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Laurel Youngman	“Stell”

Thanks if you have already renewed

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President's Message

Jimbo Sherrow

After the cold winter that we had in South Florida, I'm sure everyone is glad that Spring has finally arrived and we will hopefully have some warmer riding weather ahead of us. Speaking of riding, I actually made it back on my bike this month much sooner than expected, and it was great to be out on the road again with the SE Chapter after so many months of being on crutches. Like most things in life, you never realize how much you love something until you it is taken away from you, and Freedom of the Road is no exception.



The Bike Week numbers are in, and from what I hear attendance was down significantly this year, probably due to the bad economy and the very cold weather in Daytona Beach, which I hear was in the 30's some nights and in the 50's most days. The number of fatalities was also down this year and although four deaths is four too many, it is better than some of the numbers from past Bike Weeks.

Since we are now in the middle of the legislative session, here is a quick update on some of the issues that ABATE of Florida is working on. On March 17th, our stiffer penalties bill (House Bill 875, Senate Bill 1918) received a favorable vote from all of the members of the House Roads Committee. This means that the bill will proceed through the legislative process, and will hopefully reach the floor of the House and Senate for a final vote before the session is over at the end of April. Since the Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the bill, ABATE is optimistic that it will finally pass this year, barring any eleventh hour attempts to kill it. If passed, the stiffer penalties bill will be the most significant achievement for ABATE of Florida since the repeal of the helmet law in 2000. Among other things it would impose a fine of \$500.00 and a 30 day jail sentence on drivers who cause serious injury to motorcyclists, with a \$1,000.00 fine and 90 days in jail if the biker is killed. The law will also require automatic license revocations so that the guilty driver is not allowed back on the road for a long time. Although I personally think these stiffer penalties are not stiff enough, they are a significant improvement over the current laws, and will hopefully send a message to the public to look twice for bikers before they drive like assholes.

In addition to ABATE's stiffer penalties bill, we are also monitoring a few bills that would require hands free cell phone devices in Florida, and ban texting while driving, which also received favorable Committee votes this month. These issues do not directly impact bikers, but ABATE nevertheless supports these bills because they will make the roads safer for everyone, including bikers.

I am also very pleased to report that as of the date of this article, there have been no bills introduced to take away our Freedom of Choice on the helmet issue. Since we are almost halfway through the legislative session already, it looks like we might dodge that bullet for another year, and we will hopefully be celebrating the 10th anniversary of ABATE's greatest legislative victory on July 1, 2010.

Moving on to Chapter business, the nominations for Chapter Board and Trustee positions were opened at the March meeting, and the Chapter elections are in June. If you are interested in running for any of the open positions, I encourage you to step up and make the commitment. We are also planning for the ABATE Memorial Day Party, which will once again be held at Café 27 on May 30th. This party has really become an annual tradition over the past several years, and we are looking forward to a great time again this year. As usual, in addition to the party, music and good, we will be honoring the men and women of our

military who gave their lives so that we can all enjoy the freedom and liberty that too many of us take for granted. If you are out riding that weekend, don't forget to stop by and say hello, and since it's a summer ABATE party, we will probably get some rain too!

Finally, and this is the last time you will hear me say this, ABATE needs all the support it can get for the 15th Annual Freedom Rights Rally, which will be held in Tallahassee on Monday, April 19, 2010. We will be sending several Chapter members to the Rally, so if you are interested in riding for the cause, give me a call, or come to the April Chapter meeting, which has been moved to Sunday, April 11th instead of April 18th.

Remember, ABATE is for everyone, no matter what you ride. For more information, check out the Chapter newsletter and the website, www.abatase.org, or stop by one of our monthly meetings and get involved. You can also call me at 954-305-1599.

Ride safe and free, and remember that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

Jimbo Sherrow President, Southeast Chapter



Happy Birthday!

There were 26 people @ the Birthday Party at the American Legion Post 321 in Feb. listening and dancing to the music by our own Safety Director Geo and his band called

“Hoo Doo”. Thank you and great job Geo and the band.

The March Birthday Party @ Mikey's was a blast also, everybody danced the night away to the music by Johnny Rose and the band “Broke Down”. Thank you and great job also.

Our thanks to Eddie, the manager of the Social Quarters @ the Legion and Dave & Lisa @ Mickey's for allowing us to take a “load off” at their establishments.

The Birthday Party for April 2010 will be @ Café 27 on Sunday April 11th. We will ride out and celebrate from the American Legion after our monthly meeting.

