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President's Thoughts

This is a busy time for the Chapter. We have the new BY-laws that were voted on and passed by the chapter and will have to wait till next State meeting to see if all the other Chapters of ABATE of Florida makes this happen. We also have started the nominating process for the upcoming Chapter Board of Directors election being held at the June meeting

Our upcoming event will be held at Seminole Casino Coconut Creek is beginning to take shape thanks to Jackie and all the others that have helped. We have some great items that people will be able to draw for; this includes a paid 5 day 4 night cruise to Mexico among some other great stuff. Jack Daniels will have ladies out there with goodies and promotions to give along with the new Tequila that they are putting out.

This is also the time where a lot of Rallies go on, Dayton is in the past and Leesburg is in the future along with the Freedom Rights run to the Capital on Monday April 11, which is a good time to meet our lawmakers.

ABATE of Florida Inc has been trying for years to get a stiffer penalty bill passed and this year is no different. We have HB 403 by Dennis Baxley Republican for part of Marion County and SB 608 introduced by Greg Evers from district 2 that are making their way through committees. Hopefully they will make past these without changes like the one that had to be pulled last year due to last niche effort to put a mandatory helmet clause in it.

We have to remember that we need to do our part in the process by contacting your Legislators and letting them know you want them to support these bills. If you need and help on how to make contact, there are links on ABATESE and ABATE of Florida web sites to help you.

Till next time...

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ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes March 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:20am by President Old Hippy 45 signed-in members, no guests and no At-Large members in attendance. Total signed-in attendance: 45. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Tumbleweed .

President's Report

Old Hippy presided the meeting by welcoming all. Lots of events going on. Thank you for coming. There's a lot of rides. Thank you to the Der Kreigers in attendance. A life member, Flatliner is in today from Port St Lucie. Lots to discuss and voting for the bylaws at the end.

Vice-President's Report

Johnny Rose Glad to see everybody here. Thanks for all that have come today. Happy to have our next event at the Casino. Nothing further to report.

Secretary's Report

Commander Louie stated the last month's errors in the minutes. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32am (not 11:32). The membership and 50/50 prize winners are Donna Gregory and Rainman, respectively. A motion was made to accept the minutes of January's meeting as printed and as changed in the newsletter. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

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

Sergeant at Arm's Report

Big Wheel not present. Has a prior obligation.

Road Captain's Report

Geo discussed several of the upcoming rides. Tiki Bar was cancelled to help support the ALR Poker Run. The ride to Keltics Annual is after the meeting today. Please read his report later in this newsletter for dates and times.

Safety Director's Report

Nothing to report

Products' Report

New products coming in.

Events Coordinator

We are confirmed for our next event for Memorial Day will to be held at Coconut Creek casino. .

State Reps' Report

Chris Sharp reported on the legislative actions and bills. HB 403 Stiffer Penalties bill was read in committee and the Senate bill 608. Look at the Florida Legislative Website for more information on each. If someone hits a biker and kills or maims will have their license suspended or even jail time if the judge deems so as compared to present situation as a max fine of \$500 and mandatory class time for failing to yield the right of the way. Discussion was also on the red light photo ticket. Old hippy discussed the vertical tag but requirement on having a Sunpass transponder.

Membership Report

George reported a total of 612 members. Busy month this coming month. 6 Life members were Jonathan Hajaser, Paul and Tammy Haddad, Debbie Rubino, Frank Tomasek, and Ken Lauderdale

Newsletter Editor

Lee Ann "Wildcat" states please get your articles no later 23 March.

Legislative Report

Nothing to report. See state report above.

Public Relations

Fern not present.

Advertising

Bree asked for volunteers to help collect ad revenue. Old Hippy stated we need a new newsletter distribute our newsletter.

Social Director's Report

Karin not present, but Johnny Rose read her report. Our next party will be held at Mickeys on 26 March from 7-8pm with cake. And 16 April at the VFW..

Quartermaster's Report

Bob Anz reported that everything was 100%..

Photographer's Report

No report. Please send Wildcat any photos.

Web-Master's Report

Mike Hager not present. Website is up.

Trash Master's Report

No more trashmaster position, therefore no report.

Legal Council

Nothing to report

Old Business

A lively discussion on the State Bylaws. The vote will have to

accept all or nothing. A motion was made to accept the bylaws as is. The vote was 32 -1 in favor of accepting Bylaws. A motion was made and voice vote accepted to start a standing committee on future changes to the Bylaws (if passed statewide) with Jimmy Les and Geo as members

New Business

Primo going to Leesburg on the Friday of the Rally weekend. Anyone interested is welcomed to ride with him. Rainman mentioned 30 March as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans.

