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## SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

*a Newsletter for Motorcycle Safety & Awareness*

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# WHO WE ARE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**See Page 47 for Membership Application**



# FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



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

There have been some tumultuous times these past months, but we made it through somewhat better than when we started. I would like to thank those who helped us out at the Tattoo Expo, most especially JR from States MC who went above and beyond. He got us two (2) new members for our chapter, and talked to many more, getting our message out to the masses.

I would also like to thank Johnny Rose who stepped up to be our new Vice President, which I believe will be a much better fit than the one he is replacing. Special thanks also goes out to his wife, Sheila K. Rose, who has enthusiastically stepped up to take the positions of Secretary, Membership, and Billing & Invoicing. Their selfless commitment and dedication to helping this chapter and organization is an inspiration for all to behold!

The last thing I would like to convey, but most assuredly not least, goes to whom so ever may pick up this newsletter to read it that is not a member. If you are a motorcycle rider, no matter what make or model, or just a motorcycle enthusiast, or someone who is a family member of a rider or enthusiast, I would strongly urge you to consider becoming a member. I cordially invite you to attend our next chapter meeting in order to get a better idea of how we operate and what we stand for.

So with that, I'd like to thank everyone for his or her continued support of our chapter and state organization!

May Saint Christopher, Holy Patron of Travelers, guide and protect you and your loved ones so that you may RIDE FREE AND RIDE SAFE my brothers and sisters!!!

With Honor and Respect,  
William G. "MAGNETO" Prewitt  
President  
ABATE of Florida, Inc.  
Southeast Chapter



**DOUBLE SUNS -  
TWISTED MIRRORS**



**EPISODE I**

**BY**

**CHARLEY BLACKWOLF**

# Membership Due For September 2017

Gina "Mama G" Currid  
Larry Howard  
Laura Howard

Robert "Godfather" Silva  
Carlos "Tiger" Urrutia  
Jane "Poohbear" Harap

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## -- Reminder --

### Membership Due For August

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Ronald Bond  
Michael "Mr C" Clapper  
Onac Diffoot  
Laura Doan  
George Hamilton  
Nick Jenks  
Zane "Thunderchild" Kelleher  
James "Ace" Murphy  
Martin "Big M" Musgrave  
Shannon Santos  
Ben Stravato

If you have already renewed

*Thank You*

for your continued support



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

**\* PLEASE NOTE \***

You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership, or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any changes.



## **New Members** **for August**

Daniel "Tater" Ficke  
Dale "Whiskey" Miller  
Michael Mikola

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**Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes  
Held at American Legion Post 222  
Oakland Park, FL  
August 20, 2017**

Johnny Rose, standing in for Nighthawk, called the meeting to order at 10:15am by standing up and asking all to say the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Poppie leading us all in prayer. There were 29 members present and 2 guests.

Magneto, the President, introduced a guest, Bill Sauers, who is the Public Relations Manager for American Income Life ("AIL"), which is the company that offers the \$4,000 AD&D policy at no cost to all ABATE members. AIL has been working with ABATE since 2005. Bill handed out some information sheets that showed the claims that AIL has paid out over the last 12 years. He went over some different plans and rates that were in the info sheets that he handed out. All members will receive a letter from Doc, our State President, with more information. Members should expect to be contacted by AIL to see if they are interested in purchasing other policies because that is the deal we have made with them in order to keep our no cost benefits. Please remember that there is no obligation to purchase additional insurance and be polite when contacted by AIL.

**President's Report:** Magneto thanked Bill for coming to the meeting and thanked everyone else

for attending. He mentioned that he and Critter had gone to the State Meeting last weekend and that Critter would talk more about that later. We have our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Rights Rally event coming up on October 8<sup>th</sup> at Mickey's. Flyers are available so everyone can start passing them out. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the September meeting for volunteers to work at the event. Also, there are some advertisers from a former motorcycle magazine that members can contact to see if they would like to advertise with us. A list of these advertisers is available from Sheila Rose. There is a cash incentive program for members who sign up new advertisers. The cash incentives range from \$5 to \$25 depending on the ad.

**Vice President's Report:** Teddy Bear handed in and read his resignation letter. Magneto appointed Johnny Rose as the new Vice President and he accepted. Magneto asked for a Vote of Confidence. All were in favor and none opposed. Johnny Rose is the new Vice President. Johnny Rose said that he was President in 2011 and has been with the Chapter for over 16 years and he will do his best to serve.

**Secretary's Report:** Magneto said that he has a resignation letter from Marie Baxter dated August 20, 2017, and he read it to the membership. Magneto then appointed Sheila Rose as the new Secretary. Sheila accepted. Magneto asked for a

Vote of Confidence. All were in favor and none opposed. Sheila Rose is the new Secretary. Sheila Rose said she was honored to be able to serve all of the members. Sheila called for a Motion to accept the minutes as printed. Motion was seconded and all were in favor. Motion was passed.

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

**Sergeant at Arm's Report:** Nighthawk was excused as Broward County Schools open tomorrow and he is busy getting the schools ready. Johnny Rose stood in for Nighthawk.

**Road Captain's Report:** Wavy talked about the South Florida Tattoo Expo which was held last weekend. He thanked all of the members who came out to help. He mentioned that only 4 passes would be available for next year's event. It was a successful event in that we received some safety donations and signed up two new members. Wavy gave a special thanks to JR from States MC for all the time and effort he put in at the event. Wavy also thanked those members who went to the AOA's 50th Anniversary Party last Sunday. He also thanked Johnny Rose for stepping up and taking the VP position. Wavy reminded everyone that school will be starting next week. Watch for school zones and slow down. Watch for careless drivers who are rushing to get their children to school on time. He also mentioned a few upcoming events such as Alan's 60th Birthday Party (from Mickey's) and States' Tune-Up Party.