Happy Birthday to all those below please come and have fun at your party!

Tony Calvino “Big T”

Bob Amann

Darryl Byers

Peter Graves “Sneaky Pete”

Remember if your name is not included please contact me.

Send info to karin.rylands@att.net or call 954-430-0487

Till next month Ride Safe and Free

Karin



ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter

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of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Mar. 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 10:20am by Sgt. @ Arms BARSD with 40 members, no guest, and no At-Large members in attendance. Total in attendance: 40. Followed by the Pledge of Alliance the meeting started with a prayer given by our chaplain; Poppi.

President's Report

Jimbo thanked all members for coming. On a sad note, Poppy (not our Chaplain) but a figure at Flossie's and Café 27 passed away. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers, also Karen of Dynasty Cycles was injured in an accident please keep her in your prayers. Our Road Captain Chris is progressing slowly but surely... He has been moved to the Sea view Nursing and Rehab Center located at 2401 NE 2nd St. in Pompano. He is allowed to have visitors, please stop by to say "Hello".

Vice-President's Report

Old Hippie reported we are getting ready for our Memorial Day Event. It will be held at Café 27 on May 30th. We will need everyone's help to ensure a successful event. The more hands we get to help, the less work there needs to be done. We only have 3 events per year to support our chapter. Any time you can give is greatly appreciated.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of February's meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Alice read February's report. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurers report. All in favor, motion passed.

Sergeant at Arms Report

BARS Thanked Devil Dog for sitting in for him at last month's meeting. As always with our event we will

need a lot of help, not just at the event but before and after. Please help out wherever you can.

Road Captain's Report

Newcomer was not present. Right after today's meeting will be heading to Café 27 to finalize the last details for our Memorial Day Event.

PLEASE CHECK THE HOTLINE 943-310-4636 FOR MEETING PLACE AND TIMES FOR ALL EVENTS.

Safety Director's Report

Geo reported we received the bumper stickers we ordered. We have put aside a number of them to be given out at the MSAP classes. The rest will be available for the measly donation of just a dollar. Last month wrist bands were also authorized by the membership for purchase, with the specific wording we wanted on them, the price increased dramatically. We will hold off on this purchase due to the possibility of funds being returned to the State of Florida for motorcycle safety. We will keep you posted.

State Reps' Report

Jimmy Les reported there was no state meeting this month. Next month is the most important state meeting of the year to attend. The state meeting in Tallahassee will be held on Sun. 4/17/10. There will be a police ride to the capitol to meet with our elected officials on Mon 4/18/10. If you need any information please contact any board member.

On the weekend of May 6th in Orlando, NCOM is having their annual convention. We would to see a great showing from our members in support of NCOM.

Products Report

Susan reported if you need anything you do not have to wait for the meeting, just give her a call. Her number is in the newsletter. She will not be running for this position next year. Her son will be undergoing spinal surgery in May. Please keep Susan and her family in your thoughts and prayers for a full recovery for their son.

Membership Report

George reported we now have 615 members. Now if you get any new applications please make sure they are filled out. Sounds crazy but we have received a number of new applications where there is a 20.00 bill attached to the application but nothing filled out or a check attached to a renewal with no other information on it. If you know of anyone on the list in the newsletter who has not renewed, please get them to renew. Reminder, when filling out the application start with the name and address, it really helps.

Newsletter Editor

Suzanne reported she needs all articles no later than Tuesday so we can have the newsletter to the printer no later than Friday. Karin reported if for any reason you can't deliver your newsletters, please call her so other arrangements can be made.

Legislative Report

Old Hippie reported this year's legislative session is under way. Nothing pressing right now as we come up to Easter, but we must be vigilante on the bills which have numbers assigned but no content. Stiffer Penalties bill has not been derailed.

Public Relations

Marjorie was out of town. No report

Advertising

Hope reported we need advertisers. All bills have been mailed out snail mail and also e-mailed. We met trying to come with ideas to increase our advertising revenue in this tough economy. Good ideas were brought forward. We must patronize our advertisers. What good is getting advertisers if not one of our members go there? Even if you just drop by to say "Hello" and "Thank" them for their support. Make sure you tell them you saw their ads in our newsletter. Business card ads are very reasonable and give us the best bang for the buck.

Events Coordinator

Shaky Bob reported with exception of a few final details, we are all set for our Memorial Day Event

which will be held at Café 27 on May 30, 2010. Please check the hotline for the next event committee meeting place and time.

