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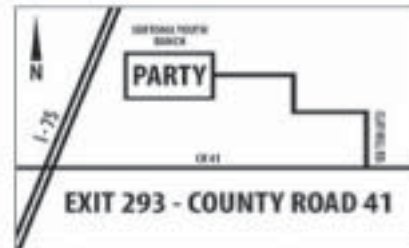
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President's Message

Jimmy Les Lesniak



It is now August and summer is in full swing. This past July 4th I had so many celebrations to enjoy that I was unable to make all the stops I had planned. I want to thank Shakey Bob as he helped me deliver our magazines all over Broward County. The Military Vets had a great party at the beginning of the month and I heard the AOA Fish Fry in the Keys was top notch. I hope everyone that reads this was able to get to the Christmas in July Family & Friends benefit. I also hope you all remember the AOA benefit for the Brothers that were involved in the accident in central Florida. This accident happened when a car crossed the center line of the road and hit nine motorcycles. The information I have received stated the injured persons were members of the AOA and Black Pistons. I know of two people who sustained major injuries.

One of the best things to happen in the motorcycling community in the past year was the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Convention. This year the NCOM Convention had more participation than any previous year. There were over 1600 people from Clubs, Organizations, Associations and also Independents. These people represented 1%ers, Christian Associations, Women in Motorcycling, Clean and Sober MC's and Minority Clubs. There were over fifty representatives from different Confederation of Clubs from all across this nation in attendance. If you take a minute and think about these representatives who report to their confederations (the presidents and vice presidents of their clubs) and then those presidents of clubs report to their membership, the information from the convention

has now reached thousands of bikers across the nation. NCOM had a Legislative Task Force meeting. Seminars included Lobbying 101, Global Changes in the Laws Affecting Motorcyclists, Brothers Behind Bars and the Golden Hour. I am going to give self praise to the ABATE Members who participated in the seminar presentations. Doc Reichenbach III who had been the ABATE Lobbyist for the past 17 years was one of the speakers at the Lobbying 101 seminar. Again information from ABATE helping thousands become better informed.

The last seminar of the convention was the ABATE Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program. A large portion of the NCOM attendees stayed to the very end just to see this presentation. Our organization is very proud of our MSAP. This program (not a motorcycle riding program) is designed to teach car drivers how to share the road with people riding motorcycles. ABATE of Florida was crucial in the development and production of this program. Some of our members are even the actors in the video portion of the presentation. This program was so well received at the NCOM Convention several people from the audience approached our members and asked for assistance to start a program of their own in their respective states. ABATE is very proud of the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program and this programs has become an integrated part of drivers education courses for High School students throughout the state of Florida.

Motorcyclists have to continue to be vigilant to keep their rights. The Governor of the State of Washington is so anti-biker she said she would like to outlaw motorcycles. Being a biker in that state has to be a problem. In Florida we also have elected officials who feel the same way as the Governor of State of Washington. We have to keep these elected officials from passing laws that will take away our rights to ride free. The major tool we have as a grassroots organization (ABATE is a grassroots organization) is the power of the vote. Our ability to vote the anti biker officials out of office is one of our most useful tools to protect our freedoms and rights. I know many of the people reading this article have lost your right

to vote. Many of you can regain the right to vote with a simple procedure. We have people in ABATE Southeast Chapter that can help you regain your right to vote. One way to start the process is to go to the ABATE Southeast Chapter web site at www.abatese.org and look under FAQ. There will be access to a [downloadable](#) form to get the process moving in the correct direction. Those of us who have the voting privilege can combine it with thousands of others (the ABATE Membership) and reach all the way to Tallahassee with enough backbone to make them listen. Now is a good time to join in our efforts to protect your rights and freedoms.

Until next month, ride safe and free.

Jimmy Les



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At the top in the choices on the left, click on the new selection "Legislative Info Center"
Once you are in the new Legislative Info Center, at the top left, you cannot miss the SIGN UP NOW message. Click on that and proceed with the sign up as indicated.

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In Memory



Keith Gray

March 3, 1966 – August 12, 2001

It's been 7 years since you left us but you are still in our hearts and our memories. Ride Free and save a spot for us on that great highway. You will always be loved and missed.

August 17, 2008

Ride to Holiday Park after the Chapter Meeting
Join us to celebrate Keith's life for a toast and a ride in the sun.

