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State Delegates Meeting Time: 2 pm

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President's Thoughts

Hey Everyone....I'm proud to announce that our next Party will be held.....back at Café 27 this year for our Memorial Day Event on Sunday - May 27, 2012. We really could use all the volunteer work we can get. Hope to see everyone there!

We have our Elections coming up in June and nominations are taking place at our monthly meetings up 'til then. We hope that some of our new members will consider stepping up to help make our chapter better or at least to keep it going.

Until next time....

Hope everyone has a Happy and Safe Easter

Peace, *Johnny Rose*



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A logo for Biker Gear featuring a motorcycle and the text "Biker Gear".

ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Mar. 18, 2012

Sgt @ Arms "GEO" called the meeting to order at 10:15am. There were 45 members, no members at large and 1 guest. Total in attendance: 46. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by "Tumbleweed".

President's Report

Johnny thanked all members for coming out. He did not expect such a nice turnout due to bike week. We have a lot to cover during this meeting including our Memorial Day Event and nominations for next years Board of Directors.

Vice-President's Report

Old Hippy thanked all for coming out today. Right after today's meeting we will be heading to the Keltic's MC event. Our list of members who have been injured is growing so please be careful out there.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

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

Sergeant at Arms Report

Geo reported the biggest proponent for Leesburg Bike Fest is Daytona Bike Week. Geo introduced Dave Barrett a new member who is running for City Commissioner in Cooper City. We cannot officially endorse any candidate for any office, but he is one of our members. So if you live in Cooper City enough said.

Road Captain's Report

Frank reported not much going on at this time. Please check the hotline for run updates and important information.

Safety Directors Report

Dave reported not much going on, but please be careful out there. Trash reported he noticed the overhead signs on the turnpike as being motorcycle friendly. Statements as Watch for Bikers, Look Twice for Motorcycles have been seen on these signs on the turnpike. Thank you to the DOT for the State of Florida who controls what is posted on these signs for their support.

Products Report

Johnny Rose reported we have products. If any member is interested in becoming our Products Trustee until our elections in June, please contact any board member. In the interim, if you need any products, please contact Wildcat. Her number is in the newsletter.

Events Coordinator

Steve reported with the exception of a few minor details we are all set for our Memorial Day Event. This year's event will be held at Café 27. Flyers will be available in about 2 weeks.

State Reps Report

Demetrious reported we need to vote on a motion, which was brought up at the state meeting. The motion states in order to serve on the State Executive Board of Directors in the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer only, you must be a US Citizen and a resident of the State of Florida. After a lengthy discussion a vote was called for. Clear majority in favor, 7 no votes, motion passed. Our state delegates will be advised to cast our votes in favor of this motion at the next state meeting. Trash inquired on the status of our original charter. Johnny Rose reported we have not received any information back from the state. If our original charter cannot be found, we will check with our attorney on our next course of action..

Membership Report

George reported we have 645 members. Still number 1 in the state. It is impossible to process a new or renewal membership application, send out your membership card and a newsletter to your home:
IF WE CAN'T READ THE INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION.
Please print or write legibly.

Newsletter Editor

Wildcat reminded all members that all articles; contributions, pictures etc are due by the 20th of each month. This month all articles are due by Tuesday.

Legislative Report

Old Hippy reported our Stiffer Penalties and Texting while Driving Bills did not pass. We will try again next year. Remember this when elected officials are seeking re-election.

Public Relations

Fern was excused. No report

Advertising

Hope reported we would be pulling advertising on the advertisers who have NOT PAID THEIR BILLS. If you are an advertiser who

has not paid, do not be surprised if you do not see your ad in next month's newsletter. We need more advertising to offset the cost our Newsletter. We need to do whatever we can to make our newsletter self-sufficient. Johnny Rose reminded all members, no matter where you go try to get a business card ad. This is the best bang for the buck. Remember: we need to SUPPORT our advertisers, they SUPPORT us.