The following are the names for nominations for next year's officers/directors:

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Good of the order

Geo explained the process of the mailing of the newsletter. Let it be clarified that Geo does not make a profit. Board members are reimbursed for traveling but do not make a profit for going to official meetings. Tony DeNito discussed raising the ad rates. Geo stated we should have everyone get a least one ad and the newsletter would become a moneymaker. No vote on raising the rates. Suzanne mentioned that her daughter Nikole is participating in a fundraising for MS on May 14 for 150 miles. Check out website www.msbikeflorida.com and donate to Nikole Keene. Bars stated Mojo will be at the party at Miceys on April 23. Jimmy Les visited with Stanley and he sends his regards and will not be able to attend the Memorial Day Event.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09pm.
Wildcat won a free annual membership and Shakey Bob won the

50/50. These minutes are summarized and respectfully submitted.

"Commander Louie"

Luis "Louie" Subirats
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Times have changed for all of us in the last 30 years. Gone are the small operations that have now been replaced by larger corporations or they have been swallowed up by one. This is everywhere, and along with that comes the way they are have to do business.

I got a call from Barbara up in South Carolina and she was going to send me the names and any info on some of the old members she called founding members of the Southeast Chapter of ABATE, but I did not get it in time for this article, but it did make me think. For the people who where there, you might remember and for the ones that were not, here is a little past history of the South East Chapter of ABATE of Florida taken from the headlines from the Miami Herald along with a brief outline of the articles.

October 25, 1982-

1,000 RIDERS HIT THE ROAD IN A PROTEST: THEY'RE AGAINST REQUIRING HELMETS From the high road on the Golden Glades interchange it looked like one of those paper snakes that wind through Chinese New Year parades. Silvery black, it twitched and coiled; nervous, threatening. A closer look revealed its parts: a thousand motorcycles lined two-by-two in the Park and Ride lot next to the turnpike. Harleys and Hondas, Suzukis and BMWs, side by side.

BIG ELVES BIKERS BECOME SANTA'S UNLIKELY HELPERS

December 20, 1982-

By the time the cocoa-colored teddy bear was torn from its holiday wrappings and hugged by a grateful two-year-old, it already had been through quite an ordeal.

"Last night, I took him to a couple of bars to show my friends," boasted Carl Hallberg, a burly, bearded blond in a black leather vest and threadbare blue jeans. The next morning, the bear rode 25 miles -- without a helmet -- on the handlebars of Hallberg's shiny 1966 Harley hog. The unlikely duo was part of a motorcycle caravan of chrome and leather that roared up Interstate 95 Sunday afternoon. About 300 South Florida bikers rode their shiny machines into a shabby neighborhood in Pompano Beach, where **they threw a Christmas party for hundreds of needy children at the Farm Labor Camp**. The party was organized by the South Florida chapter of **ABATE -- A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments**. The motorcycle club is best known for its efforts to persuade legislators to repeal laws that require motorcyclists to wear helmets. But Sunday's event was part of a different project. "We're trying to improve our image," said chapter president Art Robertson. "Everyone thinks of us as low-lives and gangsters. "We want to show people that we're sensitive and that we have hearts just like everyone else." At least one person was convinced. "When I first heard they were coming, I could not believe a motorcycle gang was doing something like this," said Ernestine Price, director of the Farm Labor Camp, a federally funded community center for migrant workers and their families. "Most of the time, you think of bikers as the kind who terrorize people. ... But if it weren't for them, most of these kids wouldn't have Christmas. So, Price continued, "I'd say these guys are just as good as professional men who go to work at E.F. Hutton."

November 7, 1983 -

CYCLISTS DEFY LAW AT RALLY - 2,000 PROTEST HELMET RULE In a reverberating display of civil disobedience stretching as far as the eye could see, thousands of bikers took off helmets Sunday and roared along Interstate 95 with the wind blowing freely through their hair. Attire was casual -- mostly denim, leather, tattoos, chains and boots. The motorcycles were huge -- mostly deep-throated Harley Davidson's. Sentiments were defiantly anti-helmet. "The United States is supposed to be a free country.

November 4, 1985-

HELMETLESS BIKERS LEARN LAW STILL ENFORCED

Twenty Palm Beach County motorcyclists got more than wind in their hair as they traveled to North Dade Sunday to join about 2,000 other riders in a protest against the state's helmet law.

They were issued tickets for riding without helmets. Florida Highway Patrol trooper, apparently unaware of the protest ride, saw 40 to 50 bikers southbound on Interstate 95 near Atlantic Boulevard in Broward County Sunday morning. FHP troopers finally pulled the group over south of Pembroke Road, about 17 miles away. Eight FHP patrol cars were involved. Officers wrote 20 tickets, for \$29.50 each. "Some of us had helmets on, some of us didn't," said Duke Halonski, vice president of the Palm Beach County chapter of **ABATE** of Florida, Inc. "That's the whole idea of this anyway."

The protest was the fourth annual demonstration by **ABATE**, an organization with 3,000 members and 27 chapters statewide.