Social Director's Report

Karin reported last night's Birthday Party at Mickey's was a huge success. Thank you to all who came out to celebrate March's birthdays. In case you missed it our very own "Geo" and his band played and were great. Next month's birthday party will be at Café 27 on 4/11/10 right after the meeting. So come on out. If you want your birthday recognized, please give Karin a call. She will add you to the list.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob Anz was out of town. No report.

Photographer's Report

Brett reported there are over 1000 pictures and 300 fans on the face book web-site

Web-Master's Report

Ricky Mouse was out of town. No report, however if you have any issues with the web or you want pictures posted, please contact him at: webmasterabatase@gmail.com. Don't forget our web address is: www.abatase.org

Trash master's Report

Commander Louis was not present. Suzanne reported we need to take a serious look at this program. We receive the free advertising on Griffin Road which is a major East-West Road in our county. We committed to provide this service. It was very disappointing to see only 5 members out of the 615 we have show up. Trash pick up is only 4 times per year, once per quarter, we would like to see as many members come out for the next one to "Get Trashed".

Legal Council

Demetrious was not present. Chris reported there was no report this month.

Old Business

None

New Business

With next months important state meeting in Tallahassee falling on our monthly meeting on 4/18/10, a motion was made, seconded to move our regular monthly meeting to 4/11/10. Vote all in favor, none opposed motion passed.

Nominations for the 2010-2011 Board of Director’s and Trustee Positions. Nominations start this month and will continue for April and May. Voting will take place at our June meeting. Nomination chairperson “Geo” opened up nominations:

President: James ‘Jimbo’ Sherrow, James “Jimmy Les’ Lesniak, ‘BARS’ Calabrese, Bob “Old Hippy” Leavitt.

Vice-President: Bob” Old Hippy’ Leavitt, ‘ BARS’ Calabrese, Chris Sharpe, James”Jimbo” Sherrow, Leo”Lion” Breault.

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Treasurer; Alice Calabrese

Sgt. @ Arms; “BARS” Calabrese, Leo “Lion” Breault, Terry “Blindman” Lanus.

Road Captain: Al ‘Newcomer” Acevedo, George ‘Geo’ Bograkos, James “Jimbo” Sherrow, Hank Lankutis.

Safety Director: George “Geo’ Bograkos, Barry “Teddy Bear” Sadoff.

State Representatives: James “Jimmy Les” Lesniak, Chris Sharpe, Demetrious Kirkiles, Bob “Old Hippy” Leavitt.

Products; Brett Garber

Membership: George ‘Blue Trike” Torrence.

Newsletter Editor; Suzanne Keene, Leann “Wildcat”.

Legislative Liaison: Bob “Old Hippy” Leavitt,

State Reps; Jimmy “Les”Lesniak, Chris Sharpe, Demetrious Kirkiles, Bob “Old Hippy” Leavitt

Legal Council: Chris Sharpe, Demetrious Kirkiles

Public Relations: Marjorie Rheume, Fern Cameron, Al Acevedo

Event’s Coordinator: Shaky Bob, Al “Big Wheel” Loper, Jackie Precious

Social Director: Karin Rylands, Fern Cameron, Al Acevedo

Quartermaster: Bob Anz, George Torrence

Photographer: Brett Garber, Paul” Video Vulture” Davis, Fern Cameron, Axman Wojnar, Mike Hagggar, Leann”Wildcat”

Web-Master: Ricky Jans, Mike Hagggar

Trashmaster: Rick “Devil Dog” Jordan, Louis” Commander” Subirats, Jimmy Les

Chaplain: Poppi, Tumbleweed.

To be discussed at next month’s monthly meeting will be moving June’s monthly meeting since it falls on Father’s Day.

Good of the order

Our chaplain Poppi reported on the upcoming CMA National Run which will be held on May 2, 2010. This is the only event they hold for a fundraiser. Poppi is soliciting sponsorships. If you can help or if you need further information, please contact him. His number is in the newsletter. Jimmy Les reported on Senate Bill 6 which changes the pay structure for public school teachers, eliminates seniority raises, puts the teacher on annual contract where rehire is based on how the students perform and they can be assigned anywhere the school board chose’s. If you have children in school you need to find out about this and take appropriate action with your elected officials and have them vote no on SB6.

