and who want to promote motorcycle safety and motorcycle awareness to the general public. ABATE of Florida, Inc. is contacted many times each year by people who have suffered a loss and feel that a great injustice was done when the driver of the other vehicle only gets a small ticket. A recent example, I was contacted by a mother who lost her 21-year-old daughter while riding home one evening. Her daughter was wearing a full face helmet, armored riding jacket and gear. The person who killed her turned left, running a red light, crossing several lanes of traffic before killing her daughter. The person was only given a ticket for running a red light.

We are not just talking about motorcycles. We need to protect all the vulnerable road users on Florida roadways. Bicyclist, pedestrians, road construction workers, and all the others who have a legal right to travel on or near roadways. If you know someone who has been killed or seriously injured as a result of another vehicle driver's negligence, please contact ABATE of Florida, Inc. and tell us your story.

Sometimes the legislative / legal system needs a reminder that there is a problem. We are asking for your help to put a face and a story to the cold statistics. Your story can help to change the law to help protect other vulnerable road users so that more families do not have to suffer a needless loss.

If you would like to share your story and help us show the legislators that the vulnerable road users need help, contact ABATE of Florida. Inc. at this email address statelegislative@abateflorida.com

Thank you, Darrin "Scribe" Brook, State Legislative Trustee, ABATE of Florida, Inc.





#### Road Captain's report

Here it is September and I'm ready to ride or at least I will be by the middle of September. That's right your Road Captain will be free and ready to lead his loyal flock. For those of you that don't know, I had surgery and not able to ride my motorcycle for at least ten weeks.

If you haven't already signed up to be notified of rides and events that we will be participating in, as Friends of ABATE, please do so at the next ABATE meeting on September 20th, or send an email to Frank T. Hammons, President, pres@abatese.us or me, Jim "Gambler" Willard, Road Captain, rdcapt@abatese.us and we will make sure you receive notification. Of course anyone can still get the information by calling the ABATE hotline, 954-310-4636. The hotline is updated every Tuesday for events that week and weekend.

Remember Friday night is Club night. Each Friday the Friends of ABATE will visit a different Motorcycle Club's Club House for their open house. As we always say "support the MC's because they support us". Meeting place and times will be announced.

Weekends are a time for the Friends of ABATE to band together and attend club parties and just enjoy the company of our brothers and sisters. Let's tour beautiful south Florida and just enjoy the scenery and ride for fun. As always, whether you ride a motorcycle, or drive a cage, all are welcome.

Well that's all I have for now.

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

Jim "Gambler" Willard Road Captain ABATE SE Chapter







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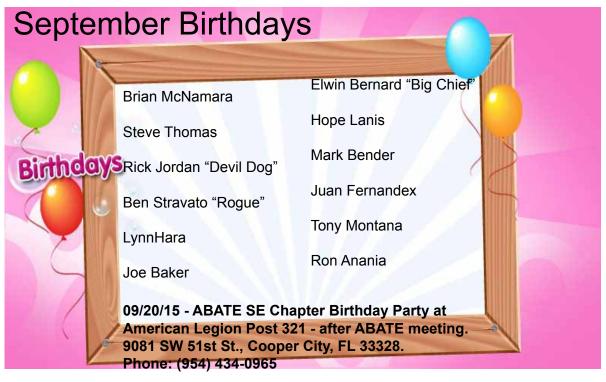
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#### If I may digress for a moment...

#### Be careful what you wish for, you just might get it.

This is a phrase I heard regularly at home when I was younger, but never really understood the meaning until I was a full-fledged adult; and how true it is.

With the 2016 elections just a little over a year away, we have politicians on all sides making promises of all types. A few of these promises may be kept by whoever is elected. However, the majority of the promises are just lip-service to win your vote. Unfortunately, some of the promises kept end up having more "cons" than "pros" in their favor. Many of these may be done to please their constituents. These constituents sometimes demand things out of blind rage or fear without considering the long-term repercussions of those demands. Let's look at some past examples:

- From around September to Thanksgiving of 2000, security was increased at airports in the US due to credible chatter about terrorist plans to hijack airplanes. Due to pressure from boisterous, inconvenienced passengers and opposition of the administration at that time, congress pushed to lift those security measures. Less than a year later, we suffered the worst attack on American soil by foreign terrorists. From the 9/11 Commission Report, we now know that the US and Italy had plenty of advance notice that terrorist had developed plans of using hijacked airplanes as missiles in attacks. This information came out of the investigation and trial of the Algerian terrorists that hijacked an Air France Airbus and a terrorist captured in Manila PI five years earlier that had a diary with detailed instructions for these types of attacks.
- After 9/11, with plenty of fearmongering provided by our leaders and the media, we were so eager to feel safer, that we blindly gave up some of our rights in the name of security and supported the Patriot Act. We were willing to allow federalization of baggage checkers and endured harassing pat downs and x-ray scans of our bodies by strangers, who were required to have no more than a GED to work in those positions. This summer we learned from the Department of Homeland Security that these federalized baggage checkers failed to find 67 out of 70 weapons and explosives in test that they ran. That is a failure rate of 95.7%. But God forbid that YOU try to go through security with a pair of nail clippers or a bottle of water.