Social Directors Report

Steve reported Cagneys's did a great job in hosting our birthday party last night even though attendance was less than stellar those who were there had a great time. Next month's party will be at "Luke's" on April 14th. Supposedly they will be having a great band for us to enjoy. Just ask our Sgt @ Arms "GEO" as his HOODOO blues Band will be playing. Remember "Luke's" " Its on the way home"

Newsletter Distribution

Charlie advised we are having a few issues with the distribution. He needs help. If anyone can help out in distributing the newsletter please let him know. He lives in Central Broward and can make arrangements with anyone willing to help in getting him or her the newsletters. His number is in the newsletter.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob Anz reported there was no report

Photographer's Report

Axman was excused. No report.

Web-Master's Report

Mike reported web up and running. Steve inquired on how we can put together an e-mail list where we can send information to our members. Discussion followed. Old Hippy stated the best way to get on our email list is to go to our web site and click on email alerts. This is the easiest and fastest to get on the list.

Legal Council

Demetrious reported no one has come forward with any information regarding questionable stops being done by law enforcement

Old Business

BARS reported he picked up the tables we purchased from the Black Pistons MC. They also gave us a few wooden tables. Since we do not use the wooden ones anymore, (heavy) we will donate them to the legion if they want them.

New Business:

Nominations for Board of Directors and Trustees 2012-2013

Royce has volunteered to preside as election chairman. Alice Calabrese and Suzanne Keene have offered to assist Royce.

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Quartermaster

Bob Anz

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Axel "Axman" Wojnar
Lee Ann "Wildcat" Lewis

Chaplain

Jim "Tumbleweed" McLemore
Frank "Poppi" Cocci

Royce has volunteered to be elections chairman.
Nominations closed until next month.

Very Important Reminder to All Members...

Any member interested in any Board or Trustee Position can
nominate himself or herself. Do not be bashful.

Good of the Order

The memorials at Holiday Park will need to be moved since
Broward County will be taking over. The memorials by the boat
ramp will need to be moved within the net 2 weeks. We will move
the memorials which were placed by ABATE. We will take photos
of the memorials that are there which were not placed there by
ABATE. Post the photos with Miami Mike and try to contact those
organizations that placed the plaques. The county will destroy
them if not moved.

After today's meeting Keltic's MC Event at JP Mulligans

States MC Event on 4-1-12

Mystic 7 MC Event on 4-7-12

El Coqui Assoc. Event on 4-15-12

Legion Riders Post 142 Event on 4-15-12

Remember to check the Hotline @ 954-310-4636 for
all updates.

A motion was made, seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor,
motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:50am

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

Paul A. Melcer

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Secretary



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Old Hippy's Corner



Freedom

I want you to ask yourself, what is your definition of “Freedom” and do you actually have it?

Let's help you out...

According to the Dictionary, Freedom is the state of being free or at liberty rather than in confinement or under physical restraint, exemption from external control, interference, regulation, etc. a) The power to determine, your action without restraint. b) Political or national independence, and personal liberty, as opposed to bondage or slavery.

FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE, LIBERTY refers to an absence of undue restrictions and an opportunity to exercise one's rights and powers. FREEDOM emphasizes the opportunity given for the exercise of one's rights, powers, desires, or the like: freedom of speech or conscience; freedom of movement. INDEPENDENCE implies not only lack of restrictions but also the ability to stand alone, unsustained by anything else: Independence of thought promotes invention and discovery. LIBERTY, though most often interchanged with FREEDOM, is also used to imply undue exercise of freedom.

Certainly, freedom does mean the right to do as one pleases—to think, believe, speak, worship (or not worship), move about, gather, and generally act as you choose—but only until your choices start to infringe on another person's freedom.

This still leaves a great deal of latitude. Abuse of freedom can lead to its demise; think about someone yelling “fire” in a crowded theater. Think about why there are laws that limit sound emissions for motorcycles.

One way to think of this is the difference between “freedom of” (or “freedom to”) and “freedom from”—a point eloquently made by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in his State of the Union Address delivered on January 6, 1941:

We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms.

The first is freedom of speech and expression—everywhere in the world.

The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—everywhere in the world.

The third is freedom from want—which, translated into world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants—everywhere in the world.