4/3/10 – Enforcer’s MC Tattoo Party at the Gold Coast Cigar Club located at 590 SW 9th Terrace in Pompano

Primo publically apologized to Newcomer for comments made

A motion was called for and seconded to adjourn, all is favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 am

These minutes are summarized and respectfully submitted

Paul A. Melcer

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Secretary



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OldHippy's Corner

Motorcycle Helmets and Condoms

These two things have a lot in common!! They both come in array of colors and styles, besides the fact that most of a lot of male riders not only own a helmet but also some may also have condoms somewhere in their wallet or vest for that chance meeting,

They both are for protection, whether it be for the big head where the large brain resides or for the little one that hides behind the fly in their pants that some dudes think with, , both protect it contents and it's relationship with the rest of the body for now it is our choice whether we wear them or not.

Both these head gear have been proven to help reduce ramifications that can occur to whole body when not in use in most cases.

Yet we have lawmakers always thinking that we need to have more stringent laws to make us wear motorcycle helmets when we are riding our two wheeled vibrating ladies.

How about our two legged ladies?? Should they introduce legislation stating that we must wear condom anytime we partake in any type of activity that could expose the little head to possibility of affecting the rest of the body to harm?

Look at Senator Edwards, just think of it. If he would have just worn a condom he could might not have caused so much injury to his family and career. All he would have had to do is just have worn a helmet on his little head!

As Sociologists have noted, it is human nature to want, (if available) to be able to make their own choices in life and these are two are no different. We make a decisions everyday that can subject us to some sort of injury to our self or others. To give examples, and to put in basic forms, just things as simple as ordering a pizza when it's raining out versus going out to eat is a decision that has a chance to exposed us to potential danger. If we go ahead and make the decision to go out instead of ordering in, our chances of a driving accident also increase.

The thing is, there are all kind of decision and activities that we do in our lives that are some form a risk. Things like skiing, (remember Sonny Bono), Take bare back horse riding, is it not safer to have a saddle then not, and with that, it still did not help Christopher Reeve, from having a life changing accident and by the way he was also wearing a helmet to boot.

I had to take one of the safety courses that most large companies drag you though, and in it was a term "norm" and it went on to explain that this is a term is used to represent the vast majority of people and for the most part these people are just doing things in " auto" . It also went on the state that the "norm" people really do not think about safety. Ok I half ass agree with the authors on this and other subject the general public are up against in their daily lives, but then again that is why they are being made aware as to all the " dangers" that are lurking , just waiting to " make their day"

The government and insurance companies have gotten together to help the “norms” be aware by enacting rules that pretty much has made it mandatory by means of insurance companies reducing their premiums if the business complies with the requirements to help the “norms” pay attention

Bikers are not the Norm....

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We like the feeling of freedom and the open road that 2 wheels give us

We like the feeling that when we get together, now matter how many riders or where it is that. There is a common connection between all riders and they are friendly people, versus the “norm” “who kind of just exist and don’t even acknowledge other individuals by saying hi.

The main things that separates and a few others from the “norm”, is that we are not dummies, we all know the risks evolved with what we like to do and just like the Sociologists has stated it is vital part of our make up and freedom to be able to have a choice.

We all have seen what can happen either way and we accept the consequences for the decision, but it is for now OUR choice to make, not one that needed to be decided by dudes up north in fancy suits.

Keeps this in mind the next time you reach for you a helmet for either head It is your choice and we need to make sure we always have the right to make our own decisions.

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Trashmaster Column



I have always hated being the bearer of bad news or trying to change the ways of others when they don't want to change, but.....this past Trash Pickup Saturday Project was a abysmally the lowest we could go and still accomplish something positive for our community. Only 4 members of our 610 "strong membership" of ABATE SE Chapter showed up at the VFW Post 9697 on Mar 20, 2010. At first we were very disappointed with the showing, but "when handed lemons...make lemonade". So I recommend to our small, little, and infinitesimal group of four members (who also happend to be part of the ABATE SE Chapter Board of Directors) that we should at least do something since we woke up early on a Saturday morning and drove from far distances (North Broward and Northwest Dade).

George Torrence, Shakey Bob and Princess Sharon, Suzanne Keen and I got off our barstools after finishing off some coffee and doughnuts provided by our good friend, Stu McLees, Commander of VFW Post 9697. We stepped outside of the darkened bar into a beautiful 68 degree F, 50 % Humidity blue-skied day. I issued three bags per person and we separated our ways and worked on either side of the Post on Griffin Road towards 441 and University Drive (but not all the way). We worked for a total of four man-hours and picked up seven bags weighing approximately 100 pounds.