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

**State Representative's Report:** Critter and Magneto went to the State Meeting last weekend. Our chapter voted at the July meeting to give a

donation to the State, and Critter gave them a check at this meeting. The State will be closing their office in order to save money. The supplies being held in the office will be inventoried and offered to the Chapters. The new North Orlando Chapter is now up to 27 members. Don't forget to buy tickets for the State rifle drawing and pick up some ticket books to sell. The next State Meeting is October 14<sup>th</sup> and that is the same weekend as our next Chapter meeting. Bob Anz made a motion to move our Chapter Meeting to October 21<sup>st</sup>. The motion was seconded and all were in favor and the motion passed.

We are halfway through the current session of Congress. Scribe, the State Vice President, will keep us informed on what is going on. Critter puts into the newsletter everything that applies to us. The Vulnerable Road Users bill, SB116, is now in the Senate. We are still trying to get the Safety Money from the State of Florida and will be putting in for a grant. In the House we need a bill to get money out of it so that bill should come up in September. We are supporting Emily Slosberg's efforts to get tougher texting and driving laws. For more information on that, see the article on page 21 of the August newsletter. There will be a Ride to the Capital on February 12, 2018. 2018 is an election year so it is very important that we make our presence known. There were only 80 bikes at the last ride in April. The Fall State Biker Bash will be held from November 3-November 5 at Peace River Campground in Arcadia, Florida. The cost is \$30 in advance for the entire weekend, which includes admission and tent camping for the whole weekend. Discounts for RV's are offered if you mention Abate. State would like to see each Chapter sell at least 10 tickets, so even if you can't go, and can spare it, buy a ticket and consider it a donation to the State. Magneto mentioned that it is a beautiful ride to Peace River and it's a beautiful campground. There will a group rides, bike games,

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and live music.

**Products Report:** Wavy has some smaller ABATE shirts with the older logo on them for sale for \$10. They are good to give to your children and grandchildren.

**Membership Report:** Since the June election, membership has been temporarily handled by several members. Sheila Rose will now handle this permanently. Since this is in transition, everyone please be patient as Sheila will have everyone up to date in the next few weeks.

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

**Newsletter Editor:** All is going well. Please make sure to get your articles to Critter as soon as possible, as they are due today. If you're out at an event try to take a few pictures and send them to Critter so she can put them in the Newsletter.

**Newsletter Distribution:** Poppie said everything is going well. He needs someone to take over the Davie route. Johnny Rose will be helping with that route and helping Poppie with others. Wavy said that Café 27 and Holiday Park are getting a lot of interest and running out of newsletters so we may need to print extra to put at those 2 places.

**Legislative Report:** Brad was excused.

**Legal Counsel:** Brad was excused.

**Public Relations:** Fern was not present.

**Billing and Invoicing:** Sheila reported that everyone is up to date, except for 2 advertisers, but they have promised to pay soon. Critter has already gotten 2 new advertisers and more are coming in.

**Social Director:** This position is open.

**Quartermasters Report:** Bob said all is good, nothing to report.

**Photographer's Report:** Barry was excused. He taking care of some medical issues and our prayers go out to him.

**Webmaster's Report:** Rogue was excused. The website is up and doing and doing well.

**Old Business:** Tickets are for sale for the State's Christmas Drawing, a \$5 donation per ticket to for a chance to win a Henry .30-.30 Lever Action Rifle or a 12 Gauge O&A Shotgun.

**New Business:** Wavy thanked the Board for stepping up in these times of change. The Board thanked Wavy for everything he does.

**Good of the Order:** Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> is the Outcast MC Off-Annual at 1pm. They will send the address to Magneto later. It was nice to see Morpheus (formerly known to us as Prime) at the meeting with one of his brothers. States MC Key West Tune-Up Party is September 10<sup>th</sup> (See cover of August newsletter).

A motion to adjourn the meeting was called for at 11:16am, was seconded, and all were in favor. Our next Chapter meeting is September 17, 2017 at the American Legion Post 222, in Oakland Park, FL. See you all then!!

Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul.

~ Author unknown

Sheila Rose  
Secretary  
Southeast Chapter





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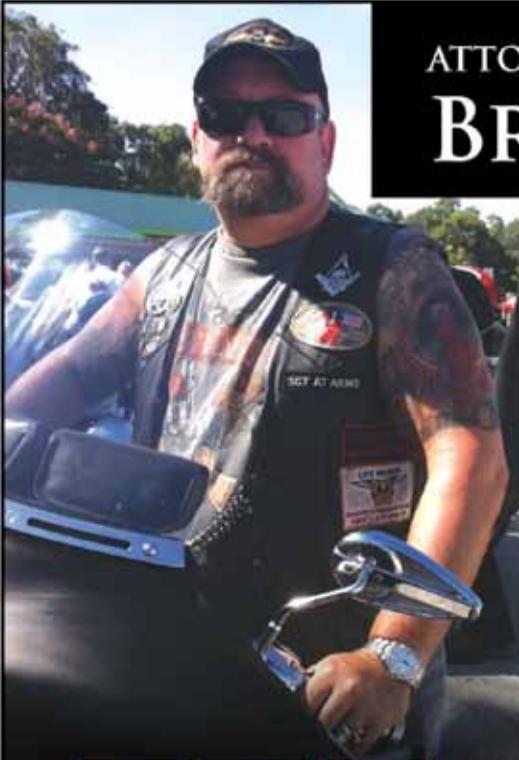
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# *A Message From Your Vice President*

First, I would like to thank you all for support in making me your Vice-President. I will not let you down. I only have one day to write an article as Vice Prez, so I am going to cheat a little and leave you with this old poem that I read years ago that touched my heart, as it will all of yours. I don't know the author.