The fourth is freedom from fear—which, translated into world terms, means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor—anywhere in the world.

That is no vision of a distant millennium. It is a definite basis for a kind of world attainable in our own time and generation.

Note also that Roosevelt spoke in “world terms.” He and his colleagues (including his wife, Eleanor, one of the greatest women of the

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20th century) operated according to a vision in which the United States belonged to a family of nations. This family was interdependent, cooperative, and shared common values. The U.S., in their eyes, would act as a member of that family—a leading member, to be sure, but not a belligerent or domineering one.

In the same speech, Roosevelt said:

There is nothing mysterious about the foundations of a healthy and strong democracy. The basic things expected by our people of their political and economic systems are simple. They are:

- Equality of opportunity for youth and for others.
- Jobs for those who can work.
- Security for those who need it.
- The ending of special privilege for the few.
- The preservation of civil liberties for all.
- The enjoyment of the fruits of scientific progress in a wider and constantly rising standard of living

This message is now over six decades old, but still rings as true today as when first spoken. We can hardly improve on FDR's description of the fundamental goals and objectives of techno progressive policies.

For me, freedom is about living my life the way I want too, having a government that is not oppressive (or too oppressive anyway), the freedom to own firearms, and riding a motorcycle without the possibility of mandatory roadside checkpoints. Right now I don't have all of those freedoms.

That's it for now. In closing, from FDR's Speech, September 22, 1936

In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved.

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Old Hippie



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 Southeast Chapter is holding Annual elections for the Executive Board of Directors and all the Trustees' positions. At the last month's meeting, we started the nomination process and will continue at the next meetings leading up to the vote. The State Board of Directors is also up for Elections, and there are only a couple of seats that will be decided on due to "not" many positions had nominations submitted. Looks like the President and the Vice President are the only two that will be decided due to Doc's decision not to run again.

We can't forget, it is also all the other elections that will be held both locally and on the National level, especially the big one for the Commander in Chief.

Our Memorial Event this year will be held at Café 27 and looks like "SOULICIDE" will be the band playing there. Plans are already taken shape to make this our largest event yet.

I am putting the word out for anybody that has connections or knows anyone who has any information on the monuments or markers that are located at the Everglades Holiday Park; especially the one's located by the boat ramp. They have already started to do upgrades there and I would hate to see them trashed. If you know anyone please let them know.

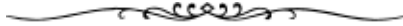
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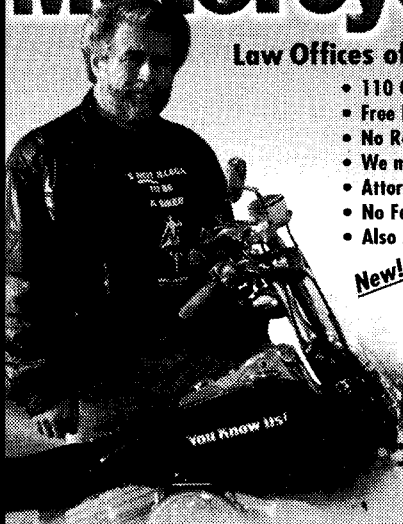
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APRIL

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 States MC Pompano Annual See Pg 27	2	3	4 Mickey's Bike Night	5 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	6	7 Mystic 7 MC Annual Luke's Place Bike Night
8 CMA Easter Party 	9	10	11 Mickey's Bike Night	12 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	13	14 State Meeting in St Augustine ABATE B'day Party
15 ABATE Chapter Meeting El Coqui MG at Mickey's See Pg 27	16	17	18 Mickey's Bike Night	19 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	20	21 USMVMC Martin County Party Luke's Place Bike Night
22 AOA MC WPB Party	23	24	25 Mickey's Bike Night	26 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	27 Leesburg Bikefest Begins →	28 Leesburg Bikefest Luke's Place Bike Night
29 Leesburg Bikefest Ends	30		Mickey's Bike Night	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner		

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Additional Info:

April 7 - Mystic 7 Off-Annual & Mojo's Memory Party - See page 27.

