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WHO WE ARE

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

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

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Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.
- We've become the 4th largest State Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the country (IN & IL are 1&2, we regularly switch for 3rd & 4th with PA).
- We got the handlebar heights law modified.
- We successfully fought a bill that would forbid our children from riding on our bikes.
- We successfully fought the bill that would confiscate motorcycles for going 30MPH over the speed limit.
- We developed an effective MSAP program that has raised motorist's perceptions and awareness of motorcycles, and have received funding from the State of FL totaling over \$750,000 to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.
- We successfully fought the bill against vertical tags that had over \$1,100 in fines for a first offense.
- Supported and fought for a texting-while-driving ban for the last few years.
- Our 2009-2010 Stiffer Penalties Bill made it through five of the FL House & Senate's committees; this is the farthest it has gone in the number of years we have tried. On the last day of session, a committee member strenuously attempted to attach a revival of the helmet law to our Bill. To avoid a new helmet law in Florida, we had to kill the Bill.
- We publish monthly Press Releases and/or Articles of Interest in many online & print publications, including Florida Full Throttle.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. has been asked to be on and currently sits as a member of The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C. The Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation may appoint a representative from only two State MROs throughout the entire U.S.A. to be on this council.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. sits as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Collation of Motorcyclists (NCOM). NCOM has over 1000 member organizations.

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April

Steven Cohen
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Laura Weiner
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 Gene Fiamma
 Alex Kato
 Len Maniscalco
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From Your President

Man, this year is flying by. I'm trying to reach 700 in membership in Southeast Chapter. That's about how many we had when I was President back in 2011. The sad thing is, we should have 10 times that amount. There are so many new riders and even some of the long time riders that don't know who we are and what we are about. So it is up to every ABATE member to spread the word. Let's make our voices heard and make it safer for all motorcyclists.

I don't know about you, but when life kicks me in the butt, all I want to do is crack the throttle and have the wind in my face and the open road in front of me. This seems to give me the peace that I need to keep on keeping on. So ride safe and always have an out in case some knucklehead in a cage cuts you off. Let me leave you with my life's motto "When in doubt, punch it!"

We have some big events coming up. Monday, April 15th, is ABATE of Florida's 22nd Annual Freedom Rights Rally and Ride to the Capital in Tallahassee. Come and join us. All are invited and welcome. Let your voice be heard. This is your chance to talk to our politicians. Sunday, May 26th is our Memorial Day Party. For information about these events, contact me or any other Board Member or Trustee.

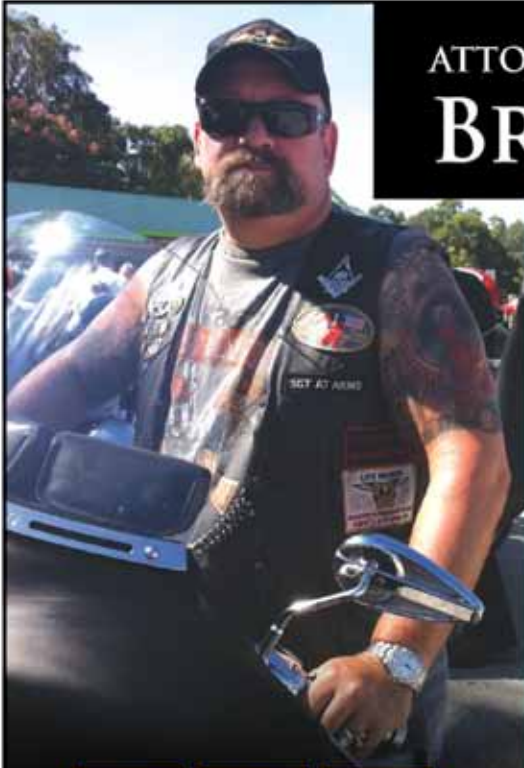
And to the younger people out there, you have the chance to inherit an organization that stands up and fights for biker rights and safety. Help us make a difference, now, and for the future!

ANYONE WHO RIDES SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF ABATE!!!!

God bless America!!!!

Peace,
Johnny Rose
President
Southeast Chapter





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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Held at the
American Legion Post # 222, Oakland Park, FL
March 17th, 2019

Johnny Rose called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. There were 41 members present. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by Paul

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Johnny thanked everyone for showing up and remarked how well our Chapter is growing. He then presented an appreciation plaque to the Commander of Post 222, for all they do for us, and to thank them for their service. He then presented appreciation plaques to Old Hippy, Marie, Sheila, Nighthawk, Russ, Teddy Bear, Little Bit, Wavy, Abby Normal, Brad, Barry, Lee Ann, and Mike, for stepping up this year and taking Board or Trustee positions and for all the help they give and that he really appreciates all the effort by each and every one. Our Chapter is great because of them and all the members. Sheila read a letter of introduction for Chrissy Leonheart. A vote of confidence was called for her to be our new Chaplain and all accepted, and Chrissy is now our new Chaplain, Welcome, welcome Chrissy! A vote of confidence was also called for Bear to be another Assistant Chaplain and for Mike Travis to be our Assistant Sergeant at Arms and all accepted. Welcome Bear & Mike

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Old Hippy also thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone that we will be needing

help for our May event, and the upcoming State meeting in August and we need door prizes. He then spoke about Ax-Man, who recently went down (but he's okay and healing nicely) and about keeping our bikes in good shape.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed, seconded, no discussion, all in favor; Motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Sheila read the financial report. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor. Motion was passed.