ABATE of Florida, SEChapter Meeting Minutes July 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:18am by Sgt. @ Arms Leo Breault with 54 members in attendance. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence we started the meeting with a prayer from our chaplain, Tumbleweed.

President's Report

Jimmy thanked all our members for coming. This is the first chapter meeting with your new board but not the first board meeting. We have spent a lot of time over the past 2 weeks meeting and planning. He welcomed all our new members to stand up and be recognized, Aaron, Charlie, Bruno and Wayne. Jim reported on the leadership seminars and the COC meeting. A special thanks to Big Wheel for his service to the chapter. On a sad note, both Flash from Wings of Gold and our member Chief passed away last week. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Vice-President's Report

Jimbo thanked all of our members for electing him. There are 611,000 registered motorcycles in Florida. On the state level ABATE has 8000 members. These numbers are pretty lopsided. Please keep applications with you. If every member brought in 1 new member we would overtake Independence Chapter as the largest in the state.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of July's meeting as printed in the newsletter. No correction. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Alice gave the report. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Sergeant at Arms' Report

Leo the Lion thanked all the members for being elected. He discussed the Sgt. @ Arms responsibilities. He will be recruiting at least 3 to 4 Assistant Sgt. @ Arms. More information to follow.

S.E. Chapter

Please do not cross talk. It is very annoying. Please give the speakers the respect and courtesy when they are speaking. New speakers are being installed by the legion this should help the members sitting in the back so they will hear better.

Road Captain's Report

Jimbo reported right after today's meeting we will be headed to the AOA off annual in Palm Beach and Christmas in July at Tropical Park. Upcoming runs: 7/26/08 – Beer Barn, 7/26/08 Annual 5 Star Event hosted by 5 Abate chapters on the West Coast, 7/27/08 – Black Pistons Annual, 8/9/08– ABATE State Meeting in Lake County. Please check the hotline for meeting places and times. Flyers are in the newsletter and posted on the Events calendar on our web-site. Every Friday most of the clubs have an open house; this is a great opportunity to have some fun. Each Friday we will be headed to a different clubhouse. Meeting places and times will be on the hotline.

Safety Directors' Report

Suzanne reported our summer program has come to an end and thanked all the trainers who made it possible. We will have a train the trainer class in September for any one interested in becoming a trainer. If you are interested in becoming an instructor, please see her or Bob Anz. Good possibility of evening and Saturday classes coming up. She will keep us posted.

State Reps' Report

Suzanne reported there was no state meeting. Next month the state meeting will be held at Lake County on 8/9/08. Any member can attend the state meeting. This Labor Day weekend will be the state sponsored, Flashback party. It will be held at the Sertoma Youth Ranch in Hillsborough County. No one under 18 is permitted; this is a good old fashioned party. Full details of the State Meeting will be in the Masterlink. A good idea is to keep the Masterlink in your saddle bags. If you ever break down on the road, you will always find help from other chapters through out the state. Their numbers are listed in the Masterlink

Products Report

Brett thanked Bars and Alice for the great job they have done for the passed 2 years. We have some great deals on items which we have had for a while and have not sold. So come on over and make an offer. He also had sample patches from a new supplier who can provide our patches at a lower cost. This will be discussed with the board. If you need anything you do not have to wait for the monthly meeting. Just give him a call. His number is in the newsletter

Membership Report

Connie reported we now have 720 members. We have 28 new members but will lose 12 members from June if they do not renew their membership. If you know of anyone on the list in the newsletter who has not renewed, please get them to renew. Reminder, when filling out the application form, PLEASE WRITE OR PRINT LEGIBLY.

Newsletter Editor

Suzanne thanked Maureen and Rick who handled the distribution of last month's newsletter and to George who makes the mailing possible. What a great job. A special thanks to Lukes. They have paid for a full page ad, but only want a half page printed and the rest of the space has been donated are for our use. They are now listed as: **This page sponsored by Lukes.** Remember **"It's on the way home"** Please support our advertisers and thank them. If you have any articles of interest please get them to her no later than Tuesday as we want to go to press no later than Wednesday. Thanks to Tank for getting the newsletter up on the web-site. Any members, who want to receive their newsletter electronically instead of by mail, please send an e-mail to Connie our membership trustee. You can also pick up a copy at any of our advertisers. This is a big help as mailing costs have risen.