April 14 - Outcast MC Annual - See page 27.

For the Leesburg Bikefest - See page 14 for Camping Information.

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2012

MAY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Mickey's Bike Night	3 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	4	5 Luke's Place Bike Night
6 Southern MC Annual	7	8	9 Mickey's Bike Night	10 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	11	12 WOG MC Pt St Lucie Chili Cook Off Luke's Place Bike Night
13  Mother's Day	14	15	16 Mickey's Bike Night	17 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	18	19 USMVMC West Palm Beach Annual Luke's Place Bike Night
20 ABATE Chapter Meeting WOG MC Miami Annual	21	22	23 Mickey's Bike Night	24 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	25	26 Fly-In Wheels MC Annual Broward at 7:30 pm See Pg 8
27 ABATE SE Memorial Day Event	28	29	30	31		

Additional Info:

- SUNDAY - MAY 13, 2012 -
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APRIL

- 1 - States MC Pompano Annual
- 7 - Mystic 7 MC Party
- 8 - CMA Easter Party
- 14 - Outcast MC Annual**
- 21 - USMVMC Martin Ctny Party
- 22 - AOA WPB Party
- 28 & 29 - Leesburg

MAY

- 6 - Southern MC Annual**
- 12 - Wings of Gold MC P.S.L. Chili Cook Off
- 19 - USMVMC WPB Annual**
- 20 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual**
- 27 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE

- 3 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
- 9 - New Attitudes MC Annual**
- 10 - Wings of Gold WPB Annual**
- 16 - AOA Jerry & Roger 1%er's Memorial
- 23 - ABATE Palm Beach Party
- 24 - Wings of Gold MC Ft. Laud Annual**

JULY

- 1 - USMVMC South Broward Party
- 7 - Wheels of Man MC IRC Annual**
- 8 - AOA MC WPB Annual**
- 14 - Wheels of Man MC Deerfield Chili Cook-Off
- 15 - States MC Lake Worth Party
- 22 - Black Pistons Ft. Laud. Annual**
- 29 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual**

AUGUST

- 4 - Wings of Gold Miami Party
- 5-12 72nd Annual Sturgis Bike Week**
- 10-12, 17th South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 12 - AOA MC 44th Anniversary Party
- 19 - Wings of Gold MC PSL Annual**

SEPTEMBER

- 8 - Outcast MC Party
- 9 - States Pompano MC 19th Key West Party
- 14-16 Peterson's 39th Key West Poker Run
- 23 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party
- 30 - Keltics MC Party

OCTOBER

- 6 - Mystic Seven MC Annual**
- 7 - Rough Riders MC Annual**
- 13 - New Attitudes MC Party
- 14 - SE ABATE Annual Party
- 19-21 Biketoberfest
- 27 - Wheels of Man Deerfield Halloween Party
- 28 - Alternative Ft. Laud. Annual**

NOVEMBER

- 4 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual**
- 10 - USMVMC National Annual**
- 11 - CMA Memorial Event
- 17 - Soldiers for Jesus WPB Party
- 18 - Wings of Gold WPB Party
- 25 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

DECEMBER

- 2 - ABATE Palm Beach Annual
- 9 - SFPC Toy Run**
- 15 - Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley
- 16 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
- 22 - SFLCOC Christmas Party
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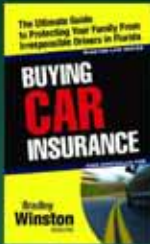
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Jesus had to die and shed His blood so we could be brought back into relationship with God. He was the final sacrifice. It is by Jesus blood our sins have been washed away. Then through His resurrection (coming back to life), we too can be risen to new life in Him. When we come to the Lord, we are new creations. We have Jesus resurrected life in us.

Easter isn't at all about Easter bunnies and Easter eggs as such, though these things are nice to have at Easter time. I've heard it said that the Easter egg represents new life – as a chicken hatches from an egg. It is okay to enjoy chocolate bunnies and Easter eggs at Easter time, but let us not forget the real meaning of Easter.