The Florida ABATE website says who we are: "We are your neighbors...who...get involved with your community....", well apparently we are not living up to the Gold Standard of ABATE Florida. If we as a group of over six hundred members cannot muster up more than 1% to show-up for these trash pick-up project days, then I propose to the membership and to the Board of Directors that we re-consider the continuing of ABATE SE Chapter participation in the Adopt -A-Highway and Adopt-a-Street programs and look for something else that we can get involved with our community!

Personally I want to continue to do this project because it actually forces me to do some type of physical activity in order to lose some of my recent weight gain. Perhaps there are others out there that may want to join me in my weight reduction plan and at the same time staying involved with our community. The next Trash Pick-up Project Day will be held sometime within the next three months. SO let'skeep it green!!!

Commander (305) 297-1651



Vice Prez



April is shaping up to be a very busy month with all the things that are happening. Off course its tax time and finally some warmer riding weather is heading our way and I hope the "April" showers will hold back for awhile so at least I can work on my tan.

One of the things going on is the ride to Tallahassee. This is where tons of bikes will ride into the capital where we get a chance to show that we are united in our cause to preserve our rights and also gives us a chance to talk to our representatives. If you need more info check ABATE web site <http://www.abateflorida.com>

Leesburg is also this month and I know a bunch of us have already made plans to ride up and spend a few days with other riders.

On local side we have locked in the May Memorial event again at Café 27 and are in the process of getting together all the things together to make this the best event ever. This event is our largest fund raiser that we have all year and is greatly needed in order to help support our newsletter and other chapter expenses. We can also need volunteers to help in the preparation and for the day of the event. We will be setting up meetings in the near future just for this and check the hot line or call any of the board members if you would like to volunteer.

This is also election year for both the State and Southeast chapter of ABATE of Florida's board members and trustees. This past meeting was the first rounds of three times that people are nominated prior to the election that will be held in June. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the workings of the chapter, if not on the board, then as a trustee. The names so far and positions are listed in this issue.

Last

I'm thankful for the heated seat and grips that I have on the "OtherWoman" they came in handy this winter and I am really looking forward to not needing them for a while

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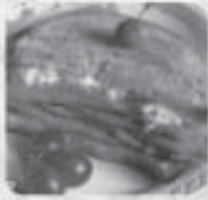
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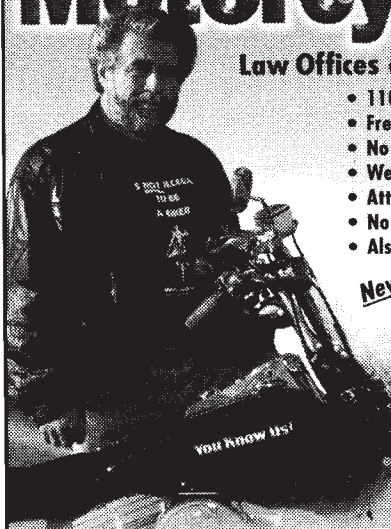
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18 ABATE State Meeting Hermandad	19 Ride to Capital	20	21	22	23 Leesb urg	24
25 WOG	26	27	28	29	30	

May-10

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9 NCOM Orlando	10	11	12	13	14	15 USMVMC WPB Annual
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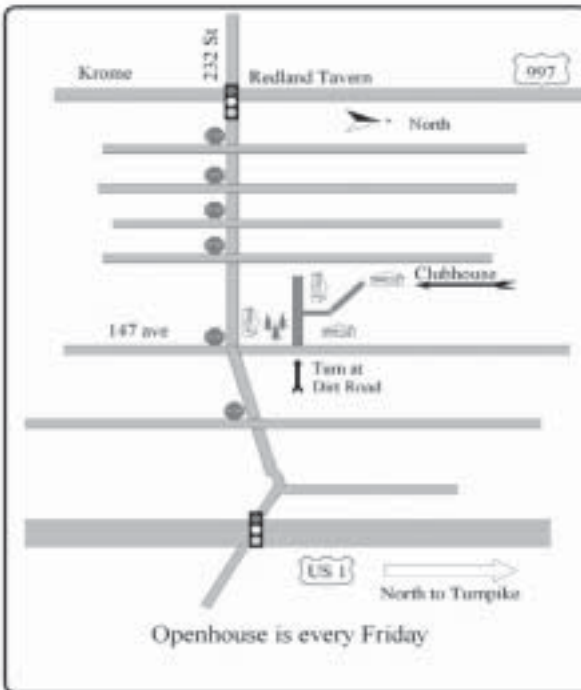
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- 3 - States MC 15th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
- *10 - *Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day*
- 17 - SE ABATE Semi-Annual Rights Rally
- *24 - *Third Tradition Annual*
- *31 - *Der Krieger MC Annual*