ABATE members aren't against helmets; they just want the right to choose whether to wear one.

The 31 states that don't have a helmet law have a lower fatality rate per 1,000 registrations than the ones that do," said **ABATE** of Florida president **Mike Casey** Local chapter president **Harry "Tiny" Jones** of North Miami.

drew cheers during the 20-minute rally when he ripped apart a motorcycle helmet with his bare hands. It was cut in advance, he acknowledged later.

April 22, 1985-

ON A ROLL Members of the motorcycle group ABATE, A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments, begin a trek south Sunday along Interstate 95 near the Golden Glades interchange. The destination of the bikers' Sunday ride was Peacock Park in Coconut Grove.. About 300 members took part....

April 24, 1986 -

BROWARD NEIGHBORS COPY \ CYCLISTS TO GO HELMETLESS IN RALLY AND BLOOD DRIVE The sputter and boom of 1,500 engines, sun reflecting from hundreds of pounds of chrome, hair blowing in the wind -- it's the semi-annual helmetless run, rally and blood drive, sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of ABATE of Florida. The rally will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday at Miami's Golden Glades interchange and the run will leave at noon for the 45- minute ride to C.B. Smith Park in Pembroke Pines. "We represent all the motorcyclists in the community".

September 22, 1986 -

BIKERS RIDE FOR THE RIGHT TO GO TOPLESS

Black shirts. Beards. Boots. Very, very noisy Harley Davidson motorcycles. ABATE of Florida Inc. is no ordinary political action organization. **The Southeast Florida Chapter of ABATE** rallied its two-wheeled troops Sunday for its third annual "poker run," which amounted to a day on the road, a picnic in the park and a chance to support the group's main reason for being: repeal of the state's mandatory helmet law for motorcyclists.

April 27, 1987-

MOTORCYCLISTS RALLY AGAINST HELMET LAW This is the year to abolish a state law requiring motorcyclists over 21 to wear helmets, organizers of a rally told about 300 people who rode to the state Capitol to protest the requirement. Marion "Grandpa" Stewart, president of ABATE of Florida Inc., urged members of the group to write and call legislators and Gov. Bob Martinez in support of bills that would let riders 21 and older decide whether they should wear helmets.

May 22, 1989-

REBELS WITHOUT HELMETS **Members of A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments** (ABATE), a group that opposes helmet laws, ride Sunday into Markham Park in Sunrise for a rally. About 1,000 cyclists rode from Golden Glades to the park with their heads bare. ABATE says bikers should be treated the same as car drivers, who are also prone to head injuries. Does anybody remember this group?

May 26, 1989-

MOTORCYCLISTS REV UP TO HOST MUSIC FESTIVAL Members of **AMEND** (All Motorcycle Enthusiasts to Nullify Discrimination) want to improve the public image of motorcyclists and hope a Memorial Weekend Motorcycle Music Festival will do the trick. The three-day event will be on a portion of Imagination Farms, northwest of Interstate 75 on Griffin Road, and will feature more than 20 local heavy metal/hard rock bands, food and clothing vendors and a motorcycle show. "There is a lot of discrimination against motorcycles.

February 6, 1992-

MOTORCYCLE RIDERS TO REV ENGINES FOR THE HOMELESS Motorcycle riders from throughout South Florida will be riding to raise money and goods for the homeless Sunday. **The Dade County Chapter of ABATE**, a worldwide organization

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promoting the freedom of motorcyclists, will sponsor the Third Annual Poker Run for the Homeless. Between 9 and 11 a.m., motorcycle riders will start at Harley-Davidson South, U.S. 1 and Southwest 176th Street, and ride to the Blarney Stone, 14108 SW 288th St. There is also a Helmet Run, protesting helmet law.

November 23, 2000 -

BIKERS' CELEBRATE RIGHTS, THRILL OF THE RIDE A blue-sky day, spotted here and there by beautiful white-cotton clouds, greeted some 700 motorcycle enthusiasts this bright November Sunday morning. They came to celebrate their newfound freedom of choice regarding helmet usage in **South Florida, thanks to ABATE**, American Bikers Aimed Toward Education. At the Golden Glades Park and Ride, where the run was assembling, a small group of four or five sportbike riders put on an demonstration of its stunt riding abilities.

I know this is some of the events that lead up to the change in the helmet law in 2000, but it's amazing to me, not only that ABATE was able to set in motion the vast amount of participation from so many,, but all this was through word of mouth, no E-Mail or texting back then, but without the now required waiver that they would have to sign.

Times have changed and the, "A Brotherhood" has changed to "American Biker", which to me is not the same.