SEARGENT AT ARMS REPORT:

Nighthawk reminded everyone about Spring Break and school being out, but if the school lights are flashing, be careful because BSO is watching.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

Russ spoke about the roads and construction and to watch for debris. There was also mention that in Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and North Florida many have seen the Watch for Motorcycle signs

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Teddy Bear was present and feeling better. Johnny spoke and got everything up-to-date. We are setting up safety & membership booths at monthly events at VFW Post 1966, Alligator Alley Harley Davidson, and Cycle Gear on University. He also let us know that he recently spoke at a HOG meeting and got quite a few members, He is going to speak at a BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) meeting in May. We are getting the word

out to different groups in the community.

PRODUCTS REPORT:

Little Bit (Laurel) was present and reported we have more patches and stickers if anyone needs any.

EVENTS COORDINATOR REPORT

Gabe was not present and was excused. He's in Daytona.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

There was no State meeting this past month, but Marie read an update from Darren on the Safety Money HB 2001. The next State Meeting is in Tallahassee in April. Johnny & Wavy spoke on the importance of attending this meeting and the Ride to the Capital. Johnny spoke more about Tallahassee and stressed on how important it is to speak to the Legislators when up there, to be professional and courteous.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Sheila read the membership report and reported we have 619 members in the Southeast Chapter and going strong.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Abby Normal (Ada) mentioned things are going great, just keep getting her lots of pics. She also spoke on Wayne Bragg, a lifetime member of our Chapter, who passed away recently. She has known him a long time and he was a great guy and will be missed.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

Brad was present and reported on Diddles' Mug Shot from BSO. She was featured in the local paper as the "Barking Biker". Brad also spoke on the Safety Money and the Vulnerable Road User Bill. There was discussion on having flashing lights and strobe lights on motorcycles.

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Brad had nothing to report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Fern was not present. She is feeling a little under the weather.

BILLING & INVOICE:

Sheila reported everything is up to date and we have another new advertiser, Skyline Chili on University.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR RREPORT:

Sandy was not present. She is also feeling a little under the weather, a lot of that going around these days.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION:

Wavy reported all is going good and thanked everyone who is helping with the deliveries

QUATERMASTER'S REPORT:

Bob was not present and excused.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT:

Barry said that he is just getting back on his feet so Abby Normal reported she is taking lots and lots of pictures and anyone else who takes pictures should email them to her.

WEBMASTER REPORT:

Abby Normal (Ada) reported that all is running and up to date.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

Our new Chaplain, Chrissy said a beautiful prayer. Again, welcome Chrissy!! Larry spoke about Don Meadows, a longtime vendor and friend to all, who recently passed away. He always had a smile for everyone and always helped anyone who needed a little credit to pay for something. GBNF

OLD BUSINESS:

Tallahassee was discussed, who is going and how many rooms we have. Jimmy Les spoke on the Orange Blossom Festival in Davie and the large American Flag that he puts up. He mentioned Chapter members need to step up and help more. It is always the same old people showing up to work or help. We have a lot of new members and they need to help support our Chapter. We also have State Raffle tickets for rifles.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Our State Meeting in August was discussed. Wavy mentioned we have secured the venue and menu. Hotel rooms have been placed on hold. A flyer will be made up with more details for the State Reps. We will be needing lots of help setting up, serving, parking, and directing traffic. We will also be needing door prizes and silent auction items. Johnny then spoke about upcoming Chapter elections that will be here before you know it, nominations at the April meeting, in May, nominees can accept or decline and any additional nominations, then June is the elections. Think about stepping up and taking a position.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

We have rifle drawing tickets for ABATE of Florida, like last year, see Sheila to buy tickets or check out a book to sell. Upcoming events were discussed. We have a Safety booth set up at the following monthly events: the 1st Friday of the month at Bike, Cruise, and Concert Under the Stars VFW 1966, the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Cycle Gear Bike Nights on University, and the last Saturday of the month Alligator Alley Harley Davidson Bike Nights. States MC now has Taco Tuesdays. March 23rd American Legion Post 180 Biker Bash (and crawfish, yum!), March 23rd Freddy & Shari's Wedding, March 29th Benefit for Wheels of Man MC Brother Aztec at their clubhouse, March 30th Fly-In Wheels MC Anniversary Party at Mickey's, April 7th Mystic Seven MC Off-Annual at Mickey's, April 14th States MC Annual at their clubhouse. Also the Missing in America Project on April 6th at the South Florida National Cemetery, which Teddy Bear spoke about. Flyers for all of the events are on the tables.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. The next Chapter Meeting will be April 21st at the American Legion Post 222, in Oakland Park, Florida.