FEBRUARY

- 7 - Alternative WPB Party
- *14 - *AOA MC Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual*
- *20 - *Wheels of Man MC Deerfield 37th Annual (4PM)*
- *21 - *States Lake Worth Annual*
- 20 & 21 Harley-Davidson of Miami's 56th Anniversary
- 27 - *USMV MC Homestead Annual*

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MARCH

- Feb 26-March 7, 69th Annual Daytona Bike Week
- *14 - *Keltics MC Broward Annual*
- *21 - *Fiasco Brothers Annual*
- 21 - BBRA 3rd Annual Smiles Charity Ride
- *27 - *Outcast MC Annual*
- *28 - *States MC Pompano Annual*

APRIL

- *4 - *CMA Annual Easter Service*
- 3 & 4 - Peterson's South Anniversary Weekend
- *11 - *AOA West Palm Beach Annual*
- 17 - Mystic Seven MC & Mojo's Birthday Party
- *18 - *Hermanadad MC Annual*
- 24 - USMV Martin County party
- *25 *Wings of Gold MC Ft. Laud Stars & Stripes Annual*
- 23, 24, 25 - Leesberg Bikefest

MAY

- *2 - *Southern MC Annual*
- 8 & 9 - National COC Convention Orlando
- *15 - *USMVMC West Palm Annual*
- *16 - *Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual*
- 22 - Wings of Gold MC Pt St. Lucie party
- *23 - *Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach Annual*
- 30 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE

- *6 - *AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual*
- *12 - *New Attitudes MC Annual*
- *13 - *Wings of Gold MC West Palm Annual*
- 20 - Peterson's North Store Fathers Day Event
- 26 - Palm Beach ABATE Annual Event
- 27 - Wings of Gold MC Miami party

JULY

- 3 - USMVMC South Broward Party
- 11 - AOA MC West Palm Beach party
- 17 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off & Party
- 18 - States MC Lake Worth party
- *25 - *Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud. Annual*

AUGUST

- 9-15 70th Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 13 to 15, - 15th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 15 - AOA MC 43rd Anniversary Party
- *22 - *Wings of Gold MC Port Saint Lucie Annual*
- 29 - US Military Vets MC Pompano Party

SEPTEMBER

- 11 - Outcast MC Party
- 12 - States Pompano MC 17th Key West Tuneup Party
- 16-19 Phil Peterson's 37th Annual Key West Poker Run
- 26 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & Party

OCTOBER

- *3 - *Mystic Seven MC Annual*
- 9 - BBRA Art Auction & Comedy Night
- 10 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
- 14 to 17 - Daytona Biketoberfest
- 17 - Keltics MC Miami party
- 23 - USMV MC Homestead benefit party
- 24 - SE ABATE 30th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally
- 30 - Wheels of Man MC 37th Annual Halloween Party
- *31 - *Alternative Ft. Laud Annual*

NOVEMBER

- *7 - *USMVMC National 23rd Annual*
- 13 - Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach Party
- 14 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach Party
- 21 - CMA Memorial Event
- 28 - Heaven Cycles 33rd Anniversary Party
- 28 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

DECEMBER

- *5 - *23rd Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run*
- 11 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami
- 12 - ABATE West Palm Beach Party
- 18 - SFLCOC Christmas Dinner Party
- 18 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
- 19 - Calvary Chapel 11th Annual Christmas Service

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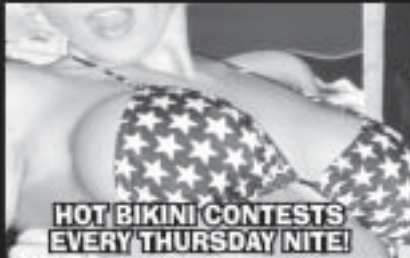
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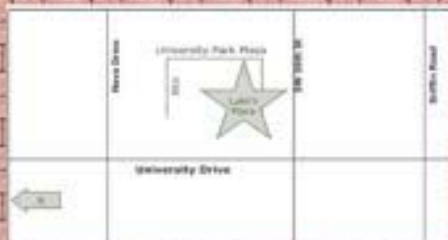
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HALF A BILLION E-CYCLES TO HIT THE ROAD

Worldwide sales of electric powered two-wheel vehicles are set to explode over the next six years. According to a recently released study by U.S. based firm, Pike Research, 466 million e-bikes, e-motorcycles and e-scooters will be on the road by 2016.