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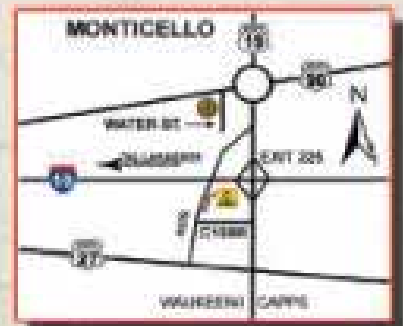
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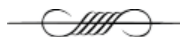
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Our March Birthday Party at Mickey's had a great turn-out! I want to say thank you to Lisa, Dave and the staff for their hospitality. (Abate members and great supporters of our organization). Thank you also to those who made it there to help your fellow members celebrate.

Our April Party will be on April 16th at the VFW 9697, there will be music, bucket specials and more, thanks to Commander "Stu". Granted not our usual venue, but for those of you who don't know, we hold our board meetings there and I distribute our newsletters there as well.

The post also supports Abate and helps us out when needed.

At this time VFW 9697 needs our support so please come and have fun at this month's party.

Remember: This is "Our Party" to celebrate all members Birthday's each month and they love to have you there. We will meet between 7-8 pm.

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

Peter Graves "Sneaky Pete"
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Rick Molina "T-Man"

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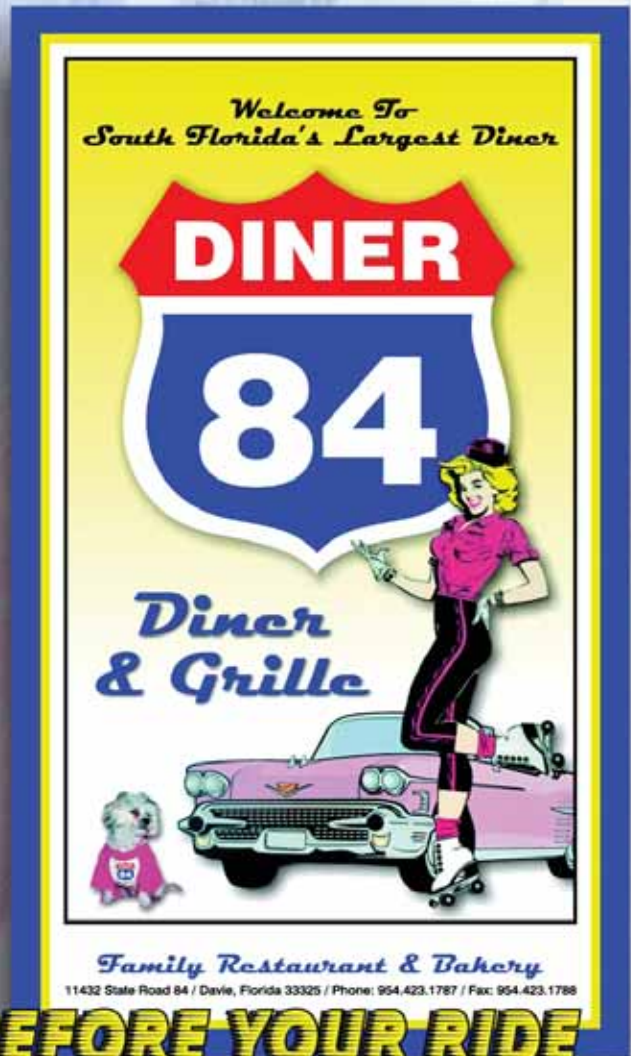
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To all our other members don't forget to check your memberships so your "D" and "D" insurance won't run out. You have to be a current member to collect. But I hope you or your family never needs to use it.

Anyway, I am really excited about our new location for this years' Memorial Day Event at the Seminole Casino Coconut Creek on May 29 2011. I went to a few great parties that some of the MC's had there. That place rocks! Jackie, our Events Coordinator did a bang up job and I think it will be a fun party. THANK YOU Jackie you rock girl!!

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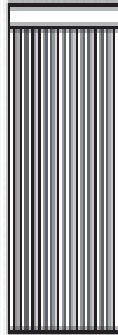


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Peterson's South Anniversary Weekend →
3 States MC Annual Pompano	4	5	6	7	8 Leesburg Bikefest Begins →	9 SE Police Rodeo
10 Leesburg Bikefest Ends	11	12	13	14	15	16 ABATE Birthday Party @ VFW 9697 Outcasts MC Annual
17 ABATE Chapter Meeting AOA MC W.P.B. Annual	18	19	20	21	22	23 Mystic 7 MC Party
24 HAPPY EASTER 	25	26	27	28	29	30

Additional Info:

April - 2 & 3 Peterson's South Anniversary Weekend
 April - 8, 9, 10 - 15th Annual Leesburg Bikefest
 April - 9 SE Police Rodeo

April - 24 CMA Easter Service

April - 16 US Military Vets MC
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Southern MC Annual	2	3	4	5	6 National COC Convention	7 National COC Convention
8 MOTHER'S DAY	9	10	11	12	13	14 USMV MC West Palm Beach Annual
15 Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual	16	17	18	19	20	21 WOG MC Pt St Lucie Party
22 <i>ABATE Chapter Meeting</i> <hr/> WOG MC Miami Annual	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 ABATE SE Memorial Day Celebration!	30 Memorial Day	31				

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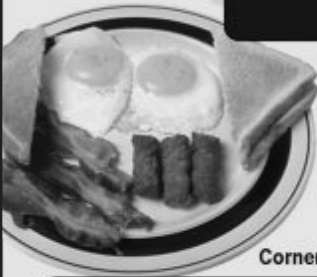
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ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT – APRIL 2011

Here's what I have for you this month.