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Marie Baxter, Secretary, Southeast Chapter



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Vice-President

It has been a rather interesting month with everything that has been going on

We have managed to be able to put up our booth in several locations on a regular basis

It also been a rough time with riders also. Seem like everywhere I turn I hear about a rider going down or going in the hospital for some reason or another and frankly getting a little tired of it especially the accidents that could have been prevented.

State run is coming up so some of us are gearing up for the ride and the meet a greet with the Bunch that got elected and make the rules

Got some nice ones that Cycle World found in other states that somehow was written and made in to law.

Oregon just can't seem to get that Wild West mentality out its system; the state has now made it perfectly fine to salvage deer and elk accidentally struck by a vehicle. But there are a few provisions to go along with that, such as: You need a permit; you have to move the entire carcass off the road; and it can salvaged for human consumption only.

Hawaii just signed an unusual new shoulder lane law, but it's not all that clear. Motorcycles can now use shoulder lanes, but only when the Department of Transportation says so—so quite a few details need to be ironed out, even though the law took effect in January 2019.

According to Virginia statute 18.2-422, you cannot conceal your identity while in certain places, including on a motorcycle. (guess full face helmets are no good) Minnesota wants you to put on the right pants—if you're a student in a motorcycle learning or endorsement program, anyway. According to statute 7411.0565, students must always wear pants when riding. (Means once you graduate you can ride in the buff) Don't let the Sooner State Police see that Avengers mag. It's a crime to read comic books behind the wheel when driving in Oklahoma. We guess it's okay if you're scanning through a War and Peace hardcover, or emailing your beau on an iPad, but illustrations seem to drive the local cops nuts.

Welcome to Nevada—now get your camel off the highway. Yep, it's illegal in Nevada to drive a camel on the slab,

Pennsylvania needs to join the modern world. The Keystone state requires any motorist who spots a team of horses coming their way to pull well off the road, cover his/her car with a blanket, and let the horses pass.

Tennessee. Last time I checked, the Volunteer State was landlocked, but one of its traffic laws makes it legal to hunt whales from a moving car or motorcycle. Other game is illegal though,

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Some folks might say March 1st, 2019, was the 'end of an era.' Don Meadows, otherwise widely known as a merchant for his motorcycle attire, ceased from his labors and found his place of rest. More than just a vendor, he was a friend and a father. Our community mourns the loss of one of our own.

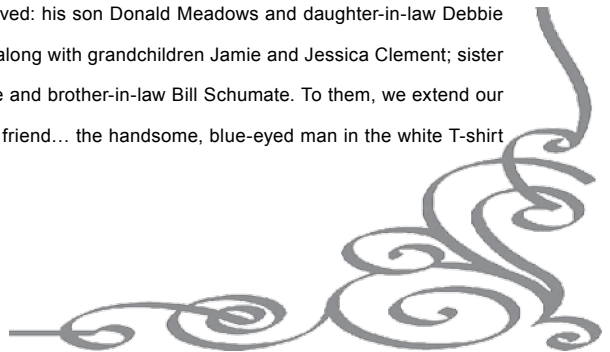
While few of us knew more than the public side of this man, he was a veteran who once proudly served in the US Air Force. When he wasn't dabbling in leatherworks, he often enjoyed painting figurines. Like most of us, he rode, and corralled more than just one motorcycle. In the early days, Don saw the need for leather goods at a reasonable price, so he took to the road, peddling a small inventory. His business grew and so did his clientele.

For the most part, Don was a very private man, keeping personal matters to himself. Everyone loved to talk to him because he was an incredible listener, adding a bit of dry humor if he thought something needed to be said. Don was very loyal to his customers, wanting to please them even to a fault. If you were low on cash but needed a vest for patching, he would often extend credit until you had the funds, waiting as long as you needed to pay him the balance. This kind of trust was a characteristic reminiscent of days gone by.

Most of us recognized him as a 'fixture' at many of our events. If you got to the event before Don arrived, then you witnessed his driving skills. He could back a 16-foot trailer into an 8-foot parking spot with ease. Besides his driving ability, he was handy and could fix just about anything. If you called on him for any reason, Don was right there. Watching him was like watching the Energizer Bunny... GO, GO, GO! He didn't have a lazy bone in his body. And if you look in your closet, you'll probably find something you purchased from him.

Don will be missed by so many people, especially those he survived: his son Donald Meadows and daughter-in-law Debbie Meadows; daughter Laurie Clement and son-in-law Ed Clement, along with grandchildren Jamie and Jessica Clement; sister Joann Meadows; sister Alice Struzinsky; Nephew John Schumate and brother-in-law Bill Schumate. To them, we extend our deepest sympathies and prayers. The rest of us have lost a dear friend... the handsome, blue-eyed man in the white T-shirt who will be forever missed.