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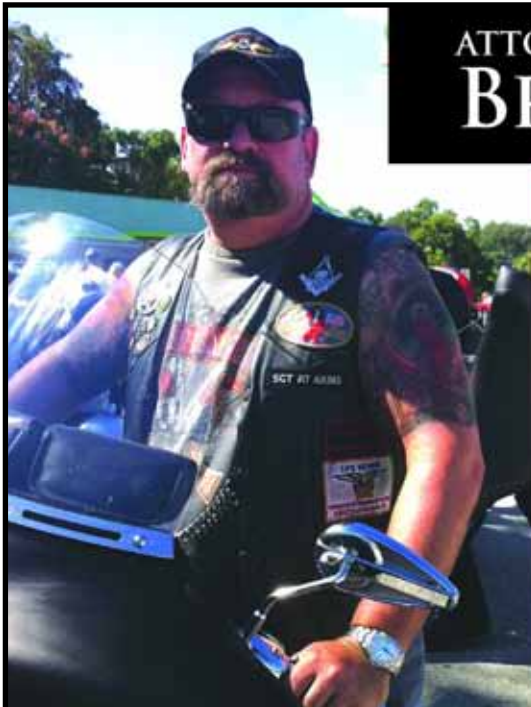


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From Your Safety Director



April is Here

That means good riding weather between the April showers.
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1. Check your tires. They are the most important part of your bike. If your engine quits, you can roll to a stop. If the tire blows, you are in trouble. Check your tire with a good tire gauge. Look for cuts or nicks in the tire. How are the treads?
2. Check your controls. Cables are quite strong and rarely break, but look for kinking or stiffness or anything unusual in their operation.
3. Check your lights, including break lights, head lights, and turn signals to make sure everything works. Also check your horn and adjust the mirrors.
4. Check the oil and fuel and if the bike is liquid-cooled, check the coolant levels.
5. Check the chain-drive to the rear wheel to make sure that the chain is properly tensioned and in good shape. Chains do need an occasional cleaning and a dose of lubrication.
6. Make sure that the side stand and center stand fold up properly, and stay up. If a retraction spring is weak, replace it.
7. As you roll off check your brakes. Just to make sure they haven't gone away.

Ride safe, dress for the slide, not for the ride.

David "Gimpy" Gregory

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Thinking of You

Below are some friends that we are thinking of:

Fern's husband "Jackie" has passed away. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she is dealing with this at this time.

There is Laina, who was also in a motorcycle accident coming home from Cafe 27. Don't know anything on her injuries, but is also in a coma. We are praying for your recovery.

ABATE SE Life-Member Dave Carter (co-owner of Mickey's Bar in Pompano) is still in the Hospital. We hope he'll be out of his coma soon! It's been awhile and we miss you, and we really want to see you....."WAKE UP DAVE"!




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FEDERAL HIGHWAY BILL PROGRESSES

The U.S. Senate has approved its version of a federal highway appropriations measure (S.1813, "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" or MAP-21) by a vote of 74-22 on March 14, and the \$109 billion highway bill includes motorcycle safety funding for states and would bar federal funds from being used to conduct motorcycle-only checkpoints.

The measure now goes to the House of Representatives for further action, where a similar measure is also being considered (H.R. 7, the "American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012").

Both bills contain motorcycle safety program funding and both would prohibit motorcycle-exclusive roadblocks, and neither version has any anti-motorcycle provisions, but it's unclear if the House will take up the Senate bill or advance their own legislation.

MORE STATES MOVE TO BAN MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS

While Congress continues to consider passing a prohibition on motorcycle-only roadside "safety checkpoints" by halting federal funding, several states are moving forward with their own laws to ban the practice.

New Hampshire and North Carolina have both passed such legislation, and Virginia has become the latest state to pass a bill to bar law enforcement agencies from setting up safety checks that only stop motorcycles for inspection.

Following a motorcycle-only checkpoint set up during last year's Rolling Thunder POW/MIA rally en route to Washington, D.C. over Memorial Day weekend, Delegate C. Todd Gilbert (R-Shenandoah) introduced H.B.187, which passed and was signed into law on Feb. 28 by Governor Bob McDonnell.