Seems that the Sunday rides I have been trying to schedule have been difficult to plan because of date conflicts with some of the MC events. Sundays are a busy day for the motorcycle community. Since we always want to support the MC's as well as accommodate our members, I am going to restructure the rides I plan in the future.

Longer rides will be planned for Saturdays instead of Sundays. Shorter rides to Bike Night events will be planned for weekday evenings. In other words, I am going to do my best to make it easier to participate in our rides.

Stay tuned for an updated schedule next month.

Keltics MC Party report:

On **Sunday, March 20th**, after our regular Chapter Meeting, we rode over to JP Mulligan's on Flamingo Rd. to party with our friends from the Keltics MC. The band rocked out, hundreds were in attendance and the Keltics, as usual, threw a great party.

BBRA Children's Foundation 4th Annual Smiles Charity report:

Also on **Sunday, March 20th**, after the Keltics party, a few of us rode up to Bru's Room in Coral Springs where the BBRA was having their fund raiser. We had a Safety Membership booth at the event and signed up some new members.

Ron Catronio did an excellent job with this event and he does wonderful things for the children of this community.

Hoodoo Blue Blues Band update:

As you may know, I have a Blues band. My band has a new Facebook Band page.

We have several dates coming up at the Legion as well as other local venues.

Karin & I are planning a fund raiser at and for the Legion in fact, perhaps in May.

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If you have questions about how to properly ride with a group, please speak up so we can help you out. There is no shame in speaking up on this matter; there is only shame if you do not. We can always place you in a certain spot in the group, perhaps next to an experienced rider, who can help you become a more proficient group rider. Also, not speaking up could jeopardize the safety of others in the group. We were all new at this at one time or another.

Please check Fern's excellent hotline, 954-310-4636, for weekly updates as to what's going on and where we can ride to as a group. We will usually meet at the American Legion Post 321 as a starting point unless stated otherwise.

Some upcoming rides / events:

Apr. 3 – States MC Pompano Annual party

Apr. 8 – 10 – 15th Annual Leesburg Bikefest

Apr. 16 – Outcasts MC Annual party

Apr. 17 – AOA MC West Palm Beach Annual party

Apr. 23 – Mystic 7 MC party

May 29 – Abate SE Chapter Annual Rights Rally

Remember that **Lefty's Bar** has a bike night every Tuesday night; **Mickey's Bar** has a bike night every Wednesday and **Café 27** every Thursday night. These venues support Abate SE Chapter, so remember to support them whenever you can.

There's more to come and lots to do. Stay tuned and stay tuned up! Let's ride!

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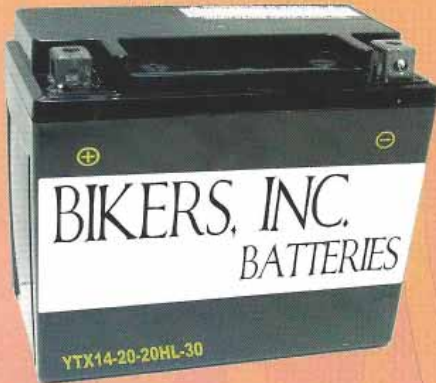
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- 2 & 3 - Peterson's South Anniversary Weekend
- 2 - AOA West Palm Bch Stinky 1%'ers party <<<< **NEW**
- *3 - **States MC Pompano Annual**
- 8, 9, 10 - 15th Annual Leesburg Bikefest
- 9 - SE Police Rodeo
- 16 - USMV MC Martin County party
- *16 - **Outcasts MC Annual** <<<<<<<<< **DATE CHANGE**
- 23 - Mystic 7 MC party
- 24 - CMA Easter Service

MAY

- *1 - **Southern MC Annual**
- 6 & 7 - National COC Convention
- *14 - **USMVMC West Palm Annual**
- *15 - **Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual**
- 21 - Wings of Gold MC Pt St. Lucie party
- *22 - **Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual**
- *29 - **Fiasco Brothers Annual** <<<<<<<< **DATE CHANGE**
- 29 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE

- *5 - **AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual**
- *11 - **New Attitudes MC Annual**
- *12 - **Wings of Gold MC West Palm Annual**
- 19 - Peterson's North Store Fathers Day Event
- 25 - Palm Beach ABATE party
- *26 - **WOG MC Ft. Laud Stars & Stripes Annual**