Chrissy Leonhardt
Chaplain



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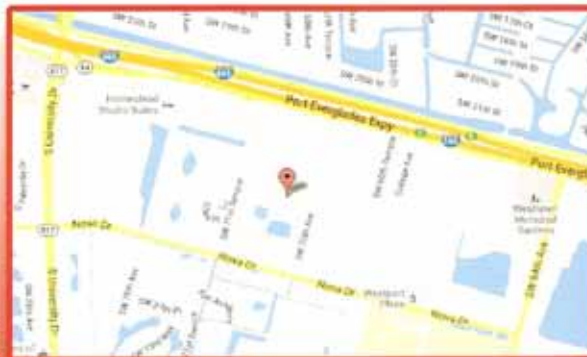
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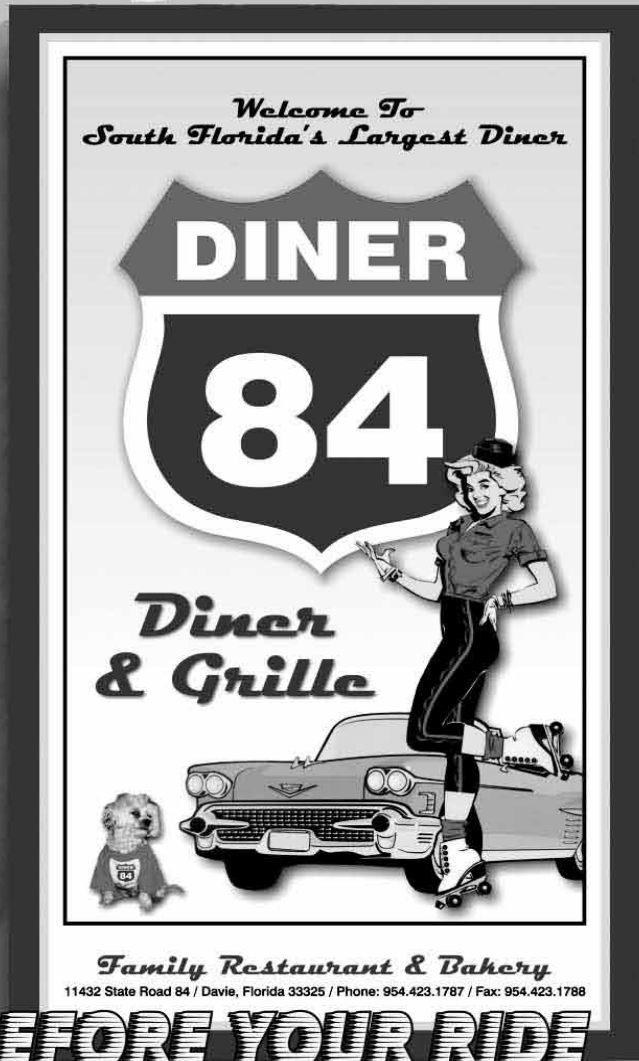
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But the mob shouted louder and louder, demanding that Jesus be crucified, and their voices prevailed. Luke 23:23

Hello and thank you for the vote of confidence! My name is Chrissy Leonhardt and I'm your new Chaplain. Over the next few newsletters, I'll be sharing a little of my history. I've come to know many ABATE members at various MC events and truly look forward to getting acquainted with more of the family in the days to come.

I'm new to this area but not new to ABATE. In 2010, I bought a bike, received my endorsement, and then joined the Chrome Diva's Motorcycle Association- a ladies only national organization. I was first introduced to ABATE at one of our Jacksonville area Chrome Diva monthly chapter meetings. Although I didn't join at the time, I was very interested in the aspect of safety and awareness, as well as the fact that ABATE is our watchdog in Tallahassee, making sure our rights as riders are protected.

This was not an unfamiliar concept to me. As a home-schooler of 25 years, I was a member of a similar watchdog organization who kept us active and abreast of legal matters that were of concern to the home schooling community. This is one of the reasons why I'm an active member of ABATE Southeast. I learned long ago, numbers and paying memberships make a huge difference in getting your voice heard. The louder the shout, the further the impact.

Jesus knew this to be true as well. He was sent to earth to make a difference. His mission was to invite as many as He could to the family of God, endorsing us as His children. Some of the benefits include an umbrella of safety, as well as a daily awareness of His personal care and concern.

The people of Jesus' day were unaware of what He stood for or what advantage they would have if they rallied around Him. Pilate was at a loss when asked how to solve the situation. He then gathered the religious leaders, along with the people and asked them for their opinion. Whose life should be spared? Jesus or Barabbas? The leaders and the people joined forces and with a loud voice cried out for Barabbas. Luke 23:23 emphatically states their voices triumphed.

Even though Jesus went to a cross He didn't deserve, God had a solution. The plan included a cross, a burial, and yes... a resurrection. Justice was served, the loudest Voice won, and Jesus is alive! Unity is powerful and can have an affect on any cause, bringing outcomes both good and bad. For this reason, we need to have a listening ear and a loud voice in Tallahassee, staying active and vigilant concerning our rights as motorcyclists. LETS BE THE LOUD VOICE THAT PREVAILS!