“Demographics and economics are aligning to create a strong market opportunity for two-wheel electric vehicles,” Pike’s industry analyst Dave Hurst told Cycle Canada. “In some countries, these vehicles will be engines of economic growth, while in others they will be signals of broader consumer behavioral shifts.”

Not surprisingly Hurst claims that China will dominate the global electric two-wheel vehicle market, representing more than 95% of sales during the next six years. E-bikes will hold a 56% share of the market, predicts Hurst, followed by e-motorcycles at 43% and e-scooters in distant third with less than 1%.

HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVES LANE SPLITTING IN ARIZONA

A bill to allow “Lane Splitting” in Arizona has been unanimously approved by legislative committee.

Also known as white lining, or “filtering” as it is commonly referred to in Europe, motorcycles are allowed to weave between lines of cars in heavy traffic. Such practice is legal in the United States only in California and Washington, D.C., but HB2475 would allow lane splitting through stopped traffic in Maricopa County only to begin with for a one-year trial starting next year.

“The biggest factor on this bill is SAFETY and to try and reduce the number of rear end accidents,” said Mick Degan, lobbyist for the Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA) of Arizona. “DPS is behind and support of this bill along with AAA.”

Also advocating for the measure is former California cop Ted Storck who wrote to the Arizona Republic newspaper; “As an ex-Los Angeles police officer, I support House Bill 2475, which would allow Arizona motorcyclists to split lanes. It is allowed in California and has proven to be safe. I never once investigated an accident where a motorcyclist had an accident due to passing other vehicles in the same lane when the freeways were slow or stopped. However, it did result in more and more people riding motorcycles, cutting down on traffic congestion. Even the head of the California Highway Patrol agrees that this California law should remain in effect. He agrees it cuts traffic congestion and has not resulted in any extra risk to motorcyclists or other vehicles.”

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The lane splitting bill, sponsored by Republican Rep. Jerry Weiers of Glendale, has already cleared two committees in the House and faces a floor vote soon before it can be considered in the Senate.

OHIO MEASURE WOULD MAKE MOTORCYCLE PARKING SAFER

Buckeye bikers will be able to back their motorcycles into angled parking spaces, under legislation unanimously approved by the Ohio House on March 10. Substitute House Bill 204, sponsored by Rep. Tom Letson, D-Hubbard, passed 96-0 and now heads to the Ohio Senate.

Under existing state law, motor vehicles parked on public streets and highways cannot face into traffic. That poses a problem for people who drive motorcycles, which don’t go in reverse, Letson told reporter Marc Kovac, Dix Newspapers Statehouse Bureau chief. For angled parking spaces, motorcyclists have to physically push their bikes into traffic, creating a dangerous situation.

Letson’s bill would allow cycles to be backed into angled spaces, instead. “Many of you are probably asking why this is necessary or what this even means,” Letson said. “...The purpose for this legislation is to increase safety on Ohio’s roadways and to ease the unnecessary burden on Ohio motorcycle drivers.”

HIGHWAY SIGNS DELIVER A MESSAGE

Some of the best riding roads are in California, and a new campaign aims to make the roadways safer for motorcyclists by lighting up over 700 changeable freeway message signs saying “Share the road, look twice for motorcyclist.”

Following years of lobbying and letter-writing, ABATE of California is now working with state officials to utilize Amber Alert electronic message boards, when not in official use, to display the motorcycle awareness alert to millions of commuters daily.

ABATE Executive Director Anthony Jaime says the joint effort with CalTrans, the California Highway Patrol and the California Motorcycle Safety Program “highlights the impact that grassroots organizations like ABATE can have on their government when they actively become part of the process of governance rather than just sitting back and being governed.”

The signs displayed the messages statewide for a one-week period during peak drive times, and serves as an example that other states can easily follow since it doesn’t cost anything extra to do.

Similarly, HB2351 would require the Iowa DOT to use electronic message boards on Hawkeye highways to flash “Watch for Motorcycles” during May for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

MORE NOISE ABOUT NOISE

Across the country, more and more communities are exploring efforts to silence noisy motorcycles, but in Maine a bill that

began as a broad measure to cut back on loud pipes has evolved into a proposal to force motorcycle riders to display vehicle inspection stickers on their bikes.