Legislative Report

Jimmy reported HB 137 had passed but with numerous changes, the confiscation portion was removed for speeding. Also effective July 1st; the State of Florida closed all of their motorcycle endorsement testing facilities. Now, in order to register a motorcycle if you do not have a Motorcycle endorsement on your license

you **MUST** take a Motorcycle Riders Safety Course. If you do not have an endorsement, you can buy the bike but cannot register it. This does not apply to anyone who already has an endorsement on their license. They are grandfathered in. Discussion on the Patriot Act. Be careful traveling through Collier County Florida. In the Patriot Act if there are 3 or more individuals similarly dressed can be stopped for no apparent reason. This has mostly not been enforced, but Collier County is starting to enforce it. so, be careful traveling in Collier County

Public Relations

Position is open. No report

Advertising

Our advertising team consists of Axman, Tank and TNT (Connie). Even though we have an advertising team, we still need the help of all of our members in assisting to bring in more advertisers. We need help in collecting moneys owed to us from some advertisers. If anyone can assist, please see Suzanne or any board member.

Events Coordinator

Rick reported we need to start planning for our event in Oct. More information to follow. Meeting times dates etc.

Social Directors Report

Karin reported on last night's birthday party which was held at Luke's. 35 members turned out and had a blast. Birthdays in August will be celebrated right here at the American Legion on Aug.23 @ 7:00pm. Our own Johnny Rose and his band will be playing for your enjoyment. Gratis. Thank you Johnny. Come on out celebrate and have a good time.

Quartermaster's Report

No report.

Photographer's Report

Axman was at Christmas in July at Tropical Park. . Jimmy reported all the 2008 pictures are back up on the web.

Web-Master’s Report

Tank was not present. Jimmy reported the web is back up and running. A special thanks to Tank in fixing the problem and getting all of our information back up. We also have an events page on the web-site, just click on it; it gives you flyers and upcoming events.

Trash master’s Report

Bobby was not present. No report.

Old Business

BARS reported on the yard sale which will be held on 9/6/08 @ 8:00am. BARS and Alice have graciously donated the use of their property which is a prime location. Powerline and 29th in Wilton Manors. If you have any large items, sofas etc., please contact any board member and we will make arrangements for pick up. We will need help at this event. All monies collected will go to our chapter.

New Business

The policy for reimbursement of expenses incurred by our state delegates was discussed. A motion was made, seconded for reimbursement of state delegate’s gas charges to attend state meetings. After discussion motion passed.

A motion was made, seconded for state delegate’s stipend to attend state meetings. After discussion, motion passed.

Leo the Lion discussed his selection for an Asst. Sgt @ Arms. A vote of confidence was called for, with unanimous approval, Bob ‘BARS’ Calabrese is our new 1st Asst. Sgt @ Arms.

Leo is looking for at least 3 to 4 more Asst. Sgt @ Arms. A vote of confidence was called for, with unanimous approval the following trustee positions: Old Hippy – Alternate State Delegate, and Marjorie – Assistant Products. Congratulations to all.

Good of the order

Andi Thomas of Alert Health reported that their studies have been approved. At next months meeting, if you want a quick \$50.00 in exchange for 4 to 6 vials of blood. Come on down. Karin reported the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a

fundraiser on Aug. 8-9-10-11. Glamour shots will make you look pretty and take an 8X10 picture for the unbelievable low price of \$9.95 So come on down.

We have drawing tickets for next year’s bike week. Tickets are \$5.00 each. The first prize is a 2009 Harley-Davidson FXD Super Dynaglide. Everything is paid, taxes, title etc. If you are the lucky winner, all you have to do is get on and say ‘ADIOS’

Meeting adjourned at 11:44am.

These minutes are summarized and Respectfully submitted

Paul A. Melcer Secretary

ABATE of Florida, Inc
Lake County Chapter



August 9, 2008 ** State Meeting
 Lake County FL

State Board Meeting Aug 9th, Sat ** starts at 12 noon
 Delegates Meeting at 2:00

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OldHippy's Corner

Hot isn't it ... I swear If they put an air conditioner on a Goldwing I would trade my Harley-Davidson in for one**NOT**

I read the news article in last month's ABATE newsletter from NCOM on the Oakland California police department decision to install louder pipes on their Harley - Davidsons which I found very interesting. It stated the reason for installing the louder exhaust systems on the motorcycles was for the safety of the Oakland Police Officers. If I had the money I would have all of them and their rides come to south Florida and ride through some of our nice municipalities that are writhing tickets for non-stock pipes. Can you imagine the look on the local police officer when he asks for ID and all the riders pull out their Oakland Police Force badges?????? Another newsflash, if you hadn't read it in the newspaper, you will get a kick out of an article that states a city is outlawing Harley - Davidsons because they are HOGS and... (no hogs allowed are allowed in the city). This would be funny if it wasn't true.