JULY

- 3 - USMVMC South Broward party
- 10 - **AOA MC West Palm Beach** <<<<<<< **CANCELED**
- 16 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off & party
- 17 - States MC Lake Worth party
- *24 - **Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud. Annual**
- 31 - Chrome Angels MC summer bash party

AUGUST

- 8-14 71st Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 12 to 14, - 16th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 14 - AOA MC 44th Anniversary party
- *21 - **Wings of Gold MC Port Saint Lucie Annual**

SEPTEMBER

- 9 (Friday) - Outcast MC Party
- 11 - States Pompano MC 18th Key West Tuneup party
- 17 - USMVMC Wreaths Across America Kick-off
- 15-18 Phil Peterson's 38th Annual Key West Poker Run
- 18 - Wings of Gold MC Miami "After Key West party"
- 25 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party

OCTOBER

- *2 - **Mystic Seven MC Annual**
- 9 - AOA MC Treasure Coast party
- 16 - Keltics MC Miami party
- 22 - USMV MC Homestead benefit party
- 20-23 Daytona Biketoberfest
- 23 - SE ABATE 31st Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally
- 29 - Wheels of Man MC 38th Annual Halloween party
- *30 - **Alternative Treasure Coast Annual**

NOVEMBER

- *6 - **USMVMC National 24th Annual**
- 12 - Soldiers for Jesus MC party
- 13 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach party
- *20 - **CMA Memorial Annual Event**
- 27 - Heaven Cycles 34th Anniversary party
- 27 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

DECEMBER

- 4 - ABATE West Palm Beach Annual
- 10 - USMVMC Wreaths Across America ceremony
- *11 - **24th Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run**
- 17 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami
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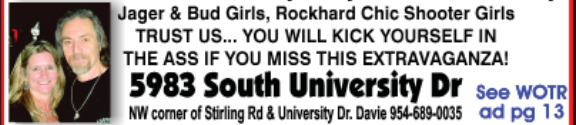
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MOTORCYCLISTS AWAIT ROADBLOCK RULING

Motorcycle riders across the country are anxiously awaiting a decision from the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York which they hope will declare New York's "motorcycle only" roadblocks to be unconstitutional. The so-called "safety checkpoints", which target well-known motorcycle events, force motorcyclists to leave the roadway, regardless of any wrongdoing, and have their persons and property inspected for equipment violations, proper paperwork, DUI and stolen VIN numbers. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) is now providing Federal funding for law enforcement to conduct such motorcycle-only checkpoints nationwide despite objections raised by members of Congress and legal challenges from the biker community.

The New York lawsuit is the first to challenge the constitutionality of motorcycle checkpoints. The plaintiffs are being represented by Proner & Proner, led by N.Y. Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Mitch Proner, a motorcycle-riding lawyer who has a long history of doing "pro bono" (free) legal work to protect the rights of motorcyclists. The Proner law firm commenced the lawsuit on behalf of four motorcyclists who were detained at two separate checkpoints, as well as representing the interests of ABATE of New York and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM).

The checkpoints in question are funded by a grant from the New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and the troopers who work them are paid overtime. Although the stated purpose of the checkpoints is to promote safety, the majority of the more than a thousand tickets which were issued during the first year of the checkpoints had nothing to do with safety and instead focused on non-safety violations such as loud pipes. The written guidelines for the checkpoints specifically state that one of the purposes of the checkpoints is to look for stolen and forged VINs and the police readily admit that they often have undercover members of their gang and auto theft units working the checkpoints looking for signs of criminal activity.

According to Proner, the Supreme Court of the United States has repeatedly made it clear that any roadway checkpoint whose primary purpose is general crime control constitutes an unreasonable search and seizure under the Fourth Amendment and is presumptively unconstitutional. Notwithstanding that fact, the progress reports which the police prepared on the checkpoints specifically state that the grant funds are used "for overtime for intelligence gathering and the subsequent criminal and traffic enforcement." The police admit that the checkpoints, which focus

only on equipment violations and forged and stolen VINs, do not address any of the major causes of motorcycle accidents such as reckless driving, driver inattentiveness and alcohol impairment.

The case, Wagner et al. v. The County of Schenectady, et al. could wind up in the U.S. Supreme Court. The future of motorcyclists' rights hangs in the balance.

BILLS INTRODUCED TO PROHIBIT MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS

Even as Georgia police prepared to launch the nation's first federally-funded motorcycle-only checkpoints during Daytona Bike Week, lawmakers in Washington were taking steps to cut federal funding for the controversial practice.

Wisconsin Reps. Jim Sensenbrenner, Paul Ryan and Tom Petri introduced House Resolution 904 on March 3rd that would prohibit the secretary of transportation from providing funds to state and local governments for the use of motorcycle-only traffic checkpoints.