Most recently, New Jersey introduced companion bills in the Senate (S-1685) and the Assembly (A-508) to prohibit police from establishing checkpoints limited to certain types of vehicles and would require that all checkpoints include all types of vehicles.

Calling motorcycle-only checkpoints discriminatory and unconstitutional, ABATE of California is likewise pushing a bill (AB-1047) that would ban state and federal funding of biker barricades. According to ABATE Lobbyist Jim Lombardo, "We passed out of the Assembly and are awaiting a hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee, probably next month, and then on to Governor

Brown."

Meanwhile on the legal front, New York A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) Attorney Mitch Proner told the Associated Press that he is preparing to appeal a federal court decision upholding the constitutionality of motorcycle roadblocks in N.Y., and the issue may eventually be heard before the U.S. Supreme Court.

BIKER ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL HEARD IN COLORADO

Colorado legislation to ban discrimination against people wearing motorcyclist gear failed to pass its first committee hearing, but the bill's sponsor told the AP that he was glad he proposed the bill because it raised awareness. He said bikers are unfairly judged to be criminals.

State Rep. Joe Miklosi (D-Denver) says he didn't propose the measure to get attention but to help constituents who belong to motorcycle clubs and say they are being singled out unfairly. "I'm motivated by doing the right thing," Miklosi said. "They're being discriminated against."

Bikers say they're unfairly refused service at hotels, restaurants and stores because of how they dress, and Miklosi's bill (HB-1128) would have banned businesses from discriminating against motorcyclists based on their style of dress.

But his bid to add "unconventional attire" to the state law that bars discrimination in public accommodations and put biker attire alongside such protected classes as race, gender and religious affiliation, fell short in the GOP-controlled House State, Veterans and Military Affairs committee which is known for rejecting Democratic proposals.

GREEN MOUNTAIN SENATORS LEARN GANG DESIGNATION INCLUDES VETS

Members of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club may be surprised to find themselves on a list of "security threat groups" recently offered by the Department of Corrections to the Vermont Senate Judiciary Committee in Montpelier, VT.

According to information offered to the committee, a definition from the Department of Justice says a gang designation is appropriate for a group three or more people with a common identifying sign, symbol or name who, individually or collectively, engage in criminal activity which creates an atmosphere of fear and intimidation.

Senator Alice Nitka (D-Windsor) wasn't so sure that the aging vets of the motorcycle club back in Windsor are a menace to society and warrant being "lumped in" with street gangs like "the Bloods and the Crips," reported vtdigger.org.

If all it takes for a “gang” to make the list is for a few members of a group to commit a crime, Senator Jeanette White (D-Windham) asked, “...will the Boys and Girls Club be next?”

MINNESOTA ROAD GUARDING BILLS ADVANCE

Two companion bills to allow trained and certified motorcyclists to road guard during motorcycle runs (SF1719 and HF2008) were approved by the Minnesota Senate and House Transportation Committees, respectively.

Mack Backlund, State Coordinator for ABATE of Minnesota, testified in favor before both committees and answered questions from the committee members. While there were questions and concerns brought up during discussion, in the end both bills passed by unanimous voice vote with no amendments.

The legislation creates a motorcycle road guard certificate under which a person can stop and hold traffic during a motorcycle group ride: “Permits holders of a motorcycle road guard certificate who are acting as a flagger for a motorcycle ride to stop and hold traffic, and override traffic control devices to direct motorcycle operators or other vehicles. Requires drivers to remain stopped until directed to proceed.”

“This language has a long way to go in the process before becoming law, but passage in the Senate and House Transportation Committees is a great start,” said Backlund.

YOU CAN HELP MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STUDY

Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) is working in conjunction with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation to conduct a long term, comprehensive Naturalistic Motorcyclist Study of everyday riding in a wide variety of environments and conditions -- and they need participants.

If selected, you will answer questions about your age, training and riding experience to determine where you fit in the study. To gather information, several small cameras, radar, GPS and a recording unit will be attached to your motorcycle for one year. Once the equipment is attached, your job is to ignore it and ride like you normally would. The data is encrypted as it is collected and kept confidential.