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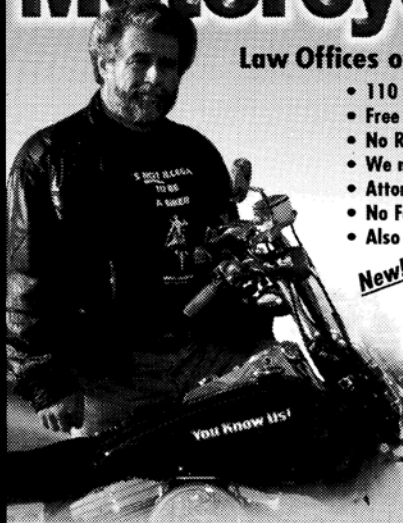
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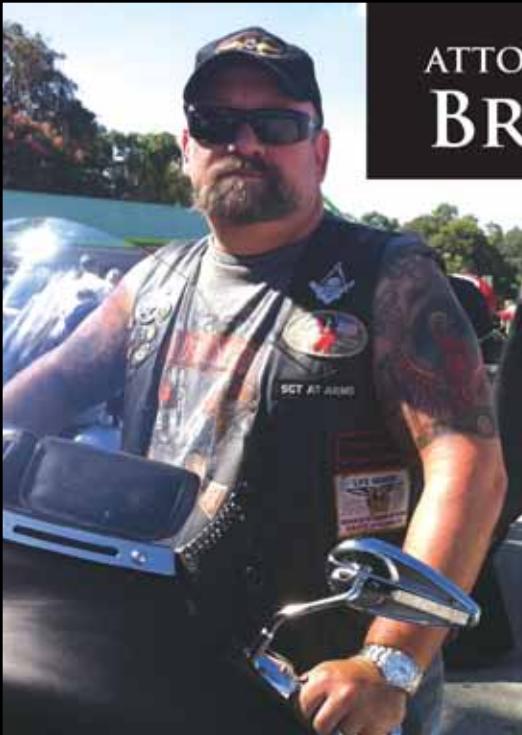
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From Your Safety Director

Well, like most months, we started off with the Bike, Cruise, and Concert Under the Stars at VFW Post 1966. We also had ten bikes and fifteen members ride down to Doral for Hermandad MC's Annual Party. We always have a good time with those guys (and girls). And last but not least, we went to American Legion Post 180 for their Biker Bash. We all had a great time there, eating crawfish and listening to some great bands. Coming up in April, is the ABATE Freedom Rights Rally.

Leave Enough Space

One of the biggest mistakes drivers and motorcycle riders make is not leaving enough stopping distance for bikes. While it's true that since bikes are smaller and lighter than cars, they need less space to stop and maneuver, they still need more than you might think. Anti-lock brakes are still relatively new on many bikes, and older models don't have them. That means that bikers can't just slam on the brakes like a driver could. Their wheels would lock up, they'd lose control, the bike would drop and they'd go for an asphalt slide. Practice stops on your bike in a safe environment and know how much space you need. Then, make sure you give yourself that much space in traffic. Leave a generous following distance between your bike and the vehicle in front of you, and try to keep an escape route open to the side (onto the road shoulder, for example) if you can't stop in time.

Remember Safety First while riding

As Always

"Ride Free <> Ride Straight"

Your Safety Director



From Our Road Captain

Never ridden in a group? Don't be scared. There's a first time for everything. First, imagine your lane of the highway divided into three long sections, the left section is near the centerline, right section near the edge of the highway, and middle, of course, in the middle of the lane. When riding a staggered formation, the lead rider takes the left position, with the next rider taking the right position, and so on until you reach the end. The last rider is the sweep. No one rides in the center lane. Why? That's usually where the oil build-up is on the road, for one thing. If you're riding formation, the STAY in formation. Pay close attention to the rider ahead of you, as he will be relaying signals from the rider ahead of him, and so on.

Are you getting the picture yet? The lead rider usually begins the signals, which are in turn passed along to each rider. Either the rider or the passenger can make the signals, whatever works for you. Another thing I might mention, when passing as a formation, the lead rider will usually continue to ride in the passing lane, which signals all clear to those behind him. As soon as the lead rider begins to pass, the sweep rider will usually pull into the passing lane, thus all riders in between lead and sweep are protected.