A little good news from MRF (following article reprinted from the MRF newsletter)

A Motorcycle Riders Foundation representative attended a July 1 meeting with United States Department of Transportation Secretary Mary Peters, in her office, to discuss among other issues, the 2010 funds.

Earlier this year, Peters sent proposed legislation to Capitol Hill that would allow the 2010 funds to be used by states to promote helmet use (not law). This is in addition to the other two areas where the funds are already allotted now; rider education and motorist awareness programs. Also in attendance at the meeting were representatives from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and the Motorcycle Industry Council.

The motorcycle community was disappointed, to say the least, by this new demand on 2010 funding. When Congress included the section 2010 grant programs in SAFETEA-LU it was debated and decided that helmet use promotion already occurs under all rider education programs, which is the proper venue to talk about personal protective gear.

Secretary Peters explained that the genesis of the proposed legislation came from a Senate appropriations hearing where she was taken to task by Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) on the rising number of motorcyclist fatalities and the reduction of state helmet laws. The third term Senator, who chairs the Senate appropriations subcommittee on transportation, asked Peters if she would support the use of the 2010 funds for helmet promotion. Peters said she would support using 2010 for that purpose, and in order to preserve some political cover, Peters sent some shell language to the Hill. Upon closer review, Secretary Peters now agrees that the 2010 funds should not be used for helmet promotion but should remain for rider education and motorist awareness campaigns only. She is not backing off promoting helmet use, but rather is in favor of finding or creating another pool of funds for this cause.

Peters then issued an apology for failing to work with the motorcycle community and pledged to work more closely, and personally, with the motorcycle community at large. She then went on to add that this current administration will never even consider a national helmet mandate.

The Secretary then offered to send a letter to all 50 governors asking them to take motorcycle safety more seriously, to increase funding for all motorcycle programs, and to never raid the dedicated motorcycle safety funds as some governors have already done.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation also asked Peters to explore the creation of a new class of vehicles for the emerging auto-cycles, or 3-wheeled enclosed vehicles, which are currently licensed as motorcycles, and are therefore skirting any safety standards that are required for autos. These non-motorcycles need their own classification in order to keep any additional fatality data separate from data collected on "true" motorcycles.

We at the Motorcycle Riders Foundation thank Secretary Peters for her apology, and we look forward to working with her as she finishes out her term as Secretary in January of 2009.

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While attending the seminars in Deland, it was reported that there are in excess of 600,000 motorcycles registered in the state of Florida. ABATE has approximately 8,000 members statewide. Folks, that's about 1.4% If we all go out and sign up just one new member we could double our membership in no time. Even if we're all able to do that, we're still only talking approximately 3%. We all know people who ride, talk to them. When you are finished with your newsletter, cut out the membership application, put it in your vest pocket and carry it with you. You never know when the opportunity will present itself.

As a last note, I'd like to congratulate Bars for being voted in as assistant Sergeant at Arms and Old Hippy for being voted in as State Delegate Alternate.

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- 6 - USMV MC Chapter 2
- 13 - States Lake Worth off annual
- 19 - Wheels of Man Chili Cookoff
- 20 - AOA West Palm Beach off annual
- 27 - Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud Annual

AUGUST

- 4-10 68th Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 15, 16, 17 - 13th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 17 - AOA MC 41st Anniversary
- 24 - Wings of Gold MC Pt. St. Lucie Annual

SEPTEMBER

- 7 - US Military Vets MC Pompano Annual
- 13 - Outcasts MC off annual
- 14 - States MC 15th Annual Key West Tuneup Party
- 19-21 - Phil Peterson's 36th Key West Poker Run
- 27 - Black Pistons MC Key Largo off annual
- 28 - Southern MC teddy Bear Run

OCTOBER

- 5 - Mystic 7 MC Annual
- 12 - AOA Treasure Coast off annual
- 16-19 - Daytona Biketoberfest
- 25 - 34th Annual Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party
- 26 - SE ABATE 28th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally

NOVEMBER

- 2 - Alternative MC Annual
- 9 - USMV MC National 21st Annual
- 16 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach off annual
- 23 - CMA Memorial Event
- 30 - Keltics MC Charity Fund Raiser Event