They have selected a number of motorcycles representing a cross section of riders and types of riding: beginners, sport bikes, cruisers and touring, and designed their equipment and mounting system to work with several specific models, and participants must live in or near the targeted study areas that cover different terrain and traffic patterns; Blacksburg, Virginia, Orlando, Florida and Irvine, California. For more details, contact VTTI at www.motorcycle.vtti.vt.edu.

FEDS PROPOSE DISTRACTED DRIVING GUIDELINES FOR AUTOMAKERS

U.S. Department of Transportation chief Ray LaHood has announced a new set of proposed distracted driving guidelines for automakers that would limit the use of in-car tech solutions that are “not directly relevant to safely operating the vehicle, or cause undue distraction by engaging the driver’s eyes or hands for more than a very limited duration while driving.”

From cell phones to GPS screens, distracted driving is an ever-present road hazard in today’s techno-centric world, especially for vulnerable travelers like motorcyclists, but soon video games and Facebook friends could be within arm’s reach as drivers hurtle down the highway in the next generation of cars from Detroit.

Coming dashboard devices would deliver a whole new level of eye candy and brain entrapment, as more than 90% of cars debuting in the next five years are expected to be equipped with Internet-connected screens and other cutting-edge wonders. Automakers are responding to surveys that show 75% of young adults want touch-screen technology in their cars.

But, not if the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration can hit the “Hold” button. The agency’s proposed guidelines -- which do not carry the weight of law -- call for automobile manufacturers to make some dashboard electronic devices automatically shut down once a car starts moving, unless they’re for passengers and cannot be seen by the driver.

The guidelines cite six activities that should not occur while driving: text messaging, Internet browsing, using social media, entering addresses in navigation systems, dialing phones and reading display screens with more than 30 characters of text.

Studies show that drivers double the risk of a crash if they take their eyes off the road for more than two seconds, yet 41 states still allow using a cellphone hand-set while driving and fifteen allow texting behind the wheel.

WEIRD NEWS: FEELING THE WIND IN YOUR EAR

Today’s phones can deliver the sound of a heartbeat, but soon you’ll actually feel the throbbing.

At the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Artificial Muscle Inc. demonstrated how it can make mobile devices shake and rattle with great realism, employing a technology that uses plastics that function like muscles, allowing you to feel the rumble of a Harley or the reverberation of a shotgun blast.

The company showed off an iPhone it had modified by placing one of its Vivitouch “motors” inside that shook a modified Xbox

controller to allow the user to feel what it's like to hold a beating heart. In another instance, it let the user experience the signature rumble of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle starting up.

CHOPPERS FACE EURO-SION OF RIGHTS

They're long and lean, and Europe is looking to ban them. Custom motorcycles are coming under fire across the pond, according to Motorcycles.about.com. Along with proposals to limit motorcycle emissions, force anti-lock brake systems on all bikes, and prohibit engine tuning for increased power; European Parliament is considering a ban on extended forks. The issue will be voted on in April and the limits on modifications could take effect by 2014; ABS rulings and stricter emissions could be enforced by 2016.

"The proposed EU Regulation on Type Approval and Market Surveillance of two and three-wheeled vehicles passed its first reading, Committee stage, on 5th December even though an impact assessment on many elements of the proposal was ongoing," writes MAG-UK (Motorcycle Action Group), "and the Delegated Acts appear to have moved well outside the scope of the Commission's original proposal."

2012 NCOM CONVENTION IN INDIANAPOLIS

The 27th annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 10-13, 2012 at the J W Marriot located at 10 S. West St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. This annual gathering will draw bikers' rights activists from across the country to discuss topics of concern to all riders, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$99.00 by calling (800) 266-9432 or (317) 860-5800.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$80 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$45 for the Convention only. All motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend. Meetings, seminars and group discussions will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and Freedom of the Road.

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The National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MRO's, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have died since May 2011, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional "Ringing of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications can be e-mailed to NCOMBish@aol.com.

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