"Shiny side up, Rubber side down"

Thank you,

Russ

Road Captain, Southeast Chapter





WEEKLY EVENTS



ABATE Southeast Chapter Safety and Membership Booth will be at :

1st Friday of the month Bike, Cruise & Concert Under the Stars at American Legion Post 36 VFW 1966 6PM-Midnight
 2nd Tuesday of the month: Cycle Gear Bike Nite 5-7PM
 Last Saturday of the month: Bike Night Alligator Alley Harley Davidson 6PM-9PM

SUNDAY

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

April 6, 2019 – Saturday, 11am

Missing in America Project Call to Honor at South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth

MONDAY

Ladies Nite at Sharkey's 9pm-2am 2-for-1 drinks

April 6, 2019 – Saturday, 7pm – 4am

American Legion Post 180 Fundraiser & Gabe's Southern Send Off party at

WEDNESDAY

Blues Nite at Mickey's

THURSDAY

Mickey's Bike & Cruise Night 7:30PM
Scurvy Few MC Texas Holdem/Karaoke -7:30PM

May 10-12, 2019 – Friday thru Sunday – all day

34th Annual NCOM Convention

FRIDAY

States MC Pizza 6-8PM

SATURDAY

2nd Saturday
Scurvy Few Monthly Birthday Party
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2019

APRIL

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ff	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 MYSTIC SEVEN Off Annual	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 STATES MC Annual <small>ABATE STATE MEETING, TALLAHASSEE, FL</small>	15 ABATE Freedom Rights Rally Ride to the Capitol.	16	17	18	19	20
21 ABATE SE Meeting	22	23	24	2	26 LEESBURG BIKEFEST	27 LEESBURG BIKEFEST
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Hermandad MC Open House, 8-2am

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2nd - US Military Vets Dirty Dozen MC Open House
Mystic Seven MC- Open House - 8pm

SATURDAY

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2nd & 4th Sat - Kingdom of Brothers MC Open House

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MAY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 SOUTHERN MC Annual	6	7	8	9	10	11 OUTCAST MC Annual
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 ABATE SE Meeting	20	21	22	23	24	25 WOG MC MIAMI Annual
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APRIL

6th-Sat 7th-Sun MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
15th-Sun STATES MC - ANNUAL
 21st-Sun CMA EASTER SERVICE
 26th-28th LEESBURG BIKEFEST

MAY

5th-Sun SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL
11th-Sat OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL
 12th-Sun Mothers day
 19th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL
 26th-Sun ABATE SE- MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
 27th-Mon Memorial Day

JUNE

2nd-Sun NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL
 8th-Sat AOA SOUTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL
 GBNF 1%ers
9th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD.
ANNUAL
 16th-Sun Fathers Day
 22nd-Sat LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY
29th-Sat US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD -
ANNUAL

JULY

4th-Thur Independence Day
7th-Sun ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL
 14th-Sun SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD -
 ANNUAL
 27th-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

AUGUST

5th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
 2nd-11th 79th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
 9th-11th SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION
 11th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. -51st ANNIVERSARY
 PARTY- MOLDY'S B-DAY PARTY
18th-Sun SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL
 24th-Sat OUTCAST - PARTY
 31st-Sat SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN

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OLDHIPPIY'S CORNER

Lobbyist

Definition of lobbyist one who conducts activities aimed at influencing or swaying public officials and especially members of a legislative body on legislation : a person engaged in lobbying public officials

The BBC holds that "lobbying" comes from the gathering of Members of Parliament and peers in the hallways (or lobbies) of Houses of Parliament before and after parliamentary debates. One story states that the term originated at the Willard Hotel in Washington, DC, where it was used by Ulysses S. Grant to describe the political wheelers and dealers frequenting the hotel's lobby in order to access Grant, who was often found there, enjoying a cigar and brandy.

The executive branch of the government of Florida consists of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Florida Cabinet (which includes the Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture and Chief Financial Officer), and several executive departments

The Legislature in Florida is composed of 160 State Legislators (120 in the House and 40 in the Senate).

Lobbyist

For the Executive branch
1439 Registered Lobbyists
3564 Principals Represented
10079 Total Registrations

For the Legislature
1834 Registered Lobbyists
3795 Principals Represented
11208 Total Registrations

Now that's a whole lot if people influencing so few and you might be surprise of all that are involved.

We all know insurance companies like Aetna which has 15 of them or even ATT&T which has a whopping 42 lobbyist are being paid to persuade, which in turn, one way or another cost us \$ in the long run.

What gets me is that the Schools are having to pay someone to lobby in order to get a chunk of the dollars allocated for education.

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OLDHIPPY'S CORNER

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Literally almost every (public school) district has a specific lobbyist or is working with a lobbying firm. Overall, dozens of the public and private groups are using lobbyists to influence lawmakers who craft education policy and disburse billions for education programs, state records show.

Everybody is trying to get a piece of that pie, That's because in the state Capitol, education is not only about kids, teachers and classrooms — it's also about money.

Note: Association of Early Learning Coalitions has over 50 registered Lobbyists

Going over some of the registered principal some caught my eye:

Anheuser-Busch Companies, 14 lobbyists (beer?)

Executive Office of the Governor 37 (Governor needs lobbyists and that many???)

Gatorade even has 5

You need to sometime look at all the amount of people and money spent on lobbyist, which in the end we pay for to wonder is all this really needed.

All the Cities, county, even the Sheriff offices feel need to spend tax dollars to get tax dollars.