I have heard some of my more conservative friends express anger at the Obama administration over things like Fast and Furious or NSA eaves dropping and data collection. Yet these same friends were all in favor of these programs when Bush signed those bills. What a difference a change of administration made to them. We need to remember that if we are willing to have policies that compromise our Rights while an administration we favor is in office, we should not be surprised when a different administration uses or abuses those same policies.

These words from Benjamin Franklin couldn't be truer, "Those who give up their liberty for more security neither deserve liberty nor security."

Let's not wait until next year's election to come and then just blindly vote for whoever our respective parties throws at us. Let's put these candidates' feet to the fire now and **get them to tell us what their plans and policies are for our future**, not just whine and complain about the current administrations or their opponents. Let's consider the pros and cons for each before we get to the polls, including House, Senate, State and Local elections because many policies start at the Local/State level.

- Should I vote for a candidate just because he speaks his mind and is not beholden to special interest because he is rich? Even though he has filed for bankruptcy 4 times in an 18 year period?
- · Should I vote for a candidate just because of her sex? Even though she has lied about her e-mails?
- Should I vote for a candidate because he is not a politician? Even though he would say to an interviewer, "Don't listen to the words I said, try to understand what I meant."?

We should not settle for less than the best for our country and our futures. We need plans and policies that have merit, not promises and mudslinging. We need a candidate that will look at the pros and cons of his or her proposed policies. And we need to look at the pros and cons of each of the candidates out there. When it comes to making our choice, let's be careful what we ask for, so we have no regrets when we get it.

Your editor - "Squeezer"







#### Will God forgive me?

I know that when we sin we are supposed to repent and ask God for forgiveness, but what if we really mean to stop and don't? What if we just can't stop committing that sin? Will God forgive time after time?

Guess what? If people could stop sinning by just deciding to stop, we'd all know a lot of perfect people. But no one stops sinning, I sure don't know of any, despite my best efforts. When the Bible tells us to repent, it doesn't mean we're able to stop the sinful behavior by just deciding to. Instead, repentance means "to turn". We turn our minds back to Christ, confessing where we are and where we long to be. We admit we've sinned and ask Jesus to cleanse us. We can't do that ourselves. It's God who changes us. This process is called sanctification, and it's a result of continued prayer, confession, admitting our dependence on God, and seeking strength. Through sanctification, sin does lose its power over us and we can become stronger. But we never stop sinning because we are human. Therefore, all of us have to keep turning back to Jesus time after time. It's only when we stop returning to God after sinning and start pretending like our sins are OK that we begin doing very serious damage to our relationship with God. If we confess our sins, God is faithful to forgive us. Jesus taught the disciples that they needed to forgive people who sinned against them "7 times 70" or 490 times". If He expected His impatient and flawed disciples to forgive that many times, we can be sure that God is willing to forgive us as often as we come humbly and confess our shortcomings to Him with a desire for Him to change our lives.

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#### From Your Safety Director





#### **HEAR YE HEAR YE**

Harley-Davidson (HD) recalls 185,000 motorcycles for faulty saddlebags. HD is issuing a campaign affecting 2014 and 2015 models, including the Road King, Street Glide, Electra Glide and many other models. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration the specific problem is that a spring wire in the saddlebag-mounting receptacle may not maintain adequate tension. If a saddlebag is not adequately secured, it may separate from the motorcycle while riding, creating a road hazard and increasing the risk of a crash. Affected owners will be notified by Harley to have the saddlebag mounting receptacle replaced with updated parts. There are too many models to mention. If you are concerned please contact your HD dealership and see if your bike is affected, or go to www.autoblog.com/tag/Harley-davidson.