I saw you hug your purse closer to you in the grocery store line,  
But you didn't see me put in an extra \$20 in the collection plate last Sunday.  
I saw you pull your child closer when we passed each other on the sidewalk,  
But you didn't see me playing Santa Claus at the mall.  
I saw you change your mind about going into the restaurant where I was seated,  
But you didn't see me attending a meeting to raise money for hurricane relief.  
I saw you roll up your window and shake your head when I rode by,  
But you didn't see me behind you when you flicked your cigarette butt out of the window.  
I saw you frown at me when I smiled at your children,  
But you didn't see me when I took time off of work to run toys to the homeless kids.  
I saw you stare at my long hair in disgust,  
But you didn't see me and my friends cut off 10 inches of our hair for Locks of Love.  
I saw you roll your eyes at our leather coats and vests,  
But you didn't see me and my brothers donate our coats and vests to those who had none.

I saw you look in fright at our tattoos,  
But you didn't see me cry as my children were born and I had their names written over my heart.  
I saw you change lanes when rushing off to go somewhere,  
But you didn't see me, going home to be with my family.  
I saw you complain about how loud and noisy our bikes could be,  
But you didn't see me squeeze my wife's leg when she told me to take the next turn.  
I saw you race down the road in the rain,  
But you didn't see me get soaked to the skin so my son could have the car to go on a date.  
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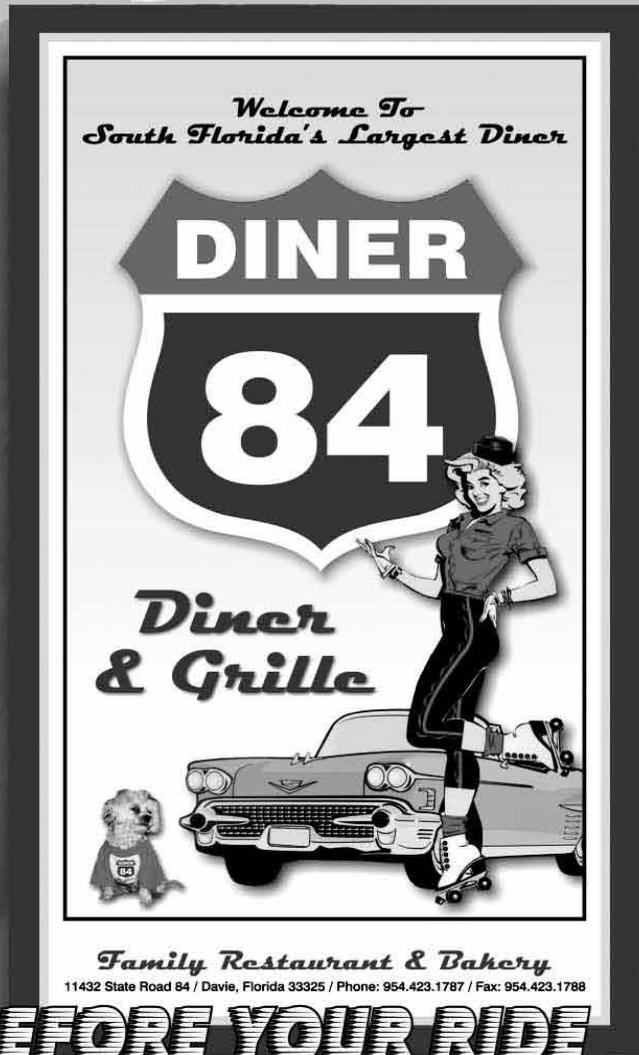
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# NEW DRIVER'S LICENSES TO BOOST SECURITY

By JIM TURNER  
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, August 1, 2017.... Colorful high-tech driver's licenses and state identification cards, designed for added security and to cut down on fake IDs, will start rolling out across Florida this month. But unless it's time to update a card because of an expiration date or a name or address change, there's no need to rush out for a new ID.

In the works since 2014, the new design will become available Aug. 21 at a driver's license office in Volusia County's Orange City. A week later, offices in Okaloosa, Leon, Duval, Brevard, Manatee, Lee and Broward counties will start issuing the new licenses. "We are in the middle of reaching out to all of our stakeholders, and letting them know how to identify the new card, this is what it looks like, these are some of the security features you can look for," said Alexis Bakofsky, a spokeswoman for the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. "Starting January 1, 2018, it will be the only credential that is issued in Florida."

Intended in part to crack down on fake licenses, the state agency expects to spend \$460,000 to complete the statewide rollout. The money comes from the state's Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. The agency did not provide information on how much it has spent on the redesign.

The card features nearly double the number of security features as the current card, Bakofsky said. "Some you'll see. Some you will not see," Bakofsky said. "That is to maintain security so that a law enforcement officer, or anyone who needs to authenticate that credential, can safely do so." Each card will have better safeguards, from features that appear only when viewed under ultraviolet light to a pastel-colored linear rendering of the Florida state seal and a large orange "FL." A head shot of the person who has been issued the card will appear in four locations, including one that is a part of a transparent background. A red box will be affixed to the front for people under 21, stating when the cardholder will reach that age.

The back features an image of the state of Florida, the year 1845 in reference to the year of Florida's statehood and the word "Florida" amid blue lines representing ocean waves. The information on the card will also be linked through two barcodes and a magnetic stripe on the back. The state is working on a new feature to replace the magnetic stripe in 2019.