DECEMBER

- 7 - ABATE Palm Beach event
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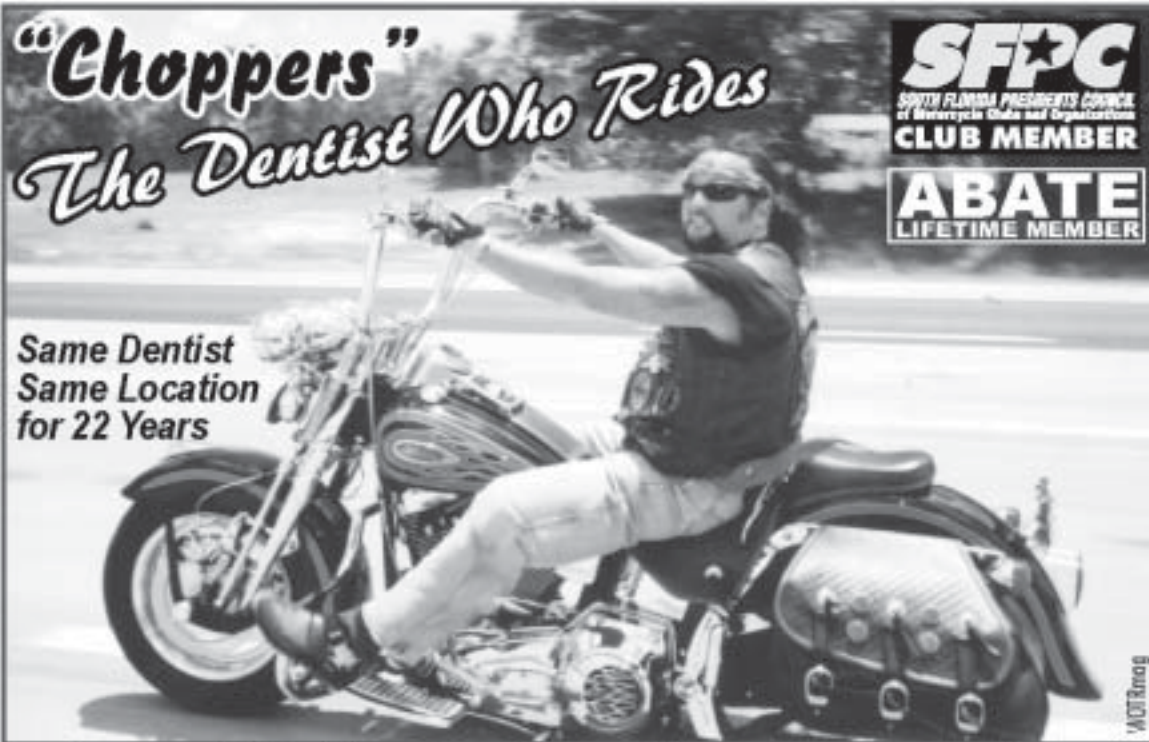
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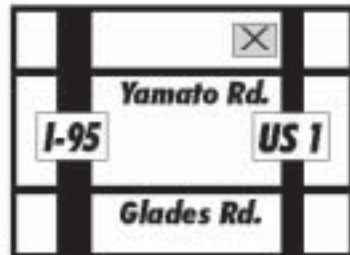
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10	11	12	13	14	15 Tatto Expo	16 BOD Meeting Triathlon Tattoo Expo
17 ABATE Monthly Meeting TattooExpo AOA	18	19	20	21	22	23 ABATE Birthday Party
24 WOG PSL 31 Flashback Weekend	25	26	27	28	29	30 Flashback Weekend

Sept-08

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 USMVMC annual	8	9	10	11	12	13 Outcasts off annual BOD Meeting
14 ABATE Monthly Meeting States tune up party	15	16	17	18	19 Poker Run to the Keys	20 Poker Run to the Keys
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- 1) oil change every 3k.
- 2) check oil lines and all seals for leaks every 3k
- 3) air filter check or replace every 3k as needed
- 4) clutch cable and operation every 3k and lube and adjust as needed.
- 5) rear drive belt check and adjust as needed every 3k also if you have shaft drive check rear fluid add or replace as needed if you have a chain drive lube at least every 3k and adjust as needed.
- 6) throttle, brake, cables lube and check every 3k
- 7) transmission fluid check or replace every 5 k.
- 8) primary drive fluid check or replace every 5k . Spark plugs check or replace every 10 k also check spark plug gap.
- 9) check brake fluid for leaks and brake pads for wear every 5k
- 10) steering head bearings check torque every 10k and adjust as needed.
- 11) battery load test and check electrical system and lights every 10k.
- 12) kick stand lube every 5k
- 13) all engine mounting bolts, all shift linkage and floorboards check every 10k.
- 14) tire pressure every time you ride or much as you can I do mine monthly.