#### THE LAW NEEDS CHANGED

Frank T spoke about this last month but I believe it's worth repeating. A motorcyclist died because of an illegal act by a driver of a pick-up truck with no repercussion to the driver of the cage but a mere slap on the wrist. The truck was behind the motorcycle said FHP. On the scene witnesses stated there was a group of motorcycles between the truck and the lead motorcycle. CR 833 has a double yellow line separating north and southbound lanes indicating a no passing zone south of the intersection, but the truck entered the no passing zone, traveled into the southbound lane and improperly passed to the left of the group of motorcycles. The truck entered the no passing zone at the same time the lead motorcycle turned left into the intersection. The front of the truck collided with the left rear of the motorcycle as both vehicles were in the intersection. The motorcyclist was pronounced deceased at the scene as a result of the accident. The driver of the truck was only cited for passing in a no passing zone.

We have to change the laws in this state. Killing a motorcyclist is not legal and this driver of the truck should have been arrested for manslaughter. Call or write your Legislators and tell them that this injustice must stop. A motorcycle is a legal street vehicle, regardless what the law believes, and we have the same rights to the road as any other vehicle. The motorcycle community are thousands strong and can be a political force if we band together. Let's stop the anti-motorcycle thinking of our judicial system and change the law. KILL A MOTORCYCLIST GO TO JAIL.

#### STOP THE INSANITY

Two bikers died late one night last month while driving southbound on State Road (SR) 27 when they hit the rear of a vehicle traveling in the same direction. The two bikers were riding with a group but traveling at a high rate of speed, according to one of the other riders, they left the pack behind. There are no street lights on that patch of SR 27 and the rider said they did not see the tail lights of the red car. The rider explained he saw the smoke when one the riders hit his brakes right before the bikes hit the car. Let me repeat, the bikes and the car were both traveling south. If the car was traveling at 70 MPH and the bikes ran up on the rear of the car and crashed, they must have been traveling about 120 MPH or faster. I have little sympathy for the bikers. Don't get me wrong, I don't want to see any bikers die. Just because you have a sport bike that exceed the speed limits that is posted on our highways doesn't mean you have the right to do so. Stop showing off and doing tricks on our roads. You are making it dangerous for the others vehicles around you, as well as the other motorcyclist. If you want to race or drag each other, go to a track. There are several in south Florida. If you want to do tricks, find an empty parking lot some place. Slow down and obey the traffic Laws and show some respect for the other vehicles. Any one of them could suddenly move in front of you and you will not have time to respond. I'm really tired of seeing smashed up sport bikes and dead bikers laying in the road covered

#### STOP BEING STUPID

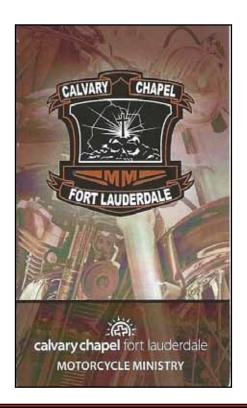
My heart truly goes out to the families that lost their loved ones in these accidents, both of which could have and should been avoided.

Remember don't gamble with your safety or the safety of others.

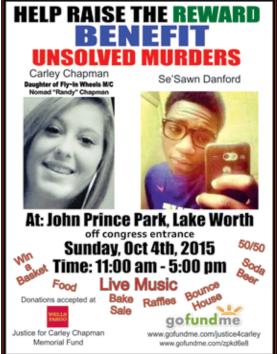
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# STURGIS MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM & HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

As part of the annual Sturgis Rally festivities, the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame hosts an Induction Breakfast to honor the new class of HOF inductees, and for 2015 Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) are proud to Congratulate founder Richard M. Lester on his induction into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame.

Lester, a California attorney who three decades ago founded AIM as a free nationwide legal protection program for motorcyclists & NCOM as a voice for the motorcycle community, has also started numerous subsequent motorcycle outreach groups, such as the Confederation of Clubs, Christian Unity and the National Sport Bike Association.

"Each year the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame recognizes the sacrifices that individuals across the nation, and the world, have made to protect the rights of those who ride," said museum Executive Director Christine Paige Diers. "Their names are engraved into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame, a growing list of exemplary and tenacious men and women who serve diligently, humbly and quietly so that we may enjoy the liberties that many of us take for granted."

Emceed by longtime rider and billionaire businessman John Paul DeJoria, the breakfast ceremonies held at The Lodge in Deadwood, S.D. were attended by a huge crowd of supporters and prior inductees, there to recognize the newly inducted HOF members, which also included: champion racer Everett Brashear, Sturgis Police Chief Jim Bush - winner of the J.C. "Pappy" Hoel Outstanding Achievement Award, EagleRider rentals founder Chris McIntyre, celebrity bike builder John Shope, chopper pioneer Sugar Bear, racing sponsor and Harley dealer Don Tilley (posthumously), and famed custom bike builder Eddie Trotta.