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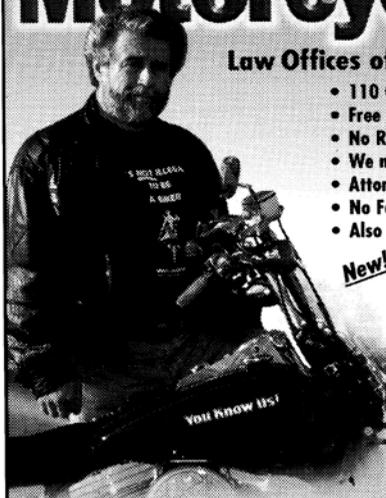
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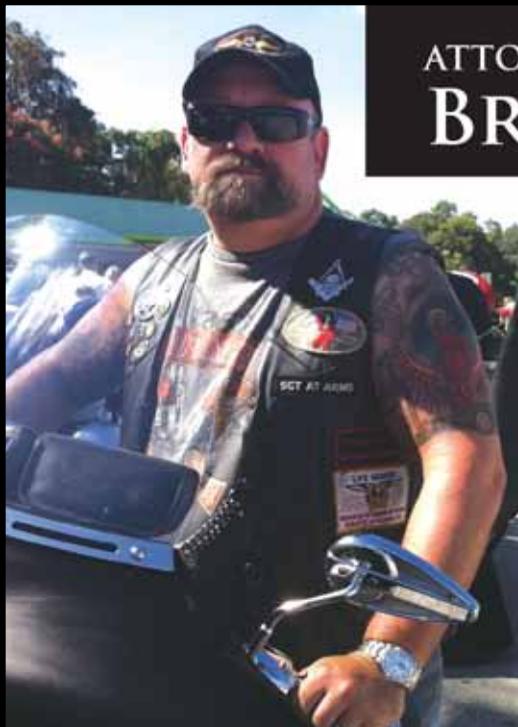
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## **NEWS from our State Legislative Rep - Darrin “Scribe” Brooks**

The new version of the Vulnerable Road Users bill has now been filed in the Florida Senate. It is SB 116 by our friend Senator Baxley. This bill has new language and covers more areas which should facilitate support from more legislators.

The full text of the bill can be found at: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2018/116/BillText/Filed/HTML>

The House version will be coming out soon and will be the same language.

**LAWMAKERS TO AGAIN CONSIDER ‘NO FAULT’ REPEAL** A long-discussed proposal to repeal Florida’s no-fault auto insurance system is headed back to the Legislature in 2018. Sen. Tom Lee, R-Thonotosassa, filed a bill (SB 150) this week that would repeal the no-fault system, which requires motorists to carry \$10,000 in personal-injury protection, or PIP, coverage. In its place, Lee’s bill would require motorists to carry bodily-injury and medical-payment coverages. Lawmakers have repeatedly considered revamping auto-insurance laws in recent years and passed a 2012 measure aimed at curbing fraud and lowering rates in the PIP system. But in a prepared statement this week, Lee pointed to continuing problems with fraud and high insurance premiums. “While well intentioned anecdotally, Florida’s Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law has resulted in widespread fraud, abuse and a complex litigation process,” Lee said. “Since its enactment (in the ‘70s, the value of the PIP benefit has eroded, while Florida’s auto insurance premiums continue to rise.”

**PROPOSAL COULD MAKE IT HARDER TO AMEND CONSTITUTION** State Rep. Rick Roth, R-Loxahatchee, reintroduced a measure Monday that would make it harder for voters to change the Florida Constitution. The proposal (HJR 65), which Roth seeks to place on the 2018 ballot, would require ballot measures to receive the support of two-thirds of voters for approval. That would be tougher than the current requirement that 60 percent of voters need to sign off on constitutional amendments. If the higher standard had been used in the past, a 2016 measure to broadly legal medical marijuana still would have been approved. That measure received 71.3 percent of the vote. However, a 2012 amendment giving a homestead property-tax exemption to the surviving spouses of military veterans and first responders would have failed. That measure received 62 percent support. Roth’s proposal is filed for the 2018 legislative session, which starts in January. He filed a similar proposal for the 2017 session, but it was only approved by one House subcommittee. The Senate version, proposed by Sen. Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala, never got heard in committee. Florida voters in 2006 approved requiring 60 percent approval for constitutional amendments, up from the previous majority approval.

**STEUBE BACK WITH GUN BILLS FOR 2018 SESSION** Senate Judiciary Chairman Greg Steube, who filed a string of firearm-related bills that died during the 2017 legislative session, has reintroduced two --- focused on courthouses and private businesses --- as lawmakers begin submitting bills for the 2018 session. The Sarasota Republican filed one measure (SB 134) on Thursday that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to store firearms with security officers at courthouses. A similar proposal was approved during the 2017 session by the Senate in a 19-15 vote. But the House never brought it up on the floor as other bills backed by Second Amendment advocates failed to advance out of the Senate. Steube’s second proposal (SB 120), filed Wednesday, would allow private businesses to be held liable if they bar concealed-weapons license holders from carrying guns on their property and the license holders get injured by other people or animals. Similar legislation filed for the 2017 session was not heard in committees.