"The first step in motorcycle crash prevention should be rider education and increased awareness. Taxpayer money should not be spent on helmet checkpoints that do not prevent crashes," Petri said in a news release. «Also, it's outrageously intrusive. Nobody is suggesting pulling cars off the road for unscheduled inspections, so why are motorcycle riders being harassed?»

"We stand in solidarity against the unconstitutional use of motorcycle-only checkpoints being implemented in Georgia, and may be coming to your state soon," said Escondido Paul, National Lt. Commander of the US Defenders, in issuing a Call To Action (CTA) urging all motorcyclists to contact their federal officials to "solicit their support against grant money being used by the Federal Government to induce other States to participate in such discriminatory actions!"

In related news, bills have been recently introduced in New Hampshire (HB 148) and California (AB 1047) to prohibit any state law enforcement agency from accepting federal funding to establish motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints.

SUPREME COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF MILITARY FUNERAL PROTESTORS

Freedom of Speech was considered by our Founding Fathers to be our most important Constitutional right, which is why it is the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights, but the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling favoring the rights of hateful protestors over the dignity of a military funeral doesn't sit well with some motorcyclists. In particular, the Patriot Guard Riders were formed in 2005 to protect the funerals of fallen warriors and shield

mourners from the incendiary demonstrations waged by Westboro Baptist Church, which claims soldiers' deaths are "divine retribution" for American tolerance of homosexuality.

The High Court ruled 8-1 on Wednesday, March 9th with only Justice Sam Alito dissenting, that the First Amendment protects hateful protests at military funerals, despite the pain they cause grieving families. "Our soldiers fought to give Westboro the right to free speech," said Mike Todd, a member of the Patriot Guard Riders from Reading, Michigan, noting the irony.

Although describing the court's holding as narrow, Chief Justice John Roberts wrote for the majority, saying of free speech; "It can stir people to action, move them to tears of both joy and sorrow, and -- as it did here -- inflict great pain ... we cannot react to that pain by punishing the speaker." He said the national commitment to free speech requires protection of "even hurtful speech on public issues to ensure that we do not stifle public debate."

The case arose from a protest at the funeral of a Marine who had died in Iraq, Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder. As with hundreds of other funerals, members of the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., appeared with signs bearing such messages as "Thank God for Dead Soldiers" and "America Is Doomed".

Albert Snyder sued regarding the intentional infliction of emotional distress at the funeral of his son, and won an \$11 million jury award that was later reduced by a judge to \$5 million, but the verdict was overturned by a federal appeals court that ruled the Constitution shielded the church members from liability. The Supreme Court's decision upholds the appeals court ruling that threw out a \$5 million judgment to the dead Marine's father.

Dissenting Justice Alito strongly disagreed, likening the protest to fighting words, not protected by the First Amendment. "Our profound national commitment to free and open debate is not a license for the vicious verbal assault that occurred in this case," he wrote.

Westboro's antagonistic tactics have resulted in a torrent of legislative activity rarely rivaled in the annals of First Amendment history, with 41 states and the U.S. Congress having passed laws limiting funeral protests, usually establishing minimum distances and time constraints, while numerous municipalities have also passed funeral-protest ordinances at the local level.

RIDING OUT THE RECESSION

With gasoline prices approaching \$4 a gallon, commuters are turning to more fuel efficient motorcycles to save money. Sales and interest are up across the country, and many motorcycle dealers anticipate the popularity of motorcycles to increase even more.

Signs that the two-wheeled world is getting back on the road to recovery are coming from not only improving motorcycle sales, but also by the financial health of bikers themselves. Fewer bikers appear to be making late payments or defaulting on their motorcycle loans, according to a report issued by Fitch Ratings, a credit rating agency working with Harley-Davidson's Financial Services (HDFS) division.

In addition, the report also notes the improving market for previously owned motorcycles is again gaining strength, in part due to reduced inventory levels at dealers. This would allow for any repossessed motorcycles to be sold for a better price than they may have the year before.

NEW JERSEY LIFTS BAN ON SUNDAY MOTORCYCLE SALES

New Jersey motorcycle dealers are rejoicing that they can now sell bikes on Sundays. Governor Chris Christie signed a bill into law allowing the Sunday motorcycle sales on March 3; though the measure does not affect the state's ban on Sunday automobile sales, nor does it apply in Bergen County where Blue Laws continue to prohibit the sale of most nonessential items on Sundays.

State Senator Donald Norcross introduced the legislation after a Camden County dealership complained about losing customers to stores in nearby Pennsylvania and Delaware as a result of the Sunday ban, adding that most motorcycle buyers tend to make purchases on weekends.

"With our dealerships closed for business on Sunday, consumers were heading across the river to make their purchases at bike shops in neighboring states," said Norcross. "Especially in this economy, we need to give businesses the tools they need to remain competitive."

Motorcycle businesses in Indiana and Wisconsin have also been trying to overturn bans on Sunday bike sales.