# WASHINGTON CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS & ABATE PREVENT MOTORCYCLE PROFILING PATROLS

The Washington State Traffic Safety Commission and Washington State Patrol were planning targeted motorcycle safety patrols from July 31 thru August 16. These patrols would be in direct violation of RCW 43.101.419, the law prohibiting motorcycle profiling.

Through the unified efforts of the Confederation of Clubs, ABATE, and the U.S. Defenders, these planned patrols WILL NOT HAPPEN and an alert has been issued to participating agencies to help ensure profiling does not occur.

In response to a letter outlining these grievances from COC attorney Mike Myers, the WSTC claimed the original press release announcing the patrols was a mistake. They apologized, reversed their position, and even issued an alert to all participating agencies outlining the state prohibition on motorcycle profiling.

The following retraction was posted on the WSTC Its a Fine Line site:

"Update: A draft press release was mistakenly distributed earlier this week which raised some questions about our motorcycle safety campaign. Motorcycle safety patrols are beginning this Friday, July 31, and running through August 16 in Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties. Motorcyclists are over-represented in crashes that result in serious injuries and death. These patrols are focused in areas where there are a high number of motorcycle rider fatalities. These patrols will be focused on all motor vehicle drivers and motorcycle riders who commit traffic safety violations. The Washington Traffic Safety Commission and participating law enforcement agencies condemn profiling. Trained and commissioned law enforcement officers will be conducting these patrols enforcing traffic violations as defined by Washington State laws. An updated press release will be distributed to the media and posted on this website on Friday, July 31, 2015."

"The Washington State Motorcycle Rights movement continues to provide an exemplary model for the fight against profiling and the advancement of our rights base," said Double D, Chair of the Confederation of Clubs of Washington, and Lyle Coyle, State Coordinator of ABATE of Washington, in a joint statement. "Simply put, the motorcycle profiling law in Washington State has the power to reverse discriminatory policymaking conducted by state agencies and reinforce the regime of protection legally enjoyed by motorcyclists in our state."

### "STOP MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINT FUND-ING ACT" ADVANCES IN CONGRESS

The U.S. Senate passed a six-year Federal Highway Bill on July 30 with a bipartisan vote of 65-34, and the measure now moves to the House for further action, but Congress also passed its sixth short-term funding extension in six years to move the bill off the front burner until late October.

The Senate-passed version of the highway bill contains the following bill text, on page 539 of S.1647, the DRIVE act; or Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy act:

PART II—STOP MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINT FUNDING ACT

SEC. 34121. SHORT TITLE.

This part may be cited as the "Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act".

#### SEC. 34122. GRANT RESTRICTION.

Notwithstanding section 153 of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary may not provide a grant or any funds to a State, county, town, township, Indian tribe, municipality, or other local government that may be used for any program --

- (1) to check helmet usage; or
- (2) to create checkpoints that specifically target motorcycle operators or motorcycle passengers.

# MOTORCYCLE "ROAD GUARDS" TO PATROL MINNESOTA ROADWAYS

Certified motorcyclists known as "road guards" are hitting Minnesota roads as of August 4th, and they'll be able to stop and control traffic for large motorcycle group rides throughout the state.

The new state law requires road guards to:

- Successfully complete a driving record review and a training course to receive a motorcycle road guard certificate.
- Meet safety and equipment standards outlined in the law.
- · Only act as a flagger for group rides with 20 motor-cycles or more.
- · Notify each statutory or home rule charter city through which the ride is traveling.
- · Receive consent from the chief of police of city of the first class through which the ride is traveling.

Drivers stopped by a certified road guard must obey

the flagger's instructions and stay stopped until they are given the "all clear" signal from a flagger or police officer. Road guards are not allowed to hold traffic for longer than 10 minutes.

#### **LEGISLATORS DEFINE AUTOCYCLES**

Part car, part motorcycle, it's an AutoCycle. Threewheel vehicles like the Elio, or Polaris Slingshot, Campagna T-Rex, Tanom Invader, Morgan, and Toyota's new i-Road all definitely drive differently than motorcycles but currently, because these vehicles are technically motorcycles in the U.S., drivers are required to wear a helmet in many states and are also required to obtain a motorcycle license.

North Carolina most recently passed a bill signed by Governor Pat McCrory to define an autocycle as a "three wheeled motorcycle that has a steering wheel, pedals, seat safety belts for each occupant, antilock brakes, air bag protection, completely enclosed seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride, and is otherwise manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for motorcycles," meaning drivers won't need a special license nor will they need to wear a helmet.