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# SEPTEMBER 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Southern MC Teddy Bear Run	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10 States MC Key West Tune Up Party	11	12	13	14	15 Petersons 45 <sup>th</sup> Key West Poker Run Sept. 15-17	16
17  <b>CHAPTER MEETING</b>	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Keltics MC Party	25 States MC Pompano Dinner	26	27	28	29	30



# OCTOBER 2017



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

# 2017 CALENDAR

MANDATORY CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD



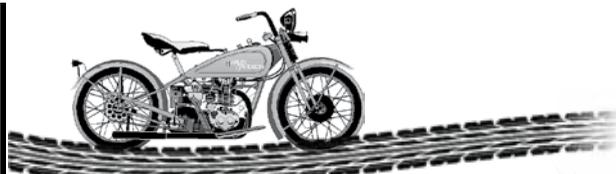
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### AUGUST

- 6: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
- 7: 77th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
- 11-13: S. FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION
- 13: AOA FT. LAUD. 50th ANNIV. & MOLDY'S B-DAY PARTY
- 26: OUTCAST MC PARTY

### SEPTEMBER

- 3: SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
- 4: Labor Day
- 10: STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
- 15-17: PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
- 24: KELTICS MC - PARTY

### OCTOBER

- 1: **MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL**
- 7: **NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL**
- 8: **S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL**
- 19-22: DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
- 21: WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY
- 28: ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY
- 29: CMA - MEMORIAL

### NOVEMBER

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

### DECEMBER

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

### FRIDAY

- Outlaws MC WPB Open House at 7PM
- USMV MC Ch 2 Open house at 8PM (Dania Beach)
- Der Krieger MC Open House at 8PM
- Mystic 7 MC Open House... Ladies drink FREE!
- Keltics MC Open House
- 1st Fri - Soldiers for Jesus Open House 7-10PM
- 1st Fri - Enforcers MC First Friday of Month Party
- 1st & 3rd Fri - Kingdom of Brothers Open House
- 3rd Fri - Wings of Gold MC Open House Davie
- 4th Fri - American Legion Post 36 Bike Night

### SATURDAY

- 1st & 3rd Sat - AOA MC Dania Open House
- 2nd Sat - USMV MC Ft. Laud. Open House
- 2nd & 4th Sat - Mystic 7 Open House
- 2nd & 4th Sat - Kingdom of Brothers Open House

### SUNDAY

- Free pool at Sharkey's Lounge Margate
- Wind Rider Church Services at Miceys

### WEEK DAYS

- Mon - States MC Pompano Dinner Nite 6:30pm start
- Mon - Ladies nite at Sharkey's 9-2, 241 beverages
- Tues - Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House
- Last Tues - USMVMC Palm Bch Open House
- Wed - Scurvy Few MC Open House 954-325-6838
- Wed - Blues Nite at Mickey's
- Thurs - Leathernecks MC Open House 8-mid
- Thurs - Hermandad MC Open House, 8-2am
- 3rd Thurs - Peterson's Harley South Bike nite 6-10pm



# ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hey everyone,

Another month is gone and it's time for yet another article from your Road Captain.

I would like to thank those that helped at the Tattoo Expo. They worked hard at our booth and it was very successful. The event itself, as usual, was very interesting and fun.

I also want to say thanks to the Abate members who went to AOA's 50th Anniversary and Moldy's party. Sorry I missed it, I heard it was great. Happy Birthday to AOA & Moldy.



A reminder, school has started so beware of school zones and most of all, beware of the morning and afternoon careless drivers who are in a hurry to drop off and pick up their children. Remember bus drivers don't always pay attention or look for motorcycles. They are watching the kids, who are also not paying attention.

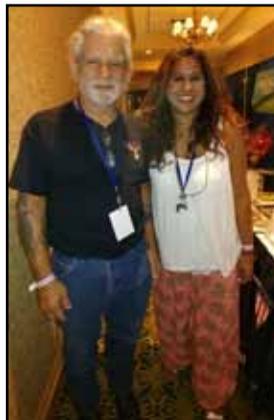
Thank you for taking the time to read this article and the entire newsletter, we appreciate it.

Till next month,  
Jon "Wavy" Viger  
Road Captain

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Oh, almost forget, trivia questions for your enjoyment: (Answers are hidden somewhere in this issue)

1. Jimmy Carter was the first President born in a what?
2. The United States Constitution replaced what other document on March 4, 1789?
3. What do the letters ZIP stand for in the US postal code?
4. Who is credited with suggesting that the word "Hello" be used when answering the telephone?
5. Who was the Vice-President of the United States when Lincoln was shot?



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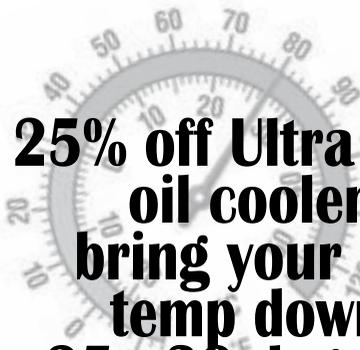




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fixed. Whatever they are, either we can fix them ourselves or we need to call a repair person who can. Either way we rely on ourselves to take care of these things. We as humans try to be in control, and sometimes we are. Nevertheless, there are times in our life when things happen that we can't take care of, but as humans we still try.



I've been asked for advice on how to deal with these kinds of situations. My answer is always, look to Jesus and ask Him for help. He will take care of any of your needs; there is nothing He can't do.

The key is letting go of control and I know that's not easy. We tend to still hang on to what we can't handle and try to fix it ourselves.

Have Faith in the fact that God is always in control, especially when we ask Him for help.

Proverbs 3: 5&6 "Trust in The Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, and in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct paths."

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# Election 2018 Update

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**WILLIAMS DRAWS CHALLENGER FOR BROWARD HOUSE SEAT** Lauderdale Lakes Democrat Patricia H. Williams appears headed toward a primary-election battle next year as she seeks a second term in the state House. Fort Lauderdale Democrat Paulette Armstead last week opened a campaign account to challenge Williams in Broward County's House District 92, according to the state Division of Elections website. Williams had raised \$9,000 for the race as of July 31. Also last week, Tampa Democrat Jose Vazquez Figueroa became the fifth candidate to open a campaign account to try to succeed House Minority Leader Janet Cruz, D-Tampa, in Hillsborough County's House District 62. Cruz cannot run again next year because of term limits. Other candidates seeking the seat are Democrats Michael Alvarez, Carlos Frontela and John Rodriguez and Republican Christopher Licata.