Till next time

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**NCOM CONVENTION IN ORLANDO INVITES
NAMES FOR FALLEN RIDERS TRIBUTE**

With the 34th Annual NCOM Convention in Orlando, Florida just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have died since last year's Convention, so that we may honor their memories with the traditional "Ring of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications should be e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at NCOMBish@aol.com, or can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board.

This year's NCOM Convention, to be held Mother's Day weekend, May 10-12, 2019 at the Doubletree by Hilton - Universal Orlando, located at 5780 Major Blvd., in Orlando, Florida will draw hundreds of concerned motorcyclists from across America to "The City Beautiful" to address topics of concern to all riders.

The annual gathering of bikers' rights activists will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and Freedom of the Road, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$114 by calling (800) 222-8733.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$85 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. All motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend.

To pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

**JUDGE RULES GOVERNMENT CAN'T SEIZE
MONGOLS M/C PATCH**

The Mongols motorcycle club has won its latest round in a decade long battle with the federal government, when a California judge found that a jury's recent decision to strip the club of trademarked logo was unconstitutional.

On February 28, 2019 U.S. District Judge David O. Carter ruled that denying Mongols members the right to display the logo would overstep the constitutional right to free expression embedded in the 1st Amendment, as well as the 8th Amendment's ban on excessive penalties.

"We are ecstatic that the Mongols motorcycle club has been able to win this 1st Amendment battle for itself and all motorcycle clubs," said Stephen Stubbs, an attorney for the Mongols. "The government has clearly overreached into a realm that the Constitution does not allow. They tried to ban symbolic speech," Stubbs told the Los Angeles Times. Stubbs, a.k.a. "Bowtie" as bikers call him, is a member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF) and is legal counsel for the Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs (COC).

In December, after a lengthy trial, a jury convicted the Mongols Nation entity as an organization of racketeering and conspiracy charges stemming from a 2008 investigation, and the ensuing guilty verdict thus allowed prosecutors from the U.S. attorney's office to pursue a court order forcing the club to forfeit the trademarked symbol that appears on their patches.

Judge Carter affirmed the RICO convictions, which could carry fines at sentencing in April, but his written ruling marks a setback for federal prosecutors after they convinced a jury in January to allow the government to seize the club's patches and trademarks as criminal instruments.

Carter's ruling, which has drawn national attention in this first-of-its-kind case, is being hailed as a major victory for all motorcycle clubs, but it is expected to be appealed and may eventually make its way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Save the Patch" and Motorcycle Profiling will be among the many issues that will be discussed at the upcoming NCOM Convention in Orlando, Florida, May 10-12, 2019.

CLUB COLORS BANNED FROM IDAHO STATEHOUSE FOR ANTI-PROFILING VOTE

Members of motorcycle clubs in Idaho were recently barred by Capitol Security from wearing their colors into the State Capitol on March 4, 2019 during a Senate floor vote on Senate Bill 1109, a bill prohibiting motorcycle profiling.

ABATE of Idaho immediately sent a letter to all state Senators and Representatives calling for a cessation of such unconstitutional acts of discrimination, stating in part that "Any government agent denying an individual access to Senate Chambers because they are wearing motorcycle club colors is a clear violation of speech, association and due process rights protected by the U.S. Constitution."

The bill, sponsored by Senator Lee Heider (R-Twin Falls), a motorcyclist himself, would have outlawed motorcycle profiling by state or local law enforcement for the purposes of traffic stops, detentions or other actions. SB 1109 defines motorcycle profiling as "the arbitrary use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related paraphernalia as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle."

Although a similar anti-profiling measure passed the House unanimously last session, Senators killed the proposal this year by just one vote, 17-18.

Motorcycle profiling has been the subject of discussion not only in Idaho, but across the nation. In December 2018, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution to promote awareness of and discourage motorcycle profiling. Anti-motorcycle profiling bills have been considered in several states, and has been enacted into law in both Washington in 2011 and Maryland in 2016.

MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURERS JOIN FORCES TO ENHANCE SAFETY

Recently, six motorcycle manufacturers have joined forces with the goal of increasing safety for road-going motorcyclists in the United States. The Safer Motorcycling Research Consortium (SMRC), a non-profit entity, is borne of the cooperation between American Honda Motor Company, BMW Motorrad, Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Indian Motorcycle Company, Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A., and Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.

To this day, any motorcycle-related legislation only has the Hurt Report done in the late 70s to turn to for concrete information about motorcycle safety. "Technology throughout all of modern transportation has advanced so far, so quickly that a good comprehensive, multifaceted look at the risks and advantages of motorcycles on our modern roads is long overdue," states RideApart.com in assessing the consortium. "Hopefully along with integrating safety measures into motorcycle design, these companies will release the results of their research for the benefit of everyone on two wheels."

Keep an eye out for more news coming from the SMRC, as it is "committed to working collaboratively with U.S. federal agencies to conduct pre-competitive research in order to substantially enhance the safety of the motorcycle

riding ecosystem.”