In May, the 84th Texas Legislature pushed through SB 449, which similarly defines an autocycle which can be operated without a motorcycle license, and requiring no motorcycle training, but requiring a helmet (helmet requirements and exceptions for autocycles are the same as those for motorcycles).

In Indiana, as of March 12 autocycles are defined as "a three-wheeled motor vehicle in which the operator and passenger ride in a completely or partially enclosed seating area that is equipped with: (1) a rollcage or roll hoops; (2) safety belts for each occupant; and (3) antilock brakes; and is designed to be controlled with a steering wheel and pedals." Helmets and goggles are not mandatory, but a motorcycle license is needed to drive them, and at the same time autocycles are not included in the "dead red" law allowing motorcycles to run a red traffic light after waiting two minutes without a signal change.

With these three-wheelers currently classified as motorcycles by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and various conflicting laws across the country that regulate them, on March 12, 2015, U.S.

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Senator David Vitter (R-LA) introduced the Autocycle Safety Act (S.685 / House companion H.R.2892 by Rep. John R. Moolenaar (R-MI), which creates the new classification "autocycle" for enclosed motor vehicles with three wheels and aims to set a single standard for all three-wheeled road vehicles, hopefully making it easier for companies to bring autocycles to mass market.

To date, 26 states have enacted or are currently developing classifications for enclosed, three-wheeled vehicles as autocycles at the state level, requiring individual states to determine helmet and motorcycle endorsements for these vehicles, so enacting federal legislation will provide consistency across the country.

The legislation provides that autocycle manufacturers must immediately meet certain safety standards until such time as the NHTSA can promulgate final safety regulations covering autocycles. To be eligible for the new classification of autocycle, the vehicle must qualifv as meeting Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) -- not limited to, but including most standards for passenger vehicles under 10,000 lbs. Some of the requirements will be FMVSS for seat belts and seat belt anchors, child restraints, roof crush and meet upper interior impact standards. Autocycles also must have front and side curtain airbag protection. In addition to numerous safety standards needed for qualification, autocycles must meet FMVSS for motorcycles as well. The legislation also requires the continued investigation of additional standards appropriate for autocycles, developing additional safety standards for these vehicles. Automotive fuel standards also apply to autocyles.

#### U.S. STATES WITH THE WORST ROADS

U.S.Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx is fed up with Congress' inaction to pass a long-term transportation funding measure, and in a July 9 blog post, Secretary Foxx once again called out Congress for their lack of action, followed by statistics of American roads and bridges by state. Altogether, 65% of roads in the United States are in "less-thangood" condition, according to the American Society of Civil Engineers 2013 Report Card for America's Infrastructure.

These are the 10 states with the worst roads: 10. Oregon, 9. New Jersey, 8. Washington, 7. California, 6. Rhode Island, 5. Colorado, 4. Oklahoma, 3. Wiscon-

sin, 2. Connecticut, and coming in at #1 is Illinois with 73% of their roads in poor/mediocre condition.

#### RINGS LIMITED IN CALIFORNIA

The following was distributed via social media within ABATE of California and the Confederations of Clubs from Pastor Tom, who writes; "Family, this is the penal code being used to harass and arrest Bikers who wear rings on all of their fingers. It has been suggested that we only wear 3 rings on each hand, maximum."

4 RINGS Apply to this, 3 is max...

California Penal Code section 21810 defines metal knuckles as:

"...any device or instrument made wholly or partially of metal which is worn for purposes of offense or defense in or on the hand and which either protects the wearer's hand while striking a blow or increases the force of impact from the blow or injury to the individual receiving the blow. The metal contained in the device may help support the hand or fist, provide a shield to protect it, or consist of projections or studs which would contact the individual receiving a blow."

### THAI STUDENTS PROTEST BAN ON MOTOR-BIKES

College students in Thailand are protesting having to walk to class. According to the Bangkok Post, about 1,000 students from Naresuan University in Phitsanulok province recently gathered in front of the president's office to protest a "green university" project that prohibits them from using motorbikes on campus.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "It is not the function of the government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the government from falling into error."

~ U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Parker, Chief Prosecutor for the U.S. at the Nurnberg Trials



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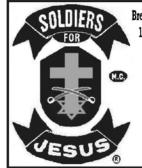
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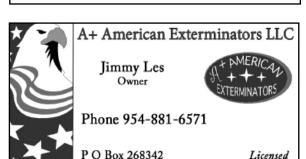
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