**DEMOCRAT FILES TO RUN FOR AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER** Broward County Democrat David Walker opened a campaign account Friday to run in 2018 for agriculture commissioner, according to the state Division of Elections website. Walker joined fellow Democrat Michael Christine in taking the initial step to try to succeed term-limited Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam. Christine opened his campaign account in April but did not raise any money in June and July. Meanwhile, four Republicans are vying to replace Putnam. They are state Sen. Denise Grimsley, R-Sebring; state Rep. Matt Caldwell, R-North Fort Myers; former state Rep. Baxter Troutman, R-Winter Haven; and Orlando businessman Paul Paulson.

**LEVINE COMMITTEE ADDS \$500,000 IN JULY** With Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine continuing to look at a possible run for governor in 2018, his political committee added slightly more than \$500,000 in July, according to a new filing with the state Division of Elections. The All About Florida committee totaled \$500,750 in contributions during the month, with \$275,000 of that coming from Levine, a millionaire businessman. The committee spent \$16,263 during July and had nearly \$4.45 million in cash on hand as of July 31, the new report shows. Levine, a Democrat, has weighed a possible gubernatorial bid for months. State candidates and political committees face a Thursday deadline for filing updated finance reports.

**RESULTS CERTIFIED IN MIAMI-DADE LEGISLATIVE PRIMARIES** The state Elections Canvassing Commission on Tuesday certified the results of July 25 special primary elections in Miami-Dade County, formally setting the stage for battles next month in Senate District 40 and House District 116. Certification of the results was a brief, if necessary, step in two special elections that resulted from the resignation in April of former Sen. Frank Artiles, R-Miami. The special general elections will be Sept. 26. Republican Jose Felix Diaz, who resigned from the House to try to succeed Artiles, defeated two other candidates July 25 to win the GOP nomination in Senate District 40. Meanwhile, Democrat Annette Taddeo defeated former state Rep. Ana Rivas Logan to win the Democratic nomination for the Senate seat. Diaz's decision to run for the Senate had the ripple effect of requiring a special election to replace him in House District

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116. Republican Daniel Perez defeated Jose Mallea in the GOP primary and will face Democrat Gabriela Mayaudon in the special general election.

**CLEMENS COMMITTEE PULLS IN \$65,000** Preparing to become his party's Senate leader after the 2018 elections, Lake Worth Democrat Jeff Clemens raised \$65,000 in July for his Every Vote Counts political committee, according to a newly filed finance report. The committee had nearly \$118,000 in cash on hand as of July 31. Its top contributions during the month were \$15,000 from Florida Power & Light and \$15,000 from ABC Fine Wine and Spirits, according to the report posted on the state Division of Elections website. State candidates and political committees face a Thursday deadline for filing updated finance information. Among other Democrats who have filed, Sen. Lauren Book, D-Plantation, reported that she raised \$42,500 in July for her Leadership for Broward political committee and another \$20,750 for her re-election campaign account. The committee had about \$983,000 in cash on hand as of July 31, while the campaign had about \$158,000. Book is seeking another term in 2018 in Broward County's Senate District 32.

**HOUSE PANEL TO PROBE BAEZ RESIDENCY** A House select committee was created Thursday to determine if Democratic Rep. Daisy Baez met the residency requirement for her Miami-Dade County district. House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, named Ormond Beach Republican Tom Leek as chairman of the Select Subcommittee on Member Conduct. The committee was created after Rep. Larry Metz, chairman of the Public Integrity & Ethics Committee, on Tuesday wrote he received a complaint filed to the Florida Commission on Ethics and determined the "complaint states facts that would support a finding of probable cause." According to the Miami Herald, Baez has said she lives in an apartment in District 114, while owning a home in Coral Gables that is outside the district lines. State law requires legislators to be residents of their districts upon taking office. "Seeing as this is an ongoing investigation, the speaker will not comment except to say that he has the utmost faith in the select subcommittee to perform their duties honorably and impartially," Fred Piccolo, Corcoran's spokesman, said in a prepared statement. Others named to the committee were Rep. Jason Brodeur, R-Sanford; Rep. Cord Byrd, R-Neptune Beach; Rep. Tracie Davis, D-Jacksonville; and Rep. Emily Slosberg, D-Boca Raton.

**CORCORAN PAC NEARS \$2.9 MILLION IN TWO MONTHS** As he eyes a potential run for governor next year, House Speaker Richard Corcoran's political committee raised \$818,500 in July --- bringing its total to nearly \$2.9 million since starting to collect cash in early June, according to a newly filed finance report. Corcoran's Watchdog PAC could play a key role if the Land O' Lakes Republican runs for governor. The July contributions included \$100,000 each from two firms of plaintiffs' attorneys --- the firm Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley and the firm Lytal, Reiter, Smith, Ivey & Fronrath. Among the other large contributions were \$50,000 from Heritage Property & Casualty insurance company and \$50,000 from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., according to the report posted on the state Division of Elections website. Watchdog PAC spent \$63,831 during July and had \$2.78 million in cash on hand as of the end of the month.

# Teen Drivers Become More Daring After Few Years Behind Wheel

U.S. teenagers are more reckless after their first few years of driving, often becoming overconfident in their abilities and putting themselves at higher risk for accidents, a new study shows.

More than half of high school seniors have car accidents or near misses, compared with 34 percent of sophomores, according to the study conducted by Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. and the group Students Against Destructive Decisions.