CONGRESSIONAL MOTORCYCLE CAUCUS EXPANDS

Newly-elected U.S. Rep. Allen West (R-FL), who was accused by his incumbent foe of belonging to a "biker gang" because he was supported by the South Florida Confederation of Clubs, has become one of the newest members of the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus.

The bi-partisan caucus is comprised of members of Congress who are passionate about motorcycling and who work to promote the interests of motorcyclists. The CMSC has actively highlighted the safety of motorcyclists by passing Congressional Resolutions supporting the goals of May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, drawing attention to Ride to Work Day and ensuring that motorcycle safety is remembered in the transportation reauthoriza-

tion process.

I'm very pleased to be able to join the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus to work with my esteemed colleagues on issues related to motorcycling.» said West, who is indeed an active motorcyclist who contributes political articles for a local South Florida biker magazine "Wheels on the Road".

West joins with fellow U.S. Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI), Tim Griffin (R-AR), Reid Ribble (R-WI) and Jeff Denham (R-CA) as the most recent motorcycle enthusiasts on the caucus. Other members include Reps. G.K. Butterfield (D-NC), Michael Conaway (R-TX), John Duncan (R-TN), Bob Filner (D-CA), Randy Forbes (R-VA), Walter Jones (R-NC), Doug Lamborn (R-CO) and Tim Walz (D-MN).

Reps. Michael Burgess (R-TX) and Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ) founded the Congressional Motorcycle Safety Caucus on June 26, 2009 and currently serve as co-chairs of the caucus, despite a gunman's vicious attack on Giffords.

Reps. West and Giffords were both recently selected by the NCOM Board of Directors to receive the coveted Silver Spoke Award - Legislative at the upcoming 26th Annual NCOM Convention over Mother's Day weekend May 5-8, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, New Mexico. For further information, or to register for the NCOM Convention, visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com or call (800) 525-5355.

AMERICA'S MOST DANGEROUS DRIVERS BY PROFESSION
Chances are the car that cut you off in traffic was driven by an attorney, or a judge, or government worker or maybe even a dog groomer, according to a new study listing the most dangerous drivers by profession.

A study conducted by an online insurance agency found that lawyers snared the No. 1 spot on a Top 10 list of "Most Dangerous Drivers By Profession," with 44% claiming a prior accident when receiving a car insurance comparison quote from insurance.com. Findings were based on accident claims as a percentage of quotes, the agency said, and used its proprietary data.

Here is the full list Insurance.com's study of most dangerous driver's by profession: 1-Attorney/Judge; 2-Financial professionals; 3-Government worker (GS6); 4-Bartender or Waiter; 5-Business Professionals; 6-Dog Groomer; 7-Marketing/Advertising professionals; 8-Barber/Stylist; 9-Coach; and 10-Nurse.

So why did these folks rank so high? Distraction.

That was apparently the opposite for those on the other end of the study, deemed the least dangerous drivers. To that end are

athletes and homemakers, the agency said. "Professions that demand multi-tasking - being on the phone, moving fast on a tight schedule - are prone to more distractions and, from there, more accidents," said Sam Belden, vice president at Insurance.com. "On the other hand, though the job of a homemaker demands multi-tasking, young children are often along for any car ride. And when children are involved, people tend to take their time and use greater caution."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "In matters of conscience the law of majority has no place."

~ **Mohandas** "Mahatma" Gandhi (1869-1948) Hindu Spiritual and Political leader

BREAKING NEWS FLASH:

FORMER WISCONSIN SENATOR DAVE ZIEN INJURED IN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT

As we prepare to go to press, NCOM has just learned that longtime bikers' rights activist Dave Zien, a former Wisconsin state senator and record-setting long distance rider, was involved in an early morning crash on Sunday, March 13th while attending Daytona Bike Week, and was taken by helicopter to the Tallahassee Memorial Medical Center and placed in intensive care.

According to news accounts, an SUV traveling in front of Zien on Interstate 10 attempted to change lanes, lost control and flipped onto its side. Zien, 59, was unable to avoid the overturned vehicle. Early reports indicate that Zien lost part of his left leg and suffered a broken right hip.

Zien is a longtime member of the NCOM Legislative Task Force who fought against helmet laws and for bikers' rights during his 13 years in the state Senate, from 1993 to 2006. He's been inducted into both the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame and the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame and rode more than 1 million miles on a 1991 Harley-Davidson Sport Glide.

Visiting him at the hospital, James "Doc" Reichenbach, Chairman of the NCOM Board of Directors, reports that Dave is alert and preparing for extensive surgery on his fractured hip, but remains in good spirits and already talking about riding again. "Please thank everyone for their well-wishes and for keeping me in their hearts," Zien said, adding "I'm lucky to be alive."

Please keep Dave in your thoughts and prayers, and NCOM wishes him all the best on his road to recovery.



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