Ok, I think I covered everything but I am sure when you take your bike in there is something that needs attention. It is always better to have something checked for a few bucks rather then break down on the road. Most of the breakdowns that happen, could have been prevented by just having the bike checked over on a regular basis. I know that we are all busy and think hey my bike is running fine. Why do I need to waste time and money having it checked all the time? Well most of the you can get away with it but in the long run sooner or later not having you bike serviced regularly will catch up with you and your bike will be on a tow truck to the shop for a expensive repair. That I can tell is a fact. Not to mention the safety factor if something safety related fails on the road. You could end up hurt or worse. So I guess for me I have to cut back somewhere so I can get my next full service done. So far I have had 7000 trouble free miles I have done 3 oil changes 2 of them full fluid changes 2 clutch adjustments, air filter. Checked tire pressure at least 10 times, air filter tightened the shift linkage twice, etc. etc. So just keep a close watch on your bike for any signs of trouble

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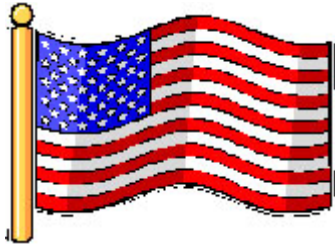
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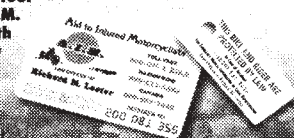
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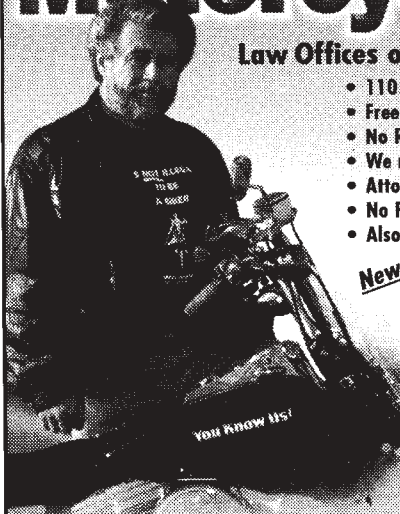
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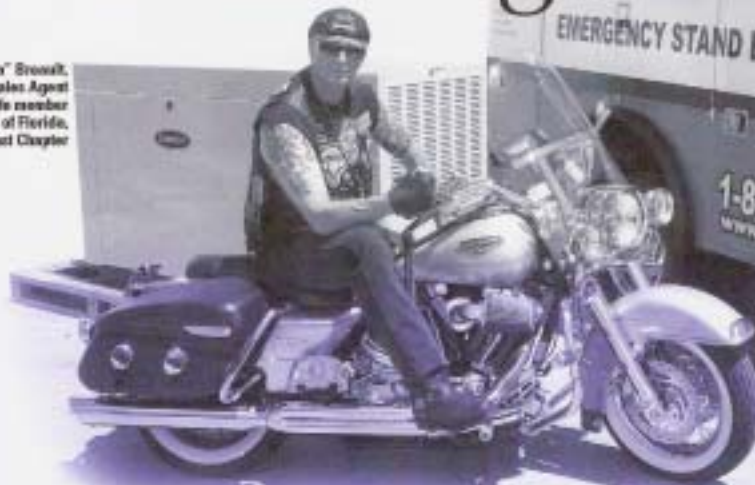
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INTEREST IN MOTORCYCLES SOARS WITH FUEL PRICES