More people, including “hyper-connected” teenagers, are distracted by their phones while driving, and insurers are seeking to counter reckless behaviors amid an increase in car accidents in recent years. According to the study, 75 percent of high school seniors “feel confident” in their driving abilities, and 71 percent use a phone behind the wheel. The study said the misplaced confidence could stem from parents who taper off punishment for poor driving after their kids have a year or two of practice under their belts.



“Older teens are still inexperienced drivers — even if they feel otherwise,” Mike Sample, lead driving-safety consultant at Liberty Mutual, said in the report. “Using an app behind the wheel, even glancing away for a second, can impair your driving ability and set off a chain reaction that could lead to a near miss or crash.”

Phones aren’t the only issue. Driving while drowsy, speeding, having multiple passengers and browsing music become more prevalent as new drivers gain confidence.

Sam Bessette, a 16-year-old from Topeka, Kansas, said she sticks her phone in the cupholder of her 2009 Ford Escape while she drives.

“My mom is very against it,” Bessette said of distracted driving, “despite the fact she uses her phone all the time. But she tells me she’ll take my car.”

Bessette said she’s a “fairly good” driver, and her friends trust her behind the wheel. She was in a fender bender once, when the driver in front of her slammed on his brakes. She said she’d just barely glanced away to change the radio station and didn’t have enough time to react.

Dr. Gene Beresin, a senior adviser on adolescent psychiatry at SADD, said teens naturally gain confidence as they drive more.

“As a result, it is even more important for parents and teens to have conversations about safe driving practices to avoid potentially putting themselves and others at risk on the road,” Beresin said in the report.

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## NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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### **MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY WELCOMES BAN ON GAS POWERED VEHICLES**

The Motorcycle Industry Association (U.K.) has welcomed reports of a ban on new fossil fuel-powered vehicles starting 2040, saying it will be a "tremendous stimulus" for bike makers.

The Government is due to announce a ban on the sale of new petrol (gasoline) and diesel vehicles from 2040 as part of an effort to tackle air pollution, according to several national newspapers. The measure is expected to include a ban on new hybrid vehicles and "could mark the beginning of the end of the prevalence of the internal combustion engine in automotive transport," reports [www.BritishDealerNews.co.uk](http://www.BritishDealerNews.co.uk).

The announcement will be in line with a similar commitment already made by France.

Steve Kenward, CEO of the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA), pointed out that no specific mention had been made of motorcycles but added: "I think there's a great opportunity."

"For all the congestion-busting abilities of motorcycles and the abilities to make electric bikes I think it's a tremendous stimulus for the motorcycle industry," Kenward predicts. "It's a tremendous commercial trigger to push on with electric motorcycles."

Motorcycles made before 2007 are already set to be hit by a £12.50 (\$16.10 USD) daily pollution toll for entering London beginning in 2020.

### **INDIA BECOMES WORLD'S LARGEST MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURER**

India has dethroned China from a long reign as the world's largest motorcycle manufacturer, having already overtaken China to become the largest

domestic motorcycle market three years ago. The growth curve is continuing, as India's growing domestic market and partnerships with English and European bike builders have put the country at the forefront of worldwide two-wheeled production.

While overall new motorcycle sales in the U.S. have been about 500,000 a year, and around 125,000 are sold in the United Kingdom, the total sales of machines made in India for the last financial year came to 17.6 million – more every three days than are sold in the UK in a year; more every 11 days than are sold annually in America.

Meanwhile, China's domestic motorcycle market has been in decline for five years as government policy has incentivized electric bicycle sales and denied motorcycles access to city centers across China.

Conversely, the relentless growth of motorcycle sales in India is beginning to reshape the global marketplace. According to New Atlas, sales within India grew 6.9% last year, thanks to a fast-growing 1.32 billion domestic population that is quickly urbanizing and emerging from poverty -- India has the fastest GDP growth of any major country. A massive India-wide road construction program is also fueling car and bike sales, just as it did in America a century ago.

Currently India's domestic motorcycle marketplace is dominated by sub-125cc scooters and motorcycles, but larger capacity "luxury" classes are taking an increasing share as the market matures. Royal Enfield, built in India for the past 62 years, sold more than 700,000 motorcycles last year, a figure nearly equal to the combined worldwide sales of Harley-Davidson, KTM, BMW, Triumph, and Ducati, and their production target for this fiscal year is 900,000.

### **MILLIONS OF LICENSED MOTORCYCLISTS DON'T RIDE**

Nearly 8 million Americans have a motorcycle license, but don't own a bike. These phantom riders, referred to as "Sleeping License Holders," have come to the attention of motorcycle manufacturers seeking new customers as baby boomers age out of riding; wanting to wake them up.

Many of these 'sleepers' were active motorcyclists who had things happen in their life that caused them to quit riding: marriage, kids, financial pressures, a job that demands most of their time or simply a change in interests. Others completed rider training, got their

license, but never bought a bike.

All of which has led Harley-Davidson, Indian and other bike makers to devise new marketing strategies.

Harley has set a goal of attracting 2 million new U.S. riders in the next decade and says it's committed to introducing 100 new motorcycles over the next 10 years, including an electric bike, and that effort is expected to bring some sleeping license holders into bike ownership.

Indian Motorcycle Co. is also digging into why the sleepers aren't taking that next step to become motorcycle owners. "I think, collectively as an industry, we need to answer that," said Kevin Reilly, vice president of motorcycle marketing for Indian.

The median age of U.S. motorcyclists is about 45, according to a report in Cycle World magazine, with an overwhelming number of new bike buyers over the age of 50.

**'E-DUI' LAW TARGETS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ELECTRONICS** Washington state has enacted a new 'E-DUI' law that imposes stiff penalties for driving under the influence... of electronic devices. Under their new distracted driving law, referred to as "E-DUI," drivers in the Evergreen State will no longer be able to use a cell phone or any electronic device while driving, even when stopped at a traffic light. The bill was drafted in response to a 32% increase in deaths from distracted driving from 2014 to 2015.