During hearings, the House Transportation Committee connected the noise problem to reports that nearly 40% of Maine motorcycles aren't inspected. Faulty and noisy mufflers would fail motorcycles in annual inspections, so the measure was amended to require an inspection sticker be visibly affixed to the rear of the bike either on a mounting plate or on a rear fender or frame.

The bill, which also calls for a study of motorcycle noise, has received initial House approval but still needs to be approved by the full House and Senate.

A Racine, Wisconsin city panel has voted 4-0 recommending a newly written ordinance that would create a \$100 fine plus court costs for "disorderly conduct with a motor vehicle." It would outlaw, in a motorized vehicle, "violent, dangerous, abusive, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct." That would include: squealing tires; revving an engine; unnecessarily blowing a horn; sudden veering or acceleration; and popping wheelies on a motorcycle.

The Culpeper Town Council Ordinance Committee has recommended that the Virginia municipality repeal its existing noise ordinance because it is legally unenforceable in light of recent court decisions. "The ordinance can't be enforced the way it is written," Mayor Pranas Rimeikis said of town noise regulations that rely on "a reasonable person" finding a sound too noisy.

The town's movement to repeal its ordinance, and possibly replace it with a decibel-based measurement, is based on a Virginia Supreme Court ruling from last April that found a similar ordinance in Virginia Beach was unconstitutionally vague. In January, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the state court's decision, denying a review of it as requested by the city.

PATCH HOLDERS DENIED ENTRY TO FLORIDA FAIR

About 50 bikers from an array of clubs rolled into the Florida State Fair looking for a good time, but because of the patches on their vests, they were refused entry and turned away. Fair rules, enforced by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, ban gang colors or signs.

But a lawyer representing the bikers says their First Amendment rights have been violated. "They're trying to stifle people's rights by using a blanket policy," said Florida Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Jerry Theophilopoulos. "It's suppressing their right to associate in public."

The banned bikers belong to a wide variety of clubs, from the Outlaws MC to Christian clubs such as the Spirit Riders, and the New Attitudes, a group of clean and sober riders. "The

clubs that were with us, none of them have ever gotten into fights at the fair," Theophilopoulos told the St. Petersburg Times. "They're not street gangs, and they are being lumped together." The bikers' lawyer said he called the Sheriff's Office Sat to tell the agency the bikers were coming, and he was told that if they wore their colors, they wouldn't be let in.

They tried to go, anyway. "Sometimes you have to make a statement, to stand up for what you believe in," said Jerry T, who also serves as legal counsel for the local Confederation of Clubs.

MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY ASKS CONGRESS TO AMEND LEAD RULES

The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has delivered nearly 4,000 letters to Congress signed by motorcycle industry professionals who have had their livelihoods impacted by the lead provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA).

"We believe these letters along with the other communications will help add to the momentum encouraging Congress to amend the CPSIA's lead content provisions to exclude youth vehicles," said MIC chairman Larry Little.

The CPSC recently requested flexibility to grant exclusions from the lead content limit to address certain products including youth vehicles in a Jan. 15 report to Congress.

The MIC stressed three key reasons why youth ATVs and motorcycles should be excluded from the CPSIA's lead content provisions: 1. The lead content poses no risk to kids. Experts estimate that the lead intake from kids' interaction with metal parts is less than the lead intake from drinking a glass of water. 2. The key to keeping youth safe is having them ride the right size vehicle. Kids are now at risk because the availability of youth ATVs and motorcycles is limited due to the lead ban. 3. The lead ban hurts the economy for no good reason when everyone is trying to grow the economy and create jobs. MIC estimates that a complete ban on youth model vehicles would result in about \$1 billion in lost economic value in the retail marketplace every year.

POLICE IN ENGLAND ISSUE RIDERS HI-VIS VESTS

Thousands of British motorcyclists are being stopped by police for not wearing high-visibility clothing. Beginning in March, riders will be stopped and given lectures on "being seen" as well as reflective vests to put on over their jackets or leathers.

The Motorcycle Action Group says the tactics are a step towards compulsory hi-vis clothing or reduced insurance payouts for riders in dark kit. "We're advising all riders stopped without obvious cause in order to deliver these lectures to make a stand by lodging formal complaints. If police time is tied up too much they may soon drop this tactic."

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