Motorcycle and scooter sales across the nation are booming as drivers look for ways to trim the cost of soaring gas prices, but the rush of inexperienced riders hitting the road has had deadly consequences. NADA Guides, which publishes a well known book of used vehicle prices, reported that the number of people researching motorcycle purchases has increased nearly 50% over last year. Scooter sales jumped 24 percent nationwide in the year's first quarter, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council. While new motorcycle sales were lagging on the whole, those with smaller engines that get better gas mileage saw an upturn, according to MIC spokesman Mike Mount, adding that used motorcycle sales also are climbing. The small fuel-efficient vehicles are easy on the mileage and the pocketbook, which has made them wildly popular with gasoline prices surpassing \$4 a gallon. Depending on engine size, motorcycles can get between 40 and 60 miles per gallon of gas. Scooters, which tend to be smaller and easier to drive, can reach 100 miles per gallon or more. That's attracting newbies, dealers say, with many new buyers citing the price at the pump as their primary motivation for turning to two-wheel transportation. According to a recent report by the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), motorcycle sales have tripled from 1997 to 2006, from 356,000 to almost 1.1 million, while motorcycle fatalities more than doubled from 2,110 in 1997 to 4,810 in 2006. Last year, the GHSA asked state highway safety agencies to complete a survey on motorcycle safety activities designed to curb the annual increase in motorcycle crashes. The surveys revealed "a patchwork of helmet laws," with only nine states and Puerto Rico indicating special efforts to help law enforcement identify helmets that don't meet federal safety standards. Rider training courses have been overly strained due to the influx of new motorcyclists and, as a result, 29 states "indicated they have capacity problems with delays ranging from one day to 12 weeks for training classes. Only three states, Florida, Maine, and Rhode Island require rider education for all riders, regardless of age," according to the association. The report also says many motorcyclists drive without valid licenses: In 2006, 25 percent of operators in fatal motorcycle crashes did not have a valid motorcycle license, compared to 13 percent of drivers of passenger vehicles.

GEORGIA TURNS SPEEDERS INTO FUEL PUMPS

It's a ridiculous concept, reports the National Motorists Association (NMA), but somehow it seemed inevitable. Check out this story from USA Today: The surging price of gasoline

has come to this: a "fuel surcharge" on your next speeding ticket. Drivers caught speeding in the north Atlanta suburb of Holly Springs soon will have to pay an extra \$12 — to cover \$4-a-gallon gas costs for the police officers who stop them. Is your police cruiser running low on fuel? No problem, just pull over someone driving home from work, ticket them, and you'll have a full tank of gas in no time. Need to balance your budget? Maybe you should look to Pizza Hut for inspiration: Police Chief Ken Ball says he was seeking ways to maintain patrols despite record high gas prices. "I was hearing that Delta (Air Lines), pizza deliverers, florists were adding fuel charges to their services, and I thought, why not police departments?" he says. Unfortunately it looks like this isn't going to be an isolated case. As with any situation where money is available to be taken from citizens, local government is on the case immediately: Ball says he's being "inundated" by calls from police chiefs and city managers. "I've heard from at least a dozen police chiefs and half a dozen city managers," he says of their municipality's recently-passed measure. "They want to know how we did it, and could we send them a copy of the ordinance."

MARYLAND RIDERS LIGHT IT UP

Motorcycle riders in Maryland hope to get more attention from car drivers with a new state law that allows the use of specified auxiliary lighting, which can only be used after dark, thus increasing their visibility to other road users at night. Senate Bill 713, the "Night-time Awareness - Auxiliary Lighting" bill, passed unanimously through the House and Senate, and was signed into law April 8th by Governor Martin O'Malley. The new law, which went into effect June 1st, addresses the use of LED lights that illuminate the sides of the motorcycle, thus allowing other drivers to see motorcyclists from the side as well as front and rear. The lights cannot be blue or red and cannot blink, flash or oscillate. They can only be directed toward the engine and drive train and are specifically prohibited from being on wheels. Pat Corcoran, spokesman for ABATE of Maryland, said "Most motorcycle accidents involving another vehicle, are almost always the fault of the other vehicle, and usually the comment of the other driver is, we just didn't see him." The law also allows the use of blue-dot tail lights, which also increases conspicuity in traffic.