"Put the cell phones down, preserve life," Gov. Jay Inslee said on the steps of the Capitol in Olympia, according to Q13 Fox News. Inslee says the bill is called "electronic driving while impaired" for a reason. "When you are driving with a cell phone, you are a more dangerous driver than if you are driving drunk with a .08 blood alcohol level," he said.

The first citation will cost drivers \$136, nearly doubling for a second offense within five years. Tickets issued for driving while using hand-held electronics will go on a motorist's record and reported to their insurance provider, says a website set up by the state explaining the new law.

In addition, according to the new law, drivers can also get a \$99 ticket for other types of distractions like grooming, smoking, eating or reading if it interferes with safe driving and you are pulled over for another traffic offense.

**NATIONWIDE ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN TO CURB DRINKING AND RIDING** A nationwide campaign to crack down on motorcyclists driving drunk or impaired is underway until Labor Day, with local police and Highway Patrol out in force until after the holiday weekend.

The end of the summer is universally celebrated by millions of Americans on Labor Day weekend, and for many motorcyclists the weekend is a chance to close down summer with that last long ride.

So ride aware that this high-visibility national enforcement campaign, "Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over," runs from August 18 through September 4, 2017. During this period, local law enforcement will show zero tolerance for alcohol or drug impaired riding. Increased state and national messages about the dangers of riding impaired, coupled with enforcement and increased officers on the road, aim to drastically reduce death and injuries on our nation's roadways.

Anyone caught riding impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, license suspensions and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000.

**STURGIS-BOUND BIKE-RIDING MUSIC EXECS BECOME HIGHWAY HEROES** A group of Music Row power brokers bound for Sturgis from Nashville helped yank 10 people from their cars and trucks Aug. 4, 2017, just before fire raced through the scene of a crash in southern Illinois.

A semi-truck had plowed full speed into cars that had stopped for construction on the highway, explains a newspaper article appearing in The Tennessean, causing a chain-reaction eight-car pileup. Just in front of that pileup: A 10-person crew of music industry executives riding bikes from Nashville to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota.

Two of the bikers, brothers from a talent agency who were paramedics for 10 years in San Diego, got in touch with 911 operators and immediately began organizing bystanders, while the amateur rescuers went quickly vehicle by vehicle pulling victims to safety: First, a family of six with children ages 6 to 11; then, a couple of guys in a pick-up truck, one with a bad head wound; finally, a woman, screaming, stuck in a car that looked like a crushed beer can.

The Nashvillians couldn't get her out of the car, so they got about 10 guys together and dragged the entire car, 3 feet at a time, across the highway into a grassy median away from the fire. And like in the movies they did so just before flames ripped through three vehicles that already had been emptied of passengers.

"It was a trip. I'm still tripped out by it," one of the highway saints was quoted as saying in USA Today. "There's no doubt, had we not sprung into action like we did, there would've been fatalities."

**ROLLING ADS PROMOTE MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS ACROSS NEBRASKA** Eight delivery trucks will carry a motorcycle awareness message for 10 weeks this summer while traversing the Cornhusker State as part of a Nebraska Highway Safety Council campaign.

Signs on the delivery trucks' panels warn motorists to "watch for motorcycles everywhere," by checking mirrors and looking both ways when at intersections and changing lanes.

The state Department of Transportation, law enforcement and motorcycle safety groups created the campaign to counter a spate of fatal accidents.

Nebraska Highway Safety Administrator Fred Zwonechek said similar campaigns funded by federal motorcycle safety grants have been used in the past to push awareness. "You want to reach drivers, and this is a way to do it," Zwonechek told the Journal Star newspaper.

**HARLEY-DAVIDSON POLLUTION FINE REDUCED** The U.S. Justice Department has rescinded a requirement that Harley-Davidson Inc spend \$3 million on a project to reduce air pollution as part of a \$15 million fine the Obama administration levied last year for selling illegal tuning kits that cause its vehicles to emit too much pollution.

Under direction from the Trump administration, however, the Justice Dept. has determined that the \$3 million to retrofit wood-fired stoves was not appropriate, saying: "The original consent decree would have required defendants to pay a non-governmental third-party organization to carry out the mitigation project. Questions exist as to whether this mitigation project is consistent with the new policy."

The move followed a recent decision by Attorney General

Jeff Sessions to halt a longstanding practice under which polluters could be compelled to pay for environmental or community projects, in addition to fines and direct compensation to victims.

Now, a bill working its way through Congress could make AG Sessions's policy law. The bill, sponsored by Representative Robert W. Goodlatte (R-VA) would prevent the government from using settlement money from civil cases for purposes other than direct victim compensation or remediation, like cleanups of environmental disasters.

**OVER A QUARTER OF DRIVERS FEEL "BIKER ENVY"** If you've ever come across one of those drivers who seem determined to prevent you from passing on your bike, you may feel a sense of satisfaction in knowing that they're probably just jealous... and it's going to take them some time to calm down after they arrive late for work.

A recent survey has found that 27.8% of drivers experienced 'biker envy' when motorcyclists passed them in traffic and it took them an average of 34.2 minutes to feel calm and in control again after getting to work late.

The survey of 2,000 commuters by British motorcycle insurer Devitt Insurance also found that employees lose on average 29.6 minutes of work a week because of heavy traffic, costing the U.K. economy £203,846,153 (\$261,351,152 USD).

Almost 13% had missed a job interview while stuck in traffic, while 32.3% said they would try to sneak into work unnoticed on arriving late. Here's a better idea: get a bike!

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**September 17, 2017 - Sunday 10AM**

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