LANE SPLITTING BILL PROPOSED IN CONNECTICUT

A Democrat state senator in Connecticut has introduced legislation to allow motorcyclists to lane split in that state. State Senator Cathy Osten (D-Sprague) proposed Senate Bill 629 "To permit the operator of a motorcycle to operate between lanes of traffic as is permitted in other states and countries and thereby ease traffic congestion."

Although California is the only jurisdiction that has legalized the practice in the U.S. and Canada, politicians in Texas, Washington, Oregon, Montana and Utah have proposed such bills, while Hawaii has legalized a similar measure which allows motorcyclists to filter ahead on the shoulder of the road in congested traffic situations.

Lane splitting, or “filtering”, is also legal in a number of other countries, notably in Europe and Asia, with many sources indicating that it helps reduce congestion and emissions while increasing safety for the riders who engage in the practice.

IS AN AUTOBAHN COMING TO CALIFORNIA?

California is considering creating speed limit-free lanes on some major highways, similar to the famous Autobahn in Germany. Senator John Moorlach (R-Orange County) introduced Senate Bill 319 which would require the Department of Transportation to create two additional lanes on Interstate 5 and State Route 99 north and southbound with unrestricted speed limits.

Replacing the now defunct High-Speed Rail project with dedicated lanes would let Californians speedily and safely traverse the Northern and Southern parts of the state. Like the German Autobahn, the new lanes would be designed for both high-speed and safety, as a World Health Organization study estimates road traffic deaths per 100,000 people is 4.1 in Germany, while 12.4 in the United States.

The project is also anticipated to reduce emissions, by decreasing the number of idling vehicles, which would justify paying for the project using the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

“Why don’t we provide people with vehicles the opportunity just to drive at 100 miles an hour, get to San Francisco in a shorter period of time than the train would?,” Sen. Moorlach told CBS Sacramento, adding that there are fewer reported incidents on the Autobahn.

THAILAND COULD REDUCE MOTORCYCLE DEATHS 82% WITH DEDICATED LANES

Dedicated motorcycle lanes might be the answer to substantially lowering the death toll around Bangkok’s congested streets, suggests a leading Thai engineer.

The Engineering Institute of Thailand’s Dr Thanet Wirasiri says that Thailand has some of the most dangerous driving conditions in South East Asia, and claims that the ever worsening death toll could be reduced by 82% with such lanes.

In Bangkok about three quarters of deaths involved motorcycles, according to the Daily News, which notes that there are 3 million motorbikes on the road around Bangkok alone.

Dr. Wirasiri’s think-tank is proposing motorcycle lanes on major roads as part of a coordinated approach to improve road design and reduce the risk to riders on the city’s roads.

PHILLIPINES SEEK TO BAN SHORTS WHILE RIDING; REQUIRE GLOVES AND BOOTS

During a press briefing held March 12 by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority in Makati, MMDA General Manager Jose Arturo 'Jojo' Garcia told reporters that the agency is looking to penalize motorcycle riders, including pillions (passengers), who wear shorts when riding their motorcycles. "The motorcycle’s engine is hot, including the exhaust pipe, and if the [rider] person did not wear socks or what, their skin might

get burned and may cause an accident,” he said.

The MMDA GM said that their office met with their government counterparts to recommend the creation of laws and policies concerning the proper attire for motorcycle riders, among them, the requirement of wearing leather boots and gloves. “Protective devices shall include: helmets, goggles, leather boots, and protective clothing such as heavy pants, heavy jacket, leather gloves, and rain suit” stated GM Garcia.

Motorcycle groups, particularly the Motorcycle Rights Organization or MRO, oppose the MMDA proposal, saying there are already too many motorcycle laws that exist concerning road safety and only need proper implementation, reported MotoPinas.com.

The group went on to point out that requiring only leather materials for riding boots and gloves would be too expensive to acquire for the average motorcyclist, and argue that wearing heavy pants and jackets in a tropical climate would be impractical.

CANADIAN SIKHS IN ALBERTA AND ONTARIO NOW EXEMPTED FROM HELMET LAW

Turban-wearing Sikhs in Alberta and Ontario are now allowed to ride motorcycles without a helmet, joining the Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia in granting exemption from the nationwide helmet law. For three decades, Canadian Sikhs have fought to pass a legal exemption allowing members of the religion to legally ride a motorcycle while wearing a turban, and not a helmet, as it's not possible to wear a helmet and a turban at the same time.

On October 18, 2018 the provincial government in Ontario announced that motorcycle helmets will henceforth be optional for Sikh riders, while the province of Alberta amended their vehicle equipment regulations effective last April 12th that applies to drivers and passengers over the age of 18 who are practicing members of the Sikh religion.

The United Kingdom implemented a motorcycle helmet exemption for Sikhs in 1976.

Alberta's Transportation Minister Brian Mason told CBC News that the exemption was granted at the request of the Sikh community as recognition of their civil and religious rights.

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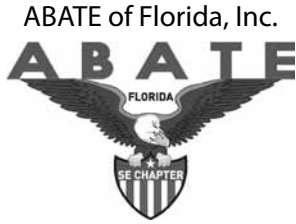
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