STATES GREEN-LIGHT NEW RED-LIGHT LAWS FOR MOTORCYCLES

Motorcyclists in a growing number of states are being allowed to go through red lights when sensors aren't able to detect they are there. In May, South Carolina became the seventh state to give motorcyclists license to proceed with caution after stopping when the device that causes the light to change from red to green doesn't activate, according to a recent article in USA Today. North Carolina passed a similar law in 2007. Wisconsin (2006), Idaho (2006) Arkansas (2005), Tennessee

(2003) and Minnesota (2002), all have passed laws the past six years, while similar legislation has been introduced in Georgia, Missouri and Oklahoma. The traffic lights in question are controlled by devices buried under the road that operate similar to metal detectors, according to Doug Hecox, a spokesman for the Federal Highway Administration. Their sensitivity can be set to detect motorcycles, but the proper balance is difficult to adjust, he said. California has chosen a technological solution. A law adopted last year requires that when new traffic-activated signals are installed, they be capable of detecting motorcycles and bicycles. "In Texas, we took a different approach," said Sputnik, President of the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association (TMRA-II) and Chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF). He told a gathering at the recent NCOM Convention in Houston about a law passed there last year: "When a traffic light doesn't detect motorcycles, they have to fix them so they do."

EU MOTORCYCLES TO GET ONBOARD WARNING SYSTEMS

Motorcycles will get new onboard warning systems to tell the rider when he's going too fast under proposals unveiled recently at a motorcycle safety conference in Brussels, Belgium. The technology will tell the rider when he's going into a bend too fast or exceeding the speed limit. A "frontal collision warning" system will detect when the bike is too close to an obstacle. On-road trials of the In-Vehicle Information System technology will begin by 2010 under the European Commission's plans, which are backed by the Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations (FEMA). The project, called SAFERIDER, "aims to develop devices to improve the comfort and safety of riders through technology such as warning devices to alert the rider of a potential crash or provide information about black (blind) spots or traffic design," according to a FEMA press release, adding that "The decision by FEMA to participate in the SAFERIDER project is because we need to find out if technology can assist a rider to make decisions to avoid collisions or crashes. We need to ensure that the technology being developed can benefit riders - but if doesn't, then we need to be in a position to make our point of view clear." More information on the SAFERIDER project can be found at www.saferider-eu.org.

BIKER FUNERALS ILLEGAL DOWN UNDER

Gypsy Jokers from across Australia gathered in Adelaide for a funeral which would be illegal under new "anti-bikie" laws enacted by the South Australia State Government. The bikers were farewelling club president Wayne "Chiller" McGrath, 42, a father of four and part-owner of four tattoo parlors, who suffered a fatal heart attack while exercising on a treadmill at his Virginia home. More than 300 people - including more than 100 Gypsy Jokers motorcycle club members nationally and abroad from Germany, Norway and the US attended his

funeral. The mourners - who included wives, girlfriends and children - then went to the Gypsy Jokers clubhouse for a wake to honor their fallen brother. Legal sources said under the new anti-biker laws passed by the government and now taking effect, the funeral and wake would have been declared prohibited events as "bikies" will be prohibited from associating with each other once their so-called "gangs" have been declared illegal organizations by the Attorney-General. The new laws - the first of their kind in Australia apart from the federal anti-terror legislation - have been attacked by lawyers and civil libertarians as "draconian" and an erosion of individual rights, particularly freedom of association. The laws contain provisions that members of outlaw motorcycle clubs can only associate with direct family members such as their parents, brothers and sisters, grandparents and children. They are not permitted to gather together or have contact with their uncles, aunts or cousins - or neighbors and other friends or acquaintances. Anyone who breaches the laws - whether they are bikers or individuals having contact with bikers at least six times a year - can be jailed for up to five years. Control orders restraining the movements of individual bikers can also be issued by magistrates and judges on the application of SA Police. Criminal intelligence or any other information used by police to obtain the control orders must remain secret and anyone issued with an order cannot seek to have it independently reviewed by a judge.

WEIRD NEWS: DIRTY DEEDS

More than 600 emergency workers participated in a mock disaster drill simulating an attack on Long Island by a fake biker gang detonating a "dirty bomb" at a federal courthouse, testing the abilities of authorities to handle such a radioactive attack. Police, firefighters, medical workers and other personnel from 60 agencies converged on the fire academy in Yaphank, NY, which also involved 10 area hospitals. The exercise was dubbed "S.C.R.U.B.," or "Suffolk County Response to an Unknown Bomb," and the scenario involved a local biker gang called "El Diablo," which would attack the courthouse with a deadly dirty bomb after federal officials arrested their leaders. More than 100 people were injured or killed in the fake attack, and the injured had to be cleansed and decontaminated before they were actually sent to local hospitals for treatment. Police had to determine the cause of the blast. Other participants practiced decontamination, detecting radiation exposure and coordinating responses with multiple agencies. Authorities called it the largest emergency drill in Suffolk County's history. It was funded by the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency services with a \